



Star Cineplex is set to delight moviegoers with the release of two major Hollywood films today. Leading the lineup is **Jurassic World Rebirth**, the latest chapter in the blockbuster franchise.



The \$180 million sequel, directed by Gareth Edwards, is set five years after **Jurassic World Dominion** and stars Scarlett Johansson as Dr Zora Bennett, who embarks on a mission to extract

dinosaur DNA amid global threats.

Also premiering is the horror-thriller **28 Years Later**, directed by Danny Boyle, marking the third instalment in the **28 Days Later** film series. The story follows

12-year-old Spike on a dangerous quest for help in a world still reeling from the Rage virus outbreak.

Both films are premiering at Star Cineplex branches across Bangladesh.

Star Cineplex premieres ‘Jurassic World Rebirth’ and ‘28 Years Later’ today

Melbourne Festival to celebrate Aamir Khan’s cinematic journey

Aamir Khan will be the official Chief Guest at the 16th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM), set to take place from August 14 to 24. The festival will honour his remarkable cinematic journey with a special retrospective and conclude with a spotlight screening of his recent film **Sitaare Zameen Par**, followed by a live discussion featuring Khan and director RS Prasanna.

Reflecting on the honour, Aamir expressed excitement about revisiting his impactful work and engaging in meaningful conversations. He highlighted that **Sitaare Zameen Par** aimed to promote inclusivity and neurodiversity, and he is grateful for the audience's heartfelt response. The festival marks a significant celebration of Khan's legacy in Indian cinema.



‘Bachelor Point’ Season 5 to air on Channel i from July 10

Popular Bangladeshi comedy series **Bachelor Point** Season 5 is set to premiere on television via Channel i from July 10. The show will air every Thursday and Friday at 7:50 pm, with repeat telecasts at 3:40 am and 11:30 am.

Previously released on OTT during Eid-ul-Azha, the series—written and directed by Kajal Arefin Ome—will feature 120 episodes, each approximately 20 minutes long. Ome expressed gratitude to fans, stating the series' longevity over seven years and five seasons is solely due to audience support.

The cast includes Marzuk Russell, Chashi Alam, Ziaul Hoque Polash, Sabila Nur, Shimul Sharma, Lamia Lam, Abdullah Rana, and Munira Mithu. Season 5 returns after a 26-month break, driven by strong audience demand.



Deepika Padukone: First Indian actress on Hollywood Walk of Fame



Deepika Padukone is set to become the first Indian actress to be honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, as part of the Class of 2026 under the Motion Pictures category.

Announced by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the list includes global names like Emily Blunt, Timothée Chalamet, Demi Moore, and Rami Malek.

Deepika made her Hollywood debut opposite Vin Diesel in **xXx: Return of Xander Cage** (2017). Recently seen in **Kalki 2898 AD**, she is also confirmed for its sequel and an upcoming film with Allu Arjun directed by Atlee.

On the personal front, Deepika and husband Ranveer Singh welcomed their daughter Dua in September 2024.

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‘Draft telecom policy worrying’

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medium enterprises (SMEs) and local entrepreneurs.”

Highlighting the potential problems and challenges, he said: “If the restriction on owning multiple service sectors is lifted, large mobile operators may establish monopolistic control across several areas. This will reduce competition and smaller companies will fall behind.”

Expressing concern that the SME sector may face a financial crisis, he said: “Following deregulation, SMEs—especially the local ISPs or small telecom operators—could face serious financial challenges due to the lack of clear guidelines regarding their assets and liabilities.”

“There is ambiguity regarding the limit on foreign ownership, which could discourage investment and disrupt

the stability of the sector. Through loopholes in cross-ownership, big companies may further expand their market control.”

The policy lacks clear guidelines on satellite broadband or emerging digital services, which may confuse investors.

It also lacks clarity on the scope of enterprise services as it does not clearly define the limits of mobile operators' fibre-based business connectivity services.

This could lead to disputes and inequality, Fakhrul said, reading out a written statement.

BNP believes that only those policies are acceptable that benefit everyone. We will continue to work with a commitment to ensuring equitable development through digital connectivity and safeguarding national digital security and sovereignty,” he added.

NCP won’t run in polls without July Charter

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student public movement, the mafia system still remains. We must preserve the history of our struggles and movements,” the NCP leader said, reports our Nilphamari correspondent.

Regarding justice for July victims, the NCP convener said those who, including Sheikh Hasina and her collaborators, carried out crimes against humanity must be tried.

“There must be fundamental reforms, and we must move towards elections through these reforms. Bangladesh

needs a new constitution. The Awami League and the Mujibbadi constitution must be discarded. There is no point in retaining a constitution that is not the constitution of the people,” Nahid said while addressing another street rally in the district, reports UNB.

The former information adviser also warned of dire consequences for those attempting to revive the old culture of terrorism.

“An attempt is being made to bring back the old culture... we are seeing that again. Those who carried out the July

The government did not take public opinion while drafting the new policy, said BNP Standing Committee Member Abdul Moyeen Khan.

“Large mobile operators will enjoy significant advantages under this policy. Those who can make major investments within Bangladesh will also gain an edge.”

In a democratic society, policies should be aimed at ensuring benefits for the public.

“From what we know, the proposed policy lacks this focus. We want a policy whose benefits reach the people of the country.”

