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**Chapter 1 Introduction**

I consider it to be very important to be aware about our surroundings and stay updated about what is happening around the world. Newspapers are one of the major sources that provide us
with information that can help us stay updated. I have been fascinated with the idea of working at a newspaper office since I was in school. I wanted to explore and be part of a newsroom, and learn how editors work to deliver news to the world. That is a major reason as to why I chose a newspaper agency in which to do my internship, and I am glad that I had the opportunity to explore a newsroom where reports and press releases are formed into news stories — which are then published online as well as printed to reach readers.

When I was admitted to BRAC University, I learned about the Media and Cultural Studies concentration in the Department of English and Humanities, and I was instantly drawn toward it. I chose it as my area of concentration mainly because I wanted to know more about newspaper and how does it work. Back then, I was not fully determined about whether I really wanted to be a journalist in the future. However, soon as my fascination increased — with the different courses I took in university — I realized I had more than just a fascination toward newspapers. The first media course I took elevated my interest in newspapers. It was ENG 440: English for the Print Media. The course explores the different sections of a newspaper, like: editorials, op-eds, feature, sports, obituaries, books, events and movie reviews, etc. As part of the course, I covered the Ekushey Book Fair where people kept asking me if I was a journalist as I was interviewing everyone. I replied, “No. But soon to be,” and I could not wait for the moment when I would reply, “Yes, I am a journalist.”

Following which when I took ENG 333: Globalization and the Media, I was again drawn toward journalism. The course explored current affairs, news articles, and important events around the world. This helped me see the world through the eyes of a journalist. Finally, in ENG 401: Editing was the course which helped me to have a newsroom-like experience inside a classroom. In this course, I learned how news is formed from reports, how they are arranged in a newspaper, how newspapers are formatted; and ultimately, how they are published before reaching our: homes, offices, schools, universities and other places.
I am glad my concentration was in Media and Cultural Studies. I learned about media and, in particular, about newspapers — which was my interest. I am also glad I worked inside the newsroom of Dhaka Tribune and observed, explored and was a part of the news-making process. When I was offered an opportunity to do my internship at the Central News Desk of Dhaka Tribune, I was excited, interested and intrigued. I knew for a fact that central desk is the heart of a newspaper; therefore, it made me really happy to know that I would be working and learning the core, mostly the national news of my country.

Chapter 2 A Brief History of Dhaka Tribune
Dhaka Tribune is an English daily newspaper which was first published on April 19, 2013. The publisher of the paper is Kazi Anis Ahmed, who is also one of the executives and its founding editor is Zafar Sobhan. As the launch of the newspaper virtually coincides with the Rana Plaza Disaster on April 24, 2013, the reporters and photographers got a chance to cover many of the major news on it.

The newspaper aims to provide its readers with news that are of the reader’s interest and concern written in a non-judgmental way. So its tag line says, “The news you want. No more, no less.”

The owners of this newspaper are Gemcon Group and Kazi Farm Group. Its weekly and fortnightly sections cover Fashion, Sports, Lifestyle, Showtime, Profiles, Grooming, Wellness, Teen, Food, Relationship, Art and Culture. Dhaka Tribune publishes a variety of monthly supplements. The newspaper actively supports Equal Gender Rights in Bangladesh. It also has a translated version of the main paper titles Dhaka Tribune Bangla.

The paper at first began in a broadsheet format which was later altered to compact format on March 1, 2015. The newspaper focuses on youth and their voice and creates a platform for the new voice to show their vision to the country. The newspaper often goes deeper into the news issue and provide in-depth stories of the voiceless or minority. The best example of this is their coverage of the Rohingya refugee crisis.

Dhaka Tribune did not just look at the Rohingya crisis in general; it also went deeper into the lives of the voiceless refugees and told their stories to the world. Thus we got insights into the lives of the girls getting raped, and their disinterest towards birth control. We learned about their sufferings through rain and storms, and their quest for survival in such a horrible situation. With such news stories, Dhaka Tribune generates people’s interest towards the crisis and
readers often feel emotional for the refugees’ suffering. We learned about their sufferings through rain and storms, and their quest for survival in such a horrible situation.

*Dhaka Tribune* is also very well-known for its award winning marketing campaigns *Glad to be a Bangladeshi* and *I am made in Bangladesh*. It is also the main media partner of the Dhaka Literary Festival since 2015.

