

# I am a very sorted person right now: Pori Moni

For Pori Moni, the new year commenced with the filming of a new movie. Additionally, the popular Dhallywood actress was also involved in a shoot for the final day of 2023. The ongoing filming is for the movie ‘Booking’, directed by Mizanur Rahman Aryan.

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In regards to the film *Booking*, the actress said, “I am currently working on a romantic story after a long time. There's a distinct and unique feeling involved in this project. While I have worked on diverse storylines before, none have been as wonderfully romantic as this one. It's the reason why I have an extra sense of enthusiasm for it.”

Pori also mentioned, “This is my first time working under the direction of Mizanur Rahman Aryan. There's always a bit of tension before starting any new shoot. It persisted this time as well. I wondered about how it would be with new people and a new storyline, but by the end of the day, the experience was shaping up to be better than my expectations.”

“I was pleased with the narrative of *Booking*. It's a new story with a fresh character, and I can confidently say that everyone will appreciate the character,” Pori Moni further added.

Speaking about shooting on the first day of the new year, the actress remarked, “The feelings of shooting on the last day of the previous year and the first day of this year were truly special. I loved it.”

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In response to being asked how the controversial actress is doing in her personal life, she answered, “I am a much more sorted person now. I narrowed down important things since getting out of jail, by reevaluating a lot of aspects of my life. It allowed me to understand people better; many revealed their true selves. I now have a clearer understanding of the kind of people they are, which is why I feel more organised now.”

Having lost her sole guardian, her Nana, late last year, she continues to grapple with the pain, “I still keep awaiting Nanu's phone call. I am aware the call will never come, yet I find myself waiting. When he was around, I would eagerly wait for his call. Whenever my phone rang, I hoped it was him. However, that urgency within me has now subsided. I will visit Nanu's house very soon. I plan to spend some time in Pirojpur. After that, I will return and finalise the shooting dates.”

Speaking about her only son, Pori Moni's face lit up, “Now, my world revolves around my son. Rajya stays with me during shooting, and I share all my joy and happiness with him. Everything in my life is about him. Whether it's today or tomorrow, his happiness is my happiness.”

The actress concluded, “May the new year bring joy and peace to all. I wish for everyone's well-being.”



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## HBO set to develop 3 animated ‘Game of Thrones’ spinoffs

Renowned author George R R Martin recently revealed exciting developments for *Game of Thrones* fans as he announced three animated projects set within the universe of *A Song of Ice & Fire* currently in various stages of development with HBO.

In his latest blog post, the 75-year-old writer expressed admiration for Netflix's animated series *Blue Eye Samurai* before revealing the details about the forthcoming shows.

“HBO and I have our animated projects set in the world of *A Song of Ice & Fire*. None have received the green light yet, but progress is being made, and we're approaching the next phase with a couple of them,” shared Martin.

## Jaya Ahsan reveals first look of ‘Bhoot Pori’



Renowned Bangladeshi actress Jaya Ahsan is going to portray a ghost for a supernatural movie titled *Bhootpori*.

The actress shared the poster and the release date via a post on her official social media accounts on Monday evening.

The actress captioned the post, “If a human being dies, she becomes a ghost, but if a ghost dies, would she become an angel?” and

revealed that the film is going to be released on February 9 this year.

Acclaimed director Soukarya Ghosal directed and wrote the story while contributing to the screenplay as well. Produced by Surinder Films, the film's music director is Nabarun Bose.

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## Keep vigil against plots

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“I am the daughter of the Father of the Nation. I never bow down to anyone and will never do that,” she said.

Hasina said although the AL government has already done massive development works across the country, more needs to be done.

She said Bangladesh should be build as a developing country and only the AL can do it.

“If you vote for ‘boat’, I will be able to come to the power again and it will be possible to build Bangladesh as a developing country.”

Hasina said Bangladesh will never fall

behind and it will be a smart country by 2041. “Bangladesh will be developed and prosperous Smart Golden Bengal free from hunger and poverty as dreamt by the Father of the Nation.”

The premier said Smart Bangladesh means a smart government, smart people, smart economy and smart society.

She said after having lost everything she found the people of Bangladesh as her family.

“Whatever I have, I have sacrificed for the people of the country.”

The AL president introduced the party candidates in Faridpur, Rajbari

and Magura to the audience and sought votes for them.

AL presidium member and party candidate for Faridpur-1 Abdur Rahman, cricketer Shakib Al Hasan, party nominee for Magura-1 and party candidate for Faridpur-3 Shamim Huq also spoke.

From the stage, Hasina waved the national flag to the crowd. In response, the audience also waved the miniature flags they carried.

Hasina reached Faridpur by road crossing the Padma Bridge. She arrived at the rally ground around 3:15pm.



PHOTO: BSS

People gather for the Awami League's campaign rally at the Government Rajendra College ground in Faridpur yesterday.

