



TAWSIF'S 'ROCKSTAR' dreams come true

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"I have always been fond of grey characters, but three years ago I was mostly playing comedic characters, as my audiences and directors wanted to see me in those roles. However, after the pandemic, I finally got the chance to pursue what I've always wanted—roles in psychological thrillers," confessed an ecstatic Tawsif Mahbub.

Breaking away from his conventional comedic roles, the popular small-screen actor is eager to challenge himself as an actor. From playing a serial killer to a professor and now a rockstar, he is ready to mould himself to fit each performance.

According to Tawsif, it felt as though playing a rockstar came naturally to him. He used to be a bassist and manager of his musical band The Manager, before pursuing acting.

"I always wanted to perform as a rockstar but before I could head towards achieving it, I left music to become an actor. I also had a desire to tell a story that incorporated elements of my real life. Performing on stage hence came naturally to me, as I had already performed in 100 stage shows as a band member," explained the actor.

In *Didha*, the actor played the role of a musician in front of organic audiences who came to watch the shooting. "Our director, Mohidul Mohim *bhai*, wanted to make the concert scene grand, and since the shoot took place at Cox's Bazar, I decided to create an event page a week before the shoot to let my fans know where we would be filming."

"As a result, hundreds of people showed up, along with individuals who were already at the shooting spot. I had to keep the audience engaged because filming scenes requires a lot of time. When the performance scene was

rolling, I acted, and when the director called 'cut,' I became the host to keep the crowd entertained," added the actor.

The drama *Didha* starring Tawsif and Keya Payel is scheduled to be released by the end of this month on Sultan Entertainment's YouTube channel.

On the other hand, the *Chader Haat* famed actor, who is an extrovert at heart, transformed himself into a solemn and serious professor for his role in Vicky Zahed's directorial *Chokro* for iScreen."

"I had to play a 40-something-year-old philosophy professor called Humayun, who is deeply knowledgeable about the human psyche. To fit into the role, some of my hair was dyed gray. The dialogues were lengthy, so I had to memorise them," he stated when speaking about the character.

"As someone who typically enjoys a more spontaneous approach to acting, I even had to read research papers to prepare for the role.

It was challenging but, in the end, people's appreciation made up for it."

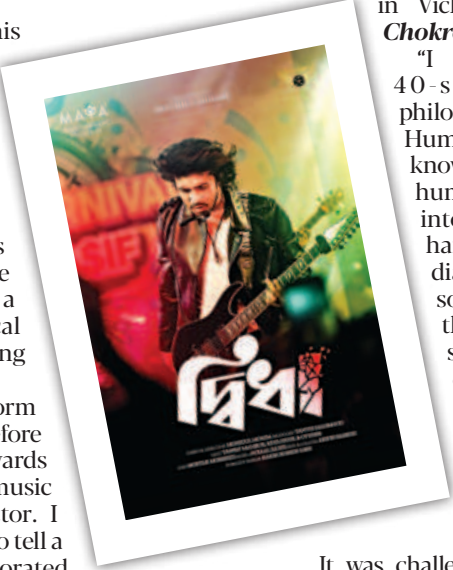
Earlier this year, the actor was seen playing the role of a serial killer in Vicky Zahed's *Hajot*, which was released on Club 11 Entertainment's YouTube channel. Fans were confident that it was indeed the prequel to the *Punorjonmo* universe.

However, Tawsif laughed at the assumption and said, "Who told you that?" The actor neither denied nor accepted it as a prequel. Instead, he left it to the director to decide whether to make it a part of the universe.

"Vicky is renowned for his plot twists, so for my role as Iqbal Haque in *Hajot*, I had to keep a subtle approach, portraying the character in a way that made him appear without suspicion."

"Then, in a shocking turn at the end, it is revealed that Iqbal was the serial killer all along. We managed to keep the audience on the edge of their seats right up to the finale," the actor reflected.

Upon being asked about his rising OTT popularity and whether he would leave TV dramas, the actor replied, "My audience is my power, and I never want to let go of that. Unless I choose to focus on films, which might require me to step away from the small screen, I have no intention of leaving. I love dramas and enjoy working on television productions," affirmed the actor.



Barry Keoghan cast in Beatles biopic, says Ringo Starr

Barry Keoghan is stepping into the shoes of legendary drummer Ringo Starr in an upcoming Beatles biopic directed by Sam Mendes, as revealed by Starr himself.

In a recent interview with Entertainment Tonight, the iconic Beatles drummer confirmed that the Oscar-nominated actor, known for *The Banshees of Inisherin* and *Saltburn*, will portray his character in a series of Beatles films.

