

The Story begins: Migraine was formed in March 1999. Band started when the school (Aga Khan) thing came up. There was supposed to be a concert at the school and they (Bariul, Shoikot and Resalat) just thought of getting together and give a shot! However, the concert got cancelled in the end but in one way or other the outcome was good for these guys. They got to know each other and formed a band, which subsequently became "Migraine". Meanwhile, Saion and Tahsin joined in. And they, as a band, started rolling.

All of them were into music from before. They had their line-up changed for few times and finally it stands somewhat like this:

Line-Up: Shoikot: Vocals, Guitar
Bariul: Guitar (Lead), Vocals
Resalat: Bass
Tahsin: Guitar
Saion: Drums

Two of their members, Tahsin and Resalat left. They are getting a replacement bassist and carrying on.

And with high hope they are looking forward to do more concerts and get crazy along with the audience!

Talking about craziness and wildness on stage, Migraine takes the NUMBER ONE place. No wonder why?

The name says all about them! Craziness starts with half of the crowds shouting "Migraine, Migraine..." Then the vocalists walk around the stage, jump as high as their feet can take, shout at the top of their voice...they dance and make the crowd dance which is very rare when it comes for the other bands.

When asked about their craziness, Migraine said, "We love to head bang, jump around and give our energy out. Like, when you see someone jumping around obviously you would react in the same way. So when we start jumping and puffing people feel the music and do the same and that's the part we just love to do in the concerts-get crazy with the crowd!"

Now obviously, it should strike your head by now how the name "Migraine" came up. As some of you know and well, some of you may not (but that's ok, because you do now and so you can't really complain, right?) the naming part is quite interesting. They were sitting in a tea-stall, coming up with different weird names. Then one of their members Tahsin who has a Migraine problem proposed this name and they all agreed to it. (Thank God he did not have Diarrhea or Dengue at that moment!) The name was absolutely perfect since they are now literally giving the neighbors migraine problem! (Poor them!)

Migraine, at the very beginning, used to do Alternative and Metal both. But now they are now into HIP-CORE, it combines Rap & Heavy Metal. And to the best of my knowledge, they are the only band in Bangladesh at present who does this stuff. They had a lot of help from the senior bands and are very grateful to those for whom it has been possible for them to come up to this stage. The first song they ever played was the cover of GOO GOO DOLLS' "Long Way Down."

Favorite Bands & influences: Korn, Limp Bizkit, Rage Against the Machine, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dream Theatre, Pearl Jam, Skid Row, Slip Knot, Cryptic Fate in Bangladesh. Alanis Morissette (Bariul's influence) & Mandy Moore (Excuse me!)

Best Concert: Russian Culture-this month & Alliance Franchise-this year.

Worst Concert: First one.

RS: How many concerts did Migraine take part?

Migraine: Anywhere from 6-1000! LOL.

RS: What do you think...who are the present Leading Metal Bands in

Migraine: We don't know either...We really do not have any clue why do Bengali people love (!) to glued them up with Alternative only. It's kind of weird you know. We think the nation is still young at heart! Typical Bengali kids are still simple minded attracted to catchy pop! Good news is gradually they are opening up to different types of music but not fast enough. And it's a shame! Probably somebody should come up and shake them off...wake up. Ha ha ha.

RS: So what should be done here and how do you expect things to be going for you?

Playing live hopeless mixing.

"It's really fun performing live. You see the whole crowd, you have your fans cheering for you. But still when we are playing live, we can not do what we want. We want to rock the auditorium with loud music and get the crowd crazy...but whenever we start doing it...Bang! The organizers come up and play the same old tune, "aste bajan, shesh koren, bla bla" since they keep worrying about their amplifiers and other stuffs. It's really odd...you are arranging a Metal concert and what else expect except loud music and head-banging!"

In addition to this, the problem

actually do not have any plan to do it commercially. What we will do is like selling at the concerts and to those who know us and love our music.

We have about 13-14 original compositions which all of us played a part in composing. But in the album there are 9-10 songs, 5-6 of them are Hip-cores, others are metal. The songs contain everything...there's everything from love to politics to drugs! We hope crowd will surely love songs like "Across the swamps", "Ignite me", "Hear me now", "Black tipped angel", "Burnt Papyrus", "Throw it away", "Lost nation", "Straight from the Heart" etc.

RS: Don't you think you should be doing some Bangla tracks?

Migraine: Well...to be exact, we do not feel comfortable with Bangla songs. Plus with our type of music...Bangla does not go. I mean just imagine Bangla Rap...phew!

RS: More or less, every band has a message that they want to pass through your songs. Do you have anything like that?

Migraine: No.

RS: Some people usually think that Heavy Metal singers are into the world of destruction, starting from drugs, alcohol to all those under-world stuff.

Migraine: Not necessarily...

RS: There are many new metal bands coming up. What do you have to say to those upcoming bands?

Migraine: Make a band with your friends, not with hard musicians. Cause misunderstanding happens pretty often. But if you do it with your friends then you put your friendship value in it. And if you are good, prove it. It really sucks when younger bands come up and say all those weird things about you!

RS: In the end, tell me guys, honestly. How do you evaluate yourself?

Migraine: We are a good band. We are definitely a good band. Its not like beating our own drums...you just go to a concert and watch us playing. Watch how the crowd get electrified, hear the shouts "Migraine, Migraine...", feel the craziness we do then we are sure you will get your answer.

"Its been only 2 years we are into this kinda stuff and from what we have achieved by now we are more than happy. And as long as the crowd is having fun we'd like to do more songs and concerts."

