



Clash between Patro League and Patro Dal leaves several unmarried

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Leaders and activists of Patro League and Patro Dal, the marriage wings of two political parties, locked in a clash in front of a kazi office in the capital yesterday, leaving several unmarried.

The incident erupted after two Patro men went to the office and found they were tying the knot with the same person. While they philosophically have no problem with the concept of polygamy, their political affiliations made this a form of forbidden love.

This correspondent rushed to the spot and witnessed the aftermath. Two cars adorned with flowers – one with a sign that read “Jobbar and Alfee” and another “Jibon and Alfee” – were vandalised.

Witnesses said the two groups started ripping apart gifts and pelting them at one another.

“One guy hurled a brand-new microwave across the road,” said Kuddus Howlader, a local.

“Seeing the violence, I rushed to the spot and snatched the microwave away to use at my momo shop. It’s working great.”



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Due to the clash, several of the activists who were waiting to get married that day couldn’t, leading to more displays of the anger and frustration of the bachelors.

“We want to feel loved! We want to dance at hohuds! We want to get married!” said Writer Mukherjee, a member of Patro League.

“I had planned to leave this life of politics after becoming one with my love. But now, it seems I’ll forever remain one of the Patros,” lamented Poet Chowdhury, who’s in Patro Dal.

Police eventually managed to bring the situation under control by bringing in 50 matchmakers with suitcases full of biodata.

“This is a sad development, as I too was once unmarried. But law and order must be maintained. Disputes over marriage should only involve class divides and hometowns, not violence,” said Officer-in-Charge Mainul Haq, a former Patro League leader.

Right after the incident, this correspondent came across Muhurto Ahmed, leader of Patro League. Asked about the incident, Muhurto said, “I don’t know anything. I just got here.”

In a notice issued yesterday night, Raatro Dal, another political wing, said it formed a three-member committee to conduct nighttime investigation into the source of this clash – Alfee.

Contacted, Jobbar and Jibon said it hurts that Alfee played them, but what hurts more is Alfee intentionally picking two people of ideologies worlds apart to play.

Alfee, however, said, “I don’t even know the two. They’d just message me on social media and got no replies. Once, I just texted them: ‘Hello, I’d love it if you stopped messaging me.’ I guess they were just selective in their reading.”

Acting manager thought he would just have to be the best at acting

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A man lost his job at a company yesterday, weeks after being made its acting manager, because he aid too much attention to the “acting” part.

“Okay, let me ask you this, who is given the post of manager in a company? Is it not the person who is best at the job?” asked Komol Imran, the former acting manager of Insight Inc. As he asked the question, he started hyperventilating and then wiped off an imaginary tear.

He then started chuckling, in a dramatic turn of mood. He soon started guffawing, scaring the living daylights out of this correspondent.

“So, then, when I was offered the acting manager position, hehehehe, what was I supposed to think, huh?” Komol asked, suddenly very aggressive.

“If a report was submitted on time, he would shower the submitter with praise and would go overboard. If someone showed up late, Komol would stand on a desk and deliver a monologue.”

“I thought I was appointed to be the best at acting. My every move had to be the best expressed, and everyone had to, you know, feel me.”

Employees at the company said Komol, immediately after getting the acting manager’s post, just went ballistic.

“If a report was submitted on time, he would shower the submitter with praise and would go overboard. If someone showed up late, Komol would stand on a desk and deliver a monologue.”

“If an employee got pissed off at these excesses, Komol would break down in tears.”

One of the members of the board of directors said, “The situation was just untenable. We told him repeatedly that he was supposed to be manager; not the manager of acting inside the organisation. We had to fire him eventually, because the HR complaints were just piling up.”

Friends of Komol said he is a big SRK fan and had recently learned Pathaan would not be released in February.



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Fighting over being called ‘Murgi’ stops after price of chicken skyrockets

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Being called “Murgi” has always been a source of extreme offence for all students of Bangladesh, although they can often be found queuing up to have fried chicken.

But things on the “Murgi” front have changed, thankfully. The country’s students have finally stopped being offended by the word as they came to know that the price of chicken has skyrocketed and is going to challenge the prices of beef and mutton very soon.

“If someone calls me ‘Murgi’ now, I don’t jump on him anymore. Instead, I feel so valuable and honoured,” Tausif, a student of Idle College who once assaulted a pedestrian for calling him “broiler murgi” after he came out through his college gate wearing a white shirt, said about his recently-discovered pride.

Visiting several kitchen markets in the capital, this Satireday correspondent saw that the prices of various types of chicken were growing by leaps and bounds.

Several students from several institutions claimed that the price was just a metaphor here, and in actual fact it was their pride that was going up day by day.

“The word that offended me yesterday makes me feel proud today,” Zubair, a student of Sea Tea College who partook in a clash happened between Idle College and Sea Tea College the day before, said with profound pride.



The surge in chicken prices means that gone are the days of humiliation and embarrassment as no one will mock anyone by calling them “broiler chicken”.

Although the cheap price of broiler chicken has benefitted the bachelors of the city, it has always been a source of humiliation for students. “We have always been mocked by being compared with broiler chicken. That is over now. The price will do us justice. Has anyone ever called some a ‘diamond’ in mockery? No, because it’s expensive and valuable. Call us ‘murgi’ now. You cannot even afford to buy it now, can you?” said Katrina, a student of Very Hard to Spell School & College who posts the growing price of chicken 10 times a day on her social media accounts.

People in every nook and cranny of the capital can now breathe a huge sigh of relief because of the peace, that did not come cheap. In fact, it came so expensive that families of the country have decided to turn into vegans.

“I am so happy now that finally students of this country have stopped fighting over calling each other ‘murgi’. I know it came at a huge price and has gone beyond my means. But the huge price is small price compared to the high price of being stuck in a bus due to some boys on the road hitting each other because they heard the word ‘murgi’,” Shams, the newlywed inhabitant of Zigatola who stopped eating chickens and turned to vegetables, said with relief visible on his face.