



Man with 4 cars, 8 flats worried about overpopulation

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"I know the thought on everyone's minds. I am just gonna say it out loud: there are way too many people with way too little to go around. Something needs to be done!" said Zarif Khan, the founder of Kalot Aaka, a boutique art shop in Berrydhara.

The recent pandemic has many questioning how our society is structured and whether the current system is too delicate for humanity's future. Zarif is no different. "I think about this a lot. Every day on my way to work, I see so

many people crammed into buses...50? 100? Who knows? I found it to be an apt metaphor for our country -- too many people crammed into buses.

"It was on your own paper. Bangladesh has the fastest growing rich population in the world! That is an incredible achievement. Wouldn't you say it's amazing how so many people are able to push the ceiling up and fight for their place in today's ever connected world where we are all global citizens?

"But I am once again asking you, how can a country grow rich with so many poor people? It's basic math. We need to incentivise the rich."

Asked how the rich can get richer, Zarif's solutions hit at a philosophical level.

"We keep saying rich. But what is rich? Rich is everyone. You can be rich, I can be rich, anyone can be rich. The key thing to remember is that being rich requires a growth mindset. You cannot be rich with a victim mindset. I

hate to say it but in our country, certain rich people also have a victim mindset."

When asked about overconsumption as opposed to overpopulation being the problem plaguing the current world, Zarif was quick to laugh it off.

"What overconsumption? Listen, you are putting the cart before the horse. You talk of overconsumption but who is consuming? Did you see me eating four lunches today? I am only consuming as I am able to.

We are overconsuming because we have overpopulating."

Asked what he thinks of his 4 cars and 8 flats, Zarif had his answer ready.

"My four cars help feed 16 people! Where would my chauffeurs and their children be were it not for my cars paying their wages? As for my 8 flats, they provide housing for foreign workers. I am doing the country a favour by putting it out there in positive light to the world through my hospitality."

Bangladesh Opposition Party to start protesting in places besides their own office

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The Bangladesh Opposition Party (BOP), the former official opposition party, has decided to launch yet another month-long movement to remove the current ruling party from office.

The BOP has chalked out one of the most comprehensive action plans by them in years, although it still includes holding numerous press conferences and peacefully protesting outside their office. However, a major change is that one of the protests will actually be held in their party secretary general's residence, in order to uphold the stay-at-home orders applicable only for them.

"We now know. Oh we now know, no jokes. Protesting outside our own office, only bothers us folks. Now we aren't saying we will pick up the glock again. But surely, we will do a Tiktok, my friend," BOP's General Secretary, and also a poet of sorts, Mirza Ghalib said.

Mirza Ghalib made the announcement at the 700th press conference by the party this month alone. The turnout from the press was very little as expected. Having only 10 active members, the BOP is expected to make use of social media to leave a mark in the political scene in which they have been mere bystanders for years.

"They have been talking smack for the past 10 years. BOP right now is like an ex-boyfriend who has actually leveled down but still thinks every 'like' on Facebook



is an invitation to rekindle the romance with democracy," political analyst Shaheed Khan said.

Outlining the party's latest movement, Mirza Ghalib yesterday said they were taking a five-pronged approach. "Congregate. Motivate. Segregate. Elevate. Cross-fire," he said of the plans.

"Congregate involves us hiring people to pretend like we still have party members who aren't in a cell. Motivate is us holding press conferences complaining to the people about this hell. Segregate will be Operation Cleanheart version 2, but more tight. Elevate

will be taking the nation to greatness as dreamt by me last night. And Cross-fire is basically a mantra we repeat. We invented it and will take back what's ours, whether in victory or defeat," Ghalib said.

Pointed out that the party had spent the last decade working just for itself and never for the people, Ghalib chose instead to mention how corrupt the current regime was. "They are a party of businesspersons only," he said. When told that BOP is literally the definition of a pro-business party, Ghalib said that was not true and then he began to cry.

Aging world leaders still confused about green energy, people's rights and other Gen-Z things

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Aging world leaders met once again at the Conference of the Wizeden held in one of the oldest country's in the world. Do you see a theme here already?

The world leaders, with their token youngster, and by youngster we mean pushing 50 instead of 100 like the rest, spent five hours discussing the way forward for the world. The way forward, however, was the one they had envisioned and it was anything but forward.

The first hour of the meeting was the leaders bickering over something called the Cold War. The second hour was spent talking about preventing a third world war, even though no one is really interested in that.

The leaders then took to lambasting social media, blaming everything from Facebook to Tiktok for their dwindling popularity. "Leave the brain-washing of the masses to us. We don't need social media to do this for us," one of the leaders said.

The discussion then shifted towards green energy and the world leaders, too rich to be connected with the pulse of the real world, talked about how important green energy was. "Green energy is the way forward. The youth of the world must rise to fulfil the dream of complete green energy by the time we are all dead," one of the leaders said.

Other lesser leaders nodded in acknowledgement and said the youth really need to step up, except Greta, who has proven to be quite a pain in the you-know-what they said.



The meeting then took a turn towards blaming the youth for all the problems in the world and demanding that they step up to fix the problems they haven't caused or are even aware of.

When a youngish leader dared to say that the youth had actually become more socially- and politically- conscious than ever before, he was instantly mocked. "All they talk about is individual rights and freedoms. Blacks, gays, Uighurs and of course dogs. That's all they can talk about," a leader remarked.

The meeting finally ended with a resolution for the leaders to meet again next year if they are all alive and discuss the same old things.