

I listen to all sorts of music. Sometimes Dad gets angry with me and shouts loudly as I play my deck around the clock. Now here I enclose some of the fact-files of some leading rock-pop bands of Bangladesh.

"Souls"

They may be called "The pioneer" of successful band culture here in Bangladesh. Various famous artists came from the womb of "Souls", like Ayub Bachchu, Tapon Chowdhury, Nakib Khan, Pilu Khan.

"Souls" was formed in 1972 in Chittagong. Their first name was "Shurela". Later they changed it to "Souls" after shifting to Dhaka. "Souls" grabbed the first prize in a pop-song competition in Dhaka during 1976. The band has released seven albums so far.

Members Partho, Nasim Ali, Tanim Azad & Jewel.

"Miles"

The word "Miles" stands for "a long way". Basically this band started with English songs. Miles was formed in 1982. Hamin Ahmed and Shafin Ahmed, (two sons of the famous duo of Kamol Dash Gupta and Firoza Begum) Monsoor Ahmed and Manam Ahmed are the members of Miles. One of the forerunners of Bangla band culture Happy Akhand was also a founder member of Miles.

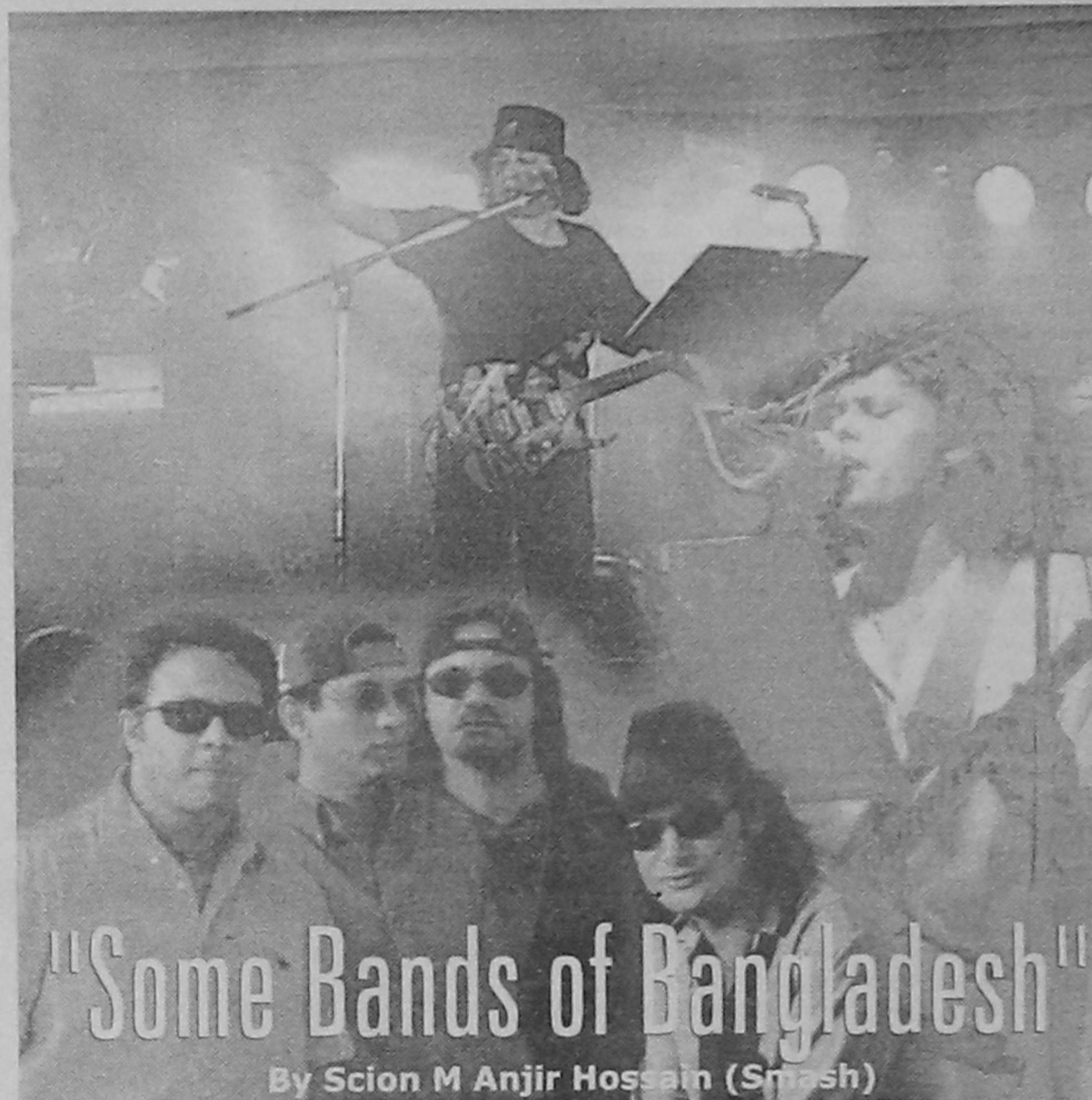
Miles first brought out a self-titled English album in 1982. In 1986 they released "A step farther." In 1990 they started to sing Bangla songs & brought out their first Bangla album "Protissrti" in 1992. Their fourth album came out in 1998, named "Prottasha", which topped the charts with some hit songs. That year they brought out their first CD, which was the first in Bangla band history. They released "Prottoy" in 1996 from the US. After a gap they released a singles album "Proyash" in 1997 with two extended dance songs. This year they released "Probaho" celebrating "20 years of Miles."

