



Bangladeshi comment warriors dream of getting higher degree on victim blaming

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Victim blaming has become 'almost an art' in Bangladesh. Whenever any news portal publishes news of any violence, comment warriors start their war of blaming the victim, especially when the victim is a girl.

According to the UN (Unidentified Notion), Bangladesh is the largest comment-warrior producing country in the world. The growth rate of this type of warrior is quite enviable for other countries and the number is rising by leaps and bounds.

Comment warriors, however, are running out of excuses and logic due to the lavish use of these on various comment sections. Statistics show that they have actually nothing new left to use when it comes to blaming victims. So, the warriors have come up with a new plan! They want to pursue a higher degree on victim blaming in a foreign country, either from the USA or any European country that will have them. Asked about this ambition, a comment

warrior, said, "Our stock is empty now. We have been blaming victims for decades with our limited homemade logic, words and excuses. We need to learn new ways and logic so that we can blame the victims more severely and ruthlessly. A higher degree on victim blaming from a foreign country can enrich our knowledge of blaming. We are dreaming of utilising this opportunity."

The bewildering behaviour of comment warriors has left millions of people astounded. Even the Hubble Telescope would fail to find a structured and relevant comment. Referring to this as an immense success, another warrior said, "People are talking about us because of jealousy. Victim blaming is an art and we deserve to be treated like artists. To flourish our knowledge and wisdom, we must acquire a higher degree on victim blaming from a developed country. We need the government's attention to fulfil our dream. We promise we will take this art to another level if we are given a chance."

Corrupt officials come up with list of immoral activities to avoid

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A section of corrupt officials, using their expertise in, well, corruption, have come up with a list of immoral activities that citizens are to avoid at all costs.

The awareness campaign titled "D.I.E" sets out a three-pronged attack against depraved activities which are apparently a bigger concern for the nation than anything else.

"We know all about corrupt activities. We have done it and have learned why others should not do it," Azfar Hussain, the upazila chairman of Bakhunia, said. "We put a lot of thought into this and then decided, as the bastions of morality, we are actually in prime position to tell citizens what to do

and what not to do.

"So, we made the list taking into consideration what we had done. First, many of our officials used to abuse drugs, like weed, which is the worst one among all the drugs in the world. Second, as we, I mean they, became addicted to drugs, they would seek out illegal gratification," he said.

He added that illegal gratification, a polite word for bribes apparently, would soon be followed up by EXTRA-MARITAL AFFAIRS. "You can see how wickedness just continues to grow. And so these are all steps in the chain of wickedness and unless you stop, you can never stop," Azfar said.

Sufia Sonali, chairperson of the Corrupt Officials Cause Kurrupation,

said that Bangladesh repeatedly finds itself in the list of most corrupt countries in the world. "We usually rank in the top 20 in the list of the most corrupt countries in the world. Now, 20 doesn't sound bad, but when you take into account who the remaining 19 are, it's really bad," she said.

Sufia added that now things were changing. "We catch a lot of unaffiliated or wrongly-affiliated corrupt people. Specially cartoonists. We hope this awareness campaign can help people become less corrupt." When pointed out that corruption started at the very top, Sufia said that was an exercise in learning by example and not leading by it. "You cannot stop corruption, unless you fully understand what it is," she said.



Empty government bank vaults to store Covid-19 vaccines

Chapasthan grapples for storage space to store newly-gifted vaccines; turns to national banks as usual



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Chapasthan's benevolent leaders yesterday came up with the decision to use the country's bank vaults to store the Covid-19 vaccines.

When the vaccines first arrived and after the leaders of the state were administered the first doses, worries rose about where the vaccines would be stored.

"That's when we realised that most of our nationalised banks have no money in their vaults. With a few minor tweaks, we can use those to store the vaccine," Chapasthan's money manager said.

The Unhealthy Minister of the country informed a press briefing that the vaccines needed to be stored in a certain temperature and would need a certain environment where it could be kept without spoiling. "Because of Covid, we were not able to give our regular MMR shots so most of those are already stored. Now, with this new vaccine gift, we are fast running out of space. In this situation, we decided once again to turn to banks," he said.

Under a new "Bank To Vaccine Hub" programme, vaults in national banks will go through a facelift, with many modifications being made to successfully store the vaccines. A Tk 500 crore project has been undertaken in this regard, with costs expected to rise to Tk 900 crore due to corruption and nothing else.

An opposition leader lambasted the government's initiative. "This is just another way for them to steal money from the banks. They have come up with this ridiculous proposal because they know the people are too idle to react. They want the vaccines immediately too, so of course they will agree to anything," the leader said.

Chapasthan's money manager, however, did not agree with this assessment. "We don't really need excuses to steal from banks. We can do it anytime we want. If we get bored with that, we can steal from the stock exchange. We are trying to do a good thing and a vested quarter is turning that positive into a negative. But those who cannot, only say," he said. The programme is set to begin from next week.