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Legendary Singer Mohammad Rafi Remembered on His 45th Death Anniversary

LAHORE (News Desk): Legendary playback singer Mohammad Rafi, who introduced a new style of singing and gave countless unforgettable songs to the world of film music, has been gone for 45 years, yet his melodious voice still enchants music lovers. The singer from Lahore ruled the Indian film industry for three decades with timeless



songs, earning him the title "Emperor of Singing." Born on December 24, 1924, in Lahore's iconic Bhati Gate neighborhood, Rafi grew up singing in Lawrence Garden, where people would gather to hear his sweet voice. Locals still recall the corners where he first learned the art of singing. At the age of 17, he moved to Mumbai in 1941, but his memories are etched into the soul of Lahore. His voice was considered a divine gift by leading music composers of the time, and his career took off with a song in the film Anmol Ghadi. He sang for legends like Bharat Bhushan, Guru Dutt, Dilip Kumar in the 1950s, and Dharmendra, Shammi Kapoor, and Dev Anand in the 1960s, followed by Jeetendra, Rishi Kapoor, and Amitabh Bachchan in the 1970s. Whether the actor was serious or comedic, Rafi's voice always made the performance shine. Known for making it seem as if the actor was singing himself, he was rightly crowned the Emperor of Singing. With over 36,000 songs, ghazals, bhajans, naats, and patriotic numbers to his credit, Rafi ruled hearts like a musical deity. He won five Filmfare Awards, with the first in 1960 and the last in 1977, along with one National Award. According to Rafi's own 1979 interview, he believed he had sung 25,000 to 26,000 songs, though only about 5,500 are officially documented. Despite his death at the age of just 56 on July 31, 1980, his legacy endures, and millions of hearts continue to beat with his voice every day.

Justin Trudeau and Katy Perry's Dinner Sparks Buzz on Social Media

OTTAWA (News Desk): A special dinner meeting between former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and American pop singer Katy Perry has stirred a frenzy on social media. According to international media, a video of the two at Montreal's luxury restaurant Le Violon has gone viral, surprising many of Katy Perry's fans. In the footage, the pair can be seen engaged in cheerful conversation and laughter, prompting speculation online. Some viewers believe the meeting was coincidental, while others suspect a budding romantic connection. Although the video has sparked numerous rumors and assumptions, neither Perry nor Trudeau has issued a statement, and their spokespeople have also remained silent, further fueling public curiosity. Interestingly, both recently closed emotional chapters in their personal lives: Katy Perry ended her engagement to Orlando Bloom in June this year, with whom she shares a daughter.

Billionaire Businessman Sanjay Kapur's Sudden Death Sparks Inheritance Dispute



MUMBAI (News Desk): Bollywood actress Karisma Kapoor's former husband and Indian billionaire businessman Sanjay Kapur passed away suddenly, bringing his multi-billion rupee estate into the media spotlight. The Indian media reported that at the time of his death, Sanjay Kapur owned assets worth over INR 30,000 crore. A significant portion of this wealth is linked to the Sona Group, a major business enterprise. Sanjay's mother, Rani Kapur, has claimed that a majority of shares in the Sona Group are under her name and alleged that certain individuals are trying to take control of the family's assets. During an annual board meeting held without Rani Kapur's consent, Sanjay's current wife Priya Sachdev Kapur was controversially appointed as a non-executive director. Rani also claimed that her bank accounts have been frozen, putting her under financial strain. Sanjay Kapur died of a heart attack in June while participating in a polo match in the UK and could not be revived despite being rushed to the hospital. Reports suggest Karisma Kapoor may also be seeking a share in Sanjay's estate, though her legal team has not issued a statement. Sanjay was first married to Nandita Mahtani in 1996, then to Karisma Kapoor in 2003 with whom he had two children, and finally to Priya Sachdev in 2017. The inheritance dispute over his estate is expected to unfold both legally and publicly in the coming weeks.

