

# My daughter wishes for someone special in my life

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The gorgeous and courageous Azmeri Haque Badhan has carved out a name in both Bangladesh and India with her powerful performances. From her portrayal of Rehana in *Rehana Maryam Noor* to Heena in *Khufiya*, she is recognised for pushing boundaries and embracing versatility in her roles. The actress celebrated her 41st birthday yesterday and spoke with The Daily Star about her celebration and upcoming projects.

This year, the actress chose a quiet celebration at home, enjoying her favourite dishes prepared by her mother. "Special days need to be celebrated with special people. I couldn't ask for more," she shared.

This birthday brought a heartfelt moment from her daughter, Michele Amani Saira, who expressed her wish for her mother to find a companion. "My daughter is growing up, and she sees how I've walked this path alone. This year, she wished for me to have someone in my life," Badhan revealed. "I've faced a lot of fear and trauma, and only someone who truly understands me could walk with me on this journey."

Reflecting on her life's direction, the *Guti* actress said, "I'm very focused. Everything is moving positively, and life is beautiful. Life is all about meaningful work and it holds significance for me."

Currently, she's preparing to resume

filming *Esha Murder* this November, directed by Sunny Sanwar, where she portrays a police officer. "Female-led stories are rare in our industry, and I'm grateful to the director for centering a woman in this narrative. The story is compelling. It's exciting to play a role that's often reserved for men," she added.

Set for release next year, Badhan is eagerly anticipating viewers' reactions to her role as a team-leading police officer in *Esha Murder*.

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Badhan also recently wrapped up filming *Master*, directed by Rezwan Shahriar Sumit, where she plays a supporting role as an UNO (Upazila Nirbahi Officer). The film is set to be released next year.

Praising the project's careful handling, she expressed her satisfaction with the team and the story. She shared, "The director handled the project with great care and Nasir *bhai* leads the cast. I worked with an excellent team on a remarkable story, and I'm very pleased with both."

Although she had an Indian film project scheduled for this year, it has been postponed to next year, giving fans more to look forward to.

## Anonno Mamun's 'Makeup' faces new ban by Appeals Committee

Anonno Mamun's film *Makeup* has been officially banned by the Appeals Committee under the newly enacted Certification Act of 2023, citing violations of subsection 12 (1), as announced by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

According to the notice, the decision came after a review by the Appeals Committee members.

Starring Tariq Anam Khan, Ziaul Roshan, and Nipa Ahmed Real, *Makeup* was initially banned by the Bangladesh Film Censor Board in 2021. A recent appeal by Celebrity Production was denied, citing sub-section 12(1) of the Bangladesh Film Certification Act, 2023. Unauthorised screenings will lead to confiscation and possible legal action.



## Bappa Mazumder and Tania welcome their baby girl

Renowned singer-songwriter and music director Bappa Mazumder has become a father once again, welcoming a baby girl with actress Tania Hossain. Bappa, thrilled with the news, shared his joy with Prothom Alo, expressing his excitement over becoming a father to a daughter.

This morning, at a private hospital in Panthapath, Dhaka, Bappa and Tania celebrated the arrival of their daughter. Bappa mentioned that they have not yet chosen a name for their daughter.

The couple's journey together began on May 16, 2018, with an engagement surrounded by family at Tania's home in West Panthapath, Dhaka, followed by an intimate wedding ceremony on June 24.



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## Homemaker murdered

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the apartment. Since the incident, the building's caretaker and their chauffeur have been missing from duty. Police suspect they might be involved. Efforts are underway to apprehend them, the police officer said.

The victim's son has filed a murder case in connection with the incident.

A recent surge in violent crimes has sparked widespread concern as the capital continues to experience frequent incidents of murder, robbery, mugging, and theft.

In a separate incident, police recovered the body of a woman, with her throat slit, from a furniture factory in Dhaka's Uttar Badda area early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Amena Akter, 32, of Alinagar village

in Bhola Sadar upazila.

Her body was recovered shortly after midnight Sunday from the factory, owned by Ramzan Mia, said Fatema Siddika Soma, sub-inspector (SI) of Badda Police Station.

