



Company discovers novel idea to sell more products on Women's Day

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PATRIARCHY CORRESPONDENT

The following conversation is part of the meeting minutes of an organisation that sells consumer goods. The meeting was held before Women's Day to discuss business strategies for the occasion.

Boss: Alright, guys, it's that time of the year again. We, as a company, have to show that we respect women more than every other organisation. And hence, this meeting. Pitch your best women-respecting ideas.

Sajid: Boss, how about we give them a gift hamper like every year? That'll make them feel valued momentarily, and it's not going to cost much because our 100-employee company only has three women.

Boss: You pitch the same idea every single year... And I love it every time, brilliant. We're going to implement it this year too, unless anyone has better ideas.

Rafsan: Sir, with all due respect, while the idea is great it will not bring us money. I propose we launch an ad campaign to really show everyone who the real women-respecters are. Not only will people think we are the torchbearers of ethics, but they will also buy our products.

Boss: Excellent. Sajid, get out. So, what ad are we making?

Rafsan: I have three years of experience interacting with five women. I think what they want is more burden of responsibility? Like they want to work work work work work. So, what if we show women who suffer through hell just to show that they're worthy of basic decency?

Boss: Ambitious. Okay, we'll prepare a huge budget for this. Select girls who look like they're successful enough to make it believable, and pretty enough so we can sell our cosmetics.

Gazi: Boss, how about we use that budget to start gender-sensitivity training at our workplace.

Boss: Why would we do that? We only have three women here. You're fired.

Shabab: Sir, how about we discount our female products for one day, so that they cost the same as men's ones? That'll truly emphasise the concept of equality.

Boss: I want everyone to applaud Shabab for coming up with such an impactful idea. This will truly revolutionise the marketing industry, and women's lives, I guess. Shabab, next month we'll give you a "Best Changemaker for Women" award.

Gazi (fired): Boss, how about we build a daycare to help working women, which will increase productivity and hence profits?

Boss: You just don't understand women, Gazi. Nice try but you're still unemployed.

Man shocked to find house robbed despite windows having grills

SECURITY CORRESPONDENT

A man was shocked nearly into speechlessness after discovering that his house was robbed despite there being grills on his windows.

He was talking to reporters after his house was robbed on Thursday morning. The robbers stole at least Tk 83 lakh in cash and valuables from the house.

"Do people not respect grills anymore? There was a time when metal bars on windows meant you were safe from robbery and thievery," said Ahmedul Alam, the owner of the house and also a highly successful businessman.

When a reporter asked if there was anything that would have attracted the robbers to his residence in the first place, Ahmedul said, "Nope. I can't think of anything. We do periodically hold parties where some bigwigs come with expensive gifts."

When asked whether there were any security guards stationed at his house during the robbery, Ahmedul Alam became angry.

"Again, what do you really mean? Why would I need security guards when as you can see, there is not a single window that is without grills."

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This correspondent saw that most of the grilled windows did not have curtains.

A police officer then asked whether there was any sign of break-in, Ahmedul replied in the negative and added that the doors to his house were always unlocked.

When the police officer started to tell him that this was a stupid thing to do, Ahmedul again exploded, "Like I said, we have GRILLS!"



Is there really a demand for cats and dogs in restaurants?

Probe body finds rumours have driven canines and felines to seek asylum in EU

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A host of cats and dogs in the capital have recently sought asylum in Europe because of a rumour that has spread like wildfire.

A probe committee headed by this Satireday correspondent found that canines and felines applied for shelter after they found out from social media that their popularity was increasing not only among pet-lovers but also in the country's restaurants.

The probe also found that news of the growing demand stemmed from the Facebook post made by one angry individual who was subjected to an unsatisfactory meal after ordering in from a restaurant.

According to the post, there was also an unsavoury interaction with the restaurant's management.

The post has since been deleted, but whether or not the rumour of cats and dogs being fed to customers is true, a group on social media, "Khashir haar mota hoy", has gone viral and so the popular notion among netizens is that dogs and cats are in high demand at restaurants.

A Europe-based correspondent who works for animal rights said countries in Europe received approximately one million applications from Bangladesh last

month.

Around 99 percent of those applications were dogs and cats seeking asylum because their safety was "under severe threat" as their

demand in restaurants was growing by leaps and bounds, they said.

This "growing demand" has also resulted in a large number of jobless youth making the best of

the opportunity. They are picking up cats and dogs from the streets and selling them off to restaurants at competitive prices.

After passing a sleepless night

because the girl he had a crush on did not reply to his message even after it was "seen", this correspondent caught up with a few people who were kidnapping

sleeping dogs and shouting "arekta khashi paichi".

This correspondent, heart still broken, caught up with one of the dognappers and asked whether it was true that restaurants were actually using cats and dogs. "Yes, of course it's true, don't you have social media? Do you think the words that show up on our phones, on apps, do you think those words are not true? They are not scribbled on paper. They are official, typed words," said the man, and went off with a dog.

A cat, while coming back from a neighbouring house after partying the whole night in the kitchen, was also caught by a group.

However, some dogs and cats were lucky and somehow managed a narrow escape. They called a press conference and asked the journalists to be present with a voice translator. Douglas, the leader of the Association of Dogs and Cats Rights Protection, said, "Our identity is in real crisis. We have been being called 'castrated goats' and then we are disappeared. I lost a few neighbours.

They were barking at Bhooteer Goli area and some people kidnapped them in a white microbus. Is there any single reason to live in this country?"



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