

Colour blind man asks what the grey zone is for

CRIME REPORTER AGAINST PETTY POLICING (CRAPP)

Safran Khan (20), was detained from Zigmatola today afternoon for "suspicious movement."

Zigmatola police station's officer-in-charge Masud Chhana said Safran was trying to enter the red zone, where two in every five Tanvirs and three in every six Anikas have been infected with Covid-22.

"My stunning and brave policemen are working day and night to maintain the sanctity of the colour code! Tell us, Mr Safran, what colour is Zigmatola?" the OC was yelling when this correspondent entered the station.

I couldn't tell if Safran was flinching because a droplet of spit from Mr Chhana's mouth landed on his glasses, or if his butt was hurting from sitting on the wooden chair.

"Zigmatola is orange-ish, I would say. Mustard? I think that's the colour," Safran explained.

"Mustard is a condiment, not a colour," said OC Masud.

"Look, sir, it's summertime and my mother wants me to deliver lychee to her childhood friend's daughter-in-law's sister. You know how boomers be," Safran said while I appreciated his bold choice of mismatched socks.

The OC, obviously not familiar with generation Z-speak, gave Safran a bewildered stare. "Mr Safran, this area is under lockdown! Can't you see?"

"Not really, you spot on my glass so it's blurry," Safran replied. "But I get it, I'll leave. Two of the Anikas I know live here and they're straight up not having a good time right now."

"Be careful, young man."

"Are you going to give me the lychee back?"

"No, consider it a fine. We won't charge you three lakh taka because you're a moderately respectful young man, which is all we can ask for since no young person has respected us in a while."

"Also the lychee is perfectly ripe. Give your mother my thanks," Mr Chhana added.

Safran got up and walked out before Mr Chhana could gather more saliva in his mouth with the thought of perfectly ripe lychee.

"Man, those were the juiciest, greenest lychees I had



ever seen," an aggrieved Safran muttered as he left, "I even matched both of my socks with it."

Design students of Dhaka take streets protesting zone colours

Students of design all across Dhaka are bringing out a protest next week against the zonal colour mapping dividing different localities amid the Covid-22 outbreak, our E and Gaza correspondent reports.

They don't like it. They have been expressing their anger so furiously on Facebook that the 'angry' react emoji has been temporarily withdrawn from overuse fatigue.

Dhaka city is now mapped into red, yellow and green zones indicating death from contagion, potential death and bad internet service respectively.

Interior and fashion designers are demanding that fuchsia be used instead of the authoritarian, hunger inducing red. Amreen Titly, a third-year student from Interior Designers Institute of Theory Application (IDIOTA) explained that fuchsia is universal hue that embraces tonal collectiveness of the earth spirit.

Samir Rahman Tushie, an architect, early this week tweeted that fuchsia is just pink. The tweet went viral and all design students threatened to hang Tushie.

Design students have been frantically opening Facebook event groups to gather everyone for the protest. So far, their biggest challenge has been getting everyone together because artists cannot agree with each other on what font to use on the Facebook events group.

Countries erase all history of racism after breaking racists' statues

PC POLICE CORRESPONDENT

Two of the greatest nations in the world thoroughly erased their shared racist history by removing statues of all slave-traders, except for the really important ones which were defaced by graffiti instead.

"We have decided to demolish the statue of the racist person right outside our library after realising that now everyone knows how racist our great ancestors were," librarian Bob Smith Steve said.

Another proposal for the statues was to turn them into "Monuments of Shame" and use those as a reminder to a very dark chapter in the history of these two countries. "No. We would rather sweep this under the rug and hopefully placate people," a leader of one of the countries said.

A noted historian -- noted because of his pigmentation -- weighed in with his two cents on the matter. "We should put all the statues in a museum. Can we really forget great men because they are racists?" He tweeted.

Other commentators responded with a chorus of "duh yes".

Meanwhile in Bangladesh, a racist statue in front of Raja Plaza market in the capital was also dismantled. Some claim it wasn't racist, but since it was found sexually provocative once, many said art was in the eyes of the interpreter.

Citizens shocked as corrupt, unethical businessmen shoot two bankers

WOULD-RATHER-IT-WAS-A-PRESS-RELEASE CORRESPONDENT

Citizens around the country expressed shock after news broke of two unethical businessmen shooting two bankers before fleeing the country.

