

Didn't think a director could ruin his own creation: Bobby

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This Eid-ul-Azha, Eamin Haque Bobby starrer film *Moyurakkhi* was released nationwide. Shortly after, the actress expressed disappointment in her portrayal, claiming it did not match what was promised. She also accused the film's director, Rashid Polash, of not paying her full remuneration.

In addition to her acting career, Bobby has ventured into the restaurant business, opening Bobstar Dining in Gulshan, Dhaka. However, the business has faced financial losses.

Recently, a case was filed against Bobby at Gulshan Police Station, accusing her of attempted murder, theft, assault, and intimidation related to her restaurant business. Bobby discussed these issues with The Daily Star.

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Could you share with us the issue between 'Moyurakkhi's' director Rashid Polash and you?

The story of the movie is beautiful, and those who have seen it can attest to this. It could have been even better, but the director [Rashid Polash] failed to portray my character properly. Many beautiful sequences were not included in the released version. I never imagined a director could treat his creation in such a way. As a result, the movie seemed disorganised.

There have been allegations against you that you physically assaulted the director regarding this film.

The production company handed

over all payments to the director, but he did not properly pay the remunerations of all the artistes. He also told the producer he needed money to shoot specific scenes but never filmed them.

Just a day before Eid, we were told the film would be released in 15 theatres, but it ended up in only two. When we confronted him, we argued, and something happened that I should not detail.

The director claimed that he paid your remuneration completely and also said you were not on time on set.

They scheduled me for about 17 days, but I only shot for six. Many of the scenes I shot were not included in the film. Despite taking money from the producers in my name, I did not receive my full payment as per the agreement. The director should provide evidence for his claims.

You have been accused of attempted murder, theft, physical assault, and intimidation. What do you have to say about these allegations?

These are all false. I am an artiste, and these actions are intended to damage my image. Those behind this thought I would remain silent, out of fear of losing my reputation. However, I have always believed in standing up against injustice. In my decade-long career, no one has ever made negative remarks against me. I am now addressing this legally. Since false cases have been filed against me, I have also filed a case stating the truth and everything that has happened.

For the past three months, I have tried to resolve this matter but couldn't find a solution. After the attack at the restaurant, I had no choice but to speak out. These incidents have caused me extreme mental and financial distress. I have lost around Tk 75 lakh. Additionally, Muhammad Sakib Uddoja, AGM of YN Centre, has filed a false case against me and my business partner, Mirza Abul Bashar.

What are your expectations from this case now? I believe the real truth will come out soon. Circumstances are not always favourable for everyone, but I have never encouraged anyone to fabricate something to gain attention in any legal case. All the recognition I have received so far is through my work. I believe that justice will be served.

Kareena Kapoor starrer 'The Buckingham Murders' drops premiere date



Kareena Kapoor starrer *The Buckingham Murders* has finally locked the release date. The Hansal Mehta directorial film will be released in theatres this September 13.

Kareena Kapoor's character in the film, inspired by Kate Winslet in *Mare of Easttown*, is a mother and detective solving a murder in Buckinghamshire.

The filmmakers shared the film's poster alongside the film's release date via Instagram.

The Buckingham Murders also stars Ash Tandon, Ranveer Brar, and Keith Allen. It is written by Aseem Arrora, Kashyap Kapoor, and Raghav Raj Kakker.

The film had its world premiere at the 67th BFI London Film Festival in October 2023.

'John Wick' producers to remake Hindi film



The production companies behind the popular *John Wick* franchise, Lionsgate and 87Eleven Entertainment, have announced their plans to create an English-language remake of the upcoming Indian action thriller *Kill*.

The Hindi-language original, directed by Nikhil Nagesh Bhat and produced by Karan Johar, is set to release in India on July 5.

Kill, which premiered at TIFF's Midnight Madness and was featured at Tribeca, follows Indian Army commando Amrit (Lakshya) as he races against time and armed foes on a New Delhi-bound train to save Tulika (Tanya Maniktala).

