

MOVIES

# F1: A thrilling lap that doesn't always stick on provisional pole



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*F1: The Movie* blends real-life F1 spectacle with cinematic drama. But while the engines scream and the visuals dazzle, *F1* doesn't always find the right gear when it comes to storytelling depth and plays it too safe.

*F1* follows the journey of seasoned former F1 driver Sonny Hayes, played by Brad Pitt, who returns to the grid to mentor a young rookie and help a struggling team find its way back to relevance.

The story doesn't reinvent the wheel. Its plot is quite conventional, being more akin to *Days of Thunder* than *Rush* or *Ford V Ferrari*.

One of the film's standout features is its immersive cinematography. Kosinski and his crew took a bold approach by shooting

during real Grand Prix weekends, with the fictional APXGP team integrated into the paddock and pitlane alongside actual F1 teams.

Camera placement inside custom-built F1 cars offers a driver's eye view rarely seen even in modern broadcasts. The roar of the engines, the blur of speed, and the tension in the pit lane are all captured with precision. In terms of technical achievement and immersion, *F1* is a win.

Brad Pitt brings charisma and conviction to the role of the veteran driver. While his age might stretch realism for a returning F1 racer, his performance is grounded and sincere. The supporting cast also does a great job with the somewhat generic script they are provided with.

There's also a missed opportunity to explore the more complex side of Formula 1. The film occasionally glosses over some of the more controversial aspects of Formula 1, such as the inter-team politics and sponsorship pressure, while barely scratching the surface of media scrutiny and motorsport regulations in favour of a more polished narrative. The racing itself was a mixed bag, where in some instances the racecraft and strategies felt very lifelike and ingenious, while in other cases it felt very gimmicky and unrealistic.

*F1* is a cinematic adrenaline rush that tries to capture the spirit of Formula 1 with style, heart, and thrilling visual realism. But its predictable story and missed potential somewhat hold it back.

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## WE MOURN

We are deeply saddened by the devastating events that unravelled on July 21 as a Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) jet fighter crashed on the premises of Milestone College in the Diabari area of Uttara.

This is a dark chapter for our nation, one that will provoke grief as well as many questions. However, as we attempt to make sense of what has transpired, we must continue to ask questions and follow them up with even more inquiries.

Even then, we are unlikely to be able to process this tragedy.

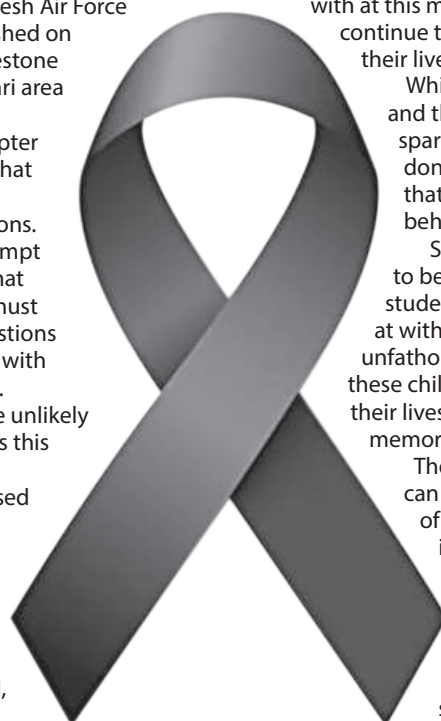
What was supposed to be just another usual school day for these young students tragically became their last. Dreams have been thwarted, innocence has been lost, and lives cut very

short. We cannot fathom the pain that their loved ones have been burdened with at this moment, and will continue to carry for the rest of their lives.

While there are words and thoughts to be spared, very little can be done to soothe the scars that this incident has left behind.

Schools are meant to be safe spaces for students to look back at with fondness. It is unfathomable how many of these children will have to live their lives with this as a core memory.

There are no words that can carry the weight of the grief that this incident has evoked, but the Campus team still extends its most profound and sincere condolences to the survivors and the families of the victims.



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