

**Head out.
But not just yet.**



As I write this, certain Dhaka streets resemble the sets of "Hunger Games" and I'm so over this political violence that part of me wishes I were somewhere in the beautiful, lush Chittagong Hill Tracts. [Ok, CHT sees its fair share of political violence often as well; we can't have nice things, it seems.]

The cover story in this issue highlights backpacking: what, where, how – ALL you need to know. You're welcome.

But don't head out just yet. Wait till there's no chance of you getting randomly BBQed.

#SHOUTCares

There's also a review of "Mockingjay – Part 1", to inspire your inner Katniss.

May the odds be ever in your favour.

– Karim Waheed, Editor, SHOUT

This Week's Horoscope

ARIES

Emotions don't belong in your workplace unless you're an emotional proxy for desensitised rich kids.



TAURUS

That kitchen knife on the counter looks lonely. Put another next to it. Awww, they're in love.



GEMINI

"When you can't find the hole, you make your own." – Francis the undertaker



CANCER

Lock up all flammable belongings before inviting your pyromaniac aunt over.



LEO

Your husband will take your enthusiasm for dancing with bearded communists the wrong way.



VIRGO

There's love in the air, on the ground, in your drinking water... my god, IT'S EVERYWHERE!



LIBRA

I got one word for you: quixotic. Be happy - I don't just give these away.



SCORPIO

Read my thesis titled 'Men - are they compatible with bicycles?'



SAGITTARIUS

Don't click 'Yes' on that EULA! Better read it first.



CAPRICORN

Don't be shy, make new friends. What's the worst that could happen, they gain your trust then sell off your organs?



AQUARIUS

The devil 'plays' all sorts of 'games' with your idle hands. Oh yes.



PISCES

If you find it hard when talking to children then buy an ice cream van. God will show you the rest.



MIXTAPE

Kaiser Chiefs

Thank You Very Much
toe

Tremolo + Delay

Black

Haat Barao

Atoms for Peace

Stuck Together
Pieces

Michael Higgins

Daybreak

2Pac

Brenda's Got A Baby

Iguanodon

Witchcraft Valley

De Staat

Habibi

Porcupine Tree

Signify



APP REVIEW

COOKING MASTER

SALMA MOHAMMAD ALI

My Rating: 3/5
Size: 2.95MB

After combing through the Google Play store for good cooking games I found one that somewhat met my expectations - Cooking Master is a game where you actively cook different dishes and serve customers before they get angry and leave. Some of the food you just have to tap on to serve - like tomatoes and bread. And others - like mushrooms or meat (chicken, beef, goose liver) you have to cook on the stove. By tapping, you put the food on the stove and let it cook for a few seconds. Keeping it on for too long burns it. If you cook it a perfect

100%, customers give you more points. If you overcook it the quality comes down by a few percent and so on. So you have to pay attention to the food and be fast at the same time as customers are always rushing in. Most of the time customers order a combination of two things.

I found it pretty addictive. The sound effects are very good and realistic. It has three different modes - Casual Mode, Time Mode and Story Mode. They are challenging as you have to balance quality of food and time but there isn't much difference between the modes. It's always the same food - no new dishes unlocked or anything of the sort so it gets a little boring after a while. But if you're into cooking games it's a good way to pass time.