The SI said, "Informed around 10:00pm, we arrived at the scene and found the woman's body inside the factory premises. The victim's throat had been slit."

Ramzan was taken to the police station for questioning, she added.

Amena's husband, Mintu Mia, has been missing since the incident.

Amena had been living with her husband in a rented house in the Baganbari area of Uttar Badda.

Police suspect that Amena was murdered sometime between 8:00pm and 10:00pm on Sunday.

## Sarjis against mass arrest

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good accommodation and other reasons, Sarjis said.

Among the remaining 20 percent, many misused their power; some oppressed dissenters, while others aspired to leadership positions within the hall units, he said.

The most significant contributions to the first phase of the movement came from those 80 percent students who had to join BCL for different reasons, he said.

If certain BCL members had not come out from the halls, the other students would not have had the courage to join the protests, Sarjis added.

These BCL members' participation also prevented the BCL leadership from stifling the protests, Sarjis said.

"Now the question is if I should label these students from the halls with the BCL tag and put them in the banned category. The answer is: 'No'." "I'll never support mass arrest solely targeting those who were

members of the BCL on the campus. This cannot happen."

Sarjis continued, "Those who stood beside me in the struggle for justice, risking their lives against the obstacles created by the BCL, are my brothers. I'll support them. The truth remains the truth, regardless of what anyone else may say."

Sarjis had previously been involved in BCL politics. He had been elected member of Amar Ekushey Hall council during Dhaka University Central Students' Union and hall council polls in 2019 from the BCL panel.

The interim government banned BCL on October 23 as a "terrorist organisation" for brutal and deadly attacks on students during the mass uprising, and its misdeeds in the past 16 years.

Hundreds of leaders and members of BCL's DU and hall units were accused in two cases filed earlier over attacks on DU students on July 15. Some of them have already been arrested.

## 75 students

From page 12 committee's report, 75 students from different academic years of Chatogram Medical College, including 14 intern doctors of the hospital, have been suspended. The punishment was given as the allegations of breaching discipline were proved.

"The decision was taken last

Sunday at the academic council's meeting on maintaining a fair environment on campus."

According to the suspension order, the learning environment of the college has been "severely disturbed" due to the accused students' anti-disciplinary activities, including illegally occupying dormitories and engaging in violence.

## Race against the clock for govt

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meetings with the stakeholders to ensure timely distribution."

Distributing the books on time was a challenge for the previous Awami League government for the past three years as well.

It had failed to deliver over three crore textbooks for classes eight and nine this academic year and in 2022 and 2023; students had to wait till March for all their textbooks.

In 2021, the pandemic had caused a delay in the textbook distribution process.

The newly appointed interim government has decided to revert to the 2012 curriculum instead of continuing with the one introduced in 2022.

It has also decided to remove "exaggerated" historical information or "unnecessary" glorification of any individual in textbooks for the upcoming academic year.

Last year, the government had to print around 31 crore textbooks for the current academic year. However,

because of changes in the curriculum, the number of books increased to 40 crores for 2025.

The Printing Industry Association said that completing all printing by the end of this year is "virtually impossible". It has urged the NCTB to expedite manuscript finalisation and consider relaxing tender conditions to speed up the printing process.

Tofael Khan, president of the Bangladesh Textbook Printing and Marketing Association, said, "NCTB should have a structured plan to ensure timely textbook distribution, but it appears they have fallen short. Given the current situation, delivering all books on the first day of the academic year doesn't seem possible."

He said the NCTB is still revising textbooks under the older curriculum and is yet to issue tenders for classes eight, nine and 10. "However, even if the tenders are issued soon, multiple steps are required before printing can begin."

Tofael further said that this

## 600 officials to be considered for jt

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To be eligible for promotion to joint secretary, an official must serve at least five years as a deputy secretary, according to the guidelines for officials' promotion. However, the 24th BCS batch officers have already served in the post for over six years.

According to sources, the government also plans to promote deputy secretaries, who joined the BCS administration cadre from other cadres, to joint secretary. This will be done after promoting the officials from the regular batches.

Although the promotion guidelines stipulate that officials who joined the BCS administration cadre service from other cadres should be

promoted alongside their peers from regular BCS batches, this has not happened smoothly.

