

CHORKI ANNOUNCES ORIGINAL FILM 'Little Miss Chaos' showcasing young talent

Chorki has announced its new original film *Little Miss Chaos*, a romantic dramedy by debut director Mahmuda Sultana Rima. Centred on the lively university life of Ira, played by newcomer Sadnima Binte Noman, the story blends food, fashion and friendship with themes of trauma, love and humour. Opposite her is Saad Salmi Naovi as Maruf, the calm figure who steadies Ira's chaotic world.

Rima, who also wrote the script, describes it as a reflection of urban youth – where past baggage meets the search for trust and belonging. Chorki CEO Redoan Rony said the platform is committed to young voices and fresh storytelling. A poster released on September 24 teased the vibrant tone, while the trailer and release date for *Little Miss Chaos* will follow soon.



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Experimenting with dark content has always been one of director Vicky Zahed's strengths as a storyteller. This time, his web series *Chokro*, based on a dark yet real-life plot, earned him the Best Director (Series) award at Blender's Choice – The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards this year.

The iScreen-produced web series, featuring Tawsif Mahbub and Tasnia Farin in the lead roles, was inspired by true events.

Vicky could not attend the award ceremony in person due to unavoidable circumstances. The director shared that he missed the moment, and on his behalf, lead actor

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The director further added that the recognition has made him more responsible as a storyteller. "Although I couldn't attend the ceremony, winning this award after *Redrum* (2022) is an indescribably special feeling. It has given me renewed confidence, encouragement, and energy to tell more stories in the future," he concluded.

Vicky's recent directorial project *AKA*, featuring Afran Nisho and Masuma Rahman Nabila, has also received much praise on social media and among audiences.

ENAMUL KARIM NIRJHAR features Konal, Dola, Masha and Antora in new album



A new album titled *Bujhlam*, presented by Gaanshala and Ek Nirjhar Gaan, releases tomorrow featuring four original blues tracks written and composed by Enamul Karim Nirjhar. The album brings together celebrated singers Somnur Monir Konal, Masha Islam, Dola Rahman, and Antora Rahman – a rare all-female lineup in Bangladeshi blues.

The tracklist includes *Drishyer Chhaya* by Konal, *Eki Bhabe Bujhlam* by Masha, *Bojhapora Shobdo* Ta by Antora, and *Thakle Sahash* by Dola, with musical arrangement by Autumnal Moon. Nirjhar said the songs explore solitude and inner conflict, blending words and melody into a "beauty of silence."



Warfaze seals first South Asian Zippo collaboration

Bangladeshi rock band Warfaze has become the first South Asian group to collaborate with Zippo for exclusive band-themed lighters. The agreement was signed on August 28 at Luxco Trading's Gulshan office. Two limited-edition designs, produced in the United States, will feature Warfaze album artwork on one side and the band's logo on the other.

Currently on a Canada tour celebrating 40 years of music, Warfaze expressed excitement over joining Zippo's global lineup that includes Metallica, Guns N' Roses and Bob Marley. Band leader Sheikh Monirul Alam Tipu called the collaboration a special tribute to fans, with a Dhaka press conference planned after their return.

WHAT'S THE HAPS?

'Bhaba-er Bhita'

Acclaimed director Molla Sagar presents *Bhaba-er Bhita*, celebrating the birth centennial of legendary filmmaker Ritwik Kumar Ghatak. Honouring the creator of *Meghe Dhaka Tara*, *Komal Gandhar*, and *Subarnarekha*, the production revisits his revolutionary film language.

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VENUE: BENGAL SHILPALAYA



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No clear progress on ACC

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consultant either already appointed or in the process of being appointed.

Iftekharuzzaman stressed that responsibility for implementation rests with the government. "Except for one or two, there was political consensus on almost all our recommendations. There are no major obstacles to ACC reform," he said.

"No matter how many legal and institutional reforms we make on paper, unless there are positive shifts in mindset and a genuine commitment to anti-corruption practices, realising the commission's vision will be difficult."

Reflecting on the reform commission's proposals, Iftekharuzzaman said ACC Chairman Mohammad Abdul Momen

had expressed disappointment, not disagreement, noting that he found all 47 recommendations valid and necessary.

Asked, Momen said, "There's nothing new to add after Dr Iftekharuzzaman's comments. Repeating the same words becomes irritating. If there had been any disagreement between us, we would've started arguing right away."

He also acknowledged the government's acceptance of the 2024 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) by Transparency International, which ranked Bangladesh 151st out of 180 countries.

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