Current line-up of Miles

Hamin Ahmed Bass & vocal
Shafin Ahmed Base & vocal
Manam Ahmed Key-boards & vocal
Turjo Drums
Jewel Second guitars & vocals.

"Feedback"

After the liberation war, 'Feedback' played a vital role in making band culture spread widely. In 1976, Fuad Nassir Babu, Selim Haider, Zakiur Rahman, Popsi Mohiuddin & Murad Rahman of Mohammadpur in Dhaka formed the band. In late '76 Maqsood joined them. Their first single concert was at 'Wapda'



"Some Bands of Bangladesh"

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auditorium in 1978. So far they released seven albums. Their first album came out in '85, the second one in '87 ("Ullash") followed by "Mela" in '90, "Bongabdo" also in '90 and "Anando" in '98. They also released a folk album jointly with Abdur Rahman Boyati.

A major breakup occurred in 1997, when the key-vocalist of 'Feedback' Maqsood left the band.

Current members Fuad Nassir Babu, Pyaru Khan, Labu Rahman.

"L.R.B."

There's very little to say about this famous band, as everybody knows about it. Ayub Bachchu, after leaving 'Souls' in '91 formed L.R.B. "Little River Band." Later they changed the name into "Love Runs Blind." Ayub Bachchu is known as the "all-rounder" in the band circuit. Their first album was released as a double-album in '91. They also brought out a heavy metal album "Tobuo" in '93. Ayub

Bachchu also released his own solo albums.

Current line-up : Vocal & guitar Ayub Bachchu, Bass Shawpon, Key-boards Tutul, Drums Riyad.

"Renaissance"

The most sophisticated band in Bangladeshi band arena. Nakib Khan & Pilu Khan coming out from "Souls" in '85 formed the band. They generally perform basic melodious songs. They released their first album in '90. They have released four more albums so far. They even created some outstanding English songs.

Line-up: Lead guitar Reza, keyboards Nakib, Bass Moto, Percussion Kuddus, Rhythm Bongabdo, Drums Pilu.

"Warfaze"

This was the first heavy metal band of Bangladesh. It's quite difficult to form heavy metal songs in Bangla & pull the band up to the

top. But 'Warfaze' has done that quite easily. The word 'Warfaze' means, "brave soldier". The band was formed in October 1984 with founder members Mir, Naimul, Kamal, Helal Bappi. Their first album was with self titled and was released on the 22nd of June '91. The second one was released on the 5th of Sept. '94 "Obak Bhalobasha". It was followed by two successful albums "Jibondhara (5th Feb. '97) & "Oshamajik" (1998).

Members Sunjoy, Babna, Kamal, Tipu, Russell, Fuad, Sumon & Mizan.

"Ark"

Now this is one of the top rated bands of Bangladesh. The excellent combination of tone, tune & techno beat, made the band fly high. 'Ark' was formed during '91, when Ashikuzzaman Tulu came out from "Chime". He formed "Ark" with Zagu, Partho, Bappi & Pancham by his side. With the key-vocal, Hasan in front, the band has so far released four albums. But their first album didn't do very well. They clicked with their second album "Tajmahal" when Hasan came out with an outstanding song "Akabi". "Tajmahal" was released in '96. Ashikuzzaman Tulu a leading keyboard player of the country, is the bandleader of "Ark". The band released their two albums "Jomobhumi" in '98 and "Shadhinota" this year. They also released CDs. Current members Hasan, Tulu & Pancham.

I pay my deep condolence to the departed soul of Sheikh Ishtiaq, who was one of the prominent guitarists in the Bangladeshi band arena.

I also beg forgiveness from the readers, as I am unable to enclose details about bands like "Nogor Baul", "Uchcharon", "Dhaka" etc.

There are various scopes for our band culture to proceed to the highest stage of music. But unfortunately there is still a long way to go.

The band circuit is getting polluted by bands copying foreign songs (some even copy Hindi songs..... wakk!!!)

There are some people who are still trying their bests to come up with new stuff. Prince Mahmood is one of them. His creations like "Daagh", "Sroat" or "Deyal" are simply great. But we need more. We need something new. So let's make room for the new bands to come up. Maybe in a few years we may have a rich band culture.

