

ACCENT MINISTRY MULLS CRACKDOWN ON STUPID ACCENTS

"There's so much drama in the country, The Accent Police are listening. Be careful or you will be history. Another crossfire/ died by suicide mystery ITS NOT MURDER..."
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BREAKING NEWS: After the abysmal performance of Donald Trump's accent during the rally in India, attended by 14 billion people according to Saffron Party data, the government of Bangladesh has decided to crack down on stupid accents.

"This is the greatest of all years' celebration this year. We are inviting a lot of foreign dignitaries, like Shah Rukh Khan, and they will try to woo us by speaking in our language. But if they do not have the right accent, then that will mean trouble," Accent Minister Nazrul Tagore said in Bangla, exaggerating his enunciations.

To ensure the accent problem does not repeat itself and to stress for people like Donald Trump that every country isn't China and Sachin is not Suu Chii, the Bangladesh Accent Ministry has issued a circular highlighting some errors. The circular dumbs down Bangla for the general public, especially those stupid English-medium kids, who are victims of the British curriculum (b t dub) more so than anything else.

For instance, the circular mentions that "a flower is not a fool because the F is like Ph".

POLITICS It also advises against replacing "che" with "se", although some believe that is more of a class issue than an accent one.

The Accent Ministry's decree has also kicked up a storm, as they announced creating relearning centres -- a loaded term nowadays -- for those who spoke Bangla in an English accent.

"Firstly, no one even knows what that means. What is Bangla



in an English accent? Are other accents for Bangla then allowed? We feel like this a racist attack and is divisive in nature," Professor Englishman of the English Academy in Dhaka told this newspaper.

There are also fears that the unofficial wing of the Accent Police will soon be unleashed on the masses who have protested the crackdown on accents. The government maintains that such a wing does not exist and the

masked men wreaking havoc on the city are not part of the ruling party but "hooligans with party affiliations."

"There have been sporadic incidents of violence, perpetrated by both sides. But if any one of us is involved then they will be punished," Whataboutdul Father?, with a question mark in his name and also the man who directs the unofficial police, said about technically investigating himself.

When pointed out that

sporadic violence did not exactly mean 13 deaths in the same vicinity, Whataboutdul asked this journalist to shut his damn mouth and know his damn role. This generated applause from the populists who love straight shooters.

When the Ruler of the Country was asked about the matter, S/he said, "Crackdowns on crackdowns, fam. That's how we roll." S/he indeed vibed with the new generation with these words.

No one 'cares' about city's 'sinkhole man'

Man falls in sinkhole and dies; authorities unconcerned

GARBAGE CORRESPONDENT

Last Tuesday, one Abdul Baten, 58, a retired college teacher, fell into a sinkhole which appeared around 11:30pm.

Baten was returning home to Kadabor area, when the sinkhole appeared on one end of the alley he lives in. Within a few seconds, he was engulfed whole into an abyss of garbage. His screams are still filling the entire area of Kadabor.

Eyewitness **DUNNO?** Ripon, 11, who works at Haji Salam's YumYum Tea

Stall nearby, said Baten fell into the hole in the blink of an eye, and locals have since been trying to rescue him. Haji Salam said the ward commissioner has visited the area twice and expressed his condolences.

Ward Commissioner Naimul Jordan said, "I don't know how this happened. The sewage authority is responsible for this."

"I can't offer any help outside of condolences as I'm busy working on a hip hop track for the next election," Jordan added. "We'll write some sick tunes about this hole."

Dhoka Waterboarding and Sewage Association's Executive Engineer of zone-3, Meghna Alam said, "It rained all day last Tuesday. Dhoka city is not equipped to

executive engineer of Dhoka East City Corporation.

Asked how that qualifies as maintenance work, the engineer replied matter-of-factly, "What do you mean? The mayor is high maintenance."

This correspondent attempted to reach Mayor Fatul over phone multiple times, but he refused to speak on account of one airpod being missing. "Forget Abdul Baten; maybe my airpod is also in that garbage hole," was all he could yell through speaker phone.

Dr Farid F Farzan of the met office said, "If people took our announcement of boshonto being cancelled seriously, they'd be better prepared. Rain during summer is no surprise."

