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'Adhunik Bangla Hotel' was a gamble

MOSHARRAF KARIM

Celebrated for his versatility and intense screen presence, Mosharraf Karim has a unique ability to switch effortlessly between humor, suspense, and drama. His latest performance in the web series 'Adhunik Bangla Hotel' is a testament to his talent, where he masterfully brought to life not one, but three completely distinct characters, leaving both critics and viewers impressed.

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His stellar performance earned him the Best Actor (Male) in the Popular category at the Blender's Choice-The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards 2024.

While accepting the award, Karim shared the journey behind the making of Adhunik Bangla Hotel.

"We never really thought that this series would ever be showcased," he said. "Kazi Asad, Daniel Dany, and I sat together and realised we loved the story, but we didn't have the money or the means to finance it. At that moment, we decided to work on the first episode with our own money for *Boal Macher Jhol*. When Chorki saw it, they really liked it and agreed to finance

the rest of the series. That's how the dream of *Adhunik Bangla Hotel* started taking shape."

Karim did not forget to acknowledge the collaborative effort behind the series. "I want to mention the names of Dany and Asad, and Theophilus Scott, who worked as the art director. And of course, all the actors and actresses who gave their best. We had to work extremely hard on this project, and it's incredibly rewarding to see the results. This award belongs to the entire team," he said, his gratitude evident.

He continued, "Heartiest gratitude to Blender's Choice-The Daily Star, to my theater troupe Natyakendra, and to my guru, Tariq Anam Khan. Their guidance and support have been invaluable throughout my career."

Afran Nisho spotted in Kazakhstan for 'Domm'



Afran Nisho was recently spotted in a remote desert in Kazakhstan for preparations of his upcoming film *Domm*, alongside director Redoan Rony, producer Shahriar Shakil, and an international crew.

Chorki CEO and filmmaker Rony shared photos from the location, captioned: "The test for *Domm* begins." Images show Nisho with the script amid the desert and Rony discussing plans with the crew. The team appears to be scouting locations and assessing challenges.

Afran Nisho and Chanchal Chowdhury will lead the cast, while the lead female role is yet to be finalised. Jointly produced by SVF Alpha-i Entertainment and Chorki, *Domm* is slated for release during Eid-ul-Fitr 2026.

WHAT'S THE HAPS?

Dhaka Socials – The Autumn Fest



The Autumn Fest, a two-day celebration of art, music, lifestyle, workshops, food, and community vibes – will take place all under one roof. Experience the city like never before with the Van Gogh Immersive Experience (for the first time in Dhaka), alongside TEDx-style talks, concerts, movie nights, and more.

Date: Friday-Saturday | 12-13 September, 2025
Time: 9am-11pm
Venue: Aloki

New 'Harry Potter' audiobook series to cast Keira Knightley and James McAvoy

Actors Keira Knightley and James McAvoy will lend their voices to Professor Umbridge and Mad Eye Moody in Audible's upcoming *Harry Potter* audiobook series, according to US media reports.

The star-studded roster also features Kit Harington as Professor Lockhart, Iwan Rheon as Professor Lupin, Ruth Wilson as Bellatrix Lestrange, Ambika Mod as Nymphadora

Tonks, Leo Woodall as Bill Weasley, Simon Pegg as Arthur Weasley, Gemma Whelan as Professor Sprout, and Matt Berry as Sir Cadogan.

The first instalment, adapting *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, will debut on Audible on November 4, with each of the six remaining audiobooks releasing monthly worldwide.



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ICT unhappy over failure

FROM PAGE 12 mentioned this earlier too."

Tajul then resumed his submission and highlighted the charges against the five accused, including former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Habibur Rahman and ex-additional deputy commissioner of DMP's Khilgaon zone Rashedul Islam.

Other accused are then Rampura Police Station officer in charge Mashur Rahman, then sub-inspector of the station Tarikul Islam Bhuiyan, and then Rampura police outpost Assistant sub-inspector Chanchal Chandra Sarkar. Only Chanchal is in custody, while the others are on the run.

The charges brought against the accused include murder, attempted murder, conspiracy, complicity, facilitation, abetment, incitement, failure to prevent crimes or take action, and command responsibility under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973.

On July 19 last year, six-year-old Musa was shot and critically injured during police action in Rampur.

The same bullet fatally struck his grandmother, Maya Islam, who died the next day. Another victim, Md Nadim, was also shot dead.

In another incident that day, a video circulating on social media shows 18-year-old Amir Hossain hanging from the cornice of an under construction building while two policemen fire at him.

Meanwhile, the state-appointed counsel for the absconding accused and the defence for the arrested accused submitted petitions seeking the discharge of their clients.

