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### Mistake by a doctor

As a doctor I was extremely shocked and surprised to watch the TV coverage of Modern Diagnostic Center, one of the well reputed diagnostic centers in the city some days ago. In this regard I have some points to make:

1. Reports of Ultrasonography of the whole abdomen or pelvis are to be framed in different proforma-male/female. The sinologist usually dictates the findings and the typist completes the report and gets it signed by the Sonologist. The mistakes at the clinic level were-
  - a) May be the clinic did not have the different proforma as said.
  - b) Typist by mistake made the report on the wrong proforma.
  - c) The Sonologist, being a doctor, should not have signed the report without going through it.

The referring physician on finding the wrong report could have phoned the doctor concerned or the medical centre to make a fresh report and asked them to be extra careful in future.

**Dr Major Abdul Mannan (ret'd)**  
Dhaka

### A right decision

Many thanks to our Prime Minister for taking the right decision on the proposed airport at Arial Beel in Munshiganj. My request to the PM--please take strong action against those who proposed the airport site at Arial Beel. I think some ministers are not performing their duties properly.

**Tawheedur Rahman**  
Bishnupur, Comilla

### A shame for WC opening

It has been a great show -- the grand opening ceremony of the ICC World Cup Cricket 2011, but I, along with many others alike, simply want to point to a particular item that was presented before the world audience which in no way should have been placed in the gala package. I am talking about the cheap performance by the folk singer Momtaz. Her song 'Nantu ghotok-er kotha shuinya...' was a disgrace to the entire show.

I, on behalf of many, like to relay this message to the organising committee.