COUNTRYWIDE

Road damaged before handing over

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Carpeting of a four-kilometre-long newly renovated road in Barguna's Patharghata upazila is getting damaged at different points even before handing over the road resurfacing work.

Local people, however, blamed use of sub-standard materials in the construction work and lack of supervision by the authorities concerned as well.

During a recent visit this correspondent found the newly constructed road, stretching from in front of Patharghata Upazila Health Complex to Haringhata Eco Park, has developed numerous cracks at different spots within three months of the road resurfacing work.

According to Patharghata Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), a tender was called to construct the four-kilometre road, under Road Widening and Strengthening Project, in 2022-23 fiscal year.

Abul Kalam Azad, a contractor from Patuakhali, got the Tk 6.72 crore work order that started in June 2023 and was scheduled to be completed by June this year.

However, two local contractors from Barguna – Mohammad Shahin and Shahidul Islam Mridha – took the sub-contract of the work and implemented it.

Local resident Mojibur Rahman said they were happy to see the road work done, but soon got disappointed after seeing the newly resurfaced road collapsing at many points within three months of its construction.

Patharghata Sadar Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Alamgir Hossain said the situation arises due to lack of proper supervision and carelessness by the authorities concerned.

Although LGED has been informed about the irregularities on several occasions, but to no avail, he added.

Despite repeated attempts this correspondent could not contact one of the sub-contractors Shahin for his comment in this regard as he did not receive the mobile phone.

While talking, another sub-contractor Shahidul said construction of the road has been done as per the work schedule.

Patharghata LGED Upazila Engineer Chandan Chakraborty said the contractor concern is yet to hand over the project officially and it is his responsibility to repair the damaged portion of the road.

Contacted, Sultana Nadira, lawmaker from Barguna-2 constituency, said the upazila LGED engineer has been asked not to pay the final bill until the road repair work is done.



Like this one, several cracks have developed on this newly constructed road in Barguna's Patharghata upazila even before handing over the project.

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Ensure govt staffers comply with provision

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the National Board of Revenue; governor of Bangladesh Bank; and head of Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit have been made respondents to the rule.

The court said corruption and money laundering must be stopped as they are obstacles to good governance and development.

"People of all classes and professions, including judges, lawyers and journalists should join hands and build a movement against

corruption in order to turn Bangladesh into the 'Sonar Bangla' that Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman dreamed of," the bench said during the hearing of a writ petition.

The order and rule were issued following the petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Subir Nandi Das seeking the HC's directive on the government to disclose the movable and immovable properties held by government servants serving in civil capacity, and by their family members.

He submitted the petition

as a public interest litigation to the court on Monday, also appealing to the it to direct authorities concerned of the government to adopt guidelines or policies or to enact proper legislation in this regard.

According to section 13(1) of the Government Servants (Conduct) Rules 1979, "Every government servant shall, at the time of entering government service, make a declaration to the government through the usual channel, of all immovable and movable properties, including shares, certificates,

securities, insurance policy, and jewellery having a total value of Tk 10,000 [Tk 50,000 under amended provision] or more belonging to, or held by him or a member of his family and such declaration shall state the district within which the property is situated, show separately individual items of jewellery exceeding Tk 10,000 [Tk 50,000 under amended provision] in value, and give such further information as the government may, by general or special order, require. Every government servant shall submit to the

government, through usual channel an annual return of assets in the month of December showing any increase or decrease of property as shown in the declaration under sub-rule [1] or, as the case may be, the last annual return."

The bench scheduled October 22 for the hearing of the rule.

Subir Nandi Das himself moved the petition while Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik and AKM Fazlul Hoque appeared for the state and the ACC respectively during the hearing.

Thousands marooned

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shelters that the local administrations have reopened.

Sitara Begum, 60, of Jamura village in Sunamganj's Chhatak upazila, returned home from the shelter centre barely a week ago; now her house has been submerged once more.

