

# How celebrities spent their time amid internet shutdown



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With social media activity at a standstill and the curfew ongoing, many are left wondering how celebrities are coping without the internet. Although broadband internet resumed on Tuesday night in a few regions, Facebook remains inaccessible, leaving many feeling disconnected.

We reached out to some of our favourite celebrities to see how they are handling this digital hiatus.

Dhallywood's glamorous actress Puja Chery feels completely lost without the internet. She shared, "Did anyone imagine that we, in 2024, would be left without internet? All our communication is now internet-based, and now we have to live without it. On top of that, there's a curfew, so we can't go out anywhere. What else can I do? I'm spending time watching TV, trying to understand the country's situation by watching the news. I'm also reading books. But still, it feels like something is missing."

The stunning diva Eamin Haque Bobby is feeling restless staying at home, yearning to spend her time

shooting on set. "Everything feels so unfamiliar. It all seems so empty. All kinds of shooting are halted, and I'm spending my days sitting at home. What else can I do but watch TV to learn about the current situation? There's nothing else to do but wait for everything to get back to normal."

Musiq R Farhan, one of the most popular faces on television, is struggling with the lack of connection. "It's a strange time without the internet and social media. During the pandemic, at least we could communicate with everyone. But now, everything feels so unfamiliar. We have to rely on television to grasp the ongoing condition of the country. All kinds of shooting are halted. I hope everything gets back to normal soon. Most young people now depend on the internet, so it's important to ensure its quick restoration."

Melodious singer Konal is trying to find comfort in books. "I never imagined we would find ourselves in such a situation. Everything feels so different and strange, with an eerie feeling of not knowing what might happen. I am keeping my eyes glued to the television to see whether the country's situation changes. There's nothing else we can do right now. I've tried reading several books. Other than that, there's nothing much we can do."

As the uncertainty about the curfew's end continues, celebrities, including singers, actors, and directors, are eagerly awaiting the chance to resume their work and bring joy to audiences once the country recovers from this massive challenge.



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## Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie to reunite at Venice Film Festival



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are set to make a grand return to the Venice International Film Festival, showcasing their latest films at the 81st edition of the prestigious event. The festival, which will run from August 28 to September 7 in Italy, revealed its star-studded lineup on Tuesday, including Pitt's *Wolfs* and Jolie's *Maria*.

Pitt reunites with George Clooney in Jon Watts's directorial *Wolfs*, marking their first on-screen collaboration since 2008's *Burn After Reading*. The film also stars Amy Ryan, Austin Abrams, and Richard Kind.

Jolie stars as the legendary opera singer Maria Callas in *Maria*, directed by Pablo Larraín. The drama also features Kodi Smit-McPhee, Pierfrancesco Favino, Alba Rohrwacher, and Haluk Bilginer.

Other highly anticipated premieres at the festival include *Joker: Folie à Deux* with Joaquin Phoenix and Lady Gaga, *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*, starring Michael Keaton and Jenna Ortega, and Nicole Kidman's *Babygirl*.

## Tanjin Tisha mourns assistant's death

Actress Tanjin Tisha's assistant, Alamin, reportedly died due to gunshot wounds, inflicted during violent clashes following the quota reform protest last week. Tisha confirmed the heartbreaking news on her social media, stating, "I don't know how to begin writing. You might all know him as my assistant. But he wasn't just my assistant; he was like my little brother. For the past four years, he lived with me and my family."

The actress further added that she had great plans for his future. Notably, Tisha has not provided specific details about how, where, or when Alamin was shot. Additionally, despite the nationwide internet outage, it's unclear how she got internet access to post this update on July 23.



## ROHIT SHETTY promises to make all-women cop universe

After the success of *Singham*, its director Rohit Shetty is set to return with *Singham Again*, which will be released on November 1. The film features major stars like Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh, and Akshay Kumar and introduces Tiger Shroff and Arjun Kapoor into the universe.

This time, Deepika Padukone enters into the cop universe, which already created stir among the audience after the film's first look was revealed. The director has announced that he is developing an all-women cop universe.



In addition to its male characters, the Rohit Shetty Cop Universe is committed to enhancing female

representation. Deepika will appear as Lady Singham in the upcoming film, and Kareena Kapoor Khan is set to play a significant role as well.

*Singham Again* is the third instalment in the Ajay Devgn-led Singham franchise and the fifth film in Rohit Shetty's Cop Universe. The original *Singham*, released in 2011, became one of Bollywood's most beloved films of the past decade. In 2014, a sequel, titled *Singham Returns*, was released, featuring Ajay Devgn, alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan.

## CELINE DION set for comeback performance at Paris Olympics

Celine Dion is poised for a comeback at the Olympic Games, with speculation suggesting she will perform during the opening ceremony this Friday. This will be the pop icon's first appearance since she paused her touring and withdrew from the public eye following her Stiff Person Syndrome diagnosis in December 2022.

Dion arrived in Paris on Monday and checked into the Royal Monceau hotel, where Lady Gaga, another rumoured opening ceremony headliner, is also staying.

The opening ceremony, held outdoors for the first time, will feature a nautical parade along the Seine, ending near the Trocadero with views of the Eiffel Tower, and includes 3,500 performers.



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### CORRIGENDA OF TENDER

Tender No: SGFL/BGF/23-24/FP-13 dated 27-05-2024.

Tender for Procurement of Spare Parts for Man Gas Generator

The following Corrigenda in the tender document are hereby made in connection with the submission of tender:

- Tender last selling date will be 29-07-2024 instead of 21-07-2024.
- Tender closing/Receiving date will be 30-07-2024 instead of 22-07-2024.
- Tender opening date will be 30-07-2024 instead of 22-07-2024.

All other information, terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

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No. BSMRMU/Procurement-346/24/1667

Date: 24 July 2024

### CORRIGENDUM OF SUPPLIER'S ENLISTMENT NOTICE

The Supplier's Enlistment Notice of Registrar Office, BSMRMU, Plot No. 14/06-14/23, Pallabi, Mirpur -12, Dhaka-1216 issued on 04 July 2024; No. BSMRMU/Procurement-346/24/1554/1 is amended as follows:

Corrigendum Subject	Previous Submission Date	Amended Submission Date
Application Submission Deadline	25 July 2024	01 August 2024

N: B: The other terms and conditions of the Tender Notice will be unchanged.

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