



25 years, 249 films, ONE SHAKIB KHAN

Dhallywood 'King' Shakib Khan has been single-handedly dominating our film industry for over two decades now. The actor, who began his career with Sohanur Rahman Sohan's *Ananta Bhalobasha* (May 28, 1999), notably completed 25 years in Dhallywood, on May 28. To celebrate the momentous occasion of hitting his silver jubilee, the actor cut 25 different cakes.

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The actor has earned the respect of his contemporaries for his formidable performances on the silver screen. From working in Pan-India films to collaborating with major giants like SVF, Chorki, and Alpha i on big-budget projects, Shakib Khan consistently proves to his critics and peers alike that he is here to stay.

He has won four National Film Awards for his exceptional performances in *Bhalobaslei Ghor Bandha Jay Na*, *Khodar Pore Ma*, *Aro Bhalobashbo Tomai*, and *Swatta*. With years of experience under his belt, the star remains dedicated to immersing himself in his characters, captivating audiences worldwide, and consistently setting records at the box office.

Shakib Khan has appeared in nearly 249 movies so far in his career. His latest film, *Rajkumar*, was released last Eid-ul-Fitr. Following the success of his last two movies, *Leader: Amie Bangladesh*, directed by Topu Khan in 2023, and Himel Ashraf's *Priyotoma*, the actor increased his remuneration fee to Tk 1 crore, which remains unchanged. According to the production company Versatile Media, their movie *Priyotoma* has performed exceptionally well, grossing Tk 41 crore worldwide.

A fascinating aspect of Shakib Khan's career is that in the films where he has portrayed lead roles, a remarkable 94 movies were released

during the Eid festivities. In particular, Shakib Khan and Misha Sawdagar's hero-villain arc pairing was seen in 126 movies together.

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movies among which *Bossgiri*, *Bir*, *Password*, and *Leader: Amie Bangladesh* are notable.

In his 25-year film career, he has been seen in different looks for various movie roles. However, the audience seems to prefer Shakib Khan's rough and tough looks. The subject of his look first came to attention in 2016 after the look of the Bangladesh-India joint production movie *Shikari* was released. However, he was seen with a different look in the Bangladeshi movie *Samraat*. We also got to see him in a new look in *Nabab* and *Bhaijaan Elo Re*.

However, people were stunned by his older avatar in *Priyotoma*, where he disguised himself as an elderly version of himself with long hair and a white beard. Audiences also love his look in Raihan Rafi's upcoming movie *Toofan*, where he is seen donning medium-long black locks and aviator sunglasses as a notorious gangster.

Shakib Khan's film career changed after the release of F I Manik's movie *Koti Takar Kabin* in 2006. After the success of this movie, his career in the industry was cemented for good. He also considerably came into the limelight after working opposite Shahabur in *Golam*.

While the industry witnesses the rise of many heroes in Dhallywood – Shakib Khan always gets the highest number of halls during Eid. Even after so many years in the industry, Shakib Khan's popularity continues to soar, consistently surpassing people's expectations.



acted opposite 70 heroines from Bangladesh and abroad. However, he has worked with Apu Biswas the most. They have acted in 72 movies amongst their notable projects are *Koti Takar Kabin*, *Pitar Ason*, *Tomar Jonno Morte Pari* and *My Name is Khan*, among others.

On the other hand, Shakib Khan and Shobnom Yesmin Bubby have worked in 11

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Humayun Faridee's legacy published in new book



On the occasion of the 72nd birth anniversary of the late Humayun Faridee, a new book titled *Humayun Faridee: An Ordinarily Extraordinary Man* has been published. The book's launch event took place yesterday evening, which was broadcast on Channel i.

Edited by Ahmed Rezaur Rahman, the book's cover was designed by Afzal Hossain. It features reflections from 60 eminent cultural figures who were close to Faridee.

