

Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (2024 film)

Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (transl. Big Master and Little Master) is a 2024 Indian Hindi-language science fiction action-thriller film written and directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, who also co-produced it with Jackky Bhagnani, Vashu Bhagnani, Deepshikha Deshmukh and Himanshu Kishan Mehra under the banners of Pooja Entertainment and AAZ Films. The film stars Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff in the titular roles with Prithviraj Sukumaran as the antagonist. It also features Manushi Chhillar, Alaya F, Sonakshi Sinha and Ronit Bose Roy in pivotal roles. The film follows two former soldiers who reunite and race against time to save India from an imminent attack orchestrated by a vengeful mad scientist.

The film was announced in February 2022. Principal photography began in January 2023 and ended by February 2024 with filming held in Mumbai, Scotland, London, Luton, Abu Dhabi, and Jordan. The soundtrack is composed by Vishal Mishra, while Julius Packiam gave the background score, with Marcin Laskawiec as the cinematographer and Steven H. Bernard as the editor. The visual effects are handled by DNEG.

Bade Miyan Chote Miyan was theatrically released on 11 April 2024, coinciding with \underline{Eid} . The film was met with mixed to negative reviews.

Plot

An Indian convoy carrying a deadly weapon is ambushed and the soldiers guarding it are killed in the process. The perpetrator is a masked man who leaves a message for the Indian army telling them that he has stolen their weapon and they will have to race against time in order to prevent the destruction of India. Captain Misha meets an agent in Shanghai who warns her about the same before he gets killed by another masked attacker. Misha chases after him and gets into a fistfight, impaling him with a sharp weapon. However, the man's wounds heal instantly and he flees the scene. Misha reports to Colonel Azad and explains how the attacker's wounds healed magically. Azad tells her to keep it a secret and instructs her to enlist court martialed soldiers Firoz (Freddy) and Rakesh (Rocky) for the mission.

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Theatrical release poster		
Directed by	Ali Abbas Zafar	
Written by	Suraj Gianani Ali Abbas Zafar	
Screenplay by	Ali Abbas Zafar Aditya Basu	
Story by	Ali Abbas Zafar	
Produced by	Jackky Bhagnani Vashu Bhagnani Deepshikha Deshmukh Ali Abbas Zafar Himanshu Kishan Mehra	
Starring	Akshay Kumar Tiger Shroff Prithviraj Sukumaran Manushi	

<u>Chhillar</u> Alaya F

Sonakshi Sinha

Misha meets the duo and while Rocky agrees to accompany her, Freddy refuses, feeling that his job got him nothing but disrespect in the end. Misha and Rocky arrive in London and meet an IT Specialist named Parminder aka Pam, who is assigned to assist them in the mission. Azad also arrives in London, but gets shot by the masked villain. Meanwhile, the team infiltrate a London Subway in order to retrieve the stolen package. Just as the team is cornered and nearly defeated, Freddy arrives and fights off the masked men. Pam unlocks the vault and it is revealed that the package is actually a woman named Priya, who was once engaged to Freddy. Since the hard drives were at the risk of being hacked or falling into wrong hands, the codes to a highly advanced defence system named Karan Kavach were encrypted inside Priya's brain. However, the masked man and his army take Priya hostage and following a sustained chase, the group are cornered and the masked man reveals himself as Kabir, a former friend of the duo. He also reveals the nearly immortal masked men were none other than the duo's clones.

In a flashback, it is revealed that Kabir intended to help the Indian armed forces with the help of his latest invention: a cloning program where clones based on Freddy and Rocky's DNA could be programmed with orders by Azad and win wars without being killed. However, when he revealed his intentions to conquer the world using this invention, Azad reprimanded him in front of everyone and ordered him to shut down the program since it would go against ethics. Feeling betrayed, Kabir decided to switch sides and sell the invention to India's enemies. Priya alerted the team about the plan, and Freddy and Rocky were ordered to destroy the