"Before I could repair the house, another flood hit my village, forcing me to move back to the shelter centre," she said in a frustration-filled voice.

Meanwhile, road communication with Sylhet's Companiganj and Gowainghat, and Sunamganj's Dowarabazar, Tahirpur, and Bishwambharpur has been snapped.

In Moulvibazar, sections of a road that serves as a dyke for the Kushiara River got breached at Hamorkana village in Sadar upazila, inundating vast areas.

The latest round of flash floods hit in the early hours of yesterday, and the situation is rapidly deteriorating due to the relentless rain.

In 24 hours till yesterday morning, Sunamganj town recorded 300mm of rainfall, Sylhet recorded 294mm, Sunamganj's Chhatak recorded 233mm,

Sunamganj's Tahirpur recorded 211mm, and Moulvibazar's Sherpur recorded 183mm.

At the same time, Meghalaya's Mawsynram recorded 207mm of rainfall, while Cherrapunji recorded 141mm in the 24 hours till last morning, according to the Indian Meteorological Department.

In the next two days, there is a possibility of light to moderate rainfall over all the country along with heavy to very heavy rainfall in some areas, according to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department.

The IMD also predicts very heavy rainfall in Assam and the neighbouring state of Meghalaya until Friday.

Owing to the constant rain, the Surma, Kushiara, Sari, Gowain, Juri, and Manu rivers are all flowing above the danger level and rapidly rising, the Water Development Board reported yesterday.

Aftab Ahmed, chairman of Tahirpur upazila, said, "The upazila has been severely affected, with residents of Tanguar Haor, Shanir Haor, and Matian Haor losing their homes to the recent flood."

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all concerned,

including civil administration, to prepare for potential floods across the country in order to protect citizens from the consequences and devastation.

Contacted, Sylhet Divisional Commissioner Abu Ahmed Siddique, said, "The region is experiencing a third wave of flooding due to heavy rainfall here as well as in neighbouring India's Meghalaya and Assam states. The coming days could be critical, depending on the rains."

"Since the first round of flooding, we have been continuing our relief distribution efforts, which will continue until the flood-affected people's hardships are alleviated."

"We currently have an allocation of 4,500 tonnes of rice, Tk 1.5 crore cash, and Tk 45 lakh worth of baby food, in addition to cattle fodder and packaged dry foods."

"This is sufficient for now but with this new round of flooding, we have requested for more allocation."

TOURISTS STUCK IN SAJEK

Around 800 tourists got stuck in Sajek after incessant rains and flash floods snapped vehicular movement on the Baghahat-Sajek road.

ACC primary probe

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to issue asset declaration notices to them under section 26(l) of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004. Accordingly, the notices were issued yesterday.

In another development, the anti-graft body yesterday served notices to former member of National Board of Revenue Matiar Rahman, his two wives, and children, asking their wealth information, ACC Secretary Khorsheda told the media.

She said the ACC has sought wealth statements

of Matiar, first wife Laila Kaniz, her children Ahmed Taufiqur Rahman Arnab, Farzana Rahman Ipsita, and second wife Shammi Akhtar Shibli.

During the inquiry, the ACC has come to know that Matiar owns a large amount of wealth in his name and the names of others beyond known sources of income, said the notices.

Statements of all movable and immovable assets, liabilities, sources of income, and the details of their land acquisition shall be submitted to the commission.

Malen hits brace

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counter in stoppage time.

The victory put the Oranje on course for a quarter-final clash with Turkey or Austria, who beat the Netherlands in 3-2 in the group stage.

"We played a good game. I'm very pleased. Especially after the last game we needed a reaction and today was a good step in the right direction," Gakpo said.

"We talked a lot about

the aggression, the intensity and defending like a team. It was a good step.

"Sacrifice something for each other and work really hard to be at your best. Good game overall."

Ronald Koeman's side will need to improve their effectiveness in front of goal should they wish to emulate their manager, who was a player for the Dutch when they won the 1988 Euros on German soil.