Annie Khalid Shares Daughter's Life-threatening Ordeal, Seeks Prayers For Recovery



LONDON (News Desk): British-Pakistani singer Annie Khalid has publicly shared a deeply emotional account of her daughter Ayesha's near-fatal medical crisis, drawing widespread sympathy and prayers from fans and fellow celebrities around the world. In a viral Instagram post, Annie revealed that her seven-year-old daughter, Ayesha—who was previously in perfect health—

suffered two sudden cardiac arrests within 24 hours on January 23, 2024. The traumatic event marked the beginning of a harrowing journey for the family. According to Annie, Ayesha's heart rhythm became dangerously irregular, and a severe drop in oxygen levels caused multiple organs to begin shutting down. For 45 minutes, the lack of oxygen critically endangered Ayesha's life, forcing doctors to place her on a ventilator, a heart-lung machine, and dialysis. "It was the most painful moment of our lives," Annie wrote, describing the agony of seeing her daughter unconscious and surrounded by machines. Doctors later diagnosed Ayesha with a brain injury, loss of mobility, and peripheral neuropathy—a serious nerve disorder that left her unable to walk.

First Death Anniversary Of Legendary Comedian Sardar Kamal Observed Today



ISLAMABAD (News Desk): The first death anniversary of renowned stage and television actor Sardar Kamal is being observed on Wednesday. According to a private news channel, Sardar Kamal was born on March 12, 1972, in Faisalabad. He starred in more than 30 Pakistani films, including Punjabi titles like Choorian, Majajan, and Channa Sachi Muchi, and Urdu films such as Diwane Tere Pyar Kay. He was also a part of several PTV television serials, including the popular sitcom Lahori Gate (2007), where he played "Ustad" alongside top comedians like Iftikhar Thakur and Naseem Vicky. He performed in hundreds of stage dramas, becoming iconic in theater circles. One of his most famous shows was Janam Janam Ki Maili Chadar.

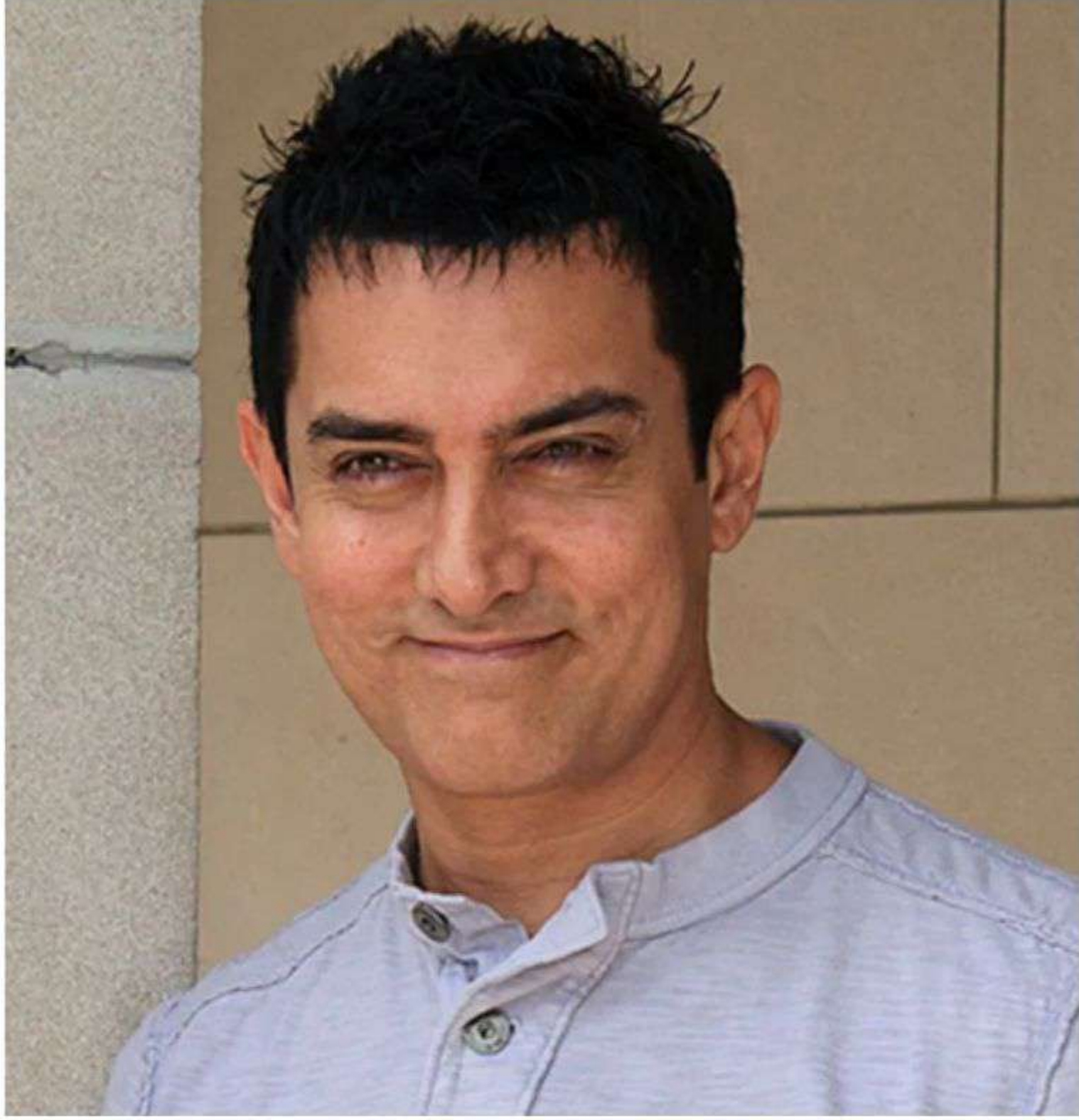
He was also widely recognized for his work as a playwright and director. Sardar Kamal passed away on July 30, 2024, in Lahore, due to a sudden heart attack, at the age of 52.

