



Now cartoon strips banned from displaying figures after Micky Mouse fiasco

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In a strike against visual learners, cartoons were banned in The Country following complaints against badly-drawn Micky Mouse figures outside the premises of most primary schools.

"Micky Mouse is not part of our culture. It is a foreign figure...a symbol of western perversion and has no place in our schools," said Durjoy Hussain, the new spokesperson for the Intolerant National Justice Unity Triade (INJUT), a coalition of three parties that had to band together to be relevant.

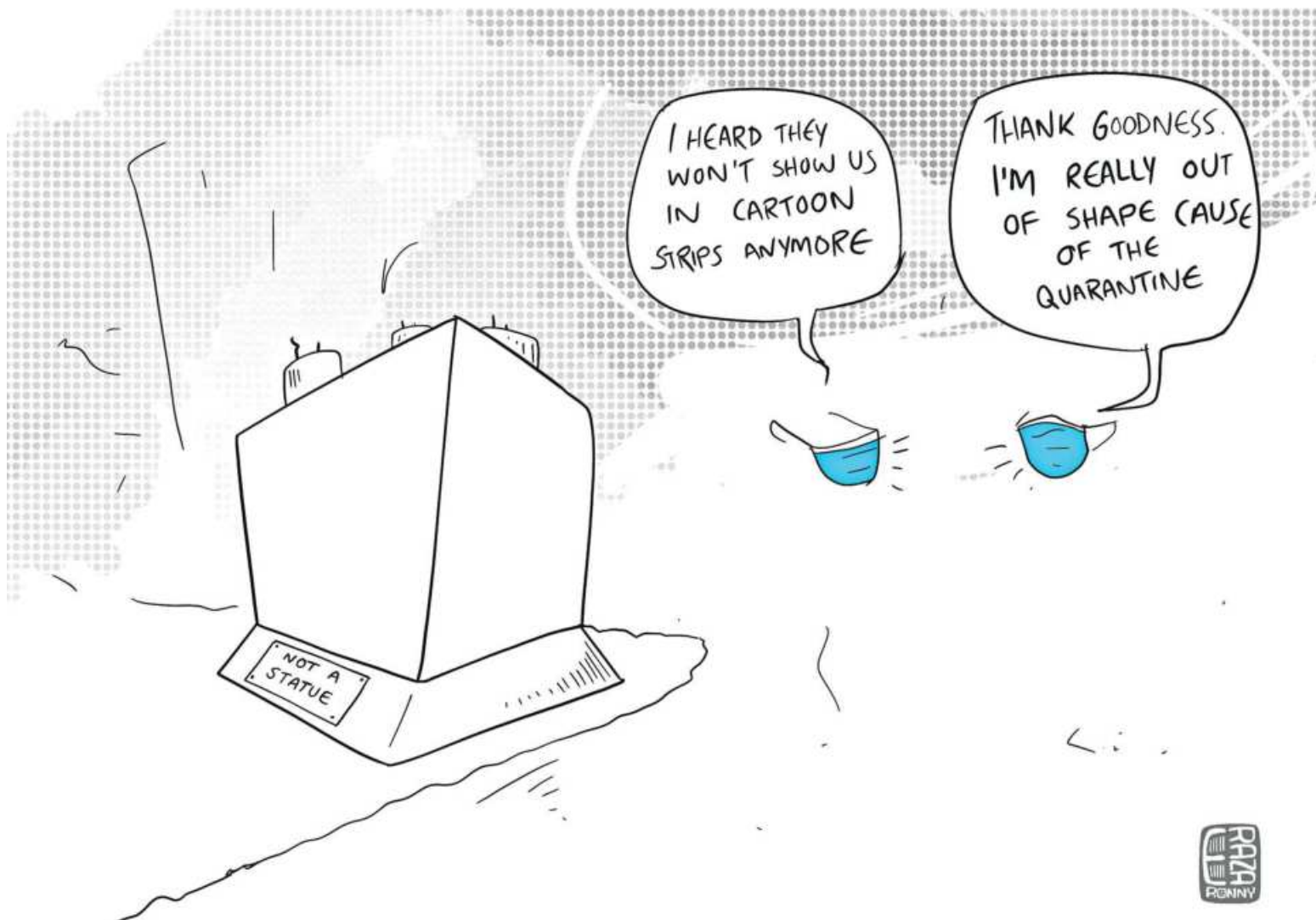
"We also do not want cartoons of any living object because our cartoonists are really bad, man, and I hate it," he added.