## Israeli drone kills Hamas leader in Beirut

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on October 7 that Israel says killed 1,200 people with some 240 hostages spirited back to Gaza - the bloodiest single day in the Jewish state's 75-year history.

The Gaza health ministry said 207 people had been killed in the past 24 hours, bringing the total recorded Palestinian death toll to 22,185 in nearly three months of war in Gaza, the most lethal chapter of the decades-long Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Hundreds of Palestinians took to the streets of Ramallah in the West Bank to condemn Arouri's killing, chanting, “Revenge, revenge, Qassam!”

Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said operations around Khan Younis, southern Gaza's main city, concentrated on areas above the tunnel network where Hamas leaders were believed to be hiding.

“We are reaching them all ways. There already is engagement and there are [Israeli] hostages there too, sadly,” he told troops in Gaza in footage shown on Israeli television.

“This will continue as high-intensity efforts in the heart of Khan Younis,” he said.

Civilian casualties have mounted in south Gaza as the brunt of Israel's offensive has shifted there from the

north.

Israel says it tries to avoid harm to civilians but blames Hamas for embedding fighters among them, an accusation Hamas denies.

The United States, Israel's main supporter, has been urging it to rein in its air and ground blitz, which has demolished vast tracts of densely populated Gaza, in favour of more targeted strikes focusing on Hamas leaders.

Israel has announced plans to pull back some troops, hinting at a new phase in the war amid a rising global outcry over the plight of Gaza civilians, although also warned its offensive has

## CAAB revokes licence of Biman pilots Sadia

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777-300ER aircraft, claiming that it needed pilots immediately due to a shortage.

A year later, only five of the batch of 14 have taken to the air. The rest were lost in a quagmire of forged certificates, incompetence, and failed licensing exams.

Its own operation manual mandates that to fly the Boeing 777, the world's largest passenger jet in production, all first officers must have at least 300 flying hours in the preceding two years under their belt.

None of the recruits met that criterion.

According to a document of

Biman dated February 13 last year, of the 14 recruited, only four captains and a first officer passed all the tests to fly the plane.

Sadia had submitted a forged educational certificate, claiming that she was a student of the science group during her higher secondary school exams.

Data retrieved from the Dhaka Board of Education, however, shows that she was a student of humanities, passing in second division from Shaheed Anwar Girls' College.

The CAAB rulebook mandates that all commercial pilots must have an educational qualification

of HSC (Science) or equivalent with mandatory physics and mathematics.

Biman insiders said Sadia got appointed in Biman under the influence of her husband, Captain Sazid Ahmed who was removed from the post of chief of training following several allegations of irregularities including harassing female cockpit crew members.

On the other hand, Al Mehdi Islam, who was selected as a first officer, submitted a fake Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) certificate.

He submitted this certificate by forging the signature of the assistant director (flight safety department) of CAAB.

## Five more JP picks pull out of election race

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of the party candidates are not campaigning, said JP insiders.

“Except for the 26 constituencies, the party has fielded mostly dummy candidates to assist the government in showing that the election is participatory,” said Kholilur Rahman, the JP nominee for Barguna-1, who pulled out on Sunday.

The deadline for withdrawing nomination forms was over on December 17. It means although the JP leaders have pulled out, their names and party symbol will be on ballot papers.

Yesterday, JP candidate Mahbub Alam for Dinajpur-2 (Biral-Bochagani) said he will not run for

parliament.

At a press conference in the party's Biral upazila office, Mahbub said he is doubtful about a free and fair election under the incumbent government, reports our local correspondent.

“Considering all these aspects, I'm withdrawing from the electoral race,” he said in the presence of local JP leaders.

Another JP candidate Shamsuddin Khan for Gazipur-4 quit the polls yesterday.

The party could not confirm the names of three other nominees who pulled out yesterday.

On Sunday, JP contender MM Niaz Uddin for Gazipur-1 and -5 said he would not be in the election race.

“JP candidates were not provided

with financial support from the party. Who will contest the election spending their money when everyone knows the election will be one-sided?” said JP central leader Sentu.

“The party has earned over Tk 5 crore from the sale of nomination forms. But we did not get any financial support from the party to meet the election expenses,” said a JP candidate asking not to be named.

Asked, GM Quader on Monday said JP candidates might be quitting from the polls on various grounds, including not having financial support. It is not good for the party, he said.

“But I cannot force them to stay in the contest. They have the right to withdraw,” he added.

of displaced Palestinians have sought refuge after being forced to flee their homes elsewhere.

In separate statements, Hamas and its Islamic Jihad allies said they fired mortar bombs and anti-tank rockets at Israeli ground forces in Khan Younis and were preventing them advancing to its western area. Israel made no comment on these reports.

Israel yesterday said its forces had also killed dozens of Hamas fighters in Gaza's north in the past day. In addition, Palestinian residents said, Israeli tanks had shelled parts of the Al-Bureij refugee camp in the central area of the enclave.