Contributors include author Imdadul Haq Milan, cultural figure Nasir Uddin Youssuff Bachchu, actor Raisul Islam Asad, and thespian Ferdousi Majumdar, among others. Additionally, writings from Jaya Ahsan, Afran Nisho, Jeetu Ahsan, and Faridee's family members are also featured in the book.

Eminem to release single 'Houdini' this summer

Eminem, the American rapper who etched *Lose Yourself* into the history of rap music, is set to release his lead single *Houdini* from his 11th studio album, *The Death of Slim Shady (Coup de Grace)*, on May 31. The rapper announced the news in a video featuring magician David Blaine on Wednesday.

In a recent Instagram video, Eminem was seen chatting with Blaine via FaceTime, asking for a collaboration.

Earlier in January 2020, Eminem dropped his album *Music to Be Murdered By*, which quickly rose to fame and shot straight to the top of the Billboard chart.



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Loan defaulter elected chairman

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against him on December 1, 2019, and July 28, 2020, adding that the cases are currently ongoing.

Meanwhile, the EC's Additional Secretary Ashok Kumar Debnath told this newspaper they received a correspondence from the bank on Tuesday afternoon.

"By then, it was already too late and the polling materials were already out ... But even if he does get elected, the local administration can choose to cancel his candidature.

"We had previously cancelled it but then got a stay order from the court and had to reinstate him."

When the bank reported him as a willful defaulter to the Bangladesh Bank's Credit Information Bureau,

Jasim had obtained the stay from the High Court, preventing the central bank from putting his name on the bureau's list of loan defaulters.

The bank then moved to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to vacate the stay order, and Justice M Enayetur Rahim, a senior judge, issued another order on Monday, officially naming Jasim as a loan defaulter.

In April, a Chattogram money loan court had issued an arrest warrant against him, placed a travel ban and ordered his properties to be seized.

"He is spending the loan for purposes other than the one for which it was sanctioned. Instead of paying it back, he is generously distributing it in the constituency he is vying for,"

the court's judge Mujahidur Rahman had said on Sunday, in an order that directed Chandanaish Police to "immediately arrest him".

However, earlier in May, the Padma Bank itself had issued an application to the money loan court on Jasim's behalf. The application requested that the arrest warrant against him be recalled.

The court responded with a show-cause to the bank's managing director, saying the application was "unlawful".

Jasim then again appealed against the warrant and obtained the HC stay order.

Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not reach Jasim for comments.

Coastal people reeling

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"Many families are now depending on food provided by relatives or other people," said Ramchandra Tikader, a member of Deluti Union Parishad.

Visiting Gopi Pagla area yesterday afternoon, The Daily Star found that several thousand people were working to repair an embankment.

Contacted, Ashraful Alam, executive engineer of the Water Development Board in Khulna, said, "The embankment was breached due to storm surges. We are trying to repair the embankment quickly."

In Pirojpur, people's houses and belongings were washed away. Homes were damaged after trees fell on them. Many were without food.

"We are mostly starving," said Golaynoor Begum of Dhepsabuniya village in Pirojpur's Indurkani upazila.

People are also facing an acute crisis of drinking water.

"When the storm began, we took shelter at a safe place nearby. My house was destroyed after a tree fell

on it. I don't have enough money to rebuild the house," said Azahar Ali of Balipara village in the same upazila.

Abdul Wadud Molla, a resident of Auliapur village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, said, "We have been without electricity since Sunday evening."

Water was entering villages along the embankments as those cracked during the storm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to visit Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila today to distribute relief among the cyclone-hit people.

In Bhola, around 40,000 people were without electricity yesterday, said officials of the Rural Electrification Board.

Some low-lying areas in Sylhet were still under water yesterday.

In Barishal, at least 200 tonnes of rice was destroyed at a wholesale market in the city's Fariapatti area, due to rain and storm surges.

Our correspondents from respective districts contributed to this report.

Former UP chairman

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Locals took them to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital where doctors declared Mahbubul dead.

Sayed Hasan Pappu, 38, and Mahalom Mia, 40, who had bullet injuries, were undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, police detained six people for their alleged involvement in the attack, said the police officer.

