



## Mosharraf Karim takes on stand-up comedian role in Chorki's 'Dimlight'

For the first time, popular actor Mosharraf Karim will be seen in the role of a stand-up comedian, earning his livelihood by making people laugh. He takes on this fresh and unconventional character in the Chorki Original film *Dimlight*, directed by Saraf Ahmed Zibon and produced under the banner of Chabial.

*Dimlight* is part of Chorki's *Ministry of Love* project, which explores different facets of relationships. Director Saraf Ahmed Zibon explained that the film symbolically portrays a midlife crisis as a 'Dimlight crisis', with Karim playing the character experiencing it.

Alongside Mosharraf Karim, the web film also stars Tanzika Amin, Parsa Evana, and Saraf Ahmed Zibon in pivotal roles.



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## UNRAVELING SILENCE

### Yasmin Jahan Nupur's exhibition showcases quiet resilience

*Unraveling Silence* brought together a body of work that reflects Yasmin Jahan Nupur's ongoing engagement with memory, displacement, and the quiet resilience embedded in everyday life. Through soft sculptures, textiles, and immersive installations—rooted deeply in the material and emotional histories of Jamdani—the exhibition unfolded with a delicate, contemplative rhythm. For Nupur, textiles are more than material; they are vessels of intimate and collective stories.

Across the exhibition, suspended weavings, layered fabric panels, and ghostlike garments created an atmosphere where absence felt palpably present, and silence emerged as an active, almost tactile force.

Jamdani, with its centuries-old legacy in Bangladesh, appeared throughout the exhibition not as ornamentation but as a conceptual anchor. Its slow, communal, labour-intensive weaving process echoed the emotional cadence of the works themselves.

Through it, Nupur explored questions of labour, identity, and the cultural memory held within

fragile materials long after histories begin to fade. Rather than guiding viewers toward a single conclusion, *Unraveling Silence* opened a space for reflection. The installations encouraged slow looking, inviting visitors to consider how silence functions in their own lives—whether as protection, erasure, resistance, or a gathering place for unspoken stories. Curated by Tanzim Wahab and

inaugurated at Bengal Shilpalay, the exhibition was deeply responsive to the venue's raw architectural setting. The works engaged with the space's unfinished textures, amplifying the tension between delicacy and solidity that runs through Nupur's practice.

*Unraveling Silence* is open to visitors at Bengal Shilpalay until November 29, 2025, from 4pm to 8pm daily.

## Amir Hamja's photo featured in TIME's '100 Photos of the Year'

The Ministry of Cultural Affairs has issued a statement congratulating photographer Amir Hamja, whose powerful image has been featured in TIME's '100 Photos of the Year'. His photograph, depicting the funeral prayers of Didarul Islam, was selected for its emotional depth and global impact.

"The recognition is not only a testament to Mr Hamja's exceptional artistic vision, but also a proud moment for Bangladesh, as the stories of our nation and our vibrant diaspora continue to be portrayed with depth, dignity, and global resonance," the statement read.

Highlighting photography's longstanding role as one of Bangladesh's most dynamic and influential art forms, the Ministry of Cultural Affairs also announced that the Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy will introduce Photography as a dedicated department for the first time. This initiative reflects the government's commitment to nurturing creative talent, supporting artistic innovation, and ensuring that photography receives the institutional platform it deserves.

## WHAT'S THE HAPS?

### 'Alexandre Herer Bombay Experience'

Bombay Experience unites the razor sharp cadence of Carnatic rhythm with the insurgent pulse of Indian hip hop. Led by Alexandre Herer, BC Manjunath and rapper poet Manmeet Kaur, the ensemble crafts a sound where classical precision, jazz improvisation and socially charged lyricism collide—offering a rare, genre-defying musical conversation.

**Date:** Wednesday | December 3, 2025

**Time:** 7 pm onwards

**Venue:** Liberation War Museum Auditorium

## Channel i Band Fest 2025 to kick off this December



Channel i will kick off the 12th edition of its annual Band Fest on December 1, continuing a legacy initiated by Ayub Bachchu to celebrate Bangladeshi band music. Over the years, the festival has turned December 1 into a special occasion for music fans, bringing leading bands together on one stage.

