



## Slipknot to release 40+ unreleased tracks for 25th anniversary reissue

Slipknot is set to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their self-titled debut album with a deluxe reissue, featuring over 40 previously unreleased tracks. Scheduled for release on September 5 via Roadrunner Records, the collection includes 59 tracks across six vinyl LPs, showcasing early demos, alternate mixes, live recordings, and rarities.

Highlights include a demo version of *Prosthetics* and early takes on *Wait and Bleed* and *Spit It Out*, with mixes by Jay Baumgardner and Ulrich Wild. The box set also features new artwork, archival photos, and collectible photo cards.

A limited 'blood-splatter' vinyl edition of 1,899 copies will be available. Slipknot's 1999 debut went double platinum and helped define a new era in heavy metal.

## Warfaze to embark on tour marking 40 years of rock music

Legendary Bangladeshi rock band Warfaze is set to embark on a two-month Canada tour this September and October, marking four decades of their musical journey.

The **Warfaze Canada Tour 2025**, organised by MNC Entertainment, will cover 10

cities, starting on September 6 in London, Ontario, and concluding on October 3 in Winnipeg. The tour will also make a stop in Vancouver, Edmonton, Halifax, St John's, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, and Ottawa.

"It's more than just a concert — it's a celebration of 40 years of rock

legacy," expressed the organisers.

Earlier this year, Warfaze toured Australia as part of their anniversary world tour. The band completed 40 years in 2023, with founding member Sheikh Monirul Alam Tipu announcing plans for a year-long global tour, including stops in the US, Malaysia, and India.



## Bangladeshi classic 'Surja Dighal Bari' to be screened in Australia

Bangladeshi classic *Surja Dighal Bari* will be screened in an open-air venue in Australia on August 3, following a previous showing of *Jibon Theke Neya*.

Organised by BongOz Films, the event will take place at Zamindar Bari and accommodate up to 200 viewers. Directed by Masiuddin Shaker and Sheikh Niamat Ali, the 1979 film is based on Abu Ishak's novel and follows Joygun, a struggling village woman portrayed by Dolly Anwar. Due to technical limitations with the film print—unsuitable for standard 4K projection used in theatres; the organisers opted for an outdoor screening.

Voluntary donations from the event

will go to Cancer Council Australia. The film's portrayal of rural Bangladesh has recently gained renewed appreciation through clips shared by Laser Vision on social media.



## Popular trio reunites on screen for new drama

Actors Mosharrar Karim, Shamim Zaman, and AKM Hasan—who first formed a bond in the early 1990s; are set to share the screen once again. The trio, known for their enduring friendship and numerous popular dramas together, are reuniting for a new television series titled *Shadi Mubarak*.

The drama, written by Ahammad Shahabuddin and directed by Shamim Zaman, was filmed in November last year and is scheduled to premiere on Maasranga TV on August 3.

In this series, the three actors take on the roles of brothers instead of friends. The story follows the humorous complications that arise when the two younger brothers are unable to marry because their eldest sibling remains single.

### WHAT'S THE HAPS?

#### A Beginner's Instrument Workshop 1.0

Air Force Basecamp presents a hands-on musical workshop for beginners, with a Tk 800 registration fee.

Notably, participants will receive guided introductions to guitar, keyboard, ukulele, cajon, mandolin, flute, and mouth organ.

With expert instruction from Rokon Emon, Arif Abdullah, and Jesun Islam, attendees can learn basic techniques, simple rhythms, and how to choose the right instrument.

Instruments will be provided for on-site practice alongside refreshments. Further information is available at [info@basecamp.com.bd](mailto:info@basecamp.com.bd).

**Date:** Friday | August 1, 2025

**Time:** 4:00pm – 8:00pm

**Venue:** Air Force BASECAMP, Air Force Museum, Agargaon, Dhaka



## Jungkook becomes first Asian soloist with 100m streams on all originals



BTS member Jungkook has made history as the first Asian soloist to surpass 100 million Spotify streams on every original solo track under his profile, according to the World Music Awards.

Out of 47 tracks listed, 18 are original solo songs — all of which have now crossed the 100 million mark. This achievement places Jungkook alongside Billie Eilish and Harry Styles as the only global artistes to reach this milestone.

His most-streamed track, *Seven*, has amassed 2.4 billion streams, followed by *Standing Next To You* (1.2 billion). With 9.2 billion streams, Jungkook is the fastest Asian act and first K-pop soloist to hit the milestone.

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protections to be ensured for all, especially children.

They also called for a fair probe, the upholding of human rights, and the guarantee of the constitutional right to peaceful assembly and public gatherings.

The 11 citizens are photographer Shahidul Alam, journalist Tasneem Khalil, artist Bithi Ghosh, writer Firoz Ahmed, Dhaka University teachers Samina Luthfa, Moshahida Sultana, and Rushad Faridi, lawyers Sara Hossain and Manzoor Al Matin, and rights activist Nafiul Alam Supto.

Based on their preliminary observations, the group called for an independent and impartial investigation into the armed and coordinated assault on the NCP rally. It is imperative that those responsible are brought to justice and held accountable under the law, they said.

Simultaneously, they also emphasised the need for robust safeguards for all citizens. Nearly 300 individuals, including children, have been arrested after the violence.

"We demand that no innocent individual be subjected to harassment, that children's rights are fully protected,

and that everyone has access to legal safeguards. The government must demonstrate responsible leadership in preventing all forms of discrimination and incitement," said the citizens' group.