Waliullah, brother of the deceased, said Mahbubul was killed over a political dispute with the incumbent UP chairman. "We will file a case against them."

OC Kamruzzaman said a clash took place between the supporters of the chairman and Mahbubul over Narsingdi Sadar upazila election held on May 8.

The incumbent chairman could not be contacted for comments as he did not receive our phone calls.

Zia's 43rd death anniv today

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Black flags will be hoisted while the party flag will be kept at half-mast atop its offices, including its Nayapaltan headquarters today.

Besides, party leaders and workers will place wreaths at Zia's grave at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar at 10:00am today.

They will also offer fateha at Zia's grave and join a doa and milad mehfil there, praying for the salvation of his departed soul.

Take united action

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with Egypt.

The armed wings of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad said they confronted the invading forces with anti-tank rockets and mortar bombs, as well as blowing up previously planted explosive devices, reports Reuters.

The Israeli military said three soldiers had been killed and three others badly wounded in combat in southern Gaza yesterday, without elaborating.

Palestinian health officials said several people were wounded yesterday morning by Israeli fire in the eastern area of Rafah, where they also said some stores of aid were set ablaze.

Polls-day fervour hardly seen

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The EC yesterday postponed polls to the vice-chairman post of Bogura Sadar upazila election due to incorrect electoral symbol printed on ballot papers.

Vice-chairman candidate Iftarul Islam Mamun was given the "ice lolly" symbol, but the symbol of a "ice cream cone" was printed on the ballots.

In this connection, the EC decided to suspend Returning Officer Syed Abu Sayeed, said EC Additional Secretary Ashok Kumar Debnath.

Due to technical glitches in EVMs at PTT, Topobon and Char Koshakhali primary school centres of Pabna Sadar upazila, voting was suspended for over an hour.

Criminals exploded a crude bomb in Pearpur area of Ishwardi – 100 yards away from a polling centre.

In Sunamganj's Dowerabazar upazila, a mobile court jailed polling agent Masuk Mia for six months and fined him Tk 10,000 for entering a polling centre with a sharp weapon.

Dinajpur Sadar, Chirirbandar, and Khansama upazilas saw a disappointingly low turnout.

In Noakhali's Companiganj, chairman candidate Shahadat Hossain, also a brother of Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader and the upazila AL general secretary, and another candidate "withdrew" and demanded fresh polls.

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Mastermind, hired gun are relatives

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at a flat in New Town, Kolkata.

A murder case was filed in Kolkata that day.

A source in an intelligence agency said Azim was Amanullah's rival as Azim was a member of PBCP's Janajuddho faction while Amanullah was of the Lal Pataka faction.

Abdur Rashid alias Dada Tapan, killed in a "gunfight" in 2008, used to lead the Janajuddho faction and was responsible for extortion and other crimes in Kushtia.

Azim filled the shoes after Tapan's death, according to the source.

The source said, "Aktaruzzaman made the deal with Amanullah as per the suggestions of two 'businesspeople'

of the region and one of them was supposed to pay the blood money."

The "businesspeople" did not like the fact that Azim, after becoming a lawmaker in 2014, started taking control of gold and narcotics smuggling, and hundi business, the source claimed.

Law enforcers are now trying to bring Aktaruzzaman back to identify the two "businesspeople".

Habibur Rahman, commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, yesterday said diplomatic efforts would be made to bring Aktaruzzaman back from the USA.

Speaking to journalists at the DMP headquarters, he, however, said Bangladesh does not have an

extradition treaty with the US.

Asked if the extradition treaty between India and the US could be utilised, he said, "Since the incident happened in India, it can be decided through discussions."

Meanwhile, a lawyer, citing a High Court directive, served a legal notice on the authorities concerned asking them to stop talking about cases under investigation, including the Azim murder case.

Supreme Court lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir sent the notice to the senior secretary at the Public Security Division of the home ministry, the inspector general of police, and the commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.