

# Dhallywood’s eventful 2022

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Starting with the Shakib Bubly controversy, to the power conflict between Nipun-Zayed, 2022 has been an eventful year for Dhallywood. As the year ends, let us look at some of the most-talked-about events of 2022.



### Shakib, Bubly, and Apu’s love triangle

Shakib Khan and Shabnom Bubly shocked fans when they announced that they had a 2-year-old son—Shehzad Khan Bir—together. The incident provoked controversies related to Shakib Khan, Apu Biswas, and Bubly.

Afterwards, Bubly announced that they were married on July 18, 2020. Amidst all the controversies, Shakib Khan kept quiet and said both Apu and Bubly were in his past. Later on, there was also a war of words between Bubly and Apu Biswas on Facebook. Finally, the drama was concluded when Bubly posted a video on Facebook, disclosing everything about their marriage.

**Omar Sani-Moushumi-Zayed Khan**  
Beloved cine-couple, Moushumi and Omar Sani found their relationship in

jeopardy, when the latter claimed that Zayed Khan had threatened him at gunpoint, after Sani had slapped him during the reception of Dipjol’s son.

Sani also claimed that Zayed had harassed Moushumi, while Moushumi has denied the claims. Later, it came to an end with a video-message from Moushumi.

**Nipun Akter vs Zayed Khan**  
Since January, Nipun Akter and Zayed Khan had been battling for the General Secretary position at Bangladesh Film Artists Association.

Originally, Zayed had been elected to the post, however, the Appellate Division (AD) terminated his candidacy, due to bribery allegations. After the termination, it was declared that Nipun would be taking over the post.

In response, Zayed served a legal notice to Nipun. Finally, after many hearings, the AD passed the order that Nipun would take over the post.

**Mim-Pori Moni fighting over Razz**  
The on-screen romantic chemistry between Bidya Sinha Mim and Sariful Razz—in *Poran* and *Damal*—stirred conflict in the conjugal life of Razz. It began when Pori Moni accused Bidya Sinha Mim of ‘mingling’ with her husband, Razz. Pori would write, “Can’t you be satisfied with your own husband?” Later, Mim decided to stop making films with Razz going forward.

**Dighi’s TikTok shenanigans**



Prarthona Fardin Dighi made headlines when she wrote that she was a ‘victim’ of a ‘syndicate’. She claimed that Raihan Rafi had excluded her from his film, *Shurongo*, even after a verbal agreement. Later on, Rafi responded by saying that Dighi should work on her fitness and stop using TikTok.

**Ferdous’ Indian visa**  
Ferdous Ahmed was the talk of Tollywood for his film *Hotath Bristi*. However, the Indian government revoked his visa a few years back. He was unable to visit India, which he considers his second home. Finally, after resolving the issues, he signed on for *Mir Jafar Chapter 2*.

**Sarika’s divorce**  
Actress Sarika tied the knot with Badruddin Ahmed Rahi on February 2, 2022. However, after a few months, she filed a case against her husband for allegedly torturing her and demanding dowry.

**Purnima’s second marriage**  
Popular actress Dilara Hanif Purnima tied the knot with Ashfaqur Rahman Robin on May 27 in an intimate ceremony. The news came as a shock to her fans, as the announcement came after the marriage.

**Shonibar Bikel**



Even four years after its international theatrical release, Mostofa Sarwar Farooki’s feature film *Shonibar Bikel* had still been denied clearance from



the Film Censor Board of Bangladesh. The film was based on the terrorist attack in Dhaka’s Holey Artisan Bakery in 2016. However, the censor board denied the film clearance, on the grounds that it may deepen the religious divide in Bangladesh and distort the country’s image globally.

In reaction, 130 cultural activists and artistes gave statements expressing their concerns regarding the censor board’s actions. They demanded that the film be cleared by the censor board and be released for the Bangladeshi audience.

While the film is yet to receive clearance, the unity among artistes impressed the nation.



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## 11 parties of BNP- led

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(Salim); Muslim League; Jamiat-e-Ulmae Islam; Islami Oikya Jote; Islamic Party and Samyabadi Dal.

Islami Oikyajote and Samyabadi Dal are part of both the new alliances.

Farhad, however, said, “Samyabadi Dal and Islami Oikya Jote are with us. They are now no longer in any other alliance.”

BNP Standing Committee Member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and Chairperson’s Advisory Council Member Amanullah Aman were present at the press conference.