Korean Actor Gong Yoo Cleared of False Harassment Allegations



SEOUL (News Desk): Renowned Korean actor Gong Yoo has been acquitted in a defamation case based on false harassment allegations, while the woman who made the claims has been sentenced. According to international media reports, the South Korean star, famous for his role in Netflix's popular series Squid Game, was cleared of all charges in the case. On July 29, a South Korean court sentenced a 40-year-old woman (whose identity remains undisclosed) to six months in prison for making false harassment allegations. She was found guilty of spreading false information and violating the Information Network Protection Act. Korean media reported that between January 2020 and March 2021, the woman posted defamatory and baseless comments on social media 235 times, claiming that Gong Yoo had harassed and threatened her. However, investigations revealed that Gong Yoo had no personal connection with the woman and that the allegations were completely false. The court stated that the accusations were entirely unfounded and that the woman had persistently spread false claims over a long period. Following the verdict, Gong Yoo received widespread support from fans and social media users, who endorsed legal action against false allegations.

Aamir Khan Apologizes for Lying About YouTube Release of 'Sitaare Zameen Par'



MUMBAI (News Desk): Bollywood actor Aamir Khan publicly apologized during a press conference in Mumbai for lying about the release of his latest film Sitaare Zameen Par. According to Indian media, the actor admitted in front of journalists that he had falsely claimed the film would not release on YouTube, when in fact it did after its theatrical run. Aamir confessed that he lied during the promotion of the film, which was released in cinemas on June 20, to protect its box office performance. He said, "I fold my hands and apologize for lying. I had no other option; I needed to safeguard the film's theatrical business. I have always been loyal to cinemas—my life started with them." The actor explained that he remained committed to theatrical releases and believed that early OTT releases—within 8 weeks—have negatively impacted the film industry. He also defended his stance on pay-per-view versus subscription models. Despite the controversy, Aamir's fans appreciated his honesty and dedication to cinema.