**Figure 1: Different Campaigns and Events**

Chapter 3 My job as a Sub-Editor at the Central News Desk

*Dhaka Tribune* is one of most influential English-language newspapers in the country and I was quite fortunate to be a part of the Central News Desk, in the newsroom, as a Sub-Editor. This department of the newspaper is responsible for hard news. It covers everything; from domestic politics, to international politics plus news about law and order, economics and culture. I had to work six days a week for seven hours a day. I started my internship on September 18, 2018.
In the initial phase of my internship, I perused the style guide provided by my supervisor, which had clear instructions about the Do's and Don'ts of the newspaper. From forming headlines, to specific spelling choices, everything was organized in a particular way. This later on helped me a lot to be able to adjust my writing and structure my sentences according to the newspaper's preferences.

I also had to read a lot of news articles from both the online and print versions as both have different style preferences and different approaches when it comes to writing and structuring a story. There are two shifts, morning and evening; I opted for the morning shift as I had classes of two courses for two days every week. The main objective for the morning shift is to publish stories online and prepare them for the evening shift so that the stories can be readied for print.

While doing the stories I had to maintain the "Daily Story List", an excel sheet which kept all the records regarding the stories done, published, as well as scrapped. This very important list comprises columns labeled: Headline, Source/Reporter, Edited by, International, Uploaded By, Assigned Time, Upload Time, Word Count, and lastly Story Status. I had to complete only
Chapter 3.1 Becoming a member of Dhaka Tribune Central News Desk team

During my role as a Sub-Editor, as a part of the team integration process, I was added to the Facebook messenger group called "Hotline" by my supervisor and was also included in two Hangout groups called "DT (Dhaka Tribune) Reporters" and "DT (Dhaka Tribune Sub-Editors)" so that I could be in touch with the team and the team could reach me anytime necessary, 24/7. The groups include reporters as well as the whole Central-Desk team.

The "DT Reporters" Hangout group is used to collect and cross-check information by the Sub-Editors with the reporters. We also sometimes, if necessary, asked for particular stories/news from the reporters using this platform whereas the "Hotline" Facebook messenger group is used for Sub-Editors to communicate with each other. We discussed what news should we run, what news we should not run, what news we were missing out on, what errors we had made regarding both online and print; and how we to avoid them in the future.

Chapter 3.2 Doing Translations and Agency News

One of the most specific, major and regular tasks of mine was translating Bengali stories provided by our reporters in English while maintaining our style guide. These stories varied from business stories to time sensitive specials to regular political and law enforcement related stories and everything in between.
It is important to know how to translate when we work for a newspaper. A lot of times, the reports we get are written in Bangla. Again, at Dhaka Tribune, editors often take news stories...
from Bangla Tribune, which they have to translate, and add or remove information from the article before publishing them in Dhaka Tribune.

The most important thing to keep in mind while translating any piece of writing is to understand the meaning of the sentences and the whole write-up in general. We should not translate word-for-word, rather we should translate the writing in terms of its expressive/sense for sense meaning to describe the information written in the source text.

This is known as the sense-for-sense approach. Explained by Jeremy Bentham in his book, *Introducing Translation Studies: Theories and Applications*. It is mentioned, “The sense-for-sense approach [...] allowed the sense or content of the ST (source text) to be translated (20).” That is, words are not directly translated from the target text to the source text, rather the sense is translated. Another important aspect of translation is Translation Shifts. Lea Cyrus in his article titled, “Building a resource for studying translation shifts” stated that, “Translation shifts denote departures from formal correspondence between source and target text, i.e. deviations that have occurred during the translation process (1240).” Therefore, a sentence written in one structural form might often vary when translated to the target language. This type of shift is explained by J. C Catford in his book *A Linguistic Theory of Translation* as structure shift. The Bangla language follows a certain structure while English follows another. Therefore, the arrangements of words in the Target text (TT) often vary from Source Text (ST) while the meaning remains the same. Therefore, when I was given an article to translate, I did not start translating the words right away. I read the whole article, understood what it was trying to say and then translated it into English.

