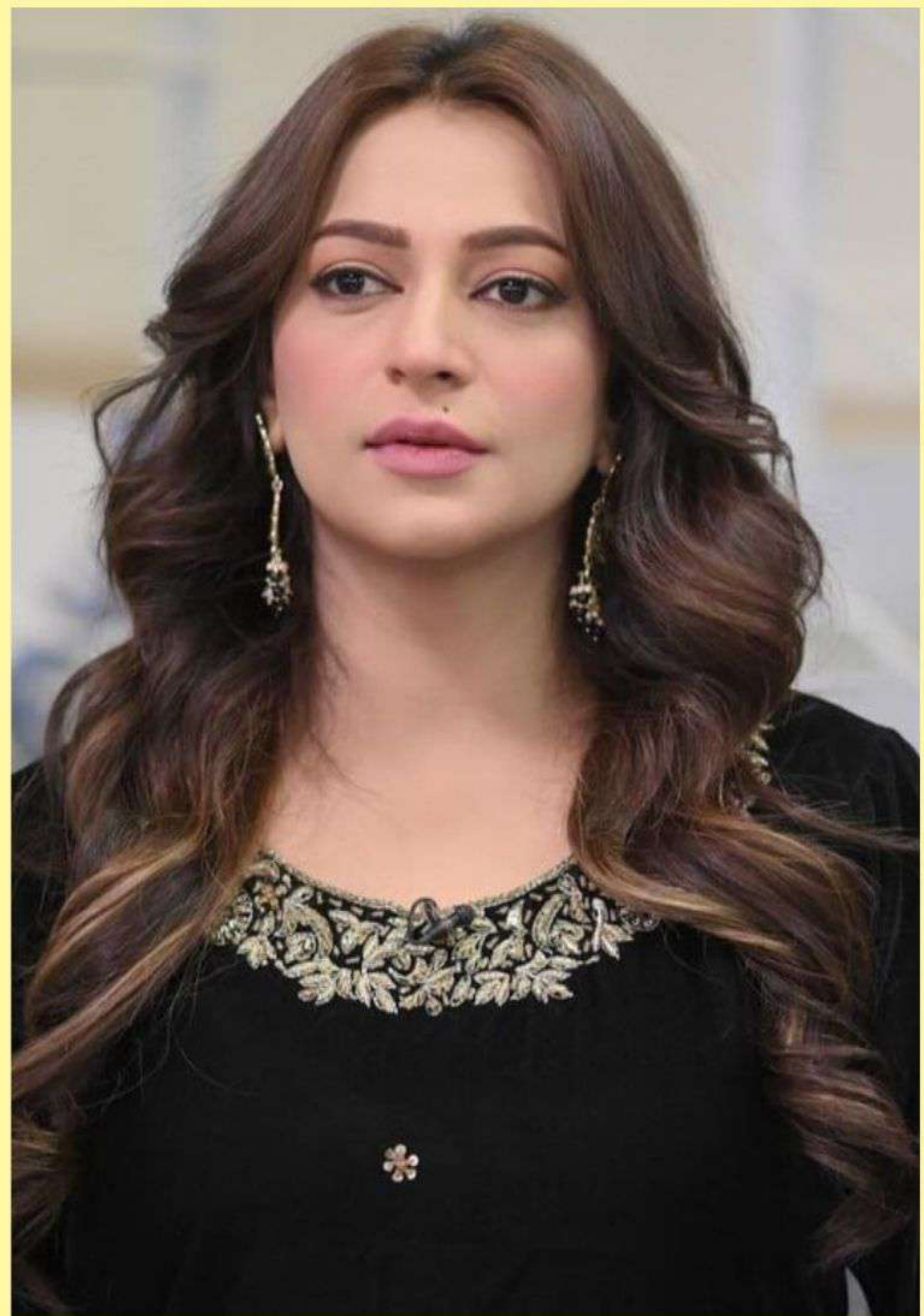


## *Pakistan Idol Music Competition Creates Musical Extravaganza in Multan*

Multan (News Desk) – Pakistan’s biggest music competition, Pakistan Idol, hosted a spectacular musical event in Multan, attracting a large crowd of music enthusiasts including men, women, youth, and students at the Arts Council. Music lovers from various districts of South Punjab also attended to showcase their talent. Contestants mesmerized the audience with their melodious voices, performing Punjabi and Saraiki songs that made everyone sway to the rhythm. The event highlighted the passion and skill of emerging singers eager to make a name in music. Presented by MHL, Pakistan Idol’s thrilling season is being brought first on Geo TV for all music lovers to enjoy.

