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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.

Here's what the leading actors have to say about their nominations this year:

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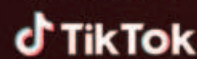
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MOSHARRAF KARIM

I'm thrilled by the incredible response to *Mohanagar 2*. As an actor, I'm grateful for the audience's appreciation. Our director's attention to detail and the team's hard work truly made this project shine. Being nominated in both the Critics and Popular categories for my role as OC Harun feels deeply rewarding.



ZIAUL FARUQ APURBA

Since working on *Buker Moddhye Agun*, I've looked forward to seeing the final outcome. Playing Golam Mamun was a wonderful experience, and I poured my heart into it. The audience embraced it enthusiastically, making this nomination all the more special. I hope they'll continue to support me on this journey.



NASIR UDDIN KHAN

Criticism is as valuable as praise, helping me learn and grow. But when harsh words linger, nominations like these bring comfort. I'm honoured to receive three nominations across Critics and Popular categories for *Mysself Allen Swapan* (lead role) and *Friday* (antagonist). My gratitude goes out to my audience and The Daily Star.



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FS NAYEEM

Two nominations are a real blessing! *Mission Hunt Down* let me step away from my romantic image and take on an action-hero role, which received an overwhelming response. My character in *Overtrump* was another unique challenge. I'm grateful for the nominations in the Lead and Supporting Actor categories and hope for continued support.



SHAMOL MAWLA

This is my first nomination for the *Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards*! Playing my role in *The Silence* required complete dedication, and seeing the audience's warm response has been incredibly rewarding. I look forward to taking on more complex roles in the future.

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Free election most urgent need now

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letter. "We're working on it and will give our feedback very soon. What we have emphasised is that, in the current context, what is most needed in Bangladesh is a free, fair, and acceptable election."

He said they have repeatedly talked about the need to make the electoral system suitable for elections and create a level playing field. "An elected government and an elected parliament are crucial to addressing the country's political and economic crises. This is the point we have been stressing again and again."

The BNP leader said India, which has provided shelter to Sheikh Hasina, the main architect of fascism, is carrying out various harmful campaigns against Bangladesh. "We should be cautious about this, or else, as a nation, we will face great danger."

Fakhrul said the number of advisers to the interim government has reached 21, as there are no specific rules regarding the number of advisers. "They can be appointed as needed to run the country," he explained.

He said the decision on who will be

appointed as an adviser, or who will not, is entirely the responsibility of the Chief Adviser, Prof Muhammad Yunus. "However, I would like to request him to be careful in ensuring that controversial people are not inducted into the advisory council."

Stating that the fascist Awami League government has successfully divided the nation, the BNP leader said, "We want to eliminate this division and create a united nation. In a democratic society, there will be different opinions. But on the fundamental issues of Bangladesh's independence, sovereignty, democracy, and people's rights, there must be unity."

He added that the interim government must be given time, as it is not possible to clear 17 years of mess in 17 days or 17 months. "For this, those of you who are in the government have less responsibility. When a democratic government comes, that parliament will carry out those tasks."

The BNP leader said the interim government should not focus on all reforms, but rather only on those necessary for the election. "The rest

of the reforms should be carried out by the elected parliament. That's why we've been saying that the election must be held within a reasonable time frame, and the government must present a roadmap for it."

He explained that the main responsibility of this government is to create a level playing field for the election, ensuring that everyone can cast their vote and participate in the process.

"The issue of vote rigging must be eradicated, and measures should be taken to ensure that. At the same time, impartial people should be appointed to oversee the election process, the judiciary must be made independent, and the administration must be neutral," Fakhrul observed.

Fakhrul also pointed out that it is a very difficult situation for the ordinary people to cope with the rising prices of daily essentials.

"The current government should give more attention to this issue. We hope that there are highly capable individuals within the government. I expect that the government will take all the necessary steps to bring the market back to normal."

Cabinet expansion a ploy to remain

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Sk Bashir Uddin, and special assistant to chief adviser Mahfuj Alam as advisers to the interim government on Sunday.

The chief adviser also reassigned some advisers and appointed three special assistants who would be of the rank of state ministers.

Party leaders decided that they must put pressure on the government over the election and would hold 10 rallies in different organisational divisions of the party, said meeting sources.

"We have to hold big rallies that will exert pressure on the government and then the interim government

will go for elections. Otherwise, the government won't do it," said another leader.

The party will organise a rally on December 16 to mark Victory Day.

Earlier in this month, the BNP decided to take to the streets in March or April next year if the interim government does not declare an election roadmap. The party also discussed it at the November 7 rally where tens of thousands of people joined.