The sequence of words or sentences was rearranged to make the writing clearer and accurate to the meaning of the source text. Different news agencies, in this case, domestic news agencies which *Dhaka Tribune* is subscribed to play a vital role in the regarding maintaining news flow and news variety.
Palm wood boats keep Narail’s economy afloat

Soheil Islam, Tukum, Narail

Omar, a five-year-old child is happily rowing his Dungo in the flowing canals of Tukum village. All the four bamboo canoes are underwater. He gets to bring his mother home across the canal every time. This gives him great pleasure. Not having any clothes to wear does not bother him. This is a daily scene of the Narail area.

As it is monsoon season all the canals and water beds of Narail are full and the locals rely on Dungo, a boat made out of palm wood, to move/carry, which is also known as Kushtia in other areas.

Dungo are used by the locals for various purposes such as carrying goods, transporting people, catching fish, plucking water lilies and so on. Especially during the monsoon season Dungo become a must have items.

Typical wooden boats need a certain level of water to float but Dungo can easily operate in low water. As these are small in size and very light weight people of all ages ranging from a five year old kid to someone in their 80’s can easily use it.

Near the Narail-Tukum road, Tukum bazaar is one of the biggest market places for Dungo buy and sell. The boat sits every Friday and Monday of the week. This all starts at the very beginning of the monsoon season, June and continue till late September.

Depending on the demand and requirements of the buyers the price range varies from Tk1000 to Tk5000. Approximately 40-50 Dungo are sold every day.

People from the surrounding villages all come to Tukum bazaar to buy Dungo as these are very efficient, low at cost and do not require much of a maintenance.

Rukia Molla, a resident of Tukum, came to Tukum bazaar to buy a Dungo. She said, “I cannot use regular wooden boats for every month of the year. Dungo can be easily operated in low water levels thus making it an ideal form of transportation.”

Salim, who is a Dungo seller from Sholakia village, explained “Each of the palm trees are bought for Tk4000 to Tk5000. Three people working for one day can only build two Dungo. Tk4000 is the profit we get after paying all the expenses.”

Hundreds of seasonal businessman of Chakaria, Tukum, Darogaon and other nearby areas earn their living by selling Dungo.

Made of local material from native technology these palm wood boats are a part of the heritage and culture of Bangladesh. According to the local cultural researchers and enthusiasts, production of Dungo and the use of it need to be preserved.

Though according to the natives due to lack of water level in the canals and rivers, use of Dungo is slowly decreasing. The locals demanded government involvement to ensure proper water flow in the canals and rivers.

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Dhaka Tribune is subscribed to United News of Bangladesh (UNB), and Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), two of the country’s largest news agencies.
However, the byline for these stories fell under the “Tribune Desk” as we had to rewrite the stories and edit them according to our preferred news angle and preference.

Chapter 3.3 International News (Reuters, AFP)

As a part of my daily tasks as a Sub-Editor, especially as a part of the morning team, I edited and uploaded stories that transcend the boundaries separating countries and are of great importance and significance to the globalized world.
Dhaka Tribune is subscribed to two of the largest international news agencies of the world, one is Reuters and the second one is Agence France-Press (AFP).

Established in 1851, Reuters, a UK-based internationally-acclaimed and sought-after global news agency—that in 2008 was acquired by the Thomson Corporation—transmits news in English, French, Russian, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Urdu, Arabic, and Chinese.

On the other hand there is AFP, founded in 1835 is an international news agency headquartered in Paris, France; and also the third-largest news agency in the modern world after the Associated Press (AP) and Reuters. It has its regional offices in Montevideo, Hong Kong, Washington, D.C., Nicosia, and news bureaus in around 150 countries. AFP publishes stories in Spanish, Arabic, French, German, Portuguese, and English.
At Dhaka Tribune while doing international stories I had to first ensure that the respective news agencies got their bylines — name of the author of the story — then I had to look into formatting as all the stories done by them have the day of the event in the first paragraph whereas our news and also the online version always have the day of the event stated in the second paragraph. Also, I had to change specific spellings and English language preferences because, according to our style guide, we prefer British English, and “ize” spellings over “ise” spellings; plus we write “program” not “programme.”

