

I WANTED TO DO IT MY OWN WAY: Tasnia Farin

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From OTT and films to now launching her own production house, Tasnia Farin continues to expand her presence in the industry. Foring Films, her brainchild, is a venture she had been planning for a long time. Yesterday also brought another exciting update, with the official announcement that Tasnia Farin will be joining Shakib Khan in *Prince*, which was another great news for her fans as they will be seeing the pair for the first time together, on the silver screen.

“I am elated. Anyone who wants to act in movies, dreams of working with the biggest superstar in the industry, Shakib Khan. When I got this opportunity and saw the big vision that Creative Land Films is starting with, I felt truly happy and glad to be part of it. I will give my best in this role -- Please pray for me,” said the actress.

On her new venture, she shared, “When my song *Ronge Ronge Rongin Hobo* went viral, I thought about creating my own music video. I discussed it with many people but felt that I wanted to work in my own way. I wondered why not produce it myself and release it from my own channel, in the way I envisioned. Since I was planning to handle everything on my own, I thought it would be better to do it through my own production house.”

Through her production house, the actress plans to fulfill her directorial vision. “Yes, I have plans to start off with short content. I might begin with small projects but at the end of the day I have always had this passion to create my own work.” The first project from Foring Films will be a music video. “While brainstorming for the music video, I really enjoyed the entire process. The full production journey was exciting. Fans were curious about why I was not releasing any song after *Ronge Ronge Rongin Hobo*. I wanted to produce something beautiful for my fans with my full creative effort, and that is why I created this production house. I had been planning this for about a year and as the release date approached, I thought it was the right time to announce it,” she added.

The music video will be directed by Aga Nahiyan Ahmed of Flybot Studios. Speaking about the production, she said, “I had been discussing this project with him for a long time. We worked together to figure out how to approach everything. We wanted to take a song that appeals to the masses, and present it in an artistic way. We want it to stand out from other music videos. Nahiyan bhai’s team was superb and helped me a lot from pre-production to post production. I am very hopeful that our first collaboration will turn into something good.” When asked whether it will be a solo song or a special duet, the actress teased, “You will get a surprise. That is all I can share for now. We are planning to release the music video by the end of November. I hope audiences will love it.”



Farin after signing ‘Prince’

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MOSHARRAF KARIM to star in Kochi Khondokar’s sports film

Director Kochi Khondokar and actor Mosharraf Karim — a duo known for their long-standing creative partnership — are set to reunite on the big screen for a new feature film centred on football.

After years of collaboration in dramas and telefilms, Kochi Khondokar has finally confirmed that he will begin shooting his first full-length film with Mosharraf Karim next year. Titled *My Dear Football*, the project is expected to go on floors in mid-2026.

Casting discussions with other actors are underway, and Kochi hopes to officially announce the project at a press conference by the end of this year.



SRK unveils ‘Shahrukhz Danube’

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan attended a grand unveiling ceremony in Mumbai on Friday, joining Rizwan Sajan, founder and chairman of the Dubai-based Danube Group, to announce a landmark real estate project named ‘Shahrukhz’.

The event, held at a five-star hotel, marked a historic moment as Shah Rukh became the first actor to have a tower named after him, according to NDTV.

Speaking at the event, Shah Rukh said, “My mother would be very happy. This is a huge honour.”

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Trial proceedings of 4 cases

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Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif and three Kushia Awami League leaders for allegedly killing six people during the unrest in the district.

Besides, on October 8, the prosecution submitted formal charges against 32 individuals, including Sheikh Hasina, former home minister Asaduzzaman, three former RAB director generals and 25 current and former army officers.

Two of the cases involve enforced disappearances, secret detention and torture during the AL regime, while one concerns the killing of 28 people in Rampura during the uprising.

FOUR TRIALS NEARING COMPLETION

The four cases whose trial is expected to be complete by December are: the killing of six people at Chankharpul in Dhaka on August 5 last year; the killing of seven people and burning bodies of six of them in a police pick-up van in Ashulia the same day; the police shooting that killed Rangpur Begum Rokeya University (BRU) student Abu Sayed on July 16; and the killing of two and injuring of two more in police firing at Rampura on July 19.

In the Chankharpul case, eight policemen including former Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner Habibur Rahman stand accused, with four currently in custody and four, including Habibur, still at large.

Investigation officer Md Monirul Islam is testifying as the 25th prosecution witness. Once his

statement and cross-examination are completed, arguments will begin as the defence failed to submit a witness list on time, Tamim said.

In the Ashulia killing and burning case, the 22nd witness has already testified and been examined.

Prosecution sources said the special investigation officer may testify on November 18 and then the investigation officer will testify.

If the defence presents no witnesses, the case will move to arguments and then await a verdict.

Sixteen people including former lawmaker Saiful Islam and former Dhaka Range DIG Syed Nurul Islam are accused. Eight, among them former sub-inspector Sheikh Abzalul Haque, now an approver, are in custody.

