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mainly accommodating and serving the paralysed (poor) patients of Bangladesh. People from middle class and rich households are also regular visitors to this centre for its quality treatment at an affordable cost. Bengalis have always welcomed guests with open arms, and the culture still flourishes, especially for one who has served our nation without any expectation for herself.

We are out to destroy the institution, which helps the poverty stricken people to find some solace without paying beyond their means to get help and treatment. It is time we reflect on it before it's too late like all other issues in the past.

It would be our ardent request to one and all of the CRP trustee board to please protect this institution from being destroyed forever.

A citizen
Dhaka

Bangladesh for the last 39 years, of which it took her 27 years to establish a centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP),

Valerie's service

The people of Bangladesh are known for their hospitality. Then why this unwanted skirmish with Valerie Taylor who has been serving in

Perhaps the article was meant for restricted circulation; directed towards academicians only.

If so, its place in a popular daily seemed somewhat questionable! May be I'm wrong; but this is my personal viewpoint; take it or leave it!

S.A. Mansoor
Gulshan, Dhaka

Bangladesh Biman

There was a news item in the newspaper that the CTG is going to change the name, colour and the logo of Biman, Bangladesh Airlines.

My request to the government - please do not change the name, colour and the logo.

The name was given by the father of the nation, of which I'm a witness, as the first Flight Operations Manager (FOM) of our airline.

Mazhar-ul Haq
Gulshan, Dhaka

Massive drive

We are very glad to observe that the caretaker government is sparing nobody in the massive drive against corruption and misdeeds. It is essential to punish the guilty so that fear will be instilled in peoples'

minds and in the future no one will dare commit such crimes.

We hope the drive will continue until all the corrupt people are brought to book.

Nur Jahan
Chittagong

Power failures

It is worrisome that this year we are experiencing a very hot weather. The heat wave has been worsening and this is definitely hampering the everyday life of the people. Hospitals are crammed with patients of diarrhoea and other diseases related to extreme heat.

This extreme heat is not actually the only problem: the worst problem is load-shedding. The government, for no particular reason, decided to close all the shops and market-places by 7:00pm in order to reduce load-shedding. But recently the power failure has increased so much that it is becoming almost unbearable. The question is, are these "men at the helm" sharing the same fate at their homes and workplaces like other ordinary citizens?

The government should not only focus on capturing corrupt politicians and businessmen but should also focus on other crucially important

issues, like supply of electricity.

Minhaj Ahmed
Uttara, Dhaka

New PSC chairman

The nation has breathed a sigh of relief with the appointment of Dr. Saadat Hussain, the former cabinet secretary and renowned civil servant as the chairman of PSC. Mr. Hussain has taken charge of the PSC at a moment when the situation is quite different compared to the past.

The PSC has lost its image for its alleged corruption over the years. The allegation of corruption is so rampant, that for the first time TIB has also published a report against it. Dr. Saadat will get unflinching support from the government in discharging his duties without influence from any quarters. The nation thinks that he is the right person for bringing a radical change in the institution as well as the recruitment system reflecting the popular demand.

An initiative should be taken to rationalize the much talked about quota system as it goes against the merit principle. Merit cannot be compromised in the cadre service i.e. in terms of building policy makers for the nation. For upgrading the backward sections of society, the quota system may be kept in other non-cadre services.

A well-structured system of examination should be developed for recruitment to the cadre service so that only the meritorious/genuine candidates come out successful. And marks for viva voce should be reduced to 50 from 100.

Finally, we hope the circular for the next BCS exams will be published as soon as possible.

M. Omar Faruq Khan
Senior Principal Officer
Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd.

Dirty notes

It is very unfortunate that for a pretty long time rotten, wrinkled and dirty take two currency note is in circulation in our country.

Doesn't the ugly note carry germs? It is unhygienic and harmful to health.

Does this dirty note depict and portray our sick economy, poverty, price hike of essential goods and commodities and untold sufferings of our people?

Doesn't it tell upon the image and prestige of our country?

We wonder what has been the duty of our past political government and the present caretaker government. Why are the Ministry of Finance and Bangladesh Bank sitting idle?

How much time and money do we require to replace the filthy, torn-out and dirty notes, print and issue new and fresh ones in the interest of public?

Would the authorities concerned kindly look into the matter and do the needful without further delay?

OH Kabir
Wari, Dhaka

Multiple speed-breakers

I would like to draw your kind attention to the potential traffic hazard points recently created by construction of a series of speed-breakers on the Airport Road which has a high traffic density. There are as many as 9 (nine) such multiple speed-breakers on both sides of the road. The intention is to reduce the speed so that accident may not happen. However, these spots have become potential traffic hazard points for the following reasons:



Courtesy: Transparency International Bangladesh

দুর্বলি কোর্ট আবৃত কোর্ট? বিবেক কর জাপ্ত!

Corruption Commission an independent entity.

My only fear is if the CTG loses its focus and things get out of control, it may create a bigger problem in the near future, because the time is limited.

Rayan Abrar Zafar
California, USA

Reform issue



Recently, some politicians from the two rival major political parties in their bid to please their party chiefs stated that any reform in the party would have to be made by retaining the existing party chiefs. This has totally disappointed the vast majority who expected at least there were some sensible leaders in the political organisations who for the sake of the country's welfare would seek a change in the leadership of their parties. We do not understand how a person with a modicum of patriotism could think of retaining a person as their party-head whose family members, close party aides and the ministers are languishing in jail on alleged charges of extortion, corruption, theft of relief materials and so many other criminal activities. No one from the party appears to have ever questioned their leader how those criminal activities could happen right under the nose of that leader.

It is now clear those criminal activities were carried out with direct or indirect consent of the party leader in exchange of sharing the benefit. This is an unthinkable example of shameless sycophancy by the benefit-seekers within the party. Such attitude only gives a message to everybody that the present political leaderships within the parties are not interested in the welfare of the country and its people but interested in their own benefits only.

The latest move by the leader of a political party in allocating her brother an important portfolio in the party unilaterally is a glaring example of the continued intention to retain family control over the party leadership in total defiance of the popular sentiments both in the country and within the party itself.

The leader of the other major political party has stated that, there is a "suffocating situation" in the country in the absence of democracy. May I ask that leader what type of democracy she was referring to? Was it hartal, blockade, killing of people with logi and baitha, arson and destruction of public properties? That was a suffocating situation for the public but for that leader perhaps it was an ideal situation.

May Allah save us from the clutches of those so-called leaders of the political parties.

Mohammad Ataul Hoque

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