"How can two rich businessmen, belonging to the most upstanding profession in the country, do something like this?" noted civil society member Azimur Khan said, adding that he had never thought businessmen of all people would be capable of such things.

"I expect such things from our politicians and law enforcement members. But business?" He said, mouth wide-opening eyes seemingly agast.

The shooting made further news as it happened in the most elite part of the capital city, Gulistan. "You expect something like this to happen in Rayabazar or Chor Rosta. But here? Where 'we' live? I can't stay in this country anymore," Aziza Quarai, who does something but we aren't sure what it is yet,

said. She then immediately whipped out her passport and left her residence.

Meanwhile, the leader of the country stood in solidarity with the victims of the shooting, but said problematic things as usual. "It shows money cannot buy class," the leader declared, alluding to the time-old trope of equating poverty with crime.

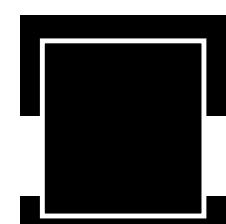
Others were also quick to bring up the argument that white-collar crimes should always be treated differently. "We cannot go around arresting all the CIPs," a commentator quipped on a social media post about something not at all related to crimes.

Police are yet to trace the fugitives although everyone knows they chartered a flight to the country where they probably have connections the rest of us cannot fathom.

"We didn't even know you could take a helicopter out of the country," a police constable under the condition of anonymity said.

OBITUARY

Prof Dr Imdad Middle Class was finally reunited with his beloved partner Equality -- greatly missed for the last six decades -- on the astral plane. A class, once considered to be agents of social change, was hailed only as recently as last year as being the country's backbone. But it was a backbone all too overburdened by wondering what the difference between living paycheque to paycheque and doing so to uphold certain living standards was. The Middle Class, which everyone claimed they were always for, lived a great life, spanning many decades in the country. In that time, he had strived to be that strong broad back of the elephant in the so-called Elephant curve.



But all backs must eventually break and when buying your child brand new school books meant a delay in paying rent, Middle Class finally knew his time had come. He passed after suffering a cardiac arrest as the story goes. Middle Class's family expressed their grief but also thanked God for a quick death; not only for Middle Class's easy release but also because it meant they would save on healthcare costs they can no longer afford. Middle Class leaves behind his children Lower Middle Class, Lower Lower Middle Class and Upper Middle Class, all christened thus so that the family name may live on even if it means next to nothing in this country.

Government hails new budget as Pro-Wealthcare, not Healthcare

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. This quote has nothing to do with the article itself, but does make this correspondent sound smart.

ANYHOO, the new budget of the country has been hailed by the government as being Pro-Wealthcare and not Healthcare.

"Yes, we have not spent enough on health as usual. But we have prioritised the wealth of some individuals. The rich will get richer. The economic growth will be high. More will be produced in the country and bought by the same small circle of people. And we will hit 18 percent," Finance Minister Anjum Ara, also the

former chairperson of Green Clothes Garment, said.

"Our poor people are very strong. Years of eating all the toxic things we produce, the silly antibiotics we give them have all made them stronger. They can work hard and must do so now more than ever," she said.

The new budget provides tax incentives to importers and also offers the scope to whiten money by paying a one-off Tk 1 crore to a minister of your choice. "This is to incentivise going after corruption. If our ministers know they can actually catch black money holders and be rewarded for it, instead of doing it as

part of their job, that would mean they work harder than ever before," the finance minister said.

The budget also allows for discounts on means of escaping the country and refinancing of loans taken by legendary loan defaulters.

Loan defaulters, who can qualify under the new "Legend" status by defaulting on loans but still being billionaires will be given the new refinancing privileges, through which they will now be able to pay back those loans at very low interest rates and over a period of 50 more years or until death, whichever comes later.

CORONAVIRUS: WHAT MINISTERS, ALLEGED LEADERS SAID

"To combat corona, hospitals will be made in China. Not here though. No budget."	"Corona is not a deadly disease. It is like flu and fever."	"Corona is dangerous strong. But as a virus we are stronger if we stand together less than six feet apart."	"Corona is not deadly. It is a touching virus. It will not touch you hand if you go to the gym!"	"The country is free from corona under the competent leadership of the information minister, or say he tells me."	"It really has nothing to do with me. If you all paid attention to anyone but these ministers, you would probably not be here."
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