In the Abu Sayed killing case, 16 witnesses have so far testified. Thirty people including former BRU vice-chancellor Hasibur Rashid and former Rangpur Metropolitan Police commissioner Md Moniruzzaman are accused. Six are in custody and the rest are absconding.

In the Rampura case, ICT-1 has recorded statements of 11 witnesses. Five policemen, including former DMP commissioner Habibur, have been charged. Only one accused, former assistant sub-inspector Chanchal Chandra Sarkar, is in custody. **PROBES IN 10 MORE CASES ALMOST DONE**

The ICT investigation agency has nearly completed probes into 10 additional cases linked to the July uprising and an enforced disappearance under the

previous regime.

Probe reports will be submitted in separate cases against several high-profile political figures, including former ministers Obaidul Quader and Anisul Huq, former adviser Salman F Rahman, former Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh and former state minister Zunaïd Ahmed Palak.

They face allegations of making provocative remarks, issuing specific instructions and aiding mass killings during the uprising. Among them, Anisul, Salman and Palak are currently in custody.

A probe report into an enforced disappearance case against Maj Gen (relieved) Ziaul Ahsan, currently in custody, is also set to be filed soon.

Investigations have likewise concluded in the killings of Golam Nafis in Farmgate and Shaikh Ashabul Yamin in Savar. The probe into Nafis’s August 4, 2024 killing was completed several days ago and identifies 27 individuals. Formal charges could have been filed in the case earlier, a source said.

Ashabul Yamin, a student at the Military Institute of Science and Technology, was shot by police in Savar on July 18, 2024.

Viral footage showed law enforcers dragging him from an Armoured Personnel Carrier, injured and barely conscious, before dumping him on a road divider. He later died at the hospital.

“We are coordinating with the investigation agency on various cases. We expect that investigation reports of another ten cases will come to us very soon,” Tamim said.

Unless the government ensures strict monitoring and constructs a stronger dyke, Sarankhola will face another Sidr sooner than later.”

He added that Bagerhat’s iconic Bogi Bandar area has already been devoured by the river due to erosion. “Those who lost parents and children in 2007 have only one demand now -- they do not want rights, they only want protection. A strong coastal embankment is the only thing that can save their lives.”

Acting upazila nirbahi officer Md Habibullah said the administration recognises the need for a durable embankment. “I am here with multiple responsibilities, but even then this matter seemed extremely urgent to me,” he said. “We have already spoken with the Water Development Board. A project has been approved. Step by step, we hope to construct a stronger dyke so that the expectations of the people are fulfilled.”

DB cites love triangle

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“On November 11, Jarezul and Ashrafur travelled from Rangpur to Dhaka and met Shamima. They later rented a flat in Shonir Akhra,” Lt Col Arefin said.

Rab said Ashrafur was given orange juice mixed with sleeping pills. Jarezul then recorded intimate moments between Ashrafur and Shamima. Investigators recovered the video from Shamima’s mobile phone.

According to Rab, on November 12, when Ashrafur became fully unconscious, Jarezul, under the influence yaba, tied him with rope, taped his mouth and struck him repeatedly with a hammer killing him.

The following morning, the suspects bought two plastic drums, dismembered the body, and dumped the drums near the High Court area, he added.

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At a separate press briefing two hours later, DB chief Mohammad Shafiqul Islam said the murder stemmed from a love triangle, not extortion.

He said Malaysia expatriate Jarezul met Shamima more than three years ago on a mobile app. They developed a romantic relationship, but when Jarezul’s wife learned of the affair, she sought help from Jarezul’s close friend Ashrafur. Ashrafur then reportedly became romantically involved with Shamima himself.

Later, Ashrafur and Shamima planned that they would give Tk 7 lakh each to send Jarezul to Japan. Following this deal, Shamima asked both men to come from Rangpur to Dhaka to begin the payment and visa process. On November 12, the three rented a house for Tk 5,000.

Shamima and Jarezul initially planned to give Ashrafur sleeping pills so they could spend intimate time together. But when Ashrafur refused to take the pill and attempted to get close to Shamima, an argument broke out.

At one point, Jarezul attacked Ashrafur with a hammer.

They gagged him with cloth and tape, causing his death. The next day, the suspects bought a plastic drum, dismembered the body, wrapped it in polythene, and dumped it near the High Court in a CNG auto-rickshaw.

Investigators later recovered a hammer, a machete, and a blood-stained scarf from Shamima’s house based on Jarezul’s confession.

DB’s Shafiqul said no evidence of drug use or extortion had been found during initial investigation.

shortly after the incident.

Talking to reporters, Akash’s father, Bhulu Ghosh, demanded capital punishment for the killers.

Meanwhile, locals of Enayet Bazar formed a human chain this morning, demanding the arrest of the killers and the highest punishment. Traders, businessmen, and local youths joined the event.