	Ronit Roy	
Narrated by	Ali Abbas Zafar	
Cinematography	Marcin	
	Laskawiec	
Edited by	Steven H.	
	Bernard	
Music by	Score:	
	Julius Packiam	
	Songs:	
	Vishal Mishra ^[1]	
Production	Pooja	
companies	Entertainment	
	AAZ Films	
Distributed by	PVR Inox	
	Pictures (India)	
	Yash Raj Films	
	(International)	
Release date	11 April 2024 ^[2]	
Running time	164 minutes ^[3]	
Country	India	
Language	Hindi	
Budget	₹350 crore ^[4]	
Box office	<u>est.</u> ₹81.61	
	crore ^[5]	

program and capture Kabir alive. However, they ended up killing him and were court-martialed for not following orders, after which Freddy broke off his engagement with Priya. However, Kabir reveals that he survived because it was actually his clone Eklavya, whom he loved like a son, that was killed and his death left Kabir traumatised and vengeful.

Back to present, Kabir reveals that he has cloned Azad and kills the real one. He kidnaps Priya and leaves Freddy and Rocky to die. The duo manage to kill Kabir's henchmen and return to the base where they reveal to the team that since India has never initiated any of the wars it has participated in, Kabir plans to turn Pakistan and China against India by deactivating the Karan Kavach and launching airstrikes against the two countries, eventually causing India's reputation to be tarnished globally. Freddy, Rocky, Misha and Pam infiltrate Kabir's base where the latter decrypts the password from Priya's brain. Freddy and Rocky fight off Kabir's army, and eventually face off against their own clones, who keep rejuvenating due to an internal power source. Pam suggests destroying them using a high amount of electricity, and the duo kills all the clones by luring them into a power grid, causing them to explode. Kabir launches the airstrikes before Freddy and Rocky fight him off and kill him by impaling him on a spear. Amid failed password attempts,

Priya awakens and suggests using "Eklavya", the name of Kabir's own clone. It works and the Karan Kavach is reactivated, averting the airstrike and a potential war. The team reunites and leaves the base, while Kabir awakens and is revealed to be alive.

Cast

- Akshay Kumar as Captain Firoz "Freddy"
- Tiger Shroff as Captain Rakesh "Rocky"
- Prithviraj Sukumaran as Dr. Kabir / Eklavya
- Manushi Chhillar as Captain Misha
- Alaya F as IT Specialist Dr. Parminder Bawa "Pam"
- Sonakshi Sinha as Captain Priya Dixit
- Ronit Roy as Colonel Adil Shekhar Azad
- Manish Chaudhari as General Karan Shergill
- Shahab Ali as Captain Vikram
- Pawan Chopra as Indian Defence Secretary
- Khalid Siddiqui as Indian Ambassador
- Kinnar Boruah as Chang
- Mustafa Aksari as Bashir
- Nyorika Bhatheja as High Commissioner's wife
- Vidhaan Sharma as High Commissioner's son
- Rohed Khan as Head Militant
- Bijay Anand as Jamaluddin
- Omna Harjani as Agent
- Trisha Bisht as Little Girl
- Sapan Chaudhary as Little Girl's father
- Neelam Khanna as Little Girl's mother
- Roshan Shanbagh as Mr. Naved
- Mark Chiu as Mr. Wong
- Anay Prasad as Scientist
- Senora Dmello as Hindi Reporter
- Jordan Turk as English Reporter
- Bo Wang as Chinese Reporter
- Zina Ida as Russian Reporter

Production

Development

In December 2021, <u>Akshay Kumar</u> and <u>Tiger Shroff</u> were signed for <u>Ali Abbas Zafar</u>'s next action film under the production of <u>Pooja Entertainment</u>, which also backed the <u>1998 film of the same name</u>. [6] Eventually, the film was announced on 8 February 2022. [7] Zafar, apart from being the writer and director, also co-produced it under his own banner, AAZ Films.

Casting

<u>Manushi Chhillar</u> was signed to play an action-packed role, reuniting with Kumar after <u>Samrat Prithviraj</u> (2022). In December 2022, <u>Prithviraj Sukumaran</u> was roped in to play the main antagonist named Kabir. Sonakshi Sinha was cast in March 2023. Prior to that, <u>Alaya F</u> and <u>Ronit Roy</u> joined the film in January 2023.

