

# University decides to stack students on top of each other to maximise enrolment

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JEAN PAUL SATIRE

In an unprecedented move, Bidirectional University, the country's top private university, has decided to implement a stacking policy to maximise the number of students enrolled in the university.

The decision comes after students have been complaining for months about severe crowding in the university campus. University authorities, after ignoring the complaints with a deaf ear, have finally shifted their stance and decided to inflict even more discomfort on the lives of beleaguered students by doubling the number of students from the upcoming semester.

Professor Vincent Adultman, Dean of the university's Efficient School of Business Efficiency, spoke at a press conference to explain the mechanisms of this new decision.

“To make this possible, we will be introducing a new General Education course called ‘Teamwork and Co-ordination’, which will be a four-year long mandatory credited course where each student will pair up with a fellow student to carry them on their shoulders and walk around campus. We will install double decker desks in class so partnered students can sit on top of one another. Not only will this double enrolment and teach students the meaning of teamwork, it will also make them physically active,” he said.

Asked whether students will at least be allowed to pick their own partners for this programme, Professor Adultman said, “No, absolutely not. If given the chance, students will only partner up with their friends, or worse, girlfriends and boyfriends, and use this as a chance to engage in antisocial activities. We will use state-of-the-art AI technology to pair students with academically like-minded individuals. We will also make sure no pair of



students crosses the combined height of 11 feet because that's how high our ceilings are.”

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Picchi Parker, a fourth-year biophysics major, said, “I have a shoulder injury from when I was swinging from one building to another to save Marium Jannat's life the other day. Plus, my part-time job requires me to suddenly

ditch class and go out by myself, this will not be possible any more with this new system.”

When the concerns were brought to Professor Adultman in the press conference, he said, “This is just a small group of troublemaking students. Most students are excited at the prospect of sharing this amazing campus of two entire three-storey buildings with even more students. In fact, we have started a training programme for students to get used to carrying around people on their shoulders. It has a nominal registration fee of Tk 10,000 and it's going to be mandatory for all students.”

## PRESS RELEASE

# Citizens unite against oppression by rickshaw-pullers

SATIREDAY DESK

Have you been exposed to the most common and egregious form of oppression on Dhaka streets?

Have these oppressors looked you dead in the eye, pausing only to wipe the sweat from their own eyes, and attempted to fleece you?

Have you been embarrassed that they talked back to you in front of your girlfriend?

If your answer to any or all of the above is yes, Citizens Unite against Rickshaw-puller Oppression is the group for you.

We meet every Thursday to offer support to fellow sufferers who have had to bear the brunt of the blatantly exploitative behaviour of rickshaw-pullers.

The following are statements of some of our existing members:

“I was looking for a rickshaw from Karwan Bazar to Dhanmondi-8, and I was already in a bad mood because it was very hot. At the end of the journey, the rickshaw-puller asked for Tk 80! Can you



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believe it? Tk 80! I nearly dropped my S23 Ultra.”

- Jabbar Gabbar

“My girlfriend and I were going through the alleys of Dhanmondi because she wanted a romantic rickshaw ride to KFC. All good, but halfway through the ride through tree-shaded, lake-hugged roads, a motorcycle cut us off and the blasted puller swerved violently, causing my girlfriend and myself to have to step down from the rickshaw before it fell.

“So, I did what any red-blooded boyfriend would do. I waited for the rickshaw-puller to get off the ground and shouted at him. Imagine my surprise when he actually let go of a string of expletives. Needless to say, my day was ruined. She wasn't too impressed that I was told off by a rickshaw-puller ... it didn't matter that I slapped him thrice.”

Salim Halim

“So I was coming back home to Banani from Gulshan, and I paid the rickshaw-puller the Tk 60 he wanted. I never argue with them, and I even thought about giving him Tk 10 extra as it was raining. But then he told me a sob story about how his daughter was ill and he had to muster up Tk 1,500 for treatment. I mean, can't you even come home without being defrauded! And he even worked up the fake tears. Come on!”

- Hasan Pashan

If you are interested to join the group, we can arrange rickshaws to bring you to the meeting place. Don't worry, if they get up to any hanky panky, you will have arrived at the right place with the right people to deal with them.

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## Interview: Hatirjheel resident becomes most run over person in history

NUTBOLTU

“The first time was in 2019 when I was a rising TikTokker. Our production crew was shooting a classy remake of Hritik's hit dance move from Krish. Instead of Krish, we had a crash. A motorbike rider, also filing a TikTok landed on me.”

This is how it started for record holder Mamun Faridi (aka ManMoon Bhai), known as the most run-over person in history. In 2019, he stepped out with a smartphone and his friend into the creative playground of Hatirjheel. Some inconsiderate people use it as a shortcut from Kawran Bazar to Badda and that causes all the accidents. He was in the middle of the road when he got run down by a motorbike. ManMoon suffered a broken leg, two smashed collarbones and a slightly bruised ego because yet another TikTokker had filmed ManMoon's accident with him being sandwiched between the bike and the bike.

After being discharged from the hospital, ManMoon went to the spot again to shoot a few selfies with his new cast that he painted green to match his hair. This time he was run over by a refrigerator delivery truck. Lying on the



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road with another broken leg, he vowed to get his TikTok career off the ground. “I will become a star or die trying. The streets are my playground.”

Next three years passed with minor hits. One includes being run over by an ice cream cart while crossing the road. Another happened because he would wear his surgical mask over his forehead during Covid. Brisk winds along the empty Hatirjheel roads at that time pulled his mask down and he ran under a parked truck. The truck then rolled over him as the handbrake was faulty. Since then he was hit by 37 various cars, trucks, rickshaw vans and a drone. “This will not stop me. Like my name, I will go to the moon because I am a star.”

Two weeks ago he was awarded the record holder of the most run over man in history. “Even Jackie Chan doesn't have as many broken bones as I do,” he stated gleefully while biting into his gold medal.

Unfortunately, he tried making a reel in his usual playground to show off his new medal. One car driver was blinded by the midday sun glinting off the medal and he slammed into ManMoon. This hit was too big. He was buried nearby with many social media groups attending to honour him virtually including the famous ‘Boys Who Cry Passionately on Musically’ group. As a last unintentional tribute, a truck driver lost control and ran over his grave. A fitting end to a hero.

# Mango people can no longer afford homes, only avocado people can

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT: PANTSON FAR

“I just got married and realised I have to live on my own to avoid my life becoming a Hindi soap. But my salary as a Marketing Marketer only allows me to rent one bedroom and half a bathroom.”

Tahmid Ahmed, 26, whose name statistically is the same as 37 percent of marketing executives, did not expect to fall into a typical housing dilemma. He had hopes. “I even had dreams,” he exclaimed sorrowfully.

Recent spike in inflation post-Covid sent prices of apartments shooting through the roof. Many middle-class families commonly known as moderately mango people, have been saving for years to buy an apartment and stop paying outrageous rent to landlords.

“I had dreams, you know. Dreams of raising the rent every two years like a true middle-class hero,” stated Rozina Akhter crying pitifully.

In light of this, a new term has been coined to describes the affluent who own multiple apartments and at least five cars:

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avocado people. At a little over Tk 2,000 per kg, avocados are the new symbol of affluence and growth.

“While the housing cost is sadly getting out of control for many, what we should really focus on is to create a club to honour the avocado people for keeping the flow of cash fluid,” said Belal Chowdhury, owner of the newly launched restaurant called L'Avocado where water takes three days to serve because it is flown in every time you order.



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