

Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards 2023

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Ispahani Tea Limited and The Daily Star are back to celebrate excellence in OTT and digital media for the third consecutive year. The nominations for the *Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards 2023* have now been revealed, marking a perfect moment to recognise and reward your favourite artistes for their exceptional performances on OTT and digital platforms.

Let's check out what the leading actresses have to say about their nominations for 2023.

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TASNIA FARIN

I feel very blessed that it's the third year of the award, and I've secured nominations consecutively all three times. *Nikosh* was a risky project for me since the story dealt with a very sensitive topic. However, the whole team put their heart and soul into it. I'm very glad that *Nikosh* has also received nominations in other categories. When you work hard for a project, recognition like this makes the effort more fulfilling. Hoping for the best.



AZMERI HAQUE BADHAN

I'm delighted to receive my first nomination for the Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT and Digital Content Awards for my role as Sultana in the web series *Guti*, recognised in both the popular and critics' choice categories. Sultana's life is one of constant struggle; she faces immense mental and physical challenges, taking on morally complex work to provide for her family. Her story as a small-time drug carrier striving to survive in a harsh society deeply resonated with me.



RAFIATH RASHID MITHILA

Shayla's character in *Myself Allen Swapan* added a new dimension to my acting journey. When adding a new character to my acting portfolio, I always look for diversity and depth. I am honoured and inspired that the Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT and Digital Content Awards have recognised my performance and nominated me in the Best Actress category.



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TAMA MIRZA

I'm thrilled that *Friday* has received so many nominations at the prestigious Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT and Digital Content Awards. I'm especially honoured to have been nominated in both the popular and critics' categories. When I chose to work on this project, I was drawn to the challenge of portraying Mona, a character inspired by a true story. It took me a full week to step out of the role, which speaks to how immersive the experience was. I'm grateful for the love from both audiences and critics.



SHAHNAZ SUMI

Recognition in work can come in many forms—love from the audience, praise from critics, and discussions about it. Being nominated in the Best Actress category at the Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT Awards is a new and significant recognition for me. Portraying Suraiya in the series *Mobaraknama* was a milestone, a step forward in my journey as an actress. I feel that this character is taking me even further ahead. In a way, both Suraiya and I have already won.

NEWS

Prof Yunus leaves for Azerbaijan today

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capitol Baku for the annual climate summit to discuss how to avoid increasing threats from climate change in a place that was one of the birthplaces of the oil industry.

Prof Yunus will lead a small delegation and attend more than 10 high-level events that will be addressed by global leaders from around 200 countries.

The 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) will be held from November 12-22.

However, Prof Yunus will attend the world leaders' summit scheduled for November 12-13 and will return home on November 14.

Foreign Minister Md Touhid Hossain, who is now visiting Saudi Arabia, will be joining the Bangladesh delegation from there.

"We will be focusing on our priorities that include net zero emission, climate financing, loss and Damage fund, climate adaptation, technology for renewable energy, etc," a foreign ministry official told this correspondent yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan, who will be joining the summit on November 17, stressed the urgent need for global unity in tackling climate change.

Rizwana will urge developed countries to fulfil their climate finance commitments and provide

technological support to nations most vulnerable to climate impacts.

"It's time that developed nations uphold their commitments to support the most affected countries," she told UNB, highlighting the disproportionate challenges faced by vulnerable nations like Bangladesh.

With global temperatures hitting record highs, and extreme weather events affecting people around the globe, COP29 will bring together leaders from governments, businesses, and civil society to advance concrete solutions to the defining issue of our time.

A key focus of COP29 will be on finance, as trillions of dollars are required for countries to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect lives and livelihoods from the worsening impacts of climate change.

The conference will also be a key moment for countries to present their updated national climate action plans under the Paris Agreement, which are due by early 2025. If done right, these plans would limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and double as investment plans advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The COP29 is being held at a time when US President-elect Donald Trump's transition team has prepared executive orders and proclamations that would withdraw the US from the Paris Climate Agreement and open up western lands for drilling

and mining, reported The New York Times on Friday.

Trump, during his earlier tenure in 2020, also formally withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement, making the US the first nation in the world to do so.

Climate and international relations experts have expressed concerns that the US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement that was signed in 2015 is bad news for countries like Bangladesh that remain at the forefront of the climate crisis.

Between 2000 and 2019, Bangladesh experienced 185 extreme weather events, making it the seventh most vulnerable country to climate change.

During COP15 in Copenhagen, a global fund was promised, in which developed countries were supposed to deposit \$100 billion a year to help underdeveloped nations battle climate change.

