

Kill is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language action thriller film written and directed by Nikhil Nagesh Bhat and produced by Karan Johar, Guneet Monga, Apoorva Mehta and Achin Jain under the banners Dharma Productions and Sikhya Entertainment. It stars Lakshya, Raghav Juyal, Ashish Vidyarthi, Harsh Chhaya and Tanya Maniktala.^{[1][2][3][4]}

Kill was premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival on 7 September 2023, where it was first runner-up for the People's Choice Award: Midnight Madness.^{[5][6][7][8]} The film is scheduled to be theatrically released in India on 5 July 2024.

Premise

Amrit, a commando in the Indian Army, and his friend Viresh embark on a train journey to rescue Amrit's girlfriend Tulika from an arranged marriage, but the plan goes awry as the train gets stormed by Beni and his gang of bandits. With the passengers' lives at risk, Amrit and Viresh set out to rescue the passengers by taking out Beni and the bandits using violent ways.

Cast

- Lakshya as Amrit
- Raghav Juyal as Fani
- Tanya Maniktala as Tulika
- Abhishek Chauhan as Viresh
- Ashish Vidyarthi as Beni
- Adrija Sinha as Aahna
- Harsh Chhaya as Baldev Singh Thakur
- Parth Tiwari as Siddhi

Production

Less than a month prior to its premiere at Toronto, Dharma Productions and Sikhya Entertainment announced the film *Kill* to be directed by Nikhil Nagesh Bhat, as the first in a content partnership announced in May 2023.^[9]

Release

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Directed by	<u>Nikhil Nagesh Bhat</u>
Written by	<u>Nikhil Nagesh Bhat</u>
Produced by	<u>Karan Johar</u> <div><u>Guneet Monga</u><div><u>Apoorva Mehta</u><div><u>Achin Jain</u></div></div></div>
Starring	<u>Lakshya</u> <div><u>Raghav Juyal</u><div><u>Ashish Vidyarthi</u><div><u>Harsh Chhaya</u><div><u>Tanya Maniktala</u></div></div></div></div>
Cinematography	<u>Rafey Mehmood</u>
Edited by	<u>Syed Shafqat Ali</u>
Production companies	<u>Dharma Productions</u> <div><u>Sikhya Entertainment</u></div>
Release dates	7 September 2023 (TIFF) <div>5 July 2024 (India)</div>
Running time	115 minutes
Country	India

Kill premiered in the Midnight Madness section of the [Toronto International Film Festival](#) on 7 September 2023. The film is scheduled for a theatrical release in India on 5 July 2024.^{[10][11][12]} In October 2023, [Lionsgate](#) acquired distribution rights to the film for North America and the United Kingdom, marking one of the first instances of a Hollywood studio acquiring a Hindi-language film to directly release in the United States.^{[13][14][15]} Lionsgate, in association with [Roadside Attractions](#), later scheduled the film for a theatrical release in the United States on 4 July 2024, a day before its release in India.^[16]

Language	Hindi
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Reception

Critical response

Nate Richard of *Collider* wrote "Nikhil Nagesh Bhat's aggressively violent action flick is destined to become a cult classic."^[17] Peter Debruge of *Variety* wrote "As brutal a film as the country has ever produced, *Kill* is a shockingly graphic action showcase from an industry that typically plays violence in a more cartoony register."^[18] Shakyl Lambert of *CGMagazine* wrote "*Kill* is one of the best action films of the year, and action fans need to keep this one on their radar."^[19] Matt Donato of *Film* rated the film 9 stars out of 10. He also stated "No joyous Bollywood dance interludes — this isn't 'RRR.'" Bhat's sublimely savage *Kill* has more in common with take-no-prisoners Indonesian badassery like *The Night Comes for Us* or *The Raid*, accentuating breakneck violence that flows like a gushing river of blood from gaping knife wounds."^[20]

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