The 84-year-old musician expressed his approval of the casting, stating, "I think it's wonderful." He then humorously added, "I hear he's already learning the drums, but hopefully he doesn't get too good at it."

The production has secured the life and music rights of the surviving members of the band and the estates of John Lennon and George Harrison.

Tabu teases 'Dune Prophecy' entry with new look

Tabu fans have eagerly awaited her debut in *Dune: Prophecy*, the prequel to Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi epic. She has now announced the date of her character's debut in the series.

On Wednesday, Tabu revealed her look as Sister Francesca in *Dune: Prophecy* on Instagram. Dressed in black with a veil and piercing eyes, she exudes both menace and elegance.

She captioned the post, "Prepare for a new Sister to show her strength." The episode will premiere on December 15 on HBO Max and on December 16 in India on Jio Cinema.



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OCs demand logistical support

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saying that police stations play a key role as the primary hub of police services.

He emphasised the need for OCs to take responsibility for addressing citizens' concerns.

"People seeking services at police stations must receive the assistance they expect. As OCs, it is your duty to ensure this," Commissioner Sazzat said.

He stressed, "Every police activity revolves around the station, making

your role crucial. Perform your responsibilities diligently."

About the police force's reputation, the commissioner opined that the image of the force suffered in the past due to the actions of certain over-ambitious officers.

"I expect no complaints against any of you. Perform your duties with integrity. While I don't wish to take action against anyone, no leniency will be shown if complaints arise," the DMP commissioner warned.

He asked the OCs to gain public

trust through exemplary behaviour and efficient delivery of service.

Commissioner Sazzat also stressed the importance of building stronger relationships between the police and the public.

"The more connections you establish with people, the more information you will gather. This information will enable you to prevent crimes before they take place. Additionally, ensure cases are resolved through proper and thorough investigations."

The harmony among people

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We believe that this relationship will never be broken. The immense respect and love that we have for each other will never be lost. Bangladesh is that kind of country, and we are that kind of citizens," said the HC bench.

Additional Attorney General Aneek R Haque and Deputy Attorney General Md Asad Uddin informed the HC bench that three cases have been filed in connection with Tuesday's violence, 33 accused have been arrested in the cases, and six people, who were involved in the killing, have been identified by

scrutinising CCTV footage.

Aneek said the government is dealing with the issue of ISKCON with priority. Then the HC said this court has been assured that the state machinery is working on this issue.

"The government is responsible for the security of the state. We believe that the interim government is working with great dedication. We have confidence in them," said Justice Farah Mahbub.

The HC also hoped the government will remain cautious about maintaining law and order and protecting the lives

and properties of the people.

On November 27, Supreme Court lawyer Md Monir Uddin placed some newspaper reports about ISKCON before the HC bench and appealed to the bench to issue a suo motu (voluntary) order on the government to ban its operations and impose section 144 in Chattogram, Rangpur, and Dinajpur.

The court on that day asked the attorney general to inform this court about what steps the government has taken regarding ISKCON's recent activities.

SC proposes formation of judicial council

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the candidates.

If the Judicial Appointment Council is formed, transparency and accountability will be ensured in the recruitment of judges to the Appellate and High Court divisions, Supreme Court's Special Officer Muajjem Hussain told The Daily Star.

He said the proposal was prepared after conducting detailed research on the laws, regulations, SC decisions, customs, and relevant issues related to the appointments of judges in different countries.

There are independent and impartial commissions or similar institutions for appointing SC judges in many countries, including England, Ireland, Kenya, Malaysia, and South Africa, according to Muajjem.

The draft of the proposed ordinance was earlier sent to both Appellate and High Court division judges, seeking their opinions. As many as 15 judges sent their opinions to the SC, he said.

Contacted, Law Secretary Sheikh Abu Taher told this correspondent that he did not know whether his office

received the proposal from the SC.

Formulating a law for the appointment of SC judges under the constitution is a longstanding demand from different sections of people, particularly the Supreme Court Bar Association.

In an address to lower court judges on September 21 after assuming office, Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed announced a roadmap for reforms in the judiciary. He said he would take steps for the formulation of a law on the appointment of SC judges and the establishment of a separate secretariat for the judiciary.

In a previous proposal sent to the law ministry on October 27, the SC proposed the establishment of a separate secretariat for the judiciary. The proposal aims to make the judiciary truly independent, separate it from the executive branch effectively, and bring an end to the law ministry's control over the lower courts.

WHAT CONSTITUTION SAYS

Article 95(l) of the constitution states that the chief justice shall be

appointed by the president, and the other judges shall be appointed by the president after consultation with the chief justice.

A person shall be qualified for appointment as a Supreme Court judge if he or she has "qualifications as may be prescribed by law", according to article 95(2) (c).