## *Actress Hiba Ali Warns Against Jealousy and Competition Among Girls Ruining Marriages*

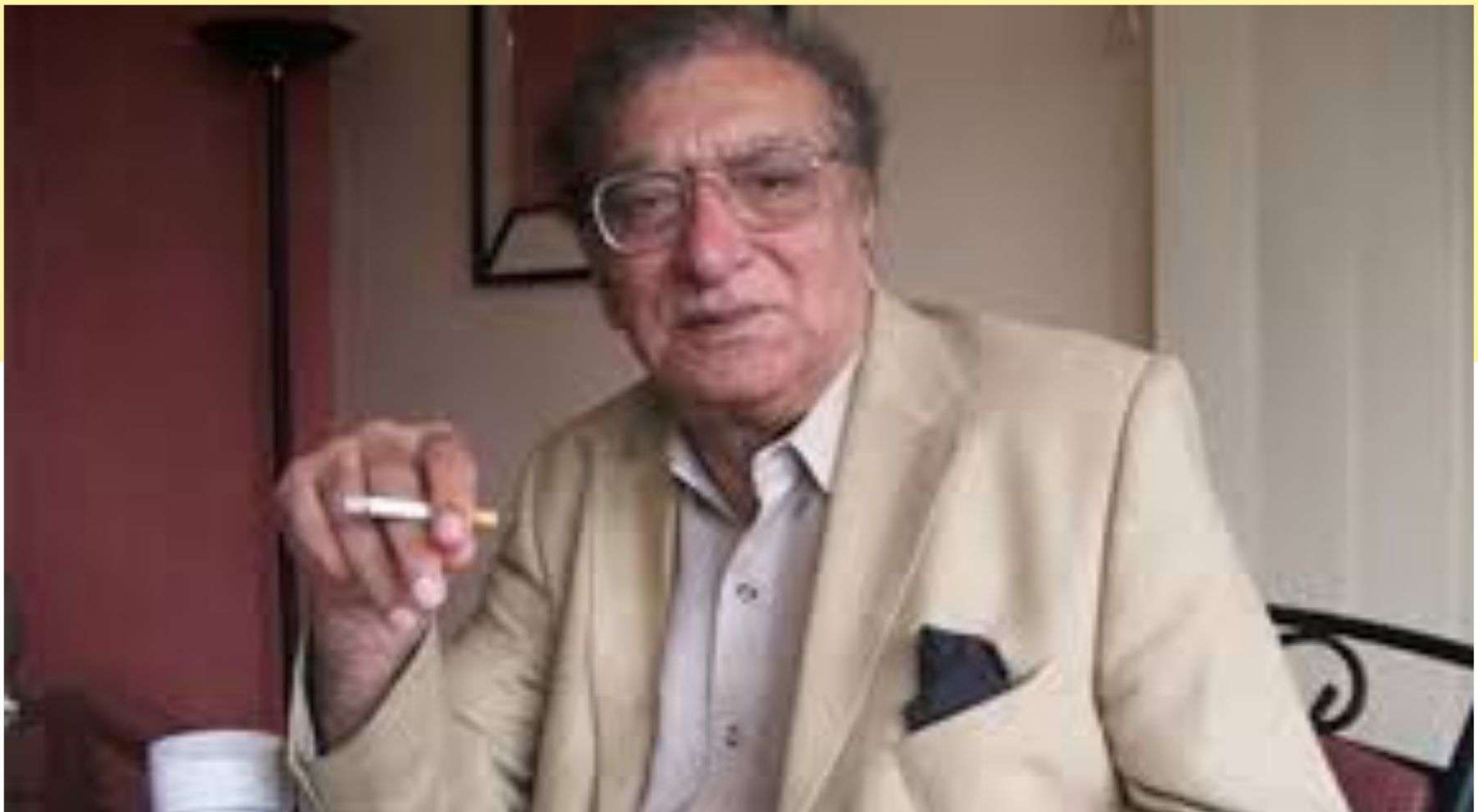


Karachi (News Desk) – Pakistani actress Hiba Ali has identified jealousy and competitive behavior among girls as a major reason for problems in their marriages. In a recent interview, she discussed her personal career and various social topics. When asked which behavior among girls leads to marital conflicts, Hiba Ali stated that jealousy and the habit of competing with others can damage their homes. She shared an example of a friend whose husband told her that their relationship could suffer because the wife constantly compared herself with others, mentioning what others had bought or worn. According to Hiba Ali, the husband said that his wife repeatedly told him, “So-and-so bought this car, someone else got that model, but you haven’t gotten me this yet. My friend wore this dress on her birthday, so I also want the same.” Hiba Ali emphasized that every person’s financial situation and household rules are different, and therefore, girls should avoid comparing themselves to others. She also advised that social media has negatively influenced many girls’ minds and urged them to rely on their own judgment instead of blindly following what they hear or see.