RS: Thank you guys. Wish you all the best.

There it was. We were done with our addafying. Thanks to Shoikot, Bariul, Saion and Jonathan. I hope the Migraine fans would be more than happy after going through this article. And do keep it in mind, Migraine is not over yet!

P.S. To the fans-you know what to do. It's the thing you do best, get crazy with Migraine!

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From left to right: Tahsin, Saion, Bariul, Resalat, Shoikot

Bangladesh?

Migraine: Definitely Cryptic Fate & Tantrik.

RS: So in that case where do you put yourself? I mean if there's a ranking or something like that what do you expect your position will be.

Migraine: First of all, We do not think there is any necessity of ranking or what so ever. Plus our style of music is different all together. There are no other bands in a concert who will do the stuff that we do. So, we really can not be compared or rated/ranked.

RS: Do you think one can think of having a career in music?

Migraine: Not with our type of music. See the chain of circle we have here in the Metal Arena is very small. If you compare it with the whole lot. And it's really tough to picture all the Bangladeshi kids are listening to Hip-Cores!

RS: Yeah...that's true. In Bangladesh only a group of people listen to Heavy Metal and its related songs. Why is this? Why Bands like Warfaze...emm...ok lets not go that high. Lets stick around with someone comparatively closer. Why metal bands like Cryptic Fate, The Glad Tiders do not get the "desired popularity" where as other Alternative singers or bands are getting flooded with more concerts which eventually bring more money and more popularity as well?

Migraine: Bands like us ought to be given more exposure: concerts, TV, newspapers like what the RS is doing right now. Albums containing songs from bands like us should come out in the market. And the producers should come forward and also the concert organizers.

RS: For the Metal Bands, you have an association right? The MAFC (Metal Alternative Fan Club). How does it help you?

Migraine: It does not help us directly. The thing they do, they frequently arrange metal concerts, which is really appreciated. So it's kind of ok as long as our exposure is concerned. We get to perform and we get the exposure.

RS: Do you get paid?

Migraine: Well...here you go. You know, it's just a pain in the back. We literally DO NOT get paid. Not a single paisa. We are bringing the crowd, especially there are many 'concert-going-nerds' who come to the concerts only for Migraine...but despite all these, No cash!

"But so far as we have seen, no band has been paid, not even the senior bands like Cryptic Fate or Tantrik. So if we see in that a way then I guess MAFC is doing a good job."

RS: What problems do you find? (Recording/practicing/Playing live)

Migraine: RecordingCash! Practicing lousy neighbors who don't listen to Hip-Core!

they face is lousy mixing. Mixing is just terrible! From what I have seen so far, many bands do not or should I say can not perform because of the excellent (!) sound mixing they do!

What the Migraine told me later on was something like this, "We have only one guitar and one bassist right now and if they have problem with that I have nothing to say. Not only this, the organizers mess up with the timing like who will be going after whom and this thing sometimes get us into fight. We don't mind fighting but things should rather improve."

Migraine performed in two of the "Benson & Hedges Star Search" Competition. In the last competition they were simply outstanding and scored 94% marks but sorry to inform you, they were disqualified both the times since two of their members were under-18, where the rule said you have to be over 18 to take part. (Yeah, age takes it tolls!)

Good for the Migraine Fans, they are now working on their debut album and it is going to hit the market very soon. I've already listened to the Demo-Tape and believe me guys, the composition and the guitar work they applied, they are beshi joss.

RS: Tell us about your album.

Migraine: We're bringing out a CD, which will be called "FRESH LEAVES IN A TRASHCAN" probably in a month or two. We are almost done with our recording...just need two or three more sessions to complete the whole stuff...then it will be on its way. But of course not in the market. We

What's up this week

By KZR

"Inter Club Mix-Up English Debate"

organized by Notre Dame Debating Club with collaboration with Mastermind. It will take place on the 25-26th of August at the Notre Dame College premises. Almost all the reputed English medium schools and some of the Bangla medium have confirmed their participation. Everyone is welcome!



METAL-ALTERNATIVE CONCERT

at the "Alliance Franchise" at 4 p.m. on the 26th of this month. Most the good bands are going to play there...DONT MISS IT.

"summer trend"

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The new "spikey" hairdo, all jelled up with hair standing up in front (the "Tintin" kinda hairdo) happens to be in, this season. And for those who dare to look extraordinary, then totally shaving your hair off is what's cool (yea, "cool" in both the senses =>) As much as it would keep the heat from getting to you, you'd also stand out in the crowd! For those who prefer the virile and cool look, the ever-popular "French beard" or "Go-T" always gives you a distinctive look. BUT, the kinda beard that some guz have the tendency to keep, (just cuz they're too lazy to shave) is hedious! I mean, your beard should be well trimmed, not something that looks like weeds growing in abundance! Lately the thin

thread-like "go-T" entices a sense of coolness.

Ear-rings and thick chains around the neck are out! Moon glasses are out, although thin black rimmed powered glasses are in (this is just for those who wear powered glasses).

But nothing's complete unless you smell great. Try and get yourself Tommy Hilfiger's Freedom, or Hugo's Dark, or Kenzo...they're perfect for this season. They have a refreshing smell and yes, girls will definitely turn back to look at you if you're wearing any of the above!

Carrying cell phones around in your hands and having it ring every few seconds is totally out, nada impressive, we know who you asked to give you a call every few seconds....your domestic help! And please, no blaring music in the car and honking a zillion times around girls' houses!

Alrity then, that's all there is for this season. Happy dressing and hopefully following the given tips, you'll be looking ready-to-kill!