

***Gadar 2*** (transl. Rebellion 2; subtitled onscreen with ***The Katha Continues***) is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language period action drama film directed and produced by Anil Sharma and written by Shaktimaan Talwar.<sup>[5]</sup> A sequel to *Gadar: Ek Prem Katha* (2001), it stars Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel and Utkarsh Sharma reprising their roles from the previous film.<sup>[6]</sup> During the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, Tara Singh returns to Pakistan in order to rescue his imprisoned son Charanjeet "Jeete" Singh.

*Gadar 2* was theatrically released on 11 August 2023 and became a commercial success, grossing over ₹691.08 crore (US\$87 million) worldwide against a production budget of ₹60 crore (US\$7.5 million). It is the fifth highest-grossing Indian film of 2023 and eighth highest-grossing Hindi film of all-time.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup>

## Plot

In 1954, Hamid Iqbal, the General of Pakistan Army, wants to exact vengeance on Tara Singh for eliminating his 40 soldiers during Tara's escape from Pakistan with wife Sakeena and son Charanjeet "Jeete".<sup>[a]</sup> Iqbal gets Sakeena's father Ashraf Ali executed for aiding Tara in his escape to India.

In 1971, Tara, a goods supplier to the Indian Army cantonment, lives with Sakeena and Jeete, who soon leaves for Chandigarh for his studies. One day, Tara is contacted by Lt. Colonel Devendra Rawat for help in supplying Indian soldiers with weapons as a skirmish is taking place with the Pakistani soldiers at the border during the Third India–Pakistan War. After reaching there, Tara is spotted by Iqbal, who orders an explosion at the border, leading to many of the soldiers getting captured. Jeete returns from Chandigarh to find Sakeena in shambles. Upon learning about Tara's disappearance at the border, Jeete leaves for Pakistan against everyone's wishes to rescue Tara.

After arriving in Pakistan, Jeete meets Tara's close friend Gul Khan, who helps him secure a job at Kurban Khan's hotel, which supplies food to the captive Indian soldiers. Jeete meets and gets close to Kurban's daughter Muskaan, who continues to support him upon learning that Jeete is an Indian and had came there to rescue his father. Jeete infiltrates the prison only to get captured and

Gadar 2	
<span></span> <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Anil Sharma
Written by	Shaktimaan Talwar
Produced by	Anil Sharma <p>Kamal Mukut</p>
Starring	<div> <div><div>Sunny Deol</div></div> <div><div>Ameesha Patel</div></div> <div><div>Utkarsh Sharma</div></div> <div><div>Gaurav Chopra</div></div> <div><div>Manish Wadhwa</div></div> <div><div>Simrat Kaur</div></div> </div>
Narrated by	Nana Patekar
Cinematography	Najeeb Khan
Edited by	Ashfaque Makrani <p>Sanjay Sankla</p>
Music by	<b>Songs:</b> <div> <div><div>Mithoon</div></div> <div><div>Uttam Singh</div></div> <div><div>Monty Sharma</div></div> </div>

discovers that Tara was never captured. On the other hand, Tara resurfaces in Punjab and reunites with Sakeena, revealing that he fell into a stream and was rescued by a Bakarwal tribe, but went into a coma. Upon learning that Jeete is in Pakistan and his communication has stopped, Tara leaves for Pakistan to extract Jeete from prison.

Landing in Pakistan, Tara meets Gul Khan and learns about Jeete's capture. Iqbal beats up Jeete and gets him publicly humiliated by falsely accusing him of assaulting Muskaan, who is forced to lie to protect Kurban. However, Tara arrives and escapes with Jeete after defeating Iqbal and his army. Yahya Khan, the President of Pakistan and the Commander-in-chief of the Pakistan Army, orders Iqbal to capture Tara within 72 hours. Tara and his team contact Sakeena, but are chased by Iqbal's men, eventually getting separated. Following a series of combats and chases, Tara and Jeete finally reunite and are on their way to leave Pakistan when Muskaan and Kurban Khan shows up with their family, who are planning to leave for Balochistan.

Kurban Khan asks Tara to accept Muskaan as Jeete's bride, to which Jeete and Tara happily agree. However, Iqbal captures them in an ambush and kills Muskaan's brother Farid. The next day, Tara, Jeete and Muskaan was tied by Iqbal and Iqbal tries to kill Tara but Tara freed himself. Tara fights Iqbal and his army singlehandedly, escaping with everybody in a army tank. They arrive at the Indian border, where Iqbal tries to kill Tara, but is gunned down by Rawat and the Indian soldiers. Rawat approves Jeete to enlist in the army, while Tara, Jeete and Muskaan reunite with Sakeena.