## *Pakistan to Commemorate 17th Death Anniversary of Renowned Poet Ahmed Faraz*

Makhuwana (News Desk) – The 17th death anniversary of the great Urdu poet Ahmed Faraz will be observed on August 25, with literary circles across Pakistan, including Faisalabad, organizing tribute events to honor his literary contributions. Ahmed Faraz passed away on August 25, 2008. Born on January 14, 1931, in Peshawar, he wrote his first poetry collection, Tanha Tanha, during his student years. His notable poetry collections include Tanha Tanha, Dard Ashob, Be Awaz Galiyon Mein, Nabeena Sheher Mein Aaina, Nayafat, Khawab Gul Parishan Hain, Janaan Janaan, and Ghazal Bahana Karoon, among others. Ahmed Faraz received numerous national and international awards, including the Adamjee Award, Sitara-i-Imtiaz, Hilal-i-Imtiaz, Abasin Award, and Naqsh-e-Adab Award. His poetry has been translated into English, French, Punjabi, German, Russian, and other languages. Ahmed Faraz had suffered from kidney disease and underwent treatment in the United States, returning recovered. However, he passed away suddenly due to kidney complications on August 25, 2008, at a hospital in Islamabad.

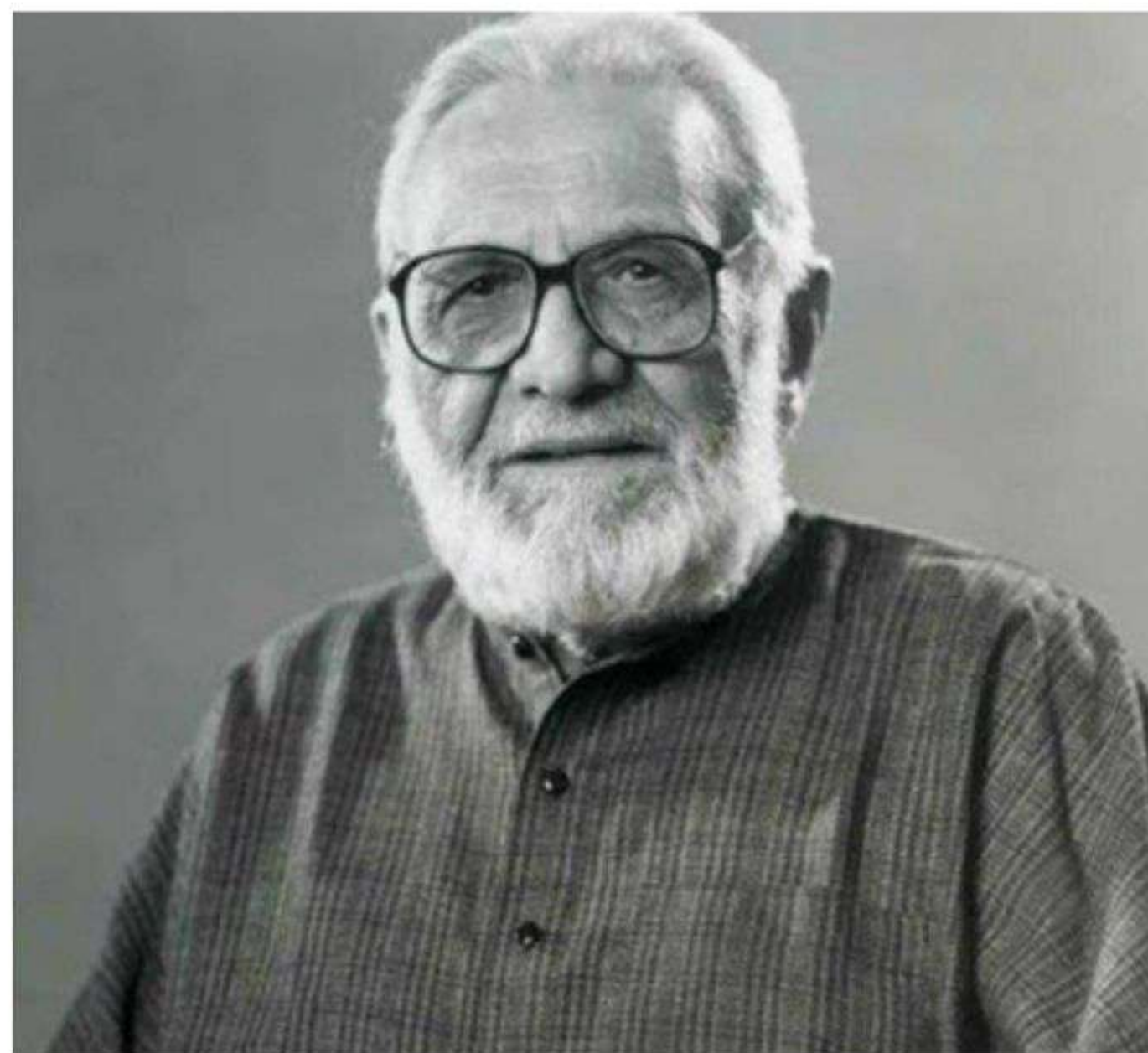


