

BONDHU GARAGE'S BONDHUS SAIL THE SKIES

MAHEJABEEN HOSSAIN NIDHI

The 10th event organised by Grameenphone's Bondhu Garage for the "Bondhus" on December 5 was nothing short of extraordinary. Not only were the participants sent flying, but they were on an inflatable boat while doing so. As the events are getting bigger and better, it stands to show that the perks of having a Bondhu Garage package are ever increasing. The range of benefits start from promotional discounts at various lifestyle outlets and eateries but it doesn't stop there. Bondhu Garage lives up to its name as it acts to bring together package holders in stimulating and exciting environments.

To determine who were the most deserving of such an adventure, there was an online competition exposed only to the Bondhu Garage community members. Of the 15,000 (approximate) Facebook members, only 20 were selected to join the event. The entries had been verified to see whether the applicants had the mobile package, if they fell inside the target age group of 18-26, and also their ability to creatively answer fun questions such as what the Bangla name of a flying boat would be.

This event took place in Meghna Village Resort 30 kilometers from Dhaka. All the participants were picked up from a point in Banani at 8 AM. Everyone was speculating what a flying boat would be like.

Some even imagined the boat to be attached to hundreds of helium balloons like in *Up*. Upon reaching the destination, the participants were surprised to see a small rubber dinghy attached to wings like those used in hang gliding. Even though initially it was received with a little scepticism and fear, the participants were still amazed when they took turns to get onto this strange vehicle as it reached speeds of up to 80 km/h and a maximum altitude of 7000 feet above sea level.

The whole

event was designed for the participants to enjoy themselves to the fullest. Other than the main attraction, there were fun activities such as football and other games. The friendly ambiance brought everyone together to chat and live it up. Fahad, a student of IUB, said, "This is the first time I came to a Bondhu Garage event and I intend to try to go to all the others coming up soon. A friend of mine had told me about this event and asked me to tag along. I'm glad I came, because it's an incredible experience and I got to meet a lot of interesting new people. There used to be a lot of open fields to play in and make new friends back in the day but the scope for that is limited now. Bondhu Garage's initiative is very appreciable."

To be a part of the Bondhu Garage experience, you need to have a Grameenphone SIM card and then convert to their package. Further details can be found on their own website and Facebook group.