The ban had been brewing for a while following the arrests of cartoonists around the country for "badly drawn caricatures" of numerous notable personalities.

In the very first case, Asif Zaheen, a resident of the capital's Jammondi, was picked up after his caricature of a famous singer was deemed to be "defamatory". "That does not look like me at all. I had much better teeth," the singer had said at the time.

This followed a flurry of cases against cartoonists for "not being original", "asking for too much for small commission works", "being plain unfunny" and for "not suiting my particular taste of humour".

Afterwards a campaign was launched across the country where photos of primary schools -- their walls decorated with colourful, but badly drawn cartoons of Micky Mouse -- were uploaded on social media. And nothing stirs the shizz harder than posts on social media in The Country. Once those were uploaded, an opinion-shaping exercise was undertaken and many immediately began to hate the Micky Mouse "graffiti". In time, the overall idea of drawing in figures in cartoons came up and instead of riling up, let's be honest, here, THE MASSES, the government caved in to the desire to ban those.



COMPANY THAT SOLD JOB EXPERIENCE TO INTERNS NOW IN HOT WATER



BIDNESS CORRESPONDENT

A company which had made a name for itself by selling job experience to interns has been accused of having slave labour.

The allegations surfaced after some workers of Kinteractive Airs Ltd (KAL) took to SOCIAL MEDIA to air their dirty laundry like a bunch of unprofessional children.

The post was followed by KAL's decision to freeze all recruitment after other interns began demanding a "living wage" or "any wage". KAL's decision was adopted by other corporate houses in the country.

"We, the Association of Corporates, have decided to no longer give the luxury of recruitment to inexperienced workers. We had been doing them a favour, but now they want to ask us for money and we cannot have that," Solaiman Khokhon, president of the

association, said during a news conference.

To be fast-tracked for employment, interns, or slaves, had been doing demeaning jobs with no pay, or by paying the companies they work for, for years now. One intern, however, kicked the hornet's nest last week by making a SOCIAL MEDIA POST about KAL.

According to the 21-year-old, KAL not only refused to pay him but in fact asked him for Tk 100 every month for various fees.

Contacted, CEO of KAL Kamal Hussain said this was standard industry practice. "Every job requires you to have some experience. And experience doesn't come for free. My entire company's model is to provide experience to kids in exchange for payment. How can they ask me for money??" Kamal said.

Jashimuddin, president of the Worker's Federation, who is not a corporate sell-out

at all, said, "Every job requires you to have some experience. And experience doesn't come for free. Some countries' entire model is to provide valuable experience to kids in exchange for a paltry sum. How can the kids then ask for money? Are they not being adequately rewarded?" The matter was even brought up before the Minister of Labour Kamaluddin. Asked, the minister, who is not being paid by vested interests, said, "Every job you ever want to do requires some experience. The top companies need you to have some experience. And this experience, so magical and seductive, doesn't come for free. Those who offer it ask for money, yes, but not for profit but as a way to teach children how to be resourceful and have good fiscal habits. How can the kids also ask for money? That's how children go bad, when they are given too much money."

Gangster lawmaker distributes sweets among constituents instead of stopping her crimes

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A gangster politician, with three rap albums under her belt, yesterday embarked on her newest PR campaign after she was caught selling drugs to children.

In her latest move, Rasheda Ashfaq aka Rashy Ash, distributed 3000 packets of sweets among her constituents in Chapasthan hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic.

As tone deaf as her charity was, the sweets weren't even from a good place and instead were bought from that one bakery which has a religion in its title and no one knows which the original one is.

During the distribution programme, a reporter asked Rashy Ash, "Hey, Rash are we sure there are nothing but sweets in there?" The

politician immediately lashed out and demanded the reporter be "beaten to death".

She later apologized and said she has never used those words before. "I am trying to do a good thing here and you people won't let me. A person needs to let go of their past to become better," she said.

She then pointed to the tattoo underneath her eye and said this was a reminder of the person she had been and was willing to let go of.

Asked if she was willing to leave behind her very clear life of crime, Rasheda broke down in tears. "I know I have hurt many people over the years. I don't want to hurt them anymore," she said, without clarifying whether she would give up the "gang life".