## *Renowned Singer Adnan Sami Responds to Kanika Kapoor’s Claim on Singer Payments*

Mumbai (News Desk) – Famous singer Adnan Sami disagreed with statements made by female singer Kanika Kapoor regarding payments in the Indian music industry. According to media reports, Kanika Kapoor had claimed that singers in India are paid only a symbolic amount of 101 rupees for songs. Responding to this, Adnan Sami said that payment for songs is largely a matter of personal choice. He added that he cannot generalize experiences, as everyone has their own journey; if Kanika Kapoor faced such a situation, that is her experience, and he cannot comment further. Sami shared that at his current career stage, where many of his friends are in the industry, a friend recently sent him a beautiful song, and his manager asked about payment. He decided not to take any money for it, stating that each individual has their own business principles, and it is up to them how they handle such matters. Kanika Kapoor had earlier stated in an interview that singers in India are paid only 101 rupees symbolically, and it is suggested that this is considered a favor.



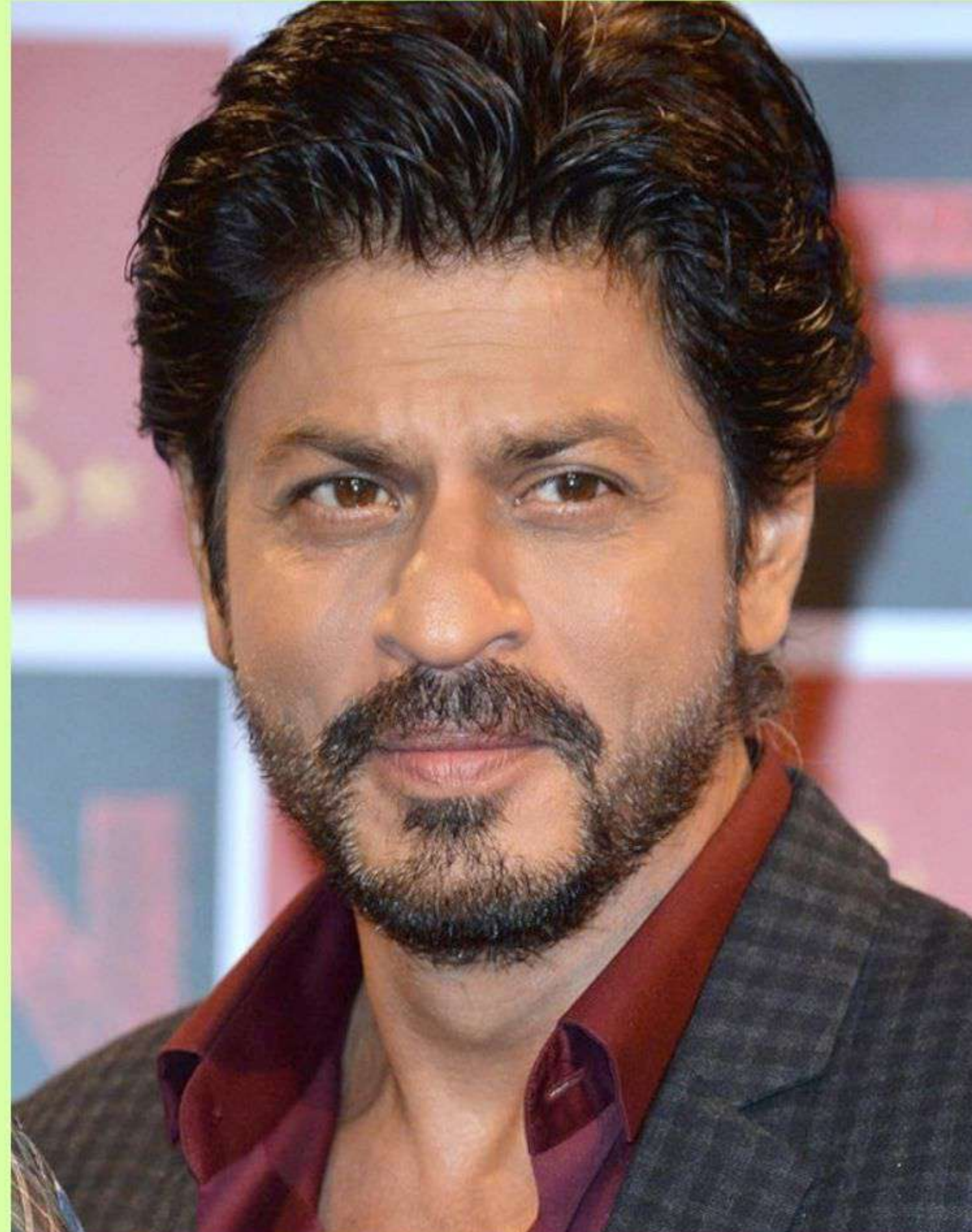
## *Pakistan to Celebrate 100th Birth Anniversary of Renowned Writer Ashfaq Ahmed*