Note: I want to thank Sona & Riyad my to bestfriends. I specially like to thank my parents & Safa as they patiently tolerated my "addiction to chaos". That's what they call it!

INFERIORITY COMPLEX

By bitka2000

Wondering what THIS is all about? Easy... its about what we all feel at a certain point in our life... if not nearly always, especially during our teenage. However confident or headstrong a person you may be, there is at least one moment in your life when you suffer from an inferiority complex.

I guess most of you know what I'm talking about, and for those who don't, here's the definition. The phrase comes from the words inferior and complex. I guess you know what inferior means. It's the opposite of superior and it means low or lower in rank. Similarly, inferiority complex means feeling that you are not good or important enough and basically just feeling sorry for yourself.

So far I have seen various reasons for which people suffer from an inferiority complex. Among them the most common one seems to be lack of attention and affection. Trust me, I know what I'm talking about. Then there is lack of encouragement and support, misunderstanding and communication gap between close ones etc. The last one seems to be common with people who come from broken families.

If you're thinking that I wrote this article so as to help you people overcome your sorrow, you're wrong. I am no expert on this subject, if that's what you're thinking... I'm not a psychiatrist, neither have I done my PhDs on this particular subject. I'm just a teen like most of you who feels that since so many people, if not all, suffer from this so-called natural stage of life, someone should write about it. I mean, come on, I know I'm not the only one who's suffering from this horrible feeling, there are many others, and since I have the writer's habit of writing my feelings on paper, I wrote this. And yet, I wasn't satisfied. I felt that I'd only be satisfied if this article was printed and all of you people out there read it and shared my feelings.

Let me tell you all something. A person usually gets an inferiority complex over nothing. I mean, when a person is feeling down for various reasons, and this one small little matter

comes up right then, it's sort of like the last straw! Even though it's rather a small thing compared to all the other things going on, it is what makes you break down... you know why? Because then you can't bear it anymore... you just want an excuse for yourself to get upset, and even though it's hardly an important or good enough matter to make a big deal out of, it is what gives you the excuse to go all weird, feeling lonely and sorry for yourself.

Well I've heard people say that a person starts facing all the problems in the world during her/his teen age. No, let me rephrase that... a person creates all the problems in the world for themselves during their teen age... I mean, before our teen age, we overcome most of our problems with the help of our parents. When we turn into a teenager, it's sort of like officially saying that from now on, we are on our own... no I don't mean our parents won't be there for us... what I mean is that, we like to solve our problems ourselves from then on... after all, we ARE teenagers now, right? But I guess with all the problems weighing down together, we do tend to make a big deal out of every small matter. And that's when we get an inferiority complex. For example, when we see our parents leaving someone else (mostly our older siblings) in charge of the household when they are away, we get the feeling that we are not good enough for the responsibility, or rather, we are not trustable enough for the responsibility. No, let me give a better example. Ok, when you and a friend are singing together, and someone comes up and compliments your friend on her voice or type of singing, that's when you feel inferior. Like as if your voice and singing wasn't good... or not as good as your friend's anyway. This usually happens in most of the cases... whether it's during one is playing a game, or dancing, or writing an article or essay, or like I said, singing.

Then there are also moments when you see one of your close ones paying more attention to someone else and you get the same old feeling which is a mixture of an inferiority complex with a slight tinge of jealousy... this usually happens in a broken

family, or between families with a new born baby, along with another child born before. Like when you see your mother going all gaga over your newborn baby sibling, and nearly ignoring u, u do feel a li'l left out don't u? Especially if u were an only child before. U know that they are just excited by the coming of the new member of the family, and that things will be back to normal soon enough, yet u just can't help thinking that with the arrival of another child in the family, the affection and attention given to you by your parents will not only be for you, but will have to be shared by your other sibling too... that's when you start feeling inferior and feel that they love the other child more than they love you. Even though we soon realise we are just making mountains out of molehills, we can't stop ourselves from going through this phase. Besides, I do believe that many of us actually enjoy going through this phase and feeling sorry for oneself. But when we do get out of it, thinking back, we realise how silly our fears had been. We knew that feeling sorry for ourselves wasn't going to help us, yet we couldn't help it. We knew our fears were useless, it was just a matter of time before life was back to normal, yet we couldn't help fearing that things were going to be like this forever. And most importantly, even though we know that things usually happen for the best, we can't help thinking that we must have the worst luck in the world, and maybe as an exception to prove the rule, things in particularly our case would take a turn for the worst...

So now since I'm done with writing all my feelings down on paper and sharing it with you all, allow me to end this article by simply stating the conclusion I've come to: Guys, being a teenager is the best phase of life, during which we are supposed to enjoy as much as we can, and not burden ourselves with troubles and inferiority complexes. So go out there and have as much fun as you can... and every time you do suffer from an inferiority complex, just read this article and think over what I said...