Filming

<u>Principal photography</u> began on 17 January 2023 at <u>Yash Raj Studios</u> in <u>Mumbai</u>. The first schedule included an action scene shot in a set of <u>Bunker</u> before it moved to <u>Film City</u> where other action scenes were shot. On 19 February 2023, Zafar confirmed the first schedule wrap. [15]

On 28 February 2023, the second schedule took place in the <u>United Kingdom</u> in which a major chunk of the film was shot in <u>Scotland</u>, <u>London</u> and <u>Luton</u> before it ended on 12 April 2023. Some high-octane action sequences were filmed featuring cars, bikes, helicopters and tanks. [16] An action scene was shot at night in <u>Paisley</u> where a street was recreated as <u>Shanghai</u>. [17] Kumar also got injured while shooting a bike chase sequence. [18]

On 16 April 2023, last schedule began in <u>Abu Dhabi</u> with the shooting of few portions of the title track at <u>Emirates Palace</u>. [19] Action scenes featuring Cars, Bikes, Tanks, Horses, <u>Dune Buggies</u>, Plane, and <u>Chinook helicopter</u> were shot. [20] A set of Indian Army Airstrip was recreated at <u>Liwa Dessert</u>. Filming wrapped on 9 May 2023 except patchwork. [21]

On 21 January 2024, the filming for four final songs choreographed by <u>Bosco-Caesar</u> kicked off in <u>Jordan</u> with Kumar, and Shroff which took place for 12 days. Firstly the title track was shot at <u>Roman Theatre</u> and other locations of <u>Jerash</u>. Filming then moved to the <u>Dead Sea</u> where a romantic track with Kumar, Shroff, Sinha, Chhillar and Alaya F and a party track which also includes Prithviraj and Roy were shot. Last song shoot took place at <u>Wadi Rum</u> where an Arabic style song was shot. [22][23][24] On 1 February 2024, Kumar confirmed the schedule wrap. [25]

Post-production

The VFX work of the film is done by DNEG. [26]

Soundtrack

The music of the film is composed by <u>Vishal Mishra</u> and lyrics are written by <u>Irshad Kamil</u> while the background score is composed by <u>Julius Packiam</u>. The first single titled "Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (Title Track)" was released on 19 February 2024. The second single titled "Mast Malang Jhoom" was released on 28 February 2024. The third single titled "Wallah Habibi" was released on 13 March 2024.

Track lisitng

No.	Title	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Bade Miyan Chote	Anirudh	2:39
	Miyan – Title Track"	Ravichander,	
		<u>Vishal Mishra</u>	

Bade Miyan Chote Miyan		
Soundtrack album by Vishal		
<u>Mishra</u>		
Released	28 March 2024 ^[27]	
Genre	Feature film	
	soundtrack	
Length	15:33	
Language	Hindi	
Label	Zee Music	
	Company	

2.	"Mast Malang Jhoom"	Arijit Singh, Nikhita Gandhi, Vishal Mishra	3:20
3.	"Wallah Habibi"	<u>Vishal Dadlani,</u> Vishal Mishra, Dipakshi Kalita	2:42
4.	"Wallah Habibi (Arabic)"	Rani Hazarika, Hossam Hegazy	2:42
5.	"Rang Ishq Ka"	Vishal Mishra	3:19
6.	"Rang Ishq Ka" (Redux Version)	Neha Bhasin	3:33
		Total length:	15:33

Vishal Mishra chronology		
Crew	Bade	Wish Ka
(2024)	Miyan	Pyaar
	Chote	(2025)
	Miyan	
	(2024)	
Official audio		
Bade Miyan Chote Miyan – Full		
Album (https://www.youtube.com/w		
atch?v=jZfd0ZkMbO8&pp) on		
YouTube		

Marketing

The first look poster was unveiled on 20 January 2024 and the <u>teaser</u> of the film was released on 24 January 2024. On 26 February 2024, a promotional event for the film was held in <u>Lucknow</u>, where Kumar and Shroff performed live stunts and interacted with the crowd. The film was promoted at <u>India Today Conclave</u> 2024 in <u>Delhi</u>. On 22 March 2024, Kumar and Shroff performed live at the <u>2024 Indian Premier League</u> Opening Ceremony. The <u>trailer</u> of the film was launched at an event in <u>Mumbai</u> on 26 March 2024.