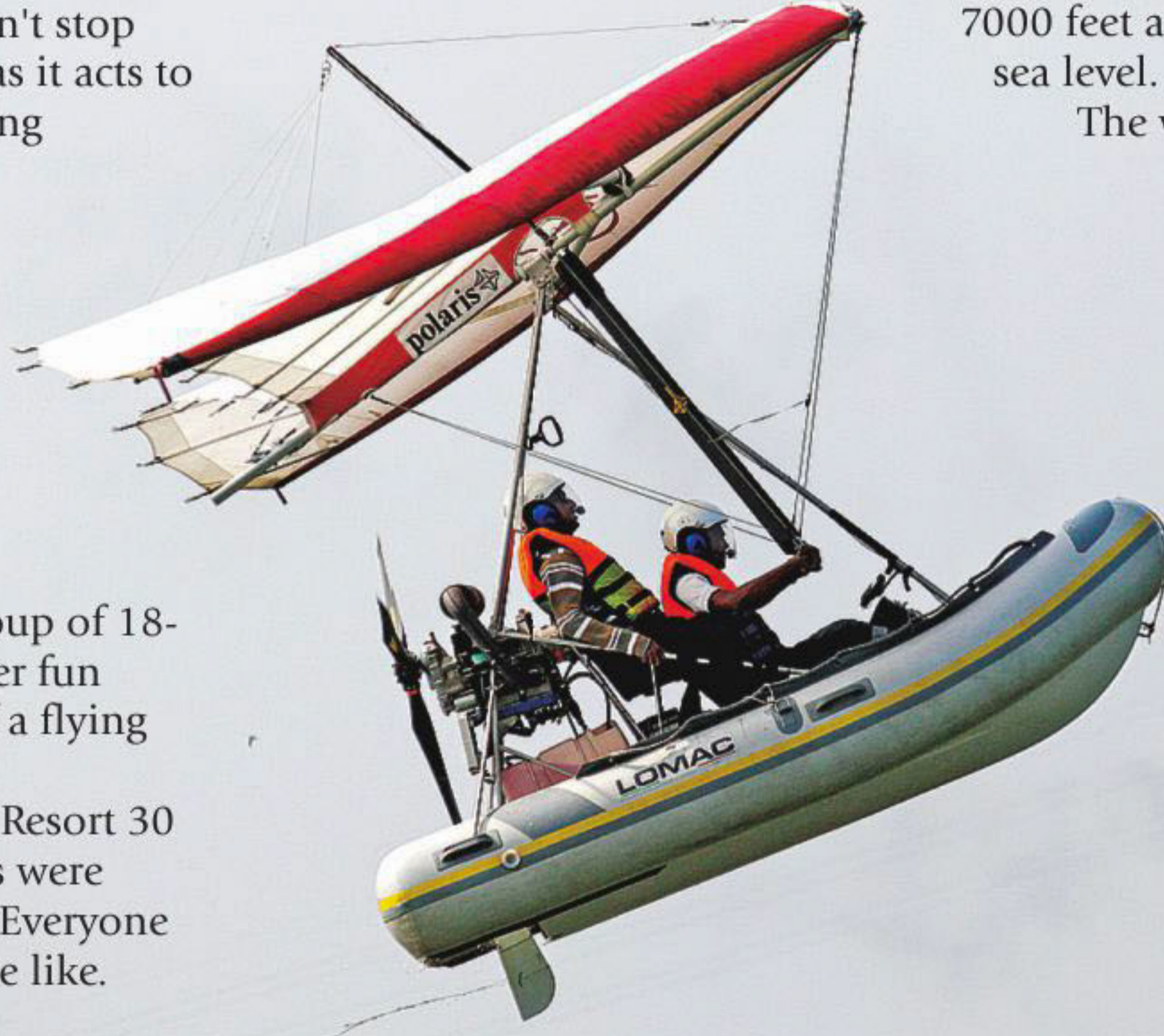


PHOTO: KHALIDUL KABIR NAYAN

চলো চলো

গ্রামীণফোন

bondhu garage
presents

RETURN OF 'VIKINGS'

back with their Classic Hard Rock music.
Guest appearance by SHUNNO.



শো'তে অংশ নিতে এখনই Join করো www.bondhugarage.club

> আগ্রহী অংশগ্রহণকারীদের বন্ধু গ্যারাজের সদস্য এবং গ্রামীণফোন বন্ধু প্যাকেজ ব্যবহারকারী হতে হবে > অংশগ্রহণকারীর বন্ধুকেও বন্ধু গ্যারাজের সদস্য ও জিপি বন্ধু প্যাকেজ ব্যবহারকারী হতে হবে > বন্ধু গ্যারাজের নতুন সদস্যদের একটি রেফারাল ও অনলাইন কম্পিটিশনে অংশ নিতে হবে (বন্ধু গ্যারাজের ফেসবুক গ্রুপে)। বন্ধু গ্যারাজের পুরোনো সদস্যরা সরাসরি কম্পিটিশনে অংশ নিতে পারবে > রেফারাল ও অনলাইন কম্পিটিশন থেকে বিজয়ী ১৫০জন তাদের একজন বন্ধুসহ পাবে শো উপভোগের সুযোগ > বন্ধু গ্যারাজে জয়েন করতে সাইন আপ করো <http://www.bondhugarage.club/signup/pre-login> > গ্রামীণফোনের অন্যান্য প্যাকেজ থেকে বন্ধু প্যাকেজে মাইগ্রুট করতে ডায়াল করো *111*44*1# > আগ্রহী অংশগ্রহণকারীরা বন্ধু সিম কিনে এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবে > গ্রামীণফোন ইভেন্টের যেকোন বিষয়ে পরিবর্তন করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে > বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য <http://www.bondhugarage.club>-এ সাইন আপ করো এবং ফেসবুক গ্রুপ জয়েন করো > এই ক্যাম্পেইন চলবে ১২ ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৪ পর্যন্ত