Sarwar Jahan, representing ASI Chanchal, argued that his client was not present at the scene of the crime. He claimed that Chanchal was on duty near gate No. 3 in Rampura at the time. The prosecution said in a video clip Chanchal was seen firing during the incident. The defence lawyer dismissed the claim, arguing that the person in the video and his client was not the same.

Lawyer Sarwar sought an extension of time to submit supporting documents. The tribunal granted it and

asked him to file them by Sunday.

The tribunal also set September 16 for delivering its decision on whether to frame charges or discharge the accused.

Besides, two witnesses yesterday testified in a case filed over the killing of six people in police firing at Chankharpu on August 5, 2024.

Tipu Sultan, a New Market shop employee, told the tribunal that around 11:00am, he joined a procession in front of Shaikh Burhanuddin Post Graduate College when police shot sound grenades and bullets at protesters. Yakub from his area was shot and died at Mitford Hospital, while another protester, Ismamul, died from bullet injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Another witness, Md Moniruzzaman, a resident of Chankharpu, said he and his son joined the protest. He recounted that in the Khalifa Patti area, police opened fire, killing protester Junaid in front of him. Five to six others were killed that day, he added.

Both witnesses demanded justice for the killings.

their alleged role in the December 30, 2018 polls. The Awami League got two-thirds majority in that election.

Opposition parties alleged ballot-stuffing the night before election day in the polls conducted by the KM Nurul Huda-led commission.

The Jatya Oikyafront alleged that between 30 and 60 percent of the votes were cast the night before. Transparency International, Bangladesh, in a study found that stamping of ballots took place the night before election day in more than one centre of the 33 out of 50 surveyed constituencies.

According to Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan), the turnout was 100 percent in 213 polling stations, it was between 90 and 99 percent in 7,689 centres.

ACC summons 12 ex-officials

FROM PAGE 12 former secretaries; Md Manjurul Bashid, former senior district and sessions judge; Syed Aminul Islam, former Supreme Court registrar general and district judge; Prof Nehal Ahmed, former director general of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education.

According to a complaint against them, under the "Grihayan Dhanmondi (Phase I)" project of the National Housing Authority, flats were allocated at higher prices in violation of the established guidelines.

A total of 18 flats were constructed in a 14-storey building on plot No. 711 (New 6/63) on road No. 13 (New 6/A) in the Dhanmondi residential area. Of these, 60 percent (12 flats)

were supposed to be allocated for government officials and 40 percent (six flats) for private owners, but special privileges were reportedly given to officials of secretary-level rank.

The complaint alleges that these flats were allocated during Sheikh Hasina's tenure to reward officials involved in "carrying out election day votes at the night before" the 2018 national parliamentary elections.

On May 5, a private TV channel aired a report on the matter, prompting the ACC to launch an investigation.

The housing and public works ministry cancelled the allotment of the flats for the 12 former officials on July 8.

Previously, in January, the ACC had decided to investigate officials of the deposed Hasina administration over

Trump blames 'radical left'

FROM PAGE 12 said in a video message from the Oval Office just hours after Kirk's death.

"This kind of rhetoric is directly responsible for the terrorism that we're seeing in our country today.

"My administration will find each and every one of those who contributed to this atrocity, and to other political violence, including the organizations that fund it and support it."

Kirk was shot in the neck while speaking at an event at Utah Valley University on Wednesday. Video from

the scene showed him addressing a large crowd when the sound of a single shot rang out.

The father-of-two appeared to collapse in his chair before the camera swiftly moved and sounds of panic erupted in the audience.

The Utah Department of Public Safety said the shooter, dressed in dark clothing, fired from a nearby rooftop in what authorities called a "targeted attack."

Students at the university described the shooting as "crazy" and "scary". "It makes me feel like I should be very

careful about expressing my political ideas," said Samuel Kimball, a software engineering student, told AFP. "If I was someone considering going into politics, I'd be afraid to get shot."

The shooter remained at large despite door-to-door searches by federal, state and local officers.

Orem city mayor David Young said multiple law enforcement agencies were investigating but confirmed that the suspect had not yet been apprehended. The FBI established a digital line for the public to share tips.

President seeks end to crisis engulfing Nepal

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Rakshya Bam, an activist who was among those at the army meeting on Wednesday.

Journalist Pranaya Rana said there were "divisions", but it was "natural

in a decentralised movement like this that there are going to be competing interests".

Karki, 73, Nepal's first woman chief justice, has told AFP that "experts need to come together to

figure out the way forward", and that "the parliament still stands".

Kathmandu Mayor Balendra Shah, a 35-year-old former engineer and rapper, was also among the names suggested as a potential interim leader.

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