Release

Theatrical

In February 2022, the release date of the film was announced as 22 December 2023 (in the week of Christmas). [36] However, in May 2023, a new release date of $\underline{\text{Eid}}$ 2024 was announced by Pooja Entertainment. [37][38]

The film was released on 11 April in standard formats, <u>3D</u>, and <u>IMAX</u> in <u>Hindi</u> alongside dubbed version of <u>Tamil</u>, <u>Telugu</u>, <u>Malayalam</u> and <u>Kannada</u> languages. [39][40][41][42][43]

Distribution

PVR Inox Pictures acquired the theatrical rights for India and Yash Raj Films for Overseas. [44]

Home Media

The digital streaming rights were acquired by Netflix. [45]

Reception

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 20% of 10 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 3.3/10. [46]

<u>Bollywood Hungama</u> critic rated 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "*Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* suffers due to a weak script and poor dialogues, however, it is a decent watch for the fans of Akshay Kumar, and Tiger Shroff." [47]

Reviewing for <u>The Hindu</u> Anuj Kumar wrote "The problem is that every emotion, like the action choreography, is spelled out in capital letters and Zafar takes a bit too long to arrive at the point." [48]

Saibal Chatterjee of *NDTV* rated only 1 star out of 5 and opined "The story is astonishingly hollow." [49]

<u>Shubhra Gupta</u> of <u>The Indian Express</u> awarded the movie 1 star and commented that it is "complete snoozefest". Gupta further wrote "If only the film had fully embraced its cartoonish qualities, it may have become enjoyable." [50]

<u>Sukanya Verma</u> of <u>Rediff.com</u> rated 1/5 stars and observed "Forget comic chops, you'll not find an ounce of camaraderie between Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff as they go about firing ammo and flexing abs at a zombie-like army for nearly three excruciating hours of this noisy drivel." [51]

Monika Rawal Kukreja of <u>Hindustan Times</u> stated that "For those with a penchant for action films, good, bad or ugly, BMCM will definitely make for a one-time watch. If nothing else, Akshay and Tiger's onscreen camaraderie and bromance is quite impressive, and it translates well from real to reel." [52]

Zinia Bandyopadhyay of *India Today* opined that "If you are in a state where your cognitive abilities are compromised, and you just want to see a lot of '*maar-dhaar*'(action) that makes no sense at all, then you may consider going for this one." [53]

Ronak Kotecha of <u>Times of India</u> gave the film 3.5 stars out of 5, writing "Director Ali Abbas Zafar, who is known for giving explosive entertainers like the <u>Tiger</u> series, once again displays his expertise in the genre. *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* goes out all guns blazing to make for an entertaining potboiler with heart-pounding action, cheeky humour and barely a dull moment." [54]

Titas Chowdhury of $\underline{News18}$ awarded the movie 3 stars out of 5 and wrote that "To be honest, it would be wrong to call Bade Miyan Chote Miyan just an action entertainer." [55]

Pratikshya Mishra of <u>The Quint</u> awarded the movie 2 stars out of 5 and stated that "*Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* doesn't, however, rely on portraying its heroes with the same ol' hypermasculinity – these heroes like to have fun instead." [56]

Nandini Ramnath of <u>Scroll.in</u> praised director Zafar's work and stated "Zafar also has a credit for creating the characters. It's brave, to say the least, given how derivative the movie is." [57]

<u>WION</u> reviewer Pragati Awasthi stated that "The first half of the movie was fine with decent, action and humour. But, in the second half, the movie kind of gets slow with the addition of unnecessary elements, and an exaggerated plot that didn't sit well with the overall vibe of the movie." [58]

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