**A cricket fan, Dhanmondi, Dhaka**

## Give importance on writing skills

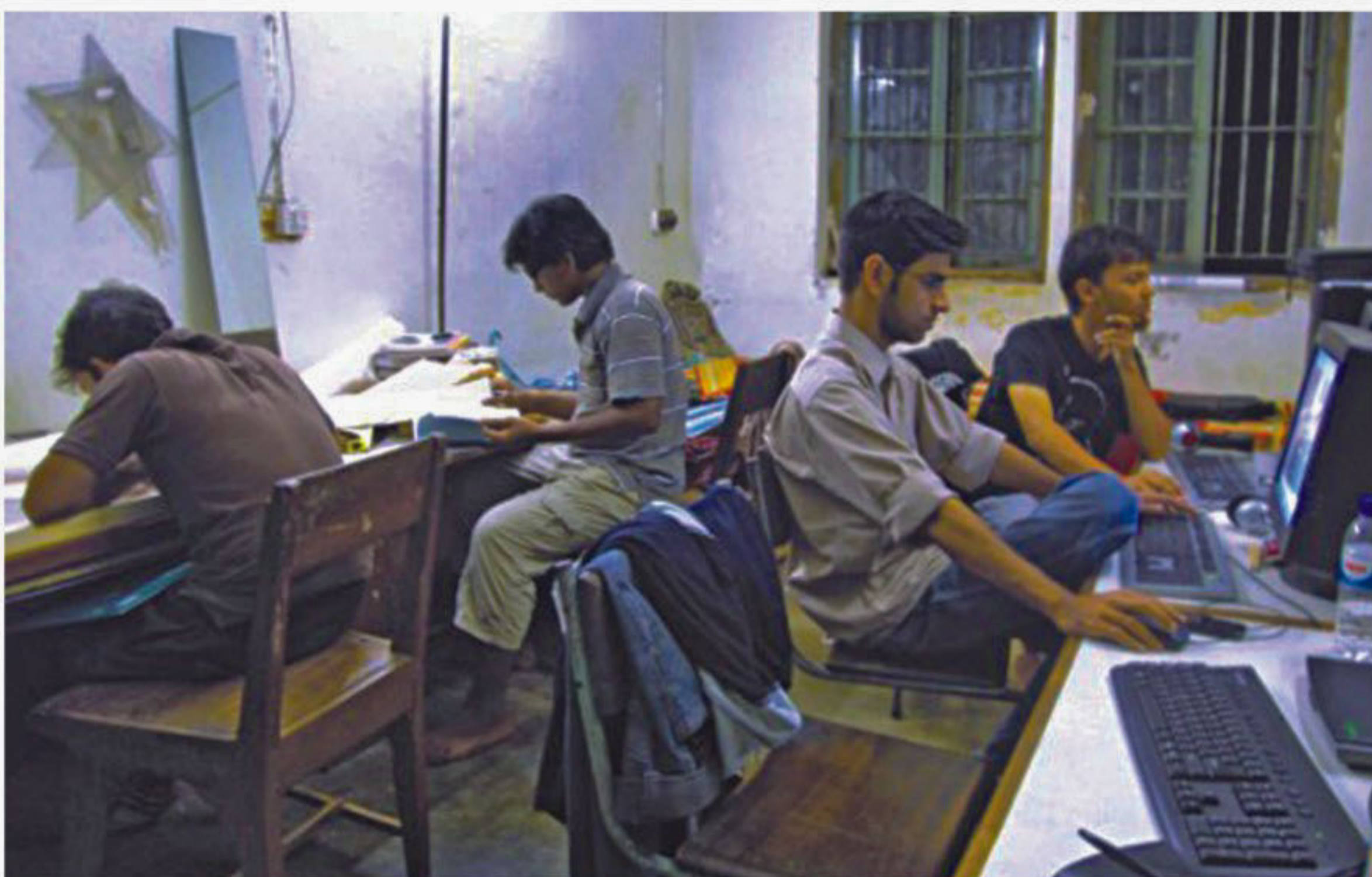


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Being an engineer is not easy. Only young minds with a passion for numbers, logic and physics can pursue this career. Just for comparison, over the time, medical programmes have extended their time almost twice as much as they used to have back in those days. Engineering programmes, on the other hand, have still restricted themselves into a span of mere four years. However, with the great advancement of technology, the course load has significantly increased with more and more up-to-date science and its corresponding applications that students need to gorge.

Also, during these rough few years, the students have to undergo a lot of training with hand on lab exercises and rigorous writing courses. Moreover, while writing the technical reports or essay questions,

the grammar, organisation and adherence do not undergo as much scrutiny as the results, plots and graphs do. As a result, the colleges are delivering many fresh graduates with tremendous knowledge of science but with poor communication skills.

One of the important parts of the research is publication in scientific journal or conferences, not to mention about the daily reports, proposal writings after becoming an active engineer. If any undergraduate student have not thought of improving his/her writing skills, I think, it is imperative to start immediately.

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### Overhaul Biman now

As per the news appeared in The Daily Star that the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism in a recent letter sent to the management of Biman stated that it was not happy with the explanation towards justifying the loss they incurred which is about over Taka 80 crores despite an increase in the passenger ratio from the previous year.

It is seen in the past that due to continuous loss the government initiated plans to handover the management of Biman to foreign airlines but the plan could not be materialized due to some restrictions imposed by the government. However, government on July 27, 2007 made Biman a Public Limited Company with the hope that as an autonomous body Biman would be able to work independently with more dynamism and will increase its capability to support itself in the competitive aviation business.

The government must appoint qualified consultants with years of proven experience to upgrade expertise of the staff, offload Biman's shares immediately in the capital market and raise money to offset losses, upgrade passenger services, go for aggressive marketing, restart its in-flight magazine for image boosting, get rid of incompetent and corrupt management team, put stringent check on falsified repair bills, stop unnecessary purchase, close unprofitable routes, check over staffing, check political interference and most importantly curb corruptions at all levels.

I am sure if government is sincere in its effort, very soon Biman will emerge as a profit making concern.

**Humayun Hyder**  
Zikatola, Dhaka

### Smoking festival at Dhanmondi

Ganja, a highly potent form of cannabis, is most commonly used in all the areas of Dhanmondi. Ganja has effect on the mental state and this is the main reason why most people smoke ganja. Ganja can change one's mood. Students are mainly falling prey to this.

In Dhanmondi after Maghrib prayer when one goes out, especially for jogging, s/he gets disgusted with the smell of ganja. People from all over Dhaka come to Dhanmondi Lake to smoke ganja whenever they feel like.

