

All is not well: Aamir Khan is malled

Angry Aamir gets stuck in multiplex after fans go beserk at a special screening of 3 Idiots in Forum Value Mall

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A delayed screening, a thousand crazy fans, an angry Aamir Khan and actress Deepika Padukone sandwiched in between. When the cast and crew of *3 Idiots* turned up at Bangalore's Forum Value Mall on Tuesday, all was definitely not well.

"The trouble happened because of Aamir's own decision of using the main entrance of the multiplex. We told him his fans were there. Not realising that they were in hundreds, he returned back. And then he was fuming, he wanted all of them gone, leaving him stuck for nearly an hour inside the multiplex's gold class lounge," said an official from Fame Cinemas.

The crowd multiplied and the 200-odd security personnel and policemen, who were there at the venue, couldn't do much.

It could have gone worse but for some quick thinking by Aamir's co-actors Sharman Joshi and R Madhavan, who stepped in and diverted the unruly mob.

Aamir was immediately moved out from one of the exits.

The whole experience, however, left him angry. "He was fuming," a source from the cinema hall told *DNA*.

Actress Deepika Padukone, who was invited by the star cast for the screening, was stuck for a while but she somehow managed to dodge the crowd. "Yes, I went to watch the movie. Rajkumar Hirani and Aamir Khan had invited me for the screening."

But Aamir was not the only one upset. Many moviegoers, who had struggled to get the tickets for packed 8.15pm show, missed their movie, thanks to the melee.

"I don't care if Aamir has issues. I



SHOW STOPPER: Aamir was stuck in the multiplex for hours after the crowd refused to budge. Co-actor Madhavan had to step in and help him out

paid for my ticket. I wanted to see the movie but I was not allowed to go and the confusion ate a good 10 minutes of the screening," said Vijayalakshmi S, a housewife.

When *DNA* tried asking Aamir about the issue, he just brushed the matter aside by saying, "I never expected so many people to turn up. Getting out was the only thing on my mind."

Director Rajkumar Hirani, however, was sporty. He decided to stay back and get some inputs from IIM-Bangalore students, for whom the cast had organised a special screening.

"This tour is like a victory lap. We're glad that we're beginning from Bangalore. The city and the people have given us so many memories during the filming. And this kind of response from the fans in this city only tells me all is well," said Hirani.