Article 98 states that the president may appoint one or more duly qualified persons to be additional judges of a division of the Supreme Court if the president is satisfied that the number of judges of that division should be increased. The tenure of these judges will not exceed two years as the president may specify.

Or, if the president thinks fit, may require a judge of the High Court Division to sit in the Appellate Division for any temporary period.

"Provided that nothing in this article shall prevent a person appointed as an additional judge from being appointed as a judge under article 95 or as an additional judge for a further period under this article," article 98 adds.

Efforts on to identify violence instigators

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responsibility. When the instigators post something, many others are copying it. They are ordinary people like us who spread a lot of things without understanding. As a result, unrest is taking place."

Asked who the instigators are or whether they have any particular identity, and what their motives are known so far, Colonel Intekhab said, "I cannot tell their identity exactly. Instigators will always be there. But it is our, the ordinary people's responsibility not to be provoked."

In reply to a question if there was a lack of intel, he said, "I would not call it a lack of intelligence. We are working in coordination with everyone on intelligence gathering. I have already explained that in some cases we have to think a lot. That is why many may think that the law enforcement agencies did not take appropriate steps."

There are reports that the joint forces have been involved in crimes during operations.

Asked how many personnel involved in such crimes have been identified and

what action has been taken against them, Col Intekhab said retired and incumbent members of the army may have been found involved.

"I do not have specific information right now. However, every allegation is being investigated. Some investigations have been completed. As far as I know, various disciplinary measures have been taken — ranging from four years to one year in jail, and dismissal from service," he said.

After the arrest of Chinmoy Das, the leader of a Hindu group, a lawyer was killed in Chattogram during clashes between Chinmoy's supporters, law enforcers and lawyers.

Asked why steps were not taken to prevent violence although the situation was already tense, Colonel Intekhab said, "The death is definitely very painful. But due to law enforcers' presence and quick response, a major incident was avoided."

At the start of the briefing, Colonel Intekhab reviewed the army's activities over the past two weeks, starting from November 13.

During this period, the army seized 24 illegal firearms and 365 rounds

of ammunition. They responded to 40 incidents of unstable situations and cleared 18 road blockades in industrial zones. The army also addressed 63 disorderly situations, including those related to political conflicts, educational institutions, and government offices.

The army apprehended 1,328 individuals linked to various criminal activities, including 228 people involved in drug-related offences. They played a key role in ensuring the peaceful celebration of religious and cultural festivals, collaborating with Buddhist organisations to protect 444 monasteries across the country.

The army officer also highlighted the ongoing efforts against the Kuki-Chin National Front, an armed separatist group in Chattogram Hill Tracts. Since April, the army has arrested 179 KNF members or collaborators and seized 60 weapons, along with a significant amount of ammunition and military equipment.

Throughout this period, the army has faced substantial challenges, with 122 personnel injured, and one officer killed in the line of duty.

Don't pave way for the return of fascism

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being orchestrated to divert the nation's course.

Fakhrul said the nation must now unite under a single goal: building a truly democratic state by re-constituting parliament after implementing necessary reforms.

"We should all refrain from creating division. Keeping the unity intact, we must move forward using the scope

[created through the mass upsurge].

"It is also our misfortune that, even after 53 years of independence, we have not been able to ensure a peaceful transfer of power."

He also called on people from all walks of life, including writers, artists, and intellectuals, to play a responsible role in inspiring the nation to achieve the desired goal.

Fakhrul said writers and artists have

long played a vital role in reshaping the state. "But this was not evident during the movement against the fascist regime of Hasina."

He added that building a democratic Bangladesh and fostering a democratic culture through necessary reforms is a challenging task. "We must accomplish this through the united efforts of people from all sectors of society."

The programme was presided over by former deputy minister and Organising Secretary of the BNP Executive Committee Asadul Habib Dulu. BNP Standing Committee Member Mirza Abbas and Joint Secretary General Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annie attended as special guests.

out initiatives such as "Notun Kuri", a programme designed to discover talent in various disciplines. "If the BNP forms a government in the future, we will reinstate programmes like Notun Kuri to identify and train talented individuals to meet national and international standards."

Ensuring that players excel in international competitions, Tarique proposed focusing on honing their skills in their chosen sport.

He also emphasised the importance of skill development for future generations. "Shaheed President

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be limited to these fields. We must also cultivate skilled sportspersons and artists. A well-rounded society needs individuals excelling in their respective talents."

He stressed that individuals should be identified for their specific aptitudes and supported to reach national and international standards. "By focusing on their strengths, whether academic, professional, or artistic, we can develop a skilled generation."

Reflecting on the legacy of his father, Ziaur Rahman, Tarique pointed