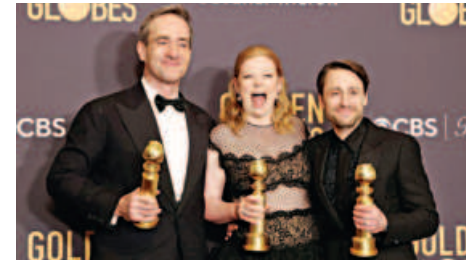




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Kieran Culkin secures Best Actor in TV Series, Drama, for 'Succession'.

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GOLDEN GLOBES 2024

A night of triumph and historic firsts

» **Oppenheimer, Poor Things** win major awards

» Ali Wong and Steven Yeun make Golden Globes history with **Beef** wins

» Lily Gladstone becomes first Indigenous person to win a Golden Globe for Best Actress

» Renowned filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki secures his first Golden Globe for his semi-autobiographical fantasy film, **The Boy and the Heron**

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In a dazzling celebration of cinematic achievements, the Golden Globe Awards of this year unfolded on Sunday night, marking the grand commencement of Hollywood's illustrious awards season. Amongst the stars that graced the red carpet and claimed victory were the biographical thriller film **Oppenheimer** and the gothic comedy **Poor Things**, each earning top honours in their respective categories.

Oppenheimer emerged victorious as the Best Movie Drama, a distinction bestowed upon it by approximately 300 entertainment journalists who voted on the Globes. This accolade comes as part of a revamped organisation formed in the wake of a significant ethics and diversity scandal that shook the industry.

Meanwhile, the enchanting tale of resurrection and comedy, **Poor Things**, starring Emma Stone, clinched the Best Movie Musical or Comedy award, triumphing over the female-empowerment blockbuster **Barbie**.

In the television realm, **Succession** took home the crown for Best Drama, while the offbeat comedy **The Bear**, exploring the challenges of restaurant ownership, claimed the title of Best TV Comedy.

The glitzy ceremony marked the end of a six-month hiatus caused by strikes from actors and writers in 2023. The event not only signalled the return of the star-studded red carpet but also offered performers a platform to showcase and promote their latest projects, following months of restrictions on promotional activities.

The live broadcast on CBS and simultaneous streaming on Paramount+ with Showtime offered accessibility for fans worldwide, making it a truly global celebration.

Noteworthy individual achievements also coloured the evening, as Ali Wong and Steve Yeun secured Golden Globes for Best Actress and Actor in a Limited TV Series, respectively, for their exceptional performances in Netflix's **Beef**. Their victories etched history,



Christopher Nolan secures Best Director in Motion Picture for 'Oppenheimer'.

making them the first actors of Asian descent to claim these awards.

During her heartfelt acceptance speech, Wong expressed gratitude to her colleagues and ex-husband, Justin Hakuta, acknowledging his role in supporting her career while balancing motherhood. Yeun, in his characteristically humorous style, referenced the Disney movie **Frozen**, while expressing his gratitude and

reflecting on the compassionate love that shaped his journey.

Adding another layer of historic significance to the evening was Lily Gladstone, who, with Piegan Blackfeet and Nez Perce heritage, became the first Indigenous woman to win the Best Actress award. Her outstanding performance in Martin Scorsese's **Killers of the Flower Moon** highlighted the film's truthful portrayal of the exploitation faced by First Nations peoples during the early 20th-century oil rush.

In an emotional acceptance speech delivered partially in her native Blackfeet language, Gladstone dedicated the award to all Indigenous children, emphasising the importance of representation and the telling of their stories in their own words.

The film's exploration of historical injustices and its authentic portrayal of Native voices have received widespread acclaim, shining a spotlight on the need for diverse narratives in the cinematic landscape.

Succession was the big winner in the TV categories—following the fourth

and final season of the drama. Kieran Culkin, who played Roman Roy in the series, was named best leading TV actor, while his co-star Sarah Snook was named best leading TV actress.

Moreover, renowned filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki has secured his first Golden Globe Award for his semi-autobiographical fantasy film, **The Boy and the Heron**, in the animated feature category.

The Boy and the Heron is touted as Miyazaki's farewell film, capping his illustrious career. The film earned a nomination in the animated feature category, competing against films like **Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse**, **Elemental**, **The Super Mario Bros Movie**, **Suzume**, and **Wish**.

As the Golden Globes concluded, Hollywood set the stage for a thrilling awards season, with these notable victories and historic moments paving the way for future achievements and the continued push for diversity and representation in the entertainment industry.

NEWS

Beckenbauer passes away

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Born in Munich in 1945, Beckenbauer helped establish Bayern as his country's strongest club.

Alongside Mario Zagallo—who died aged 92 on Friday—and Didier Deschamps, Beckenbauer is one of only three men to have won the World Cup as both a player and a manager.