A life taken for just Tk 1,500

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“Akash fixed Sani’s cellphone display for Tk 1,500. The victim was called to Kasaipara area of Enayet Bazar around Friday midnight to collect the due. An altercation broke out between Akash and Sani over the issue, and at one point, the three men stabbed Akash several times before fleeing,” the Rab official said.

Declare Ahmadiyyas non-Muslims

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Speakers alleged that Ahmadiyyas hurt the religious sentiments of the Muslim majority by identifying themselves as Muslims and presenting “fabricated” beliefs as “true Islam”.

They said the Muslim ummah unanimously believes, based on the Quran and Hadith, that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the final messenger of Allah and that anyone claiming prophethood after him is an impostor.

Some speakers at the event said the Ahmadiyya community, founded in 1889 by Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, believes him to be prophet. These beliefs, they added, contradict Islam and promote doctrines “contrary to Islam”.

Speakers demanded that the state declare the Ahmadiyyas non-Muslim, bar them from praying in mosques, and confiscate all their books and literature to prevent “religious confusion”.

“Some 104 countries in the world have declared Qadianis non-Muslim. In a 1993 judgment, the Bangladesh High Court also declared the Ahmadiyya Jamaat non-Muslim. To protect faith and prevent religious deviation, the state must declare the Qadiani community non-Muslim,” according to a statement

of Hefajat Ameer Muhibullah Babunagari. It was read out at the event.

BNP Standing Committee member Salauddin Ahmed also spoke. As he was concluding his speech, several attendees urged him to personally declare Ahmadiyyas “non-Muslims”.

In response, he said, “The language you want me to use is not the language of law.”

He, however, said, “All legal measures will be taken through discussions in the parliament, Insha’Allah. The entire nation must remain united.”

He also said the BNP would restore “absolute faith and trust in the Almighty Allah” in the constitution’s preamble and fundamental state principles.

Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General Rafiqul Islam Khan said Muhammad (PBUH) is the final prophet and anyone who thinks otherwise cannot be a Muslim.

“If the people elect us, Ahmadiyyas will be declared non-Muslim in Bangladesh,” he added.

Islami Andolon Bangladesh Ameer Syed Muhammad Rezaul Karim said the political situation after August 5 had created “an opportunity for an Islamic resurgence”. He pledged to declare Ahmadiyyas non-Muslim and pass a law

in parliament.

A formal declaration was read out by Mahfuzul Haque, secretary general of Belfakul Madarisil Arabia.

Those present included Pakistani scholar Ilyas Ghuman; Hanif Jalandhari, secretary general of Pakistan’s Wafaqul Madaris al-Arabiya; Ahmad Yusuf Binnuri of Pakistan’s Yusuf Bin Nuri Town Madrasa; Darul Uloom Deoband mohtamim Abul Qasim Nomani; Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind president Maulana Mahmood Madani; Sheikh Abdur Rauf Makki of the International Khatme Nabuwat Movement, Saudi Arabia; and Sheikh Musab Nabil Ibrahim of Egypt’s Al-Azhar University.

The event came after Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at, in a letter to the chief adviser on November 2, urged protection for its members, citing potential threats posed by the planned Khatme Nabuwat rally and its related activities.

“With the current situation in view, we appeal to you to kindly safeguard the basic human and religious rights of Ahmadiyya Muslims and protect our lives and properties. This will also save our society and beloved country from any attempt to create chaos or instability,” read the letter.

18 years on, trauma perists

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swallowed entire villages, residents recalled the night that reshaped their lives.

Delowar Talukder, 44, of Chalitabunia in Southkhali union, lost both his four-month-old daughter and five-year-old son. His voice trembled as he revisited the memories he has never escaped.

“There was drizzle throughout the day. Around 9:00pm the water suddenly started rushing in with such force that everything around us collapsed,” he said. “My son was with my mother, who was ill at the time. I took him in my arms but the surge hit the house and snatched him from me. My daughter was in her mother’s arms -- the wave took her too. We did not even understand when she slipped away.”

The government built an embankment afterwards, but he claimed it was made with sand and now slowly chips away. “Unless the river is

controlled, this fear will never go away,” he added. “Even today we live in a small fragile hut. Nothing has been restored for us...”

For many, Sidr was not just a cyclone -- it was a line dividing the life they once lived and the struggle that followed.

Shajahan Molla, 55, another resident of Chalitabunia, said his family climbed on a boat as the surge engulfed their home, yet five of his relatives died that night. “We are living in constant panic,” he said. “The barrier built here is not strong. If the riverbanks aren’t properly reinforced, we can’t live here anymore. We are extremely vulnerable.”

Local journalist Shaheen Howlader believes the warning signs are already visible.

“Thank you for covering such an urgent issue,” he said. “The embankment built after Sidr has not even been formally handed over yet, but parts of it are already collapsing.