## Court orders

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identify the real culprits behind the attack, he said.

After the hearing, the magistrate ordered to further probe the case and send the report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate’s Court of Dhaka for its next course of action.

On January 20 last year, after around two and a half years of probe, Md Abdur Rouf, inspector of Detective Branch of police and investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the court against nine local leaders and activists of Awami League and Chhatra League of Mohammadpur area.

On March 1 this year, the court framed charges against the nine -- Firoz Mahmud, Naimul Hasan Razu, Mir Amzad Hossain Akash, Sazu Islam, Razibul Islam Razu, Shahidul Alam Khan Kajol, Mozahid Azmi Tanna, Siam and Oli Ahmed Jony.

Shusashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar filed the case with Mohammadpur Police Station on August 10, 2018, following the attack.

On August 4, 2018, the nine accused, along with some 15 to 20 unidentified people, gathered near the Iqbal Road residence of Badiul Alam and chased Bernicat’s car, according to the probe report.

The accused then threw brick chips towards it, the report added.

Later, the accused vandalised the house of the complainant and made death threats to his wife and son, according to the charge sheet.

## Bangladeshi scientist

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Chikungunya.

Senjuti, director of non-profit Child Health Research Foundation (CHRF), told The Daily Star that when Lancet contacted her for preparing her profile, she thought it was a scam.

“I first thought it was hoax when they were asking for my personal details for the profile. But later it turned out to be true...,” she said, adding, “This is a sign that indicates the world is watching our work.”

Lancet laid out how her fight against thyroid cancer made her resolute towards working for equitable health services in Bangladesh where she has immersed herself in research.

Showing example of her determination, Lancet recalled

when Senjuti was receiving a grant and a machine in 2018 to set up a sequencing facility.

“I wanted to show the world that you could be anywhere in the world and be able to sequence. You don’t have to ship samples out to the US or the UK. You can sequence wherever you are and everybody’s capable. We were able to show that using our small sequencing machine in Bangladesh,” Lancet mentioned, quoting the microbiologist.

It further mentioned that Senjuti and the genomics team she leads at the CHRF went on to sequence and study viruses that affect Bangladesh’s children, including dengue and chikungunya.

In 2020, her group became first in the country to sequence the novel coronavirus.

## Russia intensifies attacks

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respecting Ukraine’s territorial integrity and pulling out all its troops, something Moscow refuses to contemplate.

Russia’s President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday he was open to negotiations but only on his terms, which include Ukraine accepting the loss of four regions - Luhansk and Donetsk in the east, and Kherson and Zaporizhzhia in the south. Together, they comprise about a fifth of Ukraine’s territory.

The Kremlin yesterday doubled down on Putin’s conditions.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: “There can be no peace plan for Ukraine that does not take into account today’s realities regarding Russian territory, with the entry of four regions into Russia. Plans that do not take these realities into account cannot be peaceful.”

Russian forces abandoned Kherson city last month in one of Ukraine’s most significant gains of the war. Kherson region, located at the mouth of the mighty Dnipro River and serving as gateway to Russian-annexed Crimea, is strategically important.

The joy of Kherson residents over

the city’s liberation has quickly given way to fear amid relentless Russian shelling from the east bank of the Dnipro, and many have since fled.

A Russian strike killed at least 10 people and wounded 58 in Kherson last Saturday, Ukraine said.

In yesterday’s report, Ukraine’s General Staff also reported further Russian shelling in Zaporizhzhia region and in the Sumy and Kharkiv regions of northeast Ukraine, near to the Russian border.

Reuters was unable to verify the battlefield reports.

On Tuesday, Putin retaliated against a price cap of \$60 per barrel of Russian oil imposed on Dec. 5 by Western countries, saying Moscow would now ban oil sales to nations that implement it.

The cap, unseen even in the times of the Cold War between the West and the Soviet Union, is aimed at crippling Russia’s military efforts in Ukraine - without upsetting markets by actually blocking its supply of oil.

Russia is the world’s second largest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia, and any actual disruption to its sales would have far-reaching consequences for global energy supplies.

## Explain inaction over refunding

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Tk 3.43 crore to “E-Orange” at different times last year in order to purchase products.

The lawyer said the customers have submitted separate applications to the commerce ministry seeking steps for refund, but the ministry did not dispose of the applications.

Deputy Attorney General Tushar Kanti Roy represented the state at the hearing.