Law enforcers do visit the area occasionally but this does not work. Can't we do anything to save our youth from this addiction? The govt. has banned smoking in public places, but do come to Dhanmondi Lake, you will see festival of smokers.

**A concerned resident**  
Dhaka

## Look at America!



PHOTO: AFP

It is indeed a tough task which the international leaders are carrying out right now regarding Egypt by being silent. The cry for democracy in the streets of Cairo is intentionally not being heard by all the pro-democratic leaders of the world. It is quite evident that the leaders of the West, especially of US do not seem to have any problem with the dictatorship as long as it cooperates with their policies.

The drama which is unfolding in Egypt right now is a common sight in almost every dictator run country, but what makes it different is that Egypt is a strong ally of USA. The whole world

erupted during massacres of Tiananmen Square including the US, why not now? Aren't the protesters in Egypt demanding the same rights as the protesters did in Tiananmen Square? The US has favored an extremely rigged election a few months back in Egypt but when it comes to the election in Palestine, no matter how free and fair the election is, the US would never support the party they dislike and instead would put sanctions on the Palestinians.

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### Look outside Dhaka

By hosting the opening ceremony of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 Bangladesh has proved that it can stage any global event on its soil.

About one year back, a news report was published that Bangladesh offered to host a regional summit on environment conservation and carbon emission cut. Bangladesh is one of the most affected countries across the globe by carbon pollution caused by the developed and industrialized countries. Also, Dhaka is the most polluted city in the world. So, in near future one global summit on environment should take place near Dhaka and thereafter the capital may be shifted to that place.

**Saif Tinku, On e-mail**

### Terrible conditions of washrooms!

In our country the condition of public toilets are terrible. One cannot imagine using those in shopping malls or any other public places. The government hospitals are glaring examples and many private clinics are no better in that respect. The international airports of Dhaka and Chittagong are quite spick and span but one is disappointed when s/he visits the washrooms-- leaking taps, amenities not working properly, soaps and tissue papers are absent, if by chance there is soap, these are soap bars, not liquid ones, using these are unhygienic. We hope authorities will give proper attention to this important issue and take necessary steps. It is surprising that no one bothers about the harmful effects of their negligence.

**Nur Jahan, Chittagong**

### All pomp and power will go...

Dictators like Kings, want to rule with the unspoken wish to reign "till death sets them apart"! Kings get away with it, as the tradition is anchored on prehistoric realities. Even today, the kings and queens of England are surviving, because they consciously choose the 'Scepter and Crown', over the authority and power to rule. England is ruled by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers, holding full executive authority.

Dictators, on the other hand, acquire or even 'grab' state power. They all want to remain in power as long as they live and do not like the democratic parliament acting as an irritating 'opposition' at all times.

Bangladesh is the solitary example where a 'dictator' could manage to transform his rule into a 'hereditary democracy'; a sort of amalgam of internal 'dictatorship' with a public face of democracy!

"All the glory, pomp and power  
Will go; when comes the hour  
Of his impending final departure  
Leaving behind all his acquired honour!"



PHOTO: STAR

## Website for our airport

Hazrat Shahjalal (R) International Airport, Dhaka needs an official website. New comers and travellers from around the world look for information about the airport and the services it offers. It has been many years since Hazrat Shahjalal (R) International Airport (formerly Zia International Airport) is recognised as an international airport. Unfortunately, a search on the internet through search engines (e.g. Google, Yahoo) does not show any official website on the airport. The world has advanced technologically; in this context creating an interactive website for an international airport is easy and we have that capability in Bangladesh.

I am requesting the Airport authori-

ties to create a website for the airport. The website should include: arrival and departure schedules (i.e. domestic and international), airport map, location of key service stations, information on airport management authorities, contact address of the authorities, parking locations including parking rates, interactive immigration check in system, suggestion/complain box, and plan for emergency exit. In addition, some space on the website can be used for advertisement of different hotels, transports etc. Airport authorities/ government can earn revenues from these advertisements. I am confident that such website will be helpful for many travellers.

**Md. Habibur Rahman**  
On e-mail

## READERS respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Sunday's The Daily Star report headlined "Tigers go down fighting."