Stressing the importance of affordable internet access in rural areas, he said: “Artificial Intelligence has created waves around the world. But if its benefits don't reach ordinary people, then this policy will be of no use to them.”

uprising are still awake, still on the streets. If anyone thinks that they can bring back the politics of old terrorism, then their fate will also be like that of the dictator Hasina.”

Expressing frustration over the fulfilment of July aspirations, he said a discrimination-free country is yet to be established despite the loss of hundreds of lives.

Among those accompanying Nahid were NCP Chief Organiser (South) Hasnat Abdullah, Chief Organiser (North) Sarjis Alam, Senior Joint Convener Samanta Shermeen, and Senior Joint Member Secretary Tasnim Jara.

Israeli forces kill

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Meanwhile, UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories Francesca Albanese yesterday called on states to impose an arms embargo and cut off trade and financial ties with Israel, which she alleged is waging a “genocidal campaign” in Gaza, reports Reuters.

Hamas is seeking clear guarantees that the ceasefire will eventually lead to the offensive's end, the source close to the group said. Two Israeli officials said that those details were still being worked out.

A separate source familiar with the matter said that Israel was expecting Hamas' response by today and that if it was positive, an Israeli delegation would join indirect talks to cement the deal.

A senior Israeli official close to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said preparations were in place to approve a ceasefire deal even as the premier heads to Washington to meet Trump on Monday.

Army to take legal action

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protection if the families [of enforced disappearance victims] request it.”

His remarks came in the wake of a recent report by the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, which called on Bangladesh to end widespread impunity regarding enforced disappearances and to ensure accountability within its military, law enforcement, and intelligence agencies.

On the upcoming national election, Col Shafiqul said the army has not yet received formal instructions from the Election Commission. “However, we are fully prepared to assist, once directed, in ensuring a free and fair election.”

Regarding law and order, he said that around 80 percent of the firearms looted following last year's uprising have been recovered, with efforts underway to recover the rest before the polls.

According to Police Headquarters, 5,753 firearms were reportedly looted from police stations across the country after the fall of the AL regime on August 5 last year.

Speaking on the issue of juvenile gangs (“kishore gang”), Col Shafiqul said over 400 gang members have been arrested so far. “We cannot be present in every alleyway, but we respond immediately when we receive information in this regard.”

The army has also pledged firm action against mob violence and activities that may cause public sufferings or damage to lives and property, Col Shafiqul said.

Citing the mob attack on former Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda in Uttara on June 22, he said, “You already know we arrested one of the six suspects the very next day and produced him before a court as per legal procedure. After that, if they get bail, you know the army has nothing to do. But when it comes to any incident of mob violence or public suffering, we, the Bangladesh army, have been vigilant in the past, the present and will be in the future.”

Liverpool’s Diogo Jota dies

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posting a video of their wedding on Instagram just hours before the accident. They had three children. “My dream came true,” his wife Rute Cardoso wrote on Instagram of their wedding.

“This is a moment where I struggle! There must be a bigger purpose! But I can't see it!” former Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, who brought Jota to the club in 2020, said on Instagram.

“Diogo was not only a fantastic player, but also a great friend, a loving and caring husband and father!”

Jota was the blueprint for the high-pressing, high-energy goal-getter

future.”

Earlier, reading out a press statement, Col Shafiqul said the army responded promptly to the widely circulated video of a brutal assault on a woman in Muradnagar.

“With the help of local authorities, the army brought the situation under control and arrested five people, including the prime accused ... Efforts are ongoing to ensure the victim's and her family's safety and dignity.”

He added that since August 2024, the army has detained at least 15,646 people, including listed criminals, teen gang members, drug dealers, and robbers.

It has also recovered 26 illegal firearms and 100 rounds of ammunition during this period—bringing the total number of seized firearms to 9,692 and ammunition rounds to 286,854.

In the past two weeks alone, 562 individuals were arrested in joint drives across the country, including 45 drug dealers, bringing the total number of narcotics-related arrests to 5,521.

The army has also conducted raids to curb food adulteration and smuggling, seizing contraband worth crores of taka and shutting down illegal operations.

In the Chittagong Hill Tracts, 23 individuals were arrested, 13 firearms recovered, and a United People's Democratic Front camp dismantled, Col Shafiqul said. One soldier was injured in an operation in Rangamati.

Separately, two Kuki National Army operatives were killed in a recent gunfight, with arms and documents recovered. The operation is ongoing.

Additionally, the army treated 4,790 people injured in the July uprising, with 22 still under care. Troops also ensured security during Rath Yatra and continue to support communal harmony and the safety of foreign missions.

In Bandarban, the army is assisting displaced members of the Bawm community to safely return home amid improving conditions, he added.

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“It doesn't make sense. We were only just in the national team together, you'd only just got married,” fellow Portugal international Cristiano Ronaldo said on X.

Jota's brother, Andre Silva, who died alongside him, was also a footballer, with Penafiel in the Portuguese second division.

Jota helped Liverpool win the Premier League last season, scoring the derby winner against Everton, and also won the FA Cup in 2022 and League Cup in 2022 and 2024 with the Merseyside outfit. Jota scored 65 goals in 182 appearances for the club. Liverpool said they were devastated.

WHAT'S THE HAPS?

International Mime Festival



Dhaka University Mime Action (DUMA) will host the 6th edition of its signature event—the only international event organised by any club at the University of Dhaka. The three-day celebration will feature mime performances, workshops, and cultural exchange, continuing a tradition established in 2018.

Date: Saturday-Monday July 5-7
Time: 3pm-6pm

Venue: TSC Auditorium, Dhaka University