The group also said that every political party has the right to hold public gatherings in any district of the country.

"We believe all political parties must refrain from making provocative or hateful statements," it added.

The group urged amendment and restructuring of the Human Rights Commission.

## Teen sent to jail for raping 4-yr-old girl

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In another incident, three men were arrested yesterday in a case filed over the rape of a woman in Tangail Sadar upazila.

The arrestees, Dulal Chandra, 28, Sajib Khan, 19, and Rupu Miah, 27, are from Brahmanbaria Sadar Para of Tangail Sadar upazila, said police.

Dulal is a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver and the two others are hawkers at the Gharinda Railway Station in Tangail.

Quoting the case statement, Tanvir Ahmed, OC of Tangail Sadar Police Station, said the woman works as a domestic help in Chattogram. She went to Dhaka Airport Railway Station from Nasirnagar in Brahmanbaria on Friday night to take a train to Chattogram.

By mistake, she got on a north-bound train. Later, she got off at Gharinda Railway Station in Tangail around 12:30am.

When she informed the railway police of the matter, a member of the GRP police told auto-rickshaw driver Dulal to help her board a train to Dhaka.

However, Dulal first took her to an orchard behind the station and raped her. Later, Rupu and Sajib took her to Rupu's house at Brahmanbaria, adjacent to the station, and raped her, he said.

The woman later lodged a case. OC Tanvir said the three admitted to the crime during interrogation.

The victim was sent to Tangail General Hospital for tests, he said.

[Our correspondents in Netrakona and Tangail contributed to this report.]

## ‘We broke the fear, but not the system’

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chest, it struck a deep chord within us.

"It showed how deeply students had internalised the movement."

Since then, she has struggled with symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

"I often felt guilty, wondering if I could have done something differently to prevent the deaths.

"Every night, I had nightmares about being taken away by the DB [Detective Branch]. Many of my friends had the same dreams."

Although Umama rose to become the spokesperson for the Students Against Discrimination (SAD) after the uprising, she later resigned from both that role and from the Chhatra Federation's Dhaka University unit, where she had served as member secretary until August 5.

"I wanted to work for a bigger cause — fighting inequality in the country," she explained.

"The federation had many good people, but internal power struggles and a lack of political urgency made me realise that I had to take a different path."

She described how she was sidelined within SAD leadership.

"Leadership should bring people together, but instead, many favoured factions based on financial or ideological ties."

"Despite raising my concerns in internal forums, I received silence or vague reassurances. Eventually, I had no role and no voice."

Umama said decisions were often

made by a handful of organisers with little transparency and that women in particular were marginalised.

"Those who stayed active, like me, faced cyberbullying, harassment, and character assassination."

"I never wanted to quit. I tried to bring change from within, but after facing prolonged silence and obstruction, I realised I could not create an impact in that structure."

Reflecting on the formation of a political party by many former SAD leaders, Umama expressed disappointment.

"The public has always been sceptical of political parties because they mostly pursue their own advantage."

"Even after forming parties, many failed to focus on the structural reforms that were the core of the July movement."

She believes this shift in priorities contributed to widespread disillusionment among activists and the general public.

"Those who claimed to be the voice of the masses started manipulating power once they got close to it."

"That's where the divisions began."

One year on, there is still no official list of those injured during the uprising, nor any meaningful rehabilitation.

"The government should have listed the victims quickly, since most were admitted to hospitals at the time," Umama said. "Instead, fake claims have emerged, and rehabilitation funds remain stuck."

She also criticised what she

described as arbitrary arrests and political targeting. "Some activists are harassed in their homes, while others — known to have committed abuses — roam freely. The justice system feels completely politicised."

In March, Umama made headlines by declining the Madeleine Albright Honorary Group Award from the United States, citing her political and ethical opposition.

"I could not accept an award from a system that supports Israeli violence against Palestinians."

"Since the October 7 Hamas-Israel conflict, I've seen the media and governments increasingly justify Israeli oppression. As someone who has always stood against imperialism, I could not be part of that narrative."

Now back to campus life, Umama is working quietly but determinedly to organise women — especially those who played key roles in the July uprising — and advocate for their safety and inclusion in student politics.

"My focus remains on social justice and systemic change," she said. "I am not part of any political platform right now. I'm trying to unify students, increase accountability, and properly document the movement's sacrifices."

She remains critical of those who, in her view, squandered the movement's momentum.

"This movement was built on the sacrifices of many brave people," Umama said.

"We broke the fear, but we haven't broken the system yet. That fight is far from over."

where Nahid said, "The people of Kishoreganj got a president. But they did not get the right to education and health.

"This fascist president of yours handed over your Bangladesh, our Bangladesh, to Sheikh Hasina. He killed human rights and democracy, the democracy of Bangladesh."

He said, "There was a president but there was no development. We want to change the face of Kishoreganj .... We want a Kishoreganj where the small children in the haor areas can go to school. Where the people will get health facilities. The youth will get employment, the people will get transportation facilities."

India, while those in Bangladesh get Tk179. How will a worker survive on Tk 179? How will his health, education, and medical expenses be borne?

"In the Bangladesh that we desire, a tea worker will receive a fair wage. He will have the right to education and medical treatment. In addition, the rights of different ethnic groups will be ensured," he said.

Earlier in the day, Nahid met with families of the martyrs of Sylhet.

Following the afternoon road meeting in Moulvibazar, NCP leaders departed for Sreemangal.

At night, they held a rally in Kishoreganj town's Puranthana area,