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Paramount Pictures has let loose just under two minutes of new footage from ***The Dictator***. The clip is actually the opening of the movie, quickly introducing the entirely-fictitious Republic of Wadiya and its in-no-way benevolent leader, His Excellency Admiral General Aladeen. After mixing in some real footage of world leaders and situating Wadiya geographically, ***The Dictator***'s opening minutes provide a brief biographical view of Aladeen's life, from his already-bearded birth to his 14 Gold Medal triumph at the Wadiyan Games.

The opening certainly sets a tone of rapid-fire absurdity, starting with a ridiculously hirsute newborn to a digression on the inevitable complications caused by the despot's changing of both "positive" and "negative" to "Aladeen."

Fans of *The Daily Show* correspondent **Aasif Mandvi** will be pleased to see his deadpan on display in a very brief appearance.

Last week we saw a new domestic poster for the film . The week before that Paramount released the first official clip from later in the story, once Aladeen has been stripped of his beard and left to fend for himself on the streets of New York.

Sacha Baron Cohen made a big pop-cultural impression Stateside with ***Borat***, and while he and director **Larr**

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didn't quite connect with their follow-up,
Bruno
, this film represents their first traditional narrative endeavor. Baron Cohen previously positioned a character of his creation in a straightforward film story with 2002's UK release
Ali G Indahouse
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The Dictator
represents a satiric approach more in line with
Borat
or
Da Ali G Show
than
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It's obviously the **Sacha Baron Cohen** show here, but as the presence of **Aasif Mandvi** in the opening demonstrates that the comedy is jam-packed with recognizable players both comedic and dramatic, led by
Anna Faris
and including
Jason Mantzoukas, Ben Kingsley, J.B. Smoove, John C. Reilly, Kevin Corrigan, Bobby Lee, Erick Avari, B.J. Novak,
and
Megan Fox
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The Dictator arrives in theaters on May 16th.

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