

The pay cut chain reaction

Austerity is what we should be practicing this festive season, for obvious reasons. The ongoing pandemic has changed everyone's "normal." Most of us have to make adjustments and amendments to our daily lives and plans, which will sadly go on for quite some time.

Normality as we knew it might never come back, and it would only be wise to accept this new normal and act accordingly. With many of the corporate houses and industrial operations going for pay cuts, job cuts, and no-bonus practices, the reality at ground zero for us who manage the day to day household budget will be very tough. In fact, the month of May has been difficult for many of us already.

Pay cuts means adjustments for the service helps also. Unfortunately, it will be difficult to make our service help understand our pay cuts situation and accept the fact that if we do not get our bonuses it indirectly affects them.

The poor souls have families and children to manage, just like us. Our family and household management has a chain effect that directly impacts the service helps, and even the vendors who provide us with regular groceries. Therefore, if I do not spend, then all these working people cannot earn their living. It is indeed a sad time.

I have never been approached by random rickshaw-pullers asking for financial help other

than their usual fare. My fishmonger is proud of his trade and that it helps him to earn enough for a comfortable living; however, even he has resorted to asking me for small loans. I know this day-labourer who cleans my roof once a month who came to me recently, crying for aid to buy a roadside stall so that she can sell tea, as she does not have her everyday jobs anymore. I am being accosted by beggars who ask for basic necessities like rice and lentils because my Tk 10 or 20 alms is not helping them.

I am really suffering from guilt; I do not have the heart to turn anyone away, but at the same time, I do not have much to start the month of June or July with, seeing as they will be as sketchy as May.

We can sit and explain to the service people the financial situation we are all in and ask them to buy one Eid dress instead of two, and let go of accessories altogether. We can cut back on our elaborate feast and wear our best dress instead of



a new one; we can explain it to the children to save their Eid budget for emergencies.

My heart is heavy with these thoughts, and goes out to the people we support, and who support us in return. Eid Mubarak.

— RBR
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Banishing rainy day woes Berger's latest solution

Rain has adverse effects for buildings. Raindrops contain acidic elements that adversely affect the paints on the exterior wall of any building. There is also the risk of mold, algae infestation which deteriorates the walls.

For these issues, their latest WeatherCoat AntiDirt Supreme is the ultimate solution to protect homes, with 10 years of durability warranty and 5 years of waterproofing warranty. In addition to Berger's AntiDirt exterior product range, this paint, with its a thick yet flexible elastomeric exterior wall coating, helps to protect and maintain the appearance of outdoor walls. The paint is also designed to adapt to the change in climate. The unique nano additive technology in this paint offers a shiny finish with excellent weatherproofing against ultraviolet rays, water penetration, and the presence of acidic gases in the atmosphere.

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Shohoz launches video consultation service "Shohoz Health"

Shohoz has recently launched 'Shohoz Health,' a comprehensive digital health solution with 100+ specialised doctors in the country. This initiative comes as a bid to fight the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and build a technology empowered solution for our healthcare sector. Launched on 16 May, 2020, this state-of-the-art digital healthcare app will allow users to access specialised doctors from renowned hospitals of the country such as Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Bangladesh Medical College & Hospital etc. through video-based consultation from anywhere in Bangladesh. Besides, it will also allow users to receive prescription as well as medicine delivery from over 100 pharmacies — all under the Shohoz Super App.

Prominent child specialist Dr Kazi Naushad-Un-Nabi and many other popular physicians will also be providing consultation on Shohoz Health.

Users can so avail the prescribed medicines from popular pharmacies like Lazz Pharma, Tamanna Pharmacy, Prescription Point, Al Madina Pharmacy and many other different pharmacies.

For more information, visit www.shohoz.com or [www.facebook.com/shohoz](https://facebook.com/shohoz)

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ARIES
(MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Help loved ones sort out their issues. Help those less fortunate. Relationships will bring about issues. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



TAURUS
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

Don't spend unnecessarily. Investments will be profitable. Be careful while traveling. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Make time for children. You may find yourself in an uncomfortable situation. Don't believe everything you hear. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



CANCER
(JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Don't blow situations out of proportion. Make plans for a trip. Put your emotional energy into passion not anxiety. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



LEO
(JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Joint ventures can be troublesome. Don't get scammed by anyone. New romantic opportunities can arise this week. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Physical exertion will lift your mood. Tend to personal matters quickly. Some may not share your best interest. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



LIBRA
(SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Make time for loved ones. Your hard work will pay off. Pay attention to your partner. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



SCORPIO
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

You can meet your special someone this week. Take interest in your family. Don't start any disputes. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Deception will cause arguments. Put your efforts into moneymaking ventures. Your ideas will be well received. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Learn by observing. Acquaintances can be deceptive. Problems with your partner is evident. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Avoid any scandals. Don't be overly trusting. Find time to rejuvenate. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



PISCES
(FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Peers may not be on your side. Don't use emotional blackmail. Don't spend all your time on entertainment. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.