



Donald Trump wins Nobel Peace and Piece Prize

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President of the United States of America Donald Justin Trump is set to win the Nobel Prize for Piece and Peace – also dubbed the Oxymoron Prize in some circles -- for brokering a peace deal between two nations who weren't even at war with each other, and laying the pieces for the eventual peace.

Trump's nomination comes as the award -- once prestigious but now considered nothing more than a "Here, the West likes you" badge -- tries to reclaim its former glory days but courting more popular and controversial options as opposed to deserving ones.

While Trump's nomination has raised some eyebrows, these same eyebrows belong to eyes which did not bat a lid after former US president Barack Obama got the award following one of the most expansive drone-bombing campaigns.

"We are misunderstanding peace. Peace prize isn't for those who are making peace, but are laying the pieces for peace," Bjorg, clearly a Norwegian, said. Bjorg was the one who had nominated Trump, before earlier having nominated Obama.

"Obama's indiscriminate drone attacks actually led to terrorists dying. So, if you do the math right, less terrorists means more peace," he said.



A Nobel prize committee member, under the condition of anonymity, said that while there could be criticism for nominating Trump, the facts spoke for themselves.

"Donald Trump has played a key role in...creating new dynamics in other protracted conflicts, conflicts, such as the Kashmir border issue between India and Pakistan. Look at it now. The Kashmir

problem has reached its final resolution," he said, choosing very wrong words.

"Now the war between UAE and Israel, which we had no idea was ongoing, has also ended. All thanks to Trump. And can we even discuss North Korea?" he asked. "Where there were once threats of nuclear annihilation, there are now love letters."

Another committee member, who wished to be named but we didn't really want to, expounded on the newly added "piece" bit to the prize's name.

"Just as he has laid the pieces for the border wall between US and Mexico, he is laying pieces for eventual peace, if only after war and death," the member said. "Look how he is discouraging people to wear masks amid a pandemic, how he is advocating for reduced testing."

Then the member leant closer to whisper: "And look what he is saying about race protests. Long-term peace can only be achieved with fewer people, and people who look similar."

As he leant closer, his moustache came into view -- there was just a bit under his nose.

A Washington insider, meanwhile, said the piece part of the title had nothing to do with Trump being a piece of work or him always wearing a piece on top.

No one is cheating during online exams, teachers still believe

Educators believe it is their teaching method which is leading to full marks in all exams

EDUCATIONAL CORRESPONDENT

A school in the capital set a record for the highest number of toppers during an assessment conducted by the educational institution.

As per the government order of students' results being based on the evaluation of their respective educational institutions, Holy Flour Euro-American Standard School conducted exams on all the relevant science subjects, as commerce students can wait.

The exams were taken online, but teachers swear that the students did not cheat. "They had their videos on the entire time. I could see everything," Science teacher Liza Miss told this newspaper.

"I've become an expert voyeur during the pandemic, so I doubt anything would escape my eyes," she said with a giggle to make herself seem more personable.

A Facebook group, created right before the exams, however, told a different story. The group titled "Holy Flour Science Exam Live Discussion" had students posting their questions and answers during real time. Matching the time stamp of the posts with the

exam time, it was clear that most of the conversations in the group were taking place while students were giving their exams.

When the matter was brought up before Principal Rohan Singh, he immediately brushed it aside. "These are kids being kids. How can they discuss anything when we have cameras on them at all times?" he asked.

"Kids always find a way to post silly memes. But that's not cheating," he said with a laugh.

Questions were also raised after the exam paper for Chemistry was leaked hours before the test began, but this too was

swept aside by the principal. "Exam papers leak all the time. They cost around Tk 100. Do you want one for next week's Math exams?" he said.

A student, under condition of anonymity, admitted to cheating but said there was more to it than meets the eye.

"Everyone cheated. But us having to pay tuition fees, plus all this brand new internet expenditure at the same time is also kind of cheating, right? Why can't telcos make internet free for students?" he asked.

Contacted, telco leader Yameen's Phone's spokesperson said they were a profit-making organisation and weren't about to give handouts in such a hyper-capitalist market.

"You can't pretend to be a socialist country when eight percent of your parliament is made up of millionaire businesspersons. Also, we do that video where you are taught very important subjects in 10 minutes, so don't look at us for more help."

AND MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR VIDEO ON SO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT CHEATING!



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Five reasons why Nishat Tasnim is grateful for masks

Number three will shock you

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Twenty-five-year-old Nishat Tasnim, the 6,079th of her name, has recently returned to work under the pretension that the coronavirus pandemic was a collective hallucination. She is grateful that everyone is now wearing masks, and not just because it keeps the virus away.

"I no longer have to pretend to find my co-worker's sexist jokes funny," she exclaimed, "I had to make a slight 'unhhuhu' sound and curl my lips every time he said 'doura, feminist ailo', now I just stare." Even from six feet away, I could tell she was beaming at this development, although her alleged smile was buried under two layers of masks.

While religiously applying an assortment of disinfectant solutions throughout the interview, she said that in the initial days of the pandemic, when reusable, quirky fabric masks had not yet become a thing, she was struggling to keep her inner woke environmentalist in check. "Experts recommend that you use a surgical mask for only six hours at a stretch. I had been going through about three of them each day and it was at least a week before the YouTube tutorials came up on how to make a fabric mask at home," she stated with the regret clearly visible in the unmasked part of her face.

"I think the only trick is to just increase your vitamin intake, especially zinc and vitamin D, to stay alive..." as Nishat was reaching the end of this sentence, this

correspondent begged to God that she wouldn't say that phrase, but she did, "...in these trying times."

"Unprecedented, really," she continued. "A major issue I was facing during the old normal was my post-lunch onion breath. I like to eat raw onion with bhaat for the crunch," she said.

Nishat said she was going through a whole bottle of mints every week before March this year. "Now, I'm saving 800 bucks a month since the masks contain my onion breath," she said.

"It really sounds like things are working out for you," remarked this correspondent.

"Oh, yes, definitely. I think we all must ease into the new normal someday. At least now I can yawn whenever I want. Coronavirus has truly given us so much," added Nishat, although this correspondent was confused as to why she couldn't yawn in the past.

When asked if she has any advice for women who might be facing difficulties adjusting to the new normal, Nishat said, "I would like to tell them to never stop wearing lipstick under the mask. I mean, sis, your liquid lipsticks will dry out if you don't use them, and now is the time to harness the therapeutic power of makeup. If wearing lipstick under the mask doesn't prove that we put on makeup only and only for ourselves, what else will?"

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