



Politicians and bandwagon-jumping superstore, ‘celebrities’ declare verbal war only against rape

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The country’s top leaders, a superstore that can turn everything into a PR opportunity and people who think they are celebrities all came out strongly against the growing incidents of rape. “Rape is a crime and it must be taken seriously,” one of the top leaders said. “I really don’t like rape,” another politician said. One leader took it as far as blaming the opposition party of being a “party of rape”, showing just how little they care about the actual matter in hand.

Meanwhile, a superstore, which likes to become a part of any viral video -- be they of rickshaw-pullers or someone having a hard time in life -- also tried to become part of the anti-rape campaign by offering cash rewards to rape survivors. No survivor, however, came forward to get the rewards. YouTube celebrities also passionately spoke out against rape. Some of these were the same celebrities who had to back-track on their earlier show of support for disenfranchised groups over issues with their sponsors.

In the tri-state area, a protest also broke out against rape, with participants calling for more policing and more surveillance, turning the entire matter into what it really was about: making it harder for those from more economically-disadvantaged backgrounds to access the tri-state area. The police also cracked down hard on rapists, which should have been their job all along. Law enforcers made a big show of making quick arrests. Of course, it must be pointed out that for the most talked about rape in the tri-state, the

culprit was not only granted bail, but had also left the country. That was another show of how the law differs for people depending on their income. Calls for capital punishment for rapes have also become more prominent, with many wondering what giving this state such retributive powers would result in. In the end, the discussion has finally gained steam in the country and it is hoped that this time those in power will have more than buzz words and talking points to offer.

Police hire student consultants to help them with tactics not covered in training

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Our headlines say so much that we have to train our reporters in grammar and sentence reconstruction to help them fill the blank space. In the same way, police have recently hired politics loving students of Juggernaut University to help them fill up blank skills not covered by official training. Shahed Harun, who has many accolades to his name aside from having two first names, is also MD of RogueAgent Hospital. He uses his extensive medical skill from patching up and stabbing people to help police literally find veins of criminals. Or at least, people who have the potential to become criminals. These criminals are then charged with possession of drugs and finally they confess to other crimes. Harun assures a 110 percent success rate in getting confessions this way keeping unsolved crime rates low. The police force is very excited at this new collaboration with university students. Josef, a political science major said, “When push comes to shove, we are there to help our friends in uniform.” A photo surfaced a few weeks ago showing Josef very much pushing and shoving people who refused to move during a silent peaceful protest. “Without Josef, we could not have dispersed the crowd



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just sitting there, occupying public space in the name of saving street dogs,” said Constable Abdur Rahman. “Josef even showed us how to un-jam our firearms which we never use because actual

criminals have much more powerful weapons than us.” From firearms to firearms, Juggernaut University students are helping maintain order whether you want it or not.

READERS CAN WRITE TOO!

The driver who became a legend

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MD Rasel, a fresh graduate, was caught selling his newly bought BCS MP3 books in the capital’s Nilkhet Market. Backing his deed, Rasel said, “I bought these books a month ago to prepare for the BCS exam. But, Driver Abul Khalek vai opened my eyes. His achievements inspired me to learn driving and earn more money than a BCS Cadre.” Sujan Sen, a BCS aspirant, spoke about his frustration as Abul Khalek’s name was not in the recently published TIME 100 influential people list. “He deserved a place there since he proved that no job is insignificant and you can shine in life from any profession” he added. A veteran film director, Rowshan Faruki, is pondering to make a world class biopic on Driver Malek. “Unlike Martin Scorsese’s “Taxi Driver”, my film “DG’s Driver” will not only be a thriller but also motivate people to grab every opportunity in life. Maybe, it will be the first film for Bangladesh to win Oscar,” he opined. Ted Talk is going to host Driver Khalek next week in a seminar named “Don’t work hard, work smart”. Netizens have expressed their pride in having such an icon in the country. Supriya Sarkar, an undergraduate, posted in her twitter account, “I am vry proud 2 be a Bangladeshi. Bcz only in Bangladesh,



talent like Driver Abul Khalek vai can grow and make his own fortune. D world shld take lesson frm us.” In truth, Abul Khalek’s reputation continues to grow, with a biography set to be published. The book will be written by a motivational speaker turned author, because no one else has the time.

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