He captained West Germany to the 1974 World Cup title on home soil when they beat the Netherlands 2-1 in the Munich final, then managed the team that beat Argentina 1-0 in Rome to lift the trophy at Italia 90.

Beckenbauer, a commanding figure on and off the pitch, was named European footballer of the year in both 1972 and 1976.

He made 424 appearances in the Bundesliga, scoring 44 goals,

including in a 13-year spell for Bayern, before joining Hamburg and New York Cosmos, where he finished his playing career in 1983.

Beckenbauer had stints as manager in club football at both Bayern and Marseille, winning the French league title in 1991 and the Bundesliga in 1994.

In 1996, he stopped coaching and his role as president of Bayern led to a place on the Executive Committee with football's governing body FIFA.

Beckenbauer had heart surgery in 2016 and again in 2017, when worrying news about his ill health began to emerge.

The last time he appeared at Bayern Munich's Allianz Arena was in August 2022, when he attended a match of Bayern Munich against Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Dhaka saw lowest voter

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Similar patterns can be observed in other seats given up for JP.

Patuakhali-1 is one of them. It saw a turnout of only 24 percent, compared to neighbouring Patuakhali-2 which had a 45 percent turnout.

Mymensingh-5 and Mymensingh-8 were two others where AL candidates were asked to step aside to make way for JP nominees. These two seats saw a 26-27 percent vote cast.

Interestingly, Feni, once the base camp for former prime minister Khaleda Zia, saw a high turnout of 51 percent.

The highest voter turnouts took place in AL strongholds.

A whopping 77 percent people in

Gopalganj voted. The highest vote cast—87 percent—was recorded in Gopalganj-3, AL President Sheikh Hasina's seat.

The second highest turnout was recorded in Gopalganj-2, from where Hasina's cousin Sheikh Selim ran and won.

A similar situation could be seen in Bagerhat, where two of the seats are dominated by members of the Sheikh family, Helal and Tonmoy. The district recorded a 63 percent turnout.

Madaripur, Faridpur, Narail, Shariatpur and Bhola, which have historically been AL strongholds, also recorded significant turnout, recording 53 to 57 percent turnout, EC data show.

If in doubt, anyone can check

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Earlier in the day, EC Secretary Jahangir Alam said the voter turnout stood at 26.37 percent till 3:00pm, adding that the figure might change as data from all constituencies wasn't available at the time.

Ruling party candidates won 222 seats in Sunday's election, while independent candidates—most of them allied to AL—won 62 seats.

Besides, Jatiya Party won only 11 seats and three candidates from three parties—Bangladesh Workers' Party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, and Bangladesh Kalyan Party—won one seat each.

Polling was suspended at one centre in Mymensingh-3 and a fresh

election will be held there on January 13.

The election was held in 299 constituencies out of 300, as the EC earlier postponed the election to Naogaon-2 after the death of independent candidate Aminul Haq, a former Awami League leader.

The EC yesterday said that the postponed election to the seat will be held on February 12.

It also said that valid candidates for the seat would not need to collect nomination papers.

New aspirants will be able to collect nomination papers till January 17, while scrutiny of the papers will be held on January 18, and the last date for candidacy withdrawal is January 25.

1 killed, 30 hurt

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Jahangir Alam, a key campaigner for defeated independent candidate for Gaibandha-5 Farzana Rabbi Bublil, was assaulted by rivals yesterday.

Jahangir is also the vice-president of Saghadia Sadar upazila unit Jubo League.

According to his family, he, along with his mother and wife, were returning from a relative's funeral. When they reached Bharatkhalil area around 4:30pm, some 50 supporters of AL MP-elect Mahmud Hasan Ripon attacked him.

"He was first taken to a local hospital. He then had to be taken to Dhaka as his condition worsened," said Jahura Begum, mother of Jahangir.

Ripon could not be reached over the phone for comments.

Meanwhile, Rakib Hossain, officer-in-charge of Saghadia Police Station, said, "We have already identified the attackers and are trying to arrest them."

In Jhenaidah's Sadar upazila, 10 people were injured and 50 houses, belonging to supporters of defeated AL candidate of Jhenaidah-2 Tahjib Alam Siddique, were vandalised allegedly by followers of independent MP-elect Naser Shahriar Zahedi.

Locals and police said that over 100 Zahedi supporters vandalised and looted the homes of Tahjib's supporters in three villages—Barikhali, Hiradaha and Surpara—in Jhenaidah Sadar upazila around 11:00am. At least 10 people, including women, were injured in the violence.

Shaheen Uddin, officer-in-charge of Jhenaidah Sadar Police Station, said additional law enforcers have been deployed in the villages to avert further violence.

Speaking to The Daily Star, defeated candidate Tahjib said he held discussions with the superintendent of police and deputy commissioner about the incident, and they assured him that they would take necessary action in this regard.

Zahedi could not be contacted over the phone for comments, despite repeated attempts.

In Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila, at least seven Awami League activists and supporters of AL MP-elect from Patuakhali-4 Mohibbur Rahman Muhib were injured in an attack allegedly by their rivals.

