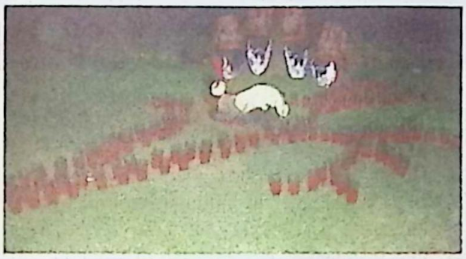
'Operation Searchlight' -Genocide

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STUDENTS of the Department of Theater of Dhaka University launched a hair-rising simulation artwork depicting the carnage on 26 March, 1971 in Jagannath Hall perpetrated by the brutal Pakistani forces.

The artwork was done with straw, wood, rope and deep-red dyes. It was a splendid display of the creative ideas of the artists. On the ground, several bullet-ridden human bodies were lying twisted with bloodlike dye spurting out of them. A wooden gallows was erected to recall the memory of falling of young stars following the preemptive assault by the devilish soldiers. While wandering across the hall, people got terrified as their eyes fell on the mutilated bodies. It was really an outstanding work that reminded all of the sacrifice of the valiant sons of our country. It reminded everyone of the barbaric mass killing on that fateful night in 1971.

Facebook Addiction Disorder (FAD) and the Student

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A friend of mine recently told me that he had spent a Saturday night at home alone on Facebook, drinking at his desk. What a gloomy image. Far from connecting us, Facebook actually isolates us at our workstations." If we analyse objectively, we can not deny the assertion of Hogkinson.

Many researches based on empirical studies have termed the Facebook as seductive media almost like cocaine. Researches also suggest that in the developed world, Facebook Addiction Disorder (FAD) is becoming a real problem, it is a psycho-physiological disorder involving tolerance; withdrawal symptoms; affective disturbance; and interruption of social relationship in the real world. You may diagnose by yourself whether you are suffering from FAD or not answering the checklist given below:

a. You lose sleep over facebok

b. You are more than an hour on the facebook

c. You become obsessed with friends on the facebook

d. You give more emphasis on facebook than your other important assignmenst (e.g. study for the student) in the real world.

e. You change your profile picture over and over again. That means you are worrying about your image far too much.

In our country, as uninterrupted Internet is only available in the urban areas so far, FAD has not become widespread like in the developed world. However, due to introduction of broadband and wi fi technologies, the Internet is growing faster. So, we can not discard the possibility of a large number of FAD affected students in the near future. Although there is no survey on the issue in Bangladesh, the observation suggests many students from upper-middleclass to high-class strata of the society, particularly of Dhaka have become Internet addicted. Some of them have been found over obsessed with the facebook. So, before reaching to an alarming situation we should take some precautionary measures right now.

To avoid FAD, the following actions may be taken:

a. Define the objectives of using facebook and you must stick to those objectives.

b. Make a facebook schedule and stick to that schedule.

d. Don't leave the important works (e.g. class assignments, exam preparation) due to facebook activities.

e. Facebook is a cyber world and in it you can interact with the people virtually only. Give more importance to the real-life social interactions.

Finally, I like to quote from Baroness Susan Greenfield, famous British neuroscientist, " We can not turn back the clock, but the threat is growing because technology is becoming more seductive and powerful. We must start facing up not only to the impact that computers are having on ourselves and our childrenbut also to the wider implications their use will have for our society in the future."

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