In Monday's standing committee meeting, some party members also gave their views on the BNP-Jamaat relationship, said meeting sources.

In the changed circumstances after August 5, BNP's distance from Jamaat has widened, particularly regarding appointments to key positions in the administration and field-level offices. Certain statements from Jamaat leaders have caused a degree of "dissatisfaction" within BNP.

Despite this, some members commented that the BNP should not widen its distance from Jamaat for the sake of national unity, which is essential for the parliamentary election, said party leaders.

However, a few opined differently on the issue.

15th amendment

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from the HC to restore article 142 (1A) of the constitution -- a provision for referendums to get the people's opinions before bringing any constitutional amendment. The provision was removed through the 15th amendment.

"This provision was repealed by the votes of those who became members of parliament through vote rigging," he said.

The attorney general said the insertion of article 7A and 7B into the constitution through the 15th amendment "destroyed the sovereignty of the state and supremacy of the constitution".

Article 7A deals with "offence of abrogation, suspension, etc" and 7B states that the "basic provisions of the constitution are not amendable".

Asaduzzaman also said, "We want the words 'socialism' and 'secularism' to be dropped from the constitution 'Democracy', not 'socialism', can be the fundamental principle of the state policy."

He argued against declaring Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman the father of the nation through the 15th amendment, saying there is a serious debate about the issue.

The attorney general also said article 9 about "Bangalee nationalism" is contradictory to the constitution, as there are people of other languages in the country who fought for independence.

Jamaat-e-Islami lawyer Shishir Manir said during the hearing, "Socialism has never been the aspiration of our people. However, the 15th amendment restored the concept of socialism in our constitution."

Following a writ petition, another HC bench led by Justice Naima Haider on August 19 issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain why the Constitution (15th Amendment) Act should not be declared unconstitutional.

The rule also asked why the previous actions taken under this act should not be treated as transactions past and closed.

Protection of freedom

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Asked about the recent cancellation of press accreditation cards, including that of the AP bureau chief in Bangladesh, Patel said he had not seen reports on it, adding that it would be unfortunate if it was true.

"It is our strong point of view that an engaged free press is vital to

covering any situation, including, of course, the situation in Bangladesh.

"Press freedom and media freedom is important to the president, important to the secretary, and we would encourage and want to ensure that the rights and freedoms of all journalists are being appropriately respected."

Let Nizamuddin Markaz

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laks of Saad Kandhalvi's followers will gather at the Kakrail Markaz from across the country, and no one will have the strength to stop that inflow of the followers.

"We will not hesitate to realise our rights in a very disciplined manner. We will do whatever necessary to run our Markaz following the correct rules in a timely manner," Azimuddin said while reading out a written statement.

The faction demanded ensuring the presence of Indian Tabligh Jamaat leader Saad Kandhalvi at the Biswa Ijtema to restore its tradition.

The first phase of next year's Biswa Ijtema, an Islamic congregation, is set to be held from January 31 to February 2, followed by the second phase from February 7 to 9.

The pro-Saad faction also demanded making arrangements for running the Kakrail Markaz by both the Tabligh Jamaat factions, and banning the participation of madrasa students in different "violent" programmes over the Tabligh issue.

Azimuddin alleged that followers of Maulana Zubairul Hasan are preparing to create an unstable situation by showing unwillingness to hand over the Kakrail Markaz to the followers of Maulana Saad after drawing inspiration from an announcement made at Suhrawardy Udyan on November 5.

"This is also in breach of the related government rules," he added. Azimuddin said the National

Qawmi Madrasa Education Board will hold an international grand conference titled "Way for the unity of the Muslim Ummah" at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan on December 7.

He said renowned Islamic scholars from Mecca and Madina of Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, United States, and England will join the event.

At the conference, the Islamic scholars will present an outline for addressing the ongoing crisis of Tabligh Jamaat and discuss the necessity of unity among the Muslim Ummah.

Azimuddin said those who want to keep the ongoing Tabligh crisis alive are not only the enemy of Tabligh but also of the country, its people and Islam.

8-yr-old girl's

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the victim's family and police that they saw Sadia with Champa.

Police detained Champa around 11:30pm on Tuesday, and during the interrogation, she admitted that she killed Sadia to steal her gold chain and earrings, said Bablur.

An hour later, locals found Sadia's body.

Police said the body bore signs of strangulation, he said.

The body was sent to Jashore Sadar Hospital for autopsy and legal proceedings are underway, the police officer added.