According to police, they were on their way to the Kalapara upazila AL

office around 10:00am to congratulate Mohibbur on his victory.

"When they reached Tiakhali Hatkhola Bazar, a group attacked them with sharp weapons and sticks, leaving at least seven people injured," said Ali Ahmed, OC of Kalapara Police Station.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control, he said.

The injured victims alleged the attack was carried out under the directive of Tiakhali Union Parishad Chairman Sujjan Molla, also a close aide to defeated independent candidate Mahbubur Rahman.

Sujan could not be reached over the phone for comments.

In Jamalpur's Sharishabari upazila, 12 people were injured, while 10 houses, two shops, a kindergarten, and two motorbikes were vandalised in four separate incidents of violence.

The attacks were allegedly carried out by supporters of independent MP-elect from Jamalpur-4 Abdur Rashid, targeting followers of defeated AL nominee for the constituency, Mahabubur Rahman Helal.

The first incident took place in Bilbalia area around 8:00am, which left six people injured, and five homes, two motorbikes, and a tea stall vandalised, alleged Helal.

The second incident took place half an hour later at Bonogram village, where one person was injured and two houses were vandalised.

In the third incident in Adra village, around 10:00am, four people were injured and three houses, a grocery shop, and a kindergarten were vandalised.

Later in the evening, Sharishabari municipality's former ward councillor, Nurul Islam Sheikh, who was also a campaigner for Helal, was assaulted in the Bolardir area, Helal claimed.

"Those who worked for me during the election are being targeted and attacked by the supporters of Abdur Rashid," he told The Daily Star.

However, Abdur Rashid could not be contacted over the phone for comments.

Police visited all the spots and are working to prevent further violence, said Mushfiqur Rahman, OC of Sarishabari Police Station.

(Our correspondents from respective districts contributed to the report.)

Shift course to ensure

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to intimidation. Such tactics are not conducive to a truly genuine process," said Türk in a statement.

He said violations and irregularities during the campaign and on election day itself should also be thoroughly and effectively investigated.

The UN official said democracy was hard won in Bangladesh and must not become cosmetic.

"Bangladesh has been a role model of development, and I fervently hope this will translate into the political and institutional spheres too. The future of all Bangladeshis is at stake," he added.

He called upon the government to take the necessary steps to ensure the human rights of all Bangladeshis are fully taken into account, and to strengthen the underpinnings of a truly inclusive democracy in the country.

The statement said mass arrests, threats, enforced disappearances, blackmailing and surveillance were all methods reportedly used by law

enforcement officials prior to the ballot, which was boycotted by the main opposition BNP.

"Acts of political violence, including arson attacks allegedly committed by opposition groups, have also been reported," it said.

Türk said around 25,000 opposition supporters have been arrested, including key party leaders, since 28 October. At least 10 opposition supporters reportedly died or were killed in custody in the last two months, raising serious concerns about possible torture or harsh conditions of detention.

The UN high commissioner for human rights said many human rights defenders have been forced to go into hiding, and some have fled the country, while dozens of suspected enforced disappearance cases have been reported, mostly in November.

"These incidents must be independently investigated, and those responsible must be brought to justice in fair and transparent trials," Türk said.

BNP demands scrapping

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parties would continue their movement for a fresh election under a non-party polls-time government until an "accountable government" is elected through polls.

Moyeen also accused the Election Commission of providing contradictory voter turnout figures—27 percent and 40 percent.

"The chief election commissioner once said the turnout was 27 percent. Then another commissioner, sitting next to him, immediately revised it to 40 percent," he added.

249 more killed in Gaza

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The Israeli offensive in Gaza has displaced most of Gaza's 2.3 million population, left many homes and civilian infrastructure in ruins, and caused acute shortages of food, water and medicine. The relentless bombardments have killed 23,084 Palestinians so far, according to health ministry in Gaza yesterday.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was scheduled to hold talks in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia yesterday before heading on to Israel after warning that the Gaza offensive could spread across the region without concerted

The BNP leader called it a "one-sided election" held through abuse of "state power and using dummy EC, candidates and observers".

Moyeen said 19 centres in Khagrachhari saw "zero turnout", which proves the election was a "mockery".

"It's not just 19 centres. There are centres in every constituency where not a single vote was cast or only 10-12 people cast their ballots," he said.

He claimed that the Awami League even failed to ensure voters' presence despite "fielding dummy candidates".

He was also due to visit the West Bank and Egypt this week. "This is a moment of profound tension for the region. This is a conflict that could easily metastasize, causing even more insecurity and suffering," Blinken told a press conference in Doha before heading to Abu Dhabi.

Israel hit targets in south Gaza and across its border with Lebanon, the army said yesterday ahead of Blinken's visit. A senior commander in Hezbollah's elite Radwan force was killed in an Israeli strike, three security sources told Reuters.