## The man

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Diémé, who now works as a project manager for a Spanish non-governmental organisation in Casamance and also volunteers as an agricultural trainer, is determined to change all that.

With no great reserves of wealth, he began to raise money to make his dream a reality - and has used \$5,000 (£4,100) from his own pocket to kick-start the initiative.

He has been working hard to engage with communities across the region and to reach out to women, who he knew would be able to rise to the challenge of organising the mass planting of seedlings.

“You go into a village and there’s no women, it’s a disaster,” Diémé said.

“But if you go to a village with only women, it’s paradise - they are hardworking and work all day every day.”

“If you want to lead a good project start with women,” Diémé added.

What he has done is to couple his passion to plant trees by helping women gain skills to become small-scale farmers and sell their produce at local markets.

Mr Diémé’s project is known as Ununukolaa, which in the local language Jola means “Our Trees”.

Up to 12 kinds are being planted, from palms and tamarinds to kapoks and lemon trees - the varieties depend on the needs of the community and the terrain.

Over the last three years more than 142,000 seedlings have been tended and have taken root.

It means a staggering amount of planting still needs to be done if Diémé is to reach his goal within the next five years - but he is not daunted.

We hope he can achieve his goal. Best wishes, Diémé.

## ‘It’s another feather

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a programme marking the inauguration of the country’s first metro rail at Uttara sector-15 playground.

“Through casting votes for boat, you have given the Awami League a chance to serve you. For that I’m expressing my gratitude towards all people and voters,” Hasina said.

She mentioned that with the inauguration of metro rail, the people of Bangladesh touched four technological milestones.

Firstly, metro rail itself is a milestone. Secondly, the country has entered the era of electric trains.

“Thirdly, the metro rail will be operated remotely using the digital system. As a result, this will be used to implement our pledge to establish Smart Bangladesh, and that means it added a new dimension,” she said.

Fourthly, the PM said Bangladesh has entered the era of speedy trains. “The highest speed of this metro rail will be 110km per hour.”

Hasina said in the election pledges, the AL declared that it would take various steps to make Dhaka city free from traffic congestion.

“We have taken up six metro rail line projects which will be implemented by 2030.”

She said metro rail is environment friendly and it will not cause any harm to the environment.

The PM said the number of personal vehicles has gone up because of people’s improved financial conditions.

Special measures have been taken for the differently abled people so they can easily travel by metro rail, she said, adding that a separate carriage has been introduced for women.

Hasina said freedom fighters can travel by metro for free.

She said the government has taken measures to develop efficient work force to operate the metro rail shunning the dependency on foreigners.

“Employment for around 12,000 engineers would be ensured in the metro rail project.”

The PM added that a huge amount of money has been invested in the metro rail project.

“Take care of the metro rail while

using it. Make sure none can litter. I’m urging all to use it maintaining rules.”

Recalling the militant attack on Holey Artisan and the killings of seven Japanese consultants, the PM prayed for the salvation of their departed souls and expressed her gratitude to late prime minister of Japan Shinzo Abe. She said Abe always played a great role in Bangladesh’s development.

“The construction work of the metro rail had started at the directive of Abe within a few days of the Holey Artisan attack,” Hasina said.

She added that a monument with the names of them (Japanese killed in the attack) has been built in Diabari.

The PM said her government is determined to build Smart Bangladesh by 2041 and the metro rail is one of the steps towards the goal.

Hasina said her government is working with short-, mid- and long-term plans for ensuring overall development of the country.

“Due to the pragmatic steps of my government, Bangladesh has turned around over the last 14 years.”

The premier vowed to build a developed, prosperous and Smart Bangladesh by 2041 maintaining the status of a developing nation confronting all hurdles.

Japanese Ambassador Iwama Kiminori, Chief Representative of Jica Bangladesh office Ichiguchi Tomohide, Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd MAN Siddique, and Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri also spoke at the programme.

PM’s younger sister Sheikh Rehana accompanied her.

A documentary on metro rail was screened at the event.

## Fraudsters clone

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fraudsters money, the UNO said, adding, “I don’t know if they have asked for money from anyone else. Realising that the callers were fraudsters, the two chairmen instantly hung up. They later informed me of the incident.”

Asadul Islam, officer-in-charge of Akhaura Police Station, said a GD was lodged in this connection. “Efforts are on to identify and arrest the fraudsters.”