into his Urdu writings. His notable early works include Ek Mohabbat Sau Afsaane and Ajlay Phool, while other significant works include Band Gali, Ek Mohabbat Sau Dramay, Guldaan, Hairat Kada, Khel Tamasha, Manchalay Ka Soda, among others. During General Zia-ul-Haq’s regime, he served as an advisor to the Ministry of Education. Ashfaq Ahmed passed away on September 7, 2004, at the age of 79 due to illness.

Makhuwana (News Desk) – Pakistan will observe the 100th birth anniversary of the famous writer Ashfaq Ahmed on Friday, August 22. Born on August 22, 1925, Ashfaq Ahmed was a distinguished Urdu short story writer, prose author, and playwright. He gained fame through his Radio Pakistan program Talqeen Shah and is regarded as one of the most prominent literary figures in Pakistan after its independence. His renowned short story Gudariya received widespread acclaim. Ashfaq Ahmed creatively incorporated Punjabi words

## *Shah Rukh Khan Promises Lead Role to Mona Singh in Son Aryan’s Web Series*



Mumbai (News Desk) – Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has promised TV and film actress Mona Singh a lead role and jokingly questioned why she often plays motherly roles despite her young age. According to Indian media, Shah Rukh attended the preview launch of the first web series directed by his son Aryan Khan. During interactions with the cast, Shah Rukh praised Mona Singh’s performance in Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin, calling it one of his favorite shows. He humorously expressed his complaint that at just 43 years old, Mona often portrays mother characters on screen. Mona replied wittily that since Shah Rukh frequently plays young hero roles, someone has to take on motherly characters. In response, Shah Rukh promised to give her a central role in his next project. Mona Singh recently played Abhay Verma’s mother in the June 2024 release Monja, and appeared as Laal Singh’s mother, Gurpreet Kaur Chaddha, in Aamir Khan’s 2022 film Laal Singh Chaddha. Aryan Khan’s web series also features actors Bobby Deol, Lakshya, Sahar Bamba, Manoj Pawa, Mona Singh, Manish Choudhary, Raghu Joyel, Anya Singh, Vijayant Kohli, and Gautami Kapoor. Aryan is working on the series as creator and director alongside co-creators and writers Bilal Siddiqui and Manu Chauhan, showcasing the struggles and dreams of individuals striving to make their mark in Bollywood’s competitive world.

## *Actress Bharti Singh Reveals Past Harassment Experience During Bus Journey*

Mumbai (News Desk) – Comedian, television personality, and Bollywood actress Bharti Singh recently shared a disturbing incident from her past, revealing that she was inappropriately touched while traveling on a bus. Over her 17-year career, the 41-year-old has experienced many ups and downs and is now among the highest-paid television personalities in India. However, she recounted that in her early days, before gaining fame, she had to take on small jobs and faced multiple challenges. During a recent podcast with Raj Shamani, Bharti disclosed that she went through an unpleasant experience when she was touched inappropriately, not fully understanding the difference between innocent and malicious intent at that time. Speaking about her college days, she mentioned that she used to take three-day offs to travel with friends to small colleges. The buses were often overcrowded, making comfortable travel impossible. Bharti explained that for over two and a half years, she did not realize what was happening, mistakenly thinking that people were holding her to maintain balance in the moving bus. She emphasized that today, women are educated enough to distinguish between good and bad intentions.