	<b>Background Score:</b> <u>Monty Sharma</u>
<b>Production companies</b>	<u>Zee Studios</u> Anil Sharma Productions MM Movies
<b>Distributed by</b>	Zee Studios
<b>Release date</b>	11 August 2023
<b>Running time</b>	170 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Country</b>	India
<b>Language</b>	Hindi
<b>Budget</b>	₹60 crore <sup>[2][3]</sup>
<b>Box office</b>	₹691.08 crore <sup>[4]</sup>

## Cast

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- Sunny Deol as Tara Singh
- Ameesha Patel as Sakeena "Sakku" Ali Singh, Tara Singh's wife
- Utkarsh Sharma as Charanjeet "Jeete" Singh, Tara and Sakeena's son
- Gaurav Chopra as Lieutenant Colonel Devendra Rawat
- Manish Wadhwa as Hamid Iqbal, General of Pakistan Army
- Manoj Bakshi as Yahya Khan, President of Pakistan and Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army
- Aarya Sharma as General Rani
- Simrat Kaur as Muskaan, Charanjeet's love interest
- Luv Sinha as Farid, Muskaan's brother
- Bhakti Rathod
- Rohit Chaudhary as Major Malik
- Madhumalti Kapoor as Tayiji
- Rakesh Bedi as Kimtilal
- Mushtaq Khan as Gulkhan
- Dolly Bindra as Samira Khan, Gulkhan's Wife
- Rajshree as Tayiji's daughter-in-law
- Naresh Sharma as Tayiji's son

- Mushtaq Kak as Kurban Khan
- Nilofar Gesawat as Kurban Khan's wife
- Akash Dhar as Major Bhargav
- Lubna Salim as Pakistani "Aunt"
- Ehsan Khan as Abdul Ali
- Anamika Singh as Fauziya
- Abrar Zahoor as Anwar
- Anil George as Qazi
- Arjun Dwivedi as Jailor
- Rajesh Khera as Colonel Nazeer
- Rumi Khan as Colonel Farooqui
- Muneesh Sappal as Pakistani Minister
- Pramod Pandey as Rehmani
- Nana Patekar as the narrator

Archive footage from the first film and CGI was used for Amrish Puri's character as Ashraf Ali, Sakeena's father.

## Production

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### Development

Zee Studios, Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel and Utkarsh Sharma officially announced *Gadar 2: The Katha Continues* on 15 October 2021 (Dussehra) on their social media accounts, revealing the release date 2022 with motion poster.<sup>[6]</sup> The first poster of the sequel titled *Gadar 2* was unveiled on 26 January 2023 (Republic Day) and it shows Tara Singh, played by Sunny, with a hammer.

### Casting

Sunny Deol reprises his role of Tara Singh, but was initially hesitant about revisiting the role, believing that films like *Gadar: Ek Prem Katha* can be made only once in history. He states, "We had made *Gadar* but the audience made it a Blockbuster. Initially, I was a bit apprehensive about whether we would do justice and continue the legacy of the first part." The film's director Anil Sharma revealed how he convinced Deol to return, stating, "When I narrated *Gadar 2*, Sunny was a little hesitant because he felt *Gadar* was a blockbuster and didn't want to meddle with it. But I requested him that the entire nation has been requesting a sequel and we should respect their emotions. After many calls, he finally agreed to hear the story. When we sat down for narration and finished it, he had tears in his eyes. That's how the journey of *Gadar 2* started."<sup>[10]</sup>

Ameesha Patel and Utkarsh Sharma also reprise their roles of Sakeena and Charanjeet "Jeete" Singh from the first film.<sup>[11]</sup> Simrat Kaur was also cast for the film.<sup>[11]</sup> Manish Wadhwa was offered the role of a Pakistani army general in the film. Rohit Choudhary, was also cast in the role of a Pakistani army general in the film. Luv Sinha and Gaurav Chopra have also been cast in important role. The shoot of the film was wrapped up by May 2023.<sup>[12]</sup> Writer Shaktimaan revealed the character of Gul Khan played by Mushtaq Khan was based on a real person *Qasi Sahab* who gave his father shelter in his home during the communal riots.<sup>[13]</sup>

Ashraf Ali, Sakeena's father, played by [Amrish Puri](#) in the first film; also appears in this film. Puri died in 2005 and his likeness was used to bring back the character through archive footage from *Gadar: Ek Prem Katha* and [computer-generated imagery](#).<sup>[14]</sup>

## Soundtrack

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The music of the film is composed by [Mithoon](#), [Uttam Singh](#) (uncredited) and [Monty Sharma](#) while lyrics are written by [Sayeed Quadri](#) and [Sunil Sirvaiya](#).<sup>[15]</sup> The first single titled "Udd Jaa Kaale Kaava" was released on 29 June 2023.<sup>[16]</sup> The second single titled "Khairiyat" was released on 9 July 2023.<sup>[17]</sup> The third single titled "Main Nikla Gaddi Leke" was released on 20 July 2023.<sup>[18]</sup> The soundtrack album released by [Zee Music Company](#) on 4 August 2023, followed by an extended album on 8 September 2023.<sup>[19]</sup>