After four failed attempts at holding any authority accountable for the black hole of garbage that's terrorising residents of Kadabor, this correspondent visited the Public Works Ministry, only to discover that it had been dissolved.

"This is now the Public Twerks Ministry," explained Secretary Mafullah, "We wanted to switch things up in an attempt to connect with the youth."

Asked which ministry is now concerned with sinkholes appearing



handle such extreme weather events. Plus, the city corporation has been digging around the neighbourhood, that's why the hole appeared!

"I'm getting really tired of bearing this burden. I'd much rather answer questions on waterboarding," said Meghna.

Contacted, unconcerned city corporation authorities claimed they are merely doing "routine maintenance work".

"If you ask me, the real trouble was the weather. Perhaps you should contact the met office for an explanation on why they made it rain while we were digging around for an airpod Mayor Fatul lost during election campaigning," said

in residential areas, the secretary said, "If people were more responsible about littering, then we wouldn't have these issues in the first place! Stop trying to get us to answer for problems you have created yourself."

"Tell me, does the public work? Then why was this ministry called Public Works?" said the newly appointed Public Twerks Minister Joyly Rahman.

Meanwhile at Kadabor, multiple citizen rescue attempts have gone in vain as the sinkhole swallows all ropes and ladders that are sent down for Abdul Baten. The Coast Guard paid a visit to the area on Thursday, but did not offer any solutions.



PHOTO OF THE DAY

To celebrate Boshonto, we chose this picture of yellow leaves which appear to be dying. Apparently the leaves in Dhaka city are covered by millions of tonnes of dust. Well, not millions but we can't be bothered to check the numbers right now. Google it, will you?

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



Leftists demonstrate against copywriters over class consciousness

NONE-OF-YOUR-BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

Yesterday, members of the Left Inclined Student Party (LISP) staged a demonstration outside of Graysiaticom's Bonani premises, protesting the ad industry's appropriation of Marxist ideals in their television commercials.

"These Wealth of Nations clutching armchair capitalists with their trickle-down belief, coupled with the opiate of the masses, have projected an unrealistic aspiration of wealth and glory through hard work in a technocratic world of mass-produced desires," said Alemul Alam, 25, a



volunteer for LISP.

The procession burnt an effigy of Don Draper while chanting "Vote for Bernie".

"We know original ideas are extremely difficult to come by, but can the advertising professionals please stop using our class struggle to sell detergent, loans and cement? The struggling middle-class is constantly fed propaganda that a better soap means your exploitative boss will suddenly have an epiphany and give

you a raise.

"That is what's wrong in society today. The only time our bosses give a proper raise is when they enter the lift first and press the button for you," said Wokesh Majumdar, 24, general secretary of LISP.

Contacted, nothing was, however, heard from the ad agency until 7:00 pm, when top management had left the building. An intern appeared clutching a piece of paper and announced that the company was severing all ties and firing Alemul Alam, the copywriter causing workplace disruption.

Alam could not be found for any further questions after his firing notice.

A source close to the fired individual said that Alam has opened his own agency and is now serving only leftist clients.

Although the demonstrations happened yesterday, it took our reporter 12 hours to figure out the chain of jargon the LISP members used instead of speaking normal sentences.

Pootika Foot Juice was the official title sponsor of the demonstration.

FIRST ACCENT ARREST: 21yr old capital man first to be detained

OUR CORRESPONDENT, GOOLBAAJ

Police have detained a man for creating disturbance in the Chapasthani capital of Goolbaaj yesterday.

Rafique Al Bari, 21, was picked up from the town square last night after numerous people called the police, our local correspondent reports quoting police and locals.

It later emerged today that Rafique's strange behaviour may have had something to do with his social media accounts being frozen due to him speaking the native tongue in a foreign accent in some videos he had uploaded.

"We were called around 9:00pm last night and told that a man was lightly slapping people. And sticking his thumbs in people's food in the al fresco restaurants of the town square," said Kishore Vriddha, officer-in-charge of Goolbagh North Police Station.

Rafique's friend, who obviously wished to remain unnamed, told our correspondent that Rafique had started to behave strangely when he came home yesterday afternoon and found all his accounts blocked.

"He came over to me and started swiping across my face, and mumbled 'the screen must not be working,' the friend said.

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