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For her latest project, Angelina Jolie has switched up her post to behind the camera as director and writer of "In the Land of Blood and Honey." But even though the film has yet to hit theaters (it's out Dec. 23), the flick is causing Jolie to already feel some heat.

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In legal documents obtained by Radar, the 36-year-old star is being sued by Croatian journalist and author James J. Braddock, who claims that the actress stole the plot line for her film from an article he wrote and published in 2007.

VIDEO: Watch the trailer for 'In the Land of Blood and Honey'

In the romantic drama, a Serbian man (Goran Kostic) falls in love with a Bosnian-

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"The film is specific to the Bosnian War, but it's also universal," Jolie has said. "I wanted to tell a story of how human relationships and behavior are deeply affected by living in side a war."

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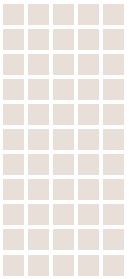
Radar writes, "As an example of the similarities between the story he published and the storyline of the film, the lawsuit states, "The Subject Work's main female character is subject to continuous abuse and rape by soldiers and officers in the camp. In addition to being raped continuously by soldiers and officers, she is forced to become a servant at the camp headquarters, a duty assumed by very few of the captives. The Motion Picture's main female character is also subject to continuous rape by soldiers and officers in the camp and subsequently becomes a servant at camp headquarters."

"In the Land of Blood and Honey" is Jolie's second directorial project and her debut as a screenwriter.

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U.N. Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie is in Misrata, Libya, to help agencies bringing aid to Libyans in Tripoli and Misrata on Oct. 11, 2011. "I have come to Libya for a variety of reasons, to see a country in transition at every level and to witness efforts to fully realise the promise of the Arab Spring," Jolie said.

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And the award goes to ...

Jolie presents the 2011 Nansen Refugee Award at a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland, on Oct. 3, 2011. The prize was awarded to the founder and 290 staff of SHS, a non-governmental organization, for their life-saving work in helping the thousands of refugees and migrants who arrive on Yemen's shores each year.

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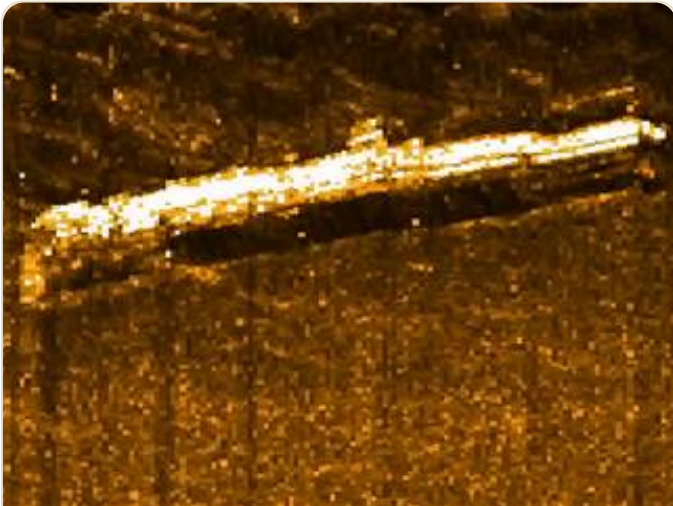
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