#### Hasan

Let's face it - Shakib's decision to bowl first was the right decision. The problem was the execution -Bangladeshi bowlers (especially the pace bowlers) did not stick to their plan. Everyone could see that the dew factor was affecting India's bowling.

#### Imrul HB

Shakib should be punished for his stupidity to sent India to bat first. The pitch is a batting paradise and India has the best batting lineup in the world. Moreover, if the team management has influenced the decision then it should be investigated. There should be nothing called honorable loss and so called respectable total. The team should have a winning mentality at all stage.

#### Firoz Ahmed

Bangladesh really played well. No doubt India scored high but in modern cricket this score has been challenged by many teams. Bangladesh batted well and hope they will play their natural game and enjoy the upcoming matches.

#### Anonymous

We have missed Mashrafe in this match when our bowlers were badly beaten. I can say our bowling and fielding was really disappointing. BD team should work in this area for next matches. Still I am hopeful for the next matches. Hope to see BD team in quarter finals.

#### Shamima Begum Shelley

It was a complete failure of the Bangladesh bowling side. It just did not make any impact on those great Indian batsmen, we felt like we were watching a second division match at Dhaka outer stadium. Indians just had too easy a time with their batting; they were virtually smashing it all around. Could it be possible that Indian used black magic to conduct an impact on our bowling side?

#### Sharif

It was totally stupidly when our tigers sent the world class batsmen to beat us !!! Allah gave us opportunity to win the toss but what our rubbish decision...!?

#### Sheikh Monirul Islam, Opee

The absolute failure of the bowling department was not only surprising, it is dreadfully shocking too. In recent days we were briefed by so many big stalwarts within our cricketing industry that how much we improved, especially by Atahar Ali recently at Channel i Tritio Matra...it was absolutely heart-breaking.

#### Akkas

For this humiliating defeat, I want to blame Coach, Team Management and the captain. Why they choose fielding first? For remaining matches inclusion of Mohammad Ashraful, Shariar Nafees and Mashrafe Bin Mortaza are required. May be chief coach has ego problem so he is creating bad atmosphere and obstacles for aforesaid players and they are losing their confidence level.

#### Tapan

Hey I'm an Indian but still I have to say Bangladesh played well today.

#### Md. Russell Talukder

The Indian captain started playing the match from out side the field ahead of the schedule, right from the moment he addressed the journalists by ventilating his plan that he would send Bangladesh to bat, if he would win the toss, a decision, which India would never have executed in reality, as it is evident from the statistics that India lost majority of their day-night matches batting at night.

#### Mishu

I don't think the Tigers went down. I think the Tigers played well. There is always room for improvement but I was not at all disappointed with our home team. I would like to pass the message to them that they have played well and we hope they will do better in future. Yesterday they played with such a strong team and where able to score such a high score, I felt proud and happy. At home we had a bet on who will be the winning team. Even those who said India would win, it's sensible and realistic, and we stick to our team.

#### Madsinner

To open the bowling with Shafiqul Islam is nothing but an insult to the world cup cricket. One of the nicest bowlers ever in Bangladesh Mashrafe Bin Mortaza is out of team due to injury. But he is totally fit now to play...and Ashraful has been kept out from this crucial match...I think something is going wrong in BCB. We don't see good bowling attack with these inexperienced fast bowlers...we had many better options to play with. Syed Rassel and Shahadat Hossain were better options.

#### Chandra Mani Chakma

Tigers go down fighting is true and we are satisfied with the score. There is not so strong bowling line in our team. If the tigers bowling and fielding improved they might even reach semis or quarter finals.

#### Muzaffar siddique

Following up the world cup from California I was amazed to find how silly and stupid for us not to go for batting even after winning the toss!!!! I think there must be an inquiry of game fixing where money might have changed hands. I request our cricket board to fire the captain with such a poor judgment. This is impossible unless there was game fixing. He does not deserve to be the captain.

#### Dr Karim

Although Tamim batted well but he had nearly 40 dot balls. Please Tamim look at that.

#### Sohel Ahmmed

Bangladesh is not bad.....I enjoyed this game very much.