



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

Star Cineplex premieres 'Jurassic World Rebirth' and '28 Years Later' today

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.

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

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.

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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.

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."

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 alley, 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."

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.

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Army to take legal action

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and rescued the girl and her father."

Another member of the community, Anju Hijra, said Sohel is a known drug abuser in the area.

Abdul Quddus Molla, sub-inspector of Barishal Kotwali Police Station and investigating officer of the case, confirmed that Sohel was detained on the spot Tuesday night. The case was filed the next day naming Sohel as the prime accused, along with four to five unnamed others. Sohel was then shown arrested and produced before a court, which sent him to jail the same day.

Drives are underway to arrest the others, he said.

Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Mizanur Rahman praised the Hijra community members for not only rescuing the victims but also following legal procedures by handing the perpetrator over to police.

2 KNA men killed

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personnel identified armed members of the KNA.

Assessing the situation, when KNA members attempted to flee, both groups exchanged heavy fire. At one point, army personnel recovered the bodies of two uniformed members of the KNA, added the ISPR.

During the operation, an alleged member of the KNA was captured in a critically injured state, said a member of the operation team in a press briefing held yesterday afternoon at the headquarters of the 36th Bangladesh Infantry Regiment (BIR) Ruma Zone.

The team also recovered four firearms, ammunition, KNF uniforms, and communications devices during the operation, reports our Bandarban correspondent, citing the press briefing.

The operation was led by Major Md Mehedi Sarkar, deputy commander of the 36th BIR Ruma Zone, under the overall supervision of Lt Col Md Alamgir Hossain, psc, the Zone Commander.

At the briefing, Lt Col Alamgir said, "We want to make it very clear that our operations are strictly against armed militant groups in the hills. We hold deep respect and sympathy for the local peace-loving communities. Just as we are citizens of this country, so are they. The army is committed to ensuring their safety and protecting lives and property."

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Mob snatches two convicts

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Two other officers were critically wounded and sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, the OC added.

"The attackers snatched the keys to the lockup and broke out two convicts: Belal and Sohel."

Police fired tear gas shells to disperse them but failed to quell the situation. Later, reinforcements from Lalmonirhat Sadar, Hatibandha, and Kaliganj police stations, as well as members of the army and BGB, arrived at the scene.

The OC alleged that many of the attackers were known to him as having ties to the local unit of the BNP and its affiliated organisations.

However, Walur Rahman Sohel, secretary of BNP's Patgram upazila unit, denied the accusations.

"None of our party activists were involved in the attack. The two detainees are not affiliated with the

BNP. A particular political group is trying to falsely implicate the BNP to mislead the public."

Earlier that evening, a mobile court led by Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Uttam Kumar Das apprehended Belal and Sohel while they were allegedly extorting money from transport workers in the Sorobazar area on the Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway, near Patgram town.

UNO Uttam, executive magistrate of the mobile court, sentenced both men to one month in prison.

Speaking on the matter, Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner HM Raib Haider said, "The accused were directly involved in illegal toll collection on the highway. The mobile court sentenced them in accordance with the law."

Contacted, Lalmonirhat Superintendent of Police Torikul Islam said the police are preparing to file a case over the attack.

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.

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

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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 Patgram Jara.

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

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Liverpool's Diogo Jota dies

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beloved by modern coaches.

"It doesn't make sense. We were only just in the national team together, you'd 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.

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