## Release

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*Gadar 2* was theatrically released on 11 August 2023. The box-office response prompted several cinemas to play post-midnight and early morning shows of the film.<sup>[20]</sup>

### Home media

The film was premiered on [ZEE5](#) from 6 October 2023.<sup>[21]</sup>

## Reception

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### Box office

On its opening day, *Gadar 2* collected a total India net of ₹40.10 crore (US\$5.0 million).<sup>[22]</sup> In its first weekend, it collected over ₹134.88 crore (US\$17 million), making it ninth top opening weekend for Hindi films.<sup>[23]</sup>

As of 14 September 2023, the film has grossed ₹625.54 crore (US\$78 million) in India, with a further ₹65.54 crore (US\$8.2 million) in overseas, for a worldwide total of ₹691.08 crore (US\$87 million).<sup>[4]</sup>

### Critical response

On the [review aggregator](#) website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), 17% of 12 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.2/10.<sup>[24]</sup>

[Taran Adarsh](#) gave the film 4.5/5 stars and wrote “*Gadar 2* is old-school desi entertainment at its best. [Sunny Deol](#) returns to the big screen with a vengeance... He is as ferocious as ever. The patriotic flavour coupled with tremendous recall value will make it a huge money-spinner. *Gadar 2* lives up to massive expectations... Has it all: drama, emotions, action, two beautiful songs [from the first part] and the hand pump sequence, of course. [Anil Sharma](#) makes sure he packs every ingredient on the shelf to create a big-screen entertainer.”<sup>[25]</sup>

Anindita Mukherjee from India Today gave 3.5/5 stars and wrote "Gadar 2 supersedes expectations, as it successfully tugs at your heartstrings. And there's Sunny Paaji to do all the heavy-lifting (pun intended)."<sup>[26]</sup> Shubhra Gupta of The Indian Express gave 1.5/5 stars and wrote "What we can confirm is that Sunny paaji can still snarl effectively, and that dhai-kilo-ka-haath has residual potency. We can also confirm the reappearance of a hand-pump."<sup>[27]</sup>

Anuj Kumar from The Hindu wrote "It is not as provocative as the original as driver Anil Sharma seeks to take a middle path. Perhaps, it feels like that because the socio-political atmosphere outside the theatre has become much more dramatic and shrill than what it was when the original released in 2001. Still, it is good that Sharma has toned down the jingoistic tone."<sup>[28]</sup> Komal Nahta said that "Gadar 2' is not a film, it's a celebration, an emotion that touches the heart of every Indian."<sup>[29]</sup> Monika Rawal Kukreja of Hindustan Times wrote "Gadar 2 does falter in terms of story and its pace, though it brings back the mass entertainment and that can surely make it a paisa vasool watch."<sup>[30]</sup>

*Gadar 2* also became the first film screened for Lok Sabha members in the New Parliament building.<sup>[31]</sup>

## Accolades

Award	Ceremony date	Category	Recipients	Result	Ref.
<u>Filmfare Awards</u>	<u>28 January 2024</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Sunny Deol</u>	Nominated	<sup>[32]</sup>
		<u>Best Action</u>	Ravi Varma, Shaam Kaushal, Abbas Ali Moghul and Tinu Verma		
		<u>Best Special Effects</u>	Prisca, Pixel Studios		
<u>Zee Cine Awards</u>	2024	Best Film	<u>Gadar 2</u>	Won	<sup>[33]</sup>
		Best Actor (Viewer's Choice)	<u>Sunny Deol</u>		
		Best Dialogue	Shaktimaan Talwar		
		Best Sound Design	Jitendra Chaudhary	Nominated	
		Best Actor (Jury's Choice)	<u>Sunny Deol</u>		
		Best Supporting Actress	<u>Ameesha Patel</u>		
		Best Actor in a Negative Role	<u>Manish Wadhwa</u>		
<u>Iconic Gold Awards</u>	2024	Game Changer Movie of the Year	<u>Anil Sharma</u>	Won	
		Singer of the Year	<u>Udit Narayan</u>		
<u>Pinkvilla Style Icons Awards</u>	2024	Best Film - Popular Choice	<u>Gadar 2</u>	Nominated	
		Best Director - Popular Choice	<u>Anil Sharma</u>		
		Best Actor - Male - Popular Choice	<u>Sunny Deol</u>		
		Outstanding Contribution To Cinema	<u>Anil Sharma</u>	Won	
		Best Actor in a Negative Role	<u>Manish Wadhwa</u>	Nominated	
<u>NDTV Indian of the Year</u>	2024	Entertainer of the Year	<u>Sunny Deol</u>	Won	

## Sequel

A sequel was announced during the end credits. Anil Sharma said "You'll have to wait for that. The fruit of patience is sweet, just like this one (Gadar 2). Some thoughts have come to me and Shaktimaan Ji's minds. So just wait everything will happen."<sup>[34]</sup>

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