Now, as COP29 is preparing to get underway, even the first \$100 billion has not been raised.

A foreign ministry official said Bangladesh will strongly present the argument why more funding for Bangladesh was crucial.

"It is because the country has been facing increasing levels of climatic events that are affecting millions of people every year—call it salinity intrusion, flood, cyclones, tidal surges, or drought," the official added.

Govt to ask for Interpol's red notice

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At least 753 people were killed and thousands more injured during the uprising.

Over 60 complaints of crimes against humanity and genocide have been filed against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and many of her party leaders with the ICT investigation agency and the prosecution team till mid-October.

Prof Asif assured that the

government would give maximum efforts to ensure these people are returned to face trial.

He added that the complaint filed with the International Criminal Court (ICC) against the chief adviser and others was done to tarnish the current government's image.

"No case was filed with the court. Only a written petition with the ICC was placed, which is something

anyone can do.

"This is such an unbelievable complaint devoid of any proof that there is no chance of the complaint being accepted."

The adviser added that the fascist regime is spreading propaganda simply for self-defence.

Adilur Rahman Khan, who is the adviser for public works, was also present as the duo inspected the renovation work progress.

Govt strips 118

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The journalists whose cards were revoked include Channel I Director and Head of News Shykh Seraj; Daily Jugantor Editor Saiful Alam; Daily Kalbela Editor Santosh Sharma; UNB Advisory Editor Farid Hossain; AP Bureau Chief Julhas Alam; Bangladesh Journal Editor Shahjahan Sarder; Global TV Chief Editor Syed Ishtiaque Reza; Daily Ittefaq City Editor Abul Khair; SATV Head of News Mahmud Al Faisal; Independent TV Chief Editor and CEO M Shamsur Rahman and its Head of News Mamun Abdullah; Daily Peoples' Life Editor Azizul Islam Bhuiyan; Daily Janakantha Executive Editor Swadesh Ray; Energy and Power Editor Mollah M Amzad Hossain; and Daily Ajker Patrika Editor Golam Rahman.

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Student leader Mahin Sarker said, "Awami League is worse than the Nazi party. The Nazi party was banned when it had popular support. We demand a ban on the Awami League."

Tarikul Islam, coordinator of the student movement, urged people all to be vigilant until the reforms are done.

Late at night on Saturday, Hasnat in a Facebook post said there would be a mass gathering at Zero point. Students, BNP supporters, and leaders of the Gono Odhikar Parishad began to gather at Zero Point before daybreak yesterday.

BNP staged a motorcycle procession, and the size of the crowd grew as hours passed. The rally began around 12:30 pm near the southern gate of Baitul Mukarram Masjid, which is within 100 metres of Shaheed Noor Hossain Square.

Students of different schools, colleges, and members of Chhatra Federation, Islami Chhatra Andolon, and other student bodies attended the programme.

Some were seen stopping commuters on rickshaws, motorcycles, and on foot and asking them questions.

Several men were handed over to police on charges that they were AL supporters.

The event caused long tailbacks in and around Gulistan throughout the day.

"While many of you [in the civil society] have forgotten what happened the past 16 years and are fixated on these three months, we respectfully ask you to talk about these three months as well as those 16 years."

Toss vital

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the first ODI as they endured a crushing collapse, losing seven wickets in 24 balls while chasing 236, leading to a 92-run thrashing. However, the inclusion of Nasum Ahmed and Jaker Ali Anik helped the Tigers to a 68-run win in the next match which levelled the series. Nasum was the most impactful player for the Tigers as he gave them momentum with the bat, courtesy of a 24-ball 25, before scalping three wickets to finish off the game for his side. The 29-year-old will once again be a key figure in the third match alongside the Tigers' batting effort which will be under focus.

Trump wins

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North Carolina, Nevada and Georgia.

Trump -- who never conceded his 2020 loss -- sealed a remarkable comeback to the presidency in the November 5 vote, cementing what is set to be more than a decade of US politics dominated by his headline right-wing stance.

The meeting between the outgoing and incoming presidents is customary, but Trump did not invite Biden for one after making unsubstantiated election fraud claims that culminated in the January 6, 2021 Capitol riot.

Trump also broke with precedent by skipping Biden's inauguration, but the White House has said the Democratic president will attend the upcoming ceremony.

Biden's meeting with Trump will take place in the Oval Office, the White House said Saturday.

Trump, the 78-year-old ex-reality TV star, won wider margins than before, despite a criminal conviction, two impeachments while in office and warnings from his former chief of staff that he is a fascist.

Exit polls showed that voters' top concerns was the economy and inflation that spiked under Biden in the wake of the Covid pandemic.