A total of 194 deputy secretaries feel "deprived" of promotions.

Wishing anonymity, one of those officials said, "The mindset of treating non-admin cadre officials as 'stepbrothers' must change to ensure an unbiased and merit-based public administration. Ensuring promotions following the Public Service Commission's merit list and the seniority of the respective batches is essential."

Around 1,600 officials are currently serving as deputy secretaries against the sanctioned posts of about 1,000.

The public administration ministry's promotion guidelines

time the NCTB is committed to using higher quality paper for the textbooks, which has been a long-standing demand from stakeholders. However, the supply of that paper might be short if all work orders are issued simultaneously, as guidebook publishers typically print during the same period.

He also said there was a lack of coordination within the NCTB, adding that while the new top admin appears committed, they lack experience, and support from lower-ranking officials is inconsistent. "Without better coordination, the NCTB could face further challenges."

NCTB Chairman Prof AKM Reazul Hassan acknowledged the challenges. "Yes, there are hurdles as we are newly appointed in the body, but we're still hopeful of completing the printing within this year."

He said the board is considering relaxing some conditions for smaller printing firms and adding them in the process to speed up printing works.

stipulate that 75 out of every 100 deputy secretary posts has to be filled from the administration cadre officials and the remaining 25 from the officials from other cadres.

Since the interim government took office on August 8, a number of contractual appointments have been made at the senior secretary, cabinet secretary, and principal secretary levels.

As many as 118 senior assistant secretaries have been promoted to deputy secretary, 225 deputy secretaries to joint secretary, and 131 joint secretaries to additional secretary in three phases.

The officials had claimed that they were denied promotions during the Awami League's 16-year rule.

## Chief adviser for making Gono Bhaban

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The chief adviser said a replica of the "Aynaghar" where Hasina's notorious security agencies secretly detained hundreds of dissidents and opposition activists should also be built at the museum at the Gono Bhaban.

The "Aynaghar" should remind visitors of the torture inflicted on the

prisoners, he said.

Advisers Adilur Rahman Khan, Nahid Islam, and Asif Mahmud accompanied the chief adviser during the visit.

Prof Yunus asked the advisers to consult with experts on museums.

He told them to finalise proposals for the museum by December.

Nahid, a student leader-turned-adviser, said misdeeds of the Hasina

regime will be portrayed at the museum.

He said they were consulting with foreign experts to know how they constructed memorials commemorating their revolutions and uprisings.

Mahfuj Alam, special assistant to the chief adviser, was also present during the visit.

## Abu Sayed

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In case of administrative action, the officers and staffers may be terminated or suspended, said the VC.

Abu Sayed, a 12th batch BRU student, was shot dead by police during a student-led protest on July 16. His killing intensified the student movement demanding reforms in the quota system in government jobs that toppled the Hasina regime on August 5.

On August 18, Sayed's elder brother Ramzan Ali filed a murder case, naming 17 suspects.

The university authorities formed a committee to find those involved in the killing. VC Shawkat yesterday disclosed the probe body's findings that were presented before the syndicate meeting.

"The syndicate has decided to file cases against them [72 students, two teachers, and seven officers and staffers]," Shawkat told The Daily Star.

The probe body earlier issued notice requesting the 81 to appear before the committee and submit their statements.

None of the teachers, officers and staffers has so far approached the committee. Several students appeared before the body and made their statements, the VC said.

The two teachers are Moshir Rahman, of the mathematics department, and Asaduzzaman Mandol Asad, of the public administration department, also former general secretary of BRU Teachers Association.

Meanwhile, the BRU syndicate yesterday also decided to ban politics of its teachers, officers and staffers.

"The decision was made to keep the university free from any chaos and anarchy," the VC added.

"Neither any teacher nor any officer and employee of this university will be allowed to be involved with any political party and join political activities. If anyone's involvement with any political party is found, they will be suspended."

Earlier, on August 12, BRU banned student politics on the campus.

Over 100 teachers, officials, employees and students of the university have been remaining absent from their offices and classes since the death of Sayed on July 16, said the VC.

Some of the teachers, officers and employees sent multiple letters seeking leave, but the BRU authorities did not grant their leaves.