



Mercury rises across an elite social journey

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LURKIE LURKERSON

The following is a collection of social media statuses, collected from a group that Satireday has observed for some time and determined to be more or less like-minded. The statuses were posted over a three-week period from late June to the end of Eid vacations. The names of the users are being withheld because we could not think of clever enough puns.

June 21, 10:17am: I usually do not post statuses, but this is not usual. Thousands upon thousands have been stranded by the floods due to seasonal rains and water from upstream. All year, as I gaze out my window on Friday afternoons, I just wish for some rain, so that I can leaf through my well-worn copy of Vishabriksha or Durgeshnandini as I sip on my cup of chai.

But I don’t wish for that any more. I don’t want rain. Join me in sending relief to those who have suddenly lost their homes and belongings, and are now plagued by waterborne diseases. Also, join me in praying that it does not rain for a long time. I want to

go back to my village for Eid and I know many of you will too, so I hope like me all of you can do whatever is possible to help those in need.

-Concerned Citizen

June 25, 12:40pm: To all those who are making fun of me for marking myself safe, I come from Sunamganj. I am planning to go there this Eid, and my family lives there. So yes, I may be in Dhaka, but that is no reason for all of you to think that I don’t deserve to be safe, or mark myself as such. Only if you came from where I come would you know that safety is a privilege. I am just not denying mine.

-Slightly Miffed Citizen

July 7, 2:38pm: Those two words are back again. If you think that what happens far away doesn’t affect you, think again. The energy crisis is real and those words, load-shedding, are back. The war happening thousands of miles away has come home, and as conscious citizens we have a role to play. A lot of us have air conditioners at home, in our offices. Let’s mobilise and turn off that AC. Do we need to keep it on all the time. Ask yourselves this. Remember, it takes a conscious and concerted effort to change reality. Maybe all

of us going home for Eid will improve matters. #heatup2cooldown

-Mobilising Citizen

July 12, 3:07am: This is just too much. Humans weren’t supposed to live like this. I am in Sylhet and it is hot and humid. I told my uncle so many times to invest in one air conditioner. Could one air conditioner not be managed? And did you know, ceiling fans actually blow hot air down upon you?

I can’t sleep, and my family says they want to stay another day. The nerve!

And where is all this rain I have been hearing about. The water has mostly receded, why can’t we have some rain to cool things down a little? Anything would do. What I wouldn’t give for a storm now. A deluge... yes, a deluge would surely cool things down.

I had gone on many field trips before to Dublar Char, where conditions were sultry, but this global warming thing, man. We really do need ACS

Don’t care what my family says, I am going to Dhaka tomorrow.

-Status compiled from all the above citizens

You’re wasting your life: Study

MOSS CORRESPONDENT

A revolutionary new study has found that you are wasting your life.

“Revolutionary”, a collective of social scientists, has surveyed 4 billion people over the last eight years and found that a huge majority of them are wasting their lives.

Conducting the study has cost around \$9 billion, said scientists associated with it, but they begged not to be named.

“We have talked to a cross-section of people from around the globe, and we found that they were going nowhere,” said Icanana Lyse, the lead author, while revealing the findings in a sparsely attended press conference.

More than the study subjects not physically going anywhere, it was found that they were going nowhere in their lives, Lyse said.

Mental stagnation is everywhere. Every day people clamour to come up with something new and revolutionary to keep themselves interested. But it seems overall society is heading towards rapid decay.

“We interviewed officegoers, and around 37 percent of them said they were moving up in their careers. But when we interviewed their bosses, around 98 percent of them said those very employees had probably risen as far as they could.

“About the bosses, a 100 percent felt they were taking their corporations to newer heights, but our representatives sat in on meetings and found that 88 percent of those were mostly about them coming up with new names for old things.”

Talking to general citizens of poorer countries, it was found that 85 percent thought that the government in power would improve their lives.

“Talking to economists and experts, however, we found that the trends so far indicate that the situation could get worse, with a five percent



This is a photo of a man wasting his existence, and the empty desks around him imply that his colleagues are wasting their work time. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STS

chance of it getting better, and a 50 percent chance of rain,” Lyse said.

“In developed countries, we found that elected officials were only interested in keeping the rich happy, and around 99 percent of the population suffered from what has been known as ‘first-world problems’, and said they were wasting their lives because they could not find happiness in privilege.”

A reporter asked Icanana Lyse whether there was any new information in the study.

“In conclusion, we have found that this study was a waste of time,” she replied.

NASA to hire Bangladeshi ‘scientists’ to get authentic images

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The fact that NASA is famous for producing fake images of space and celestial objects, has again been proven.

NASA released their first official images of the deep fields of the universe, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope, a white elephant that cost more than \$10 billion, which is higher than many countries’ GDP, foreign reserves and so on.

Despite being unable to produce authentic images of the universe, many people, mostly comment warriors of Bangladesh, have questioned the need for this costly project, especially if the photos produced are actually created by a semi-talented, slightly eccentric, artist.

“I saw these photos and I can assure you that I can take better photos with my Nokia-1100. What’s the point of spending \$10 billion on a telescope and editing photos, taken from Google, with just a \$100 phone?” Hilar Yas Harun, a gadget blogger, asked.

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Another group of people viewed the images with suspicion, believing that there should have been a face clearly visible on those objects, such as the moon, stars, galaxies, etc., no matter how far or how tiny or big those objects were.

However, the absence of faces made some people utterly disappointed.

“These photos are absolutely fake. NASA has been bamboozling us since its inception as a rock-searching organisation. A constellation of

stars without the face of our star is implausible,” Protibadimanob Pintwo explained.

This disgruntlement did not stay confined within Bangladesh’s boundaries, but soon draw NASA’s attention. NASA scientists have been questioning what they have toiled decades for since learning that Bangladeshi scientists, also known as comment-warriors, claimed that these space images were fake and an art of mere fabrication.

So, they decided to hire some Bangladeshi scientists so that their assiduousness would never again go in vain. “We should have sent those images to Bangladeshi scientists for validation before releasing them officially. We left no stone unturned to get the most authentic images, but all that went up in smoke as better scientists from Bangladesh questioned the credibility of those images.

“I apologise to all of you and assure you at the same time that, it will not happen again as next time we will have Bangladeshi scientists, hired based on social media comments,” the cheap chief of NASA said in a press conference.



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