This year, 12 prominent bands will take part, with the official

lineup announced yesterday at a press conference held at the Channel i studio. Channel i's Director and Head of News Shykh Seraj, UMC Hospital Managing Director Dr Ashish Kumar Chakraborty, and noted band artistes attended the briefing. The participating bands are Uchcharon, Parthib, Shironamhin, Torun, Mehreen, Obscure, Feedback, Nirjhor, Sterling, Symphony, Nova, and Different Touch.

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## Anisul-led JP faction

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fractions appeared on the same stage and called for uniting the party under one umbrella. The event was organised by Pallibandhu Ershad Smriti Sangsad in the capital on the sixth death anniversary of JP founder and former president HM Ershad.

## At least 20 hurt

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"misleading" local residents.

Tensions escalated further as fresh clashes were reported in different parts of the upazila last night.

Abdun Nur, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station, said he did not receive phone calls in this regard.

He, however, told national daily Prothom Alo that the situation was under control and that additional police had been deployed in the area to maintain law and order. No case had been filed over the incident till the filing of this report around 10:00pm.

Locals said tension had been prevailing across the district due to a series of clashes in the past several days.

Meanwhile, Pabna's Jamaat unit brought out a rally on Abdul Hamid Road in the town, blaming BNP men for the "criminal attack" and demanding punishment for the

attackers.

In a statement issued last night, Jamaat-e-Islami condemned the attack.

Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Parwar in the statement alleged that supporters of BNP candidate Habibur Rahman Habib carried out the assault and that over 50 Jamaat activists, including Mondal, were injured and many vehicles were damaged.

He described the attack as a blatant attempt to disrupt a peaceful and participatory election and called on the authorities to arrest the attackers immediately and ensure exemplary punishment.

In response, BNP's Pabna-4 candidate Habibur Rahman Habib claimed Jamaat supporters attacked his workers, and that 15-20 of his people were injured in self-defense. He accused Mondal of leading the attack and denied Jamaat's allegations.

## Khaleda Zia shifted

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issues, diabetes, lung problems, arthritis and eye-related conditions. She has a permanent pacemaker and previously underwent heart stenting.

She was admitted to Evercare Hospital on Sunday night after developing a chest infection affecting both her heart and lungs. She is currently under the care of Prof Dr Shahabuddin Talukder.

On that day, Professor Dr FM Siddiqui, a member of the medical board overseeing her treatment, said several of her health problems appeared simultaneously on Sunday. "As her chest infection affected the heart and lungs at the same time, we carried out urgent

tests," he said.

Her family members, including Tarique Rahman and Zubaida Rahman, have been in close contact with the doctors regarding her condition.

The wife of Khaleda's late younger son Arifat Rahman Koko, Syeda Sharmila Rahman, along with other family members, has also been closely monitoring and assisting with her treatment.

On January 7, she travelled to London for advanced treatment and returned home on May 6 after a 117-day stay.

A prayer and munajat will be held at the BNP's Nayapaltan central office after Juma prayers today.

## July martyrs, injured to get flats in Dhaka

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tribute to their selfless sacrifices, helping them return to normal life," the project proposal said.

Each flat for the martyrs' families will be 1,355 square feet, while those for the injured families will be 1,250 square feet.

The first project will include six 14-storey buildings and twelve 10-storey buildings near the Police Lines area, while the second will have 15 buildings of 14 storeys each near the DOHS area.

Although the martyrs' housing project was submitted to Ecnec last July, it was sent back for further verification and rationalisation of costs.

The revised Detailed Project Proposal allocates Tk 662 crore for building construction, with the rest to cover boundary walls, internal roads, drainage, lifts, electricity systems and other infrastructure.

Nearly 88 percent of the total cost of the second project will go towards building construction and land development.

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