**Chapter 3.4 Using Different Tools and Uploading Stories**

While working at the Central News Desk, I was introduced to different tools and software for editing and publishing a story. I initially learned about, then used daily: the Snipping tool, Photoshop, Google Translator, and the Bijoy to Unicode Converter; in order to work as a Sub-Editor.
During the period of my internship at Dhaka Tribune, I learned and also got the opportunity to upload stories through the Backend manager of Dhaka Tribune website. I also learned how to use Photoshop extensively to: crop, color grade, resize, blur and even collage photographs; according to our needs and preferences. I uploaded, updated, fixed and changed photos using Dhaka Tribune CMS (Content Management System) web tool.
In order to upload a story, I had to first receive a revised copy of the story from the ReviseSub — whose job is to check and sort out problems related to English grammar in copies done by the Sub-Editors. Then I had to go to Dhaka Tribune CMS and click on "Add post" where I input the headline, standfirst, and the body copy.

I received a particular id and password to access the backend manager so that I could post stories and do whatever I was instructed by my supervisor. I, along with editing stories, also uploaded them and also uploaded stories done by other sub-editors.

After adding the text of an article to an online post, I had to assign the article a relevant "News Category" from specific choices such as: crime, nation, court, election, and many more. Then I had to upload photos, which was slightly challenging as Dhaka Tribune's CMS does not support photos larger than 500kb. Thus, I had to edit and resize photos so that they could be uploaded as "Feature Photos" of a story.
Also, I included photos inside the story body, where the size of the photo was different; for example a feature photo of a story might have to be cropped by 1024/650 proportions whereas a photo inside a story body might be any size according to preference, story focus, and photo quality.

Following this I had to add tags—keywords from the main story—that help end users of our website, or anyone who is looking for a previously-published story, to be directed to our article. This applies when the user conducts an in-site search or web search.
I also learned how to write captions and attribute copies I had to follow the "Day, Month, Date, Year" format to caption dates and times. For an example, "Recovered bullets and guns seen on the table presented by law enforcement in Dhaka on Monday, October 2018 <strong>Photo Attribute</strong>.

Then I had to set the "Byline" according to the author of the story. If a story was compiled from other sources then it got the "Tribune Desk" byline, and when a particular reporter sent in a story to the central desk, he/she gets his/her name in the author section.

**Chapter 4 Second Edition of Dhaka Tribune**

I had to do the Second Edition for one day every week of my internship. Second edition is basically the last shift of all the available shifts. It concentrates on sorting everything out in order to green light the printing process of the second edition of the newspaper. The deadline
for the first edition was 11:00pm and the deadline for second edition to go for print was 1:00am at the morning.

The second edition had a different team than the morning shift to prepare all the news and stories that had been selected to go to print. All the stories published online till the final call for print underwent a final edit and read-through. The evening shift began at 6:00pm and finished at 1:00am; and only three people, including me, were in charge of dictating all the calls — but with constant supervision by our chief editor and respective shift-in-charges.
In the meantime, among all the preparation for print, I also had to work on special stories and basic news stories — including translations for online — and sometimes the stories would go for print as well. After the final edit, we had to put the story files in the "Layout" folder. There were different page folders in this location such as "Page 1 Layout" where the final edited and confirmed story would go, and from there, the people who worked in the Graphics department would start to form the pdf version of the soon-to-be printed newspaper.

The second edition of Dhaka Tribune has, to some extent, a different front page layout than the first edition, as sometimes, breaking news arrives or the chief editor has a different story to lead the front page, or there are some corrections, and so on. The whole process for the second edition print of the newspaper starts by the final edit of the story, then selecting on which page the story will go — the page layout — then the Graphics Department gets all the Word copies —along with the photos with their finalized captions—then the confirmation from the chief editor arrives and then the evening shift greenlights the final layout of the newspaper to be printed.

I used to do second shift duties every Tuesday of the week because, according to my shift incharge, it was a mandatory for any Intern so that he or she has a dynamic view and experience of the newsroom.

Chapter 5  Preparing for, covering the 11th parliamentary election of Bangladesh

I was fortunate enough to experience, and be a part of a newsroom preparing for the 11th parliamentary election of Bangladesh. Right from doing constituency-based probable candidate list stories, to Election Commission stories, and more, I was part of this huge preparation for one of the most important events that could be covered by a newspaper or news agency.
Throughout November, we ran stories about: particular constituencies and their candidates, the Election Commission’s instructions and directives, the ruling party and opposition party press conferences, and so on so forth. I subbed special stories about multiple constituencies and their candidates, all translations from Bangla to English not less than 600-700 words per story. After which, I did stories regarding the various notices and announcements made by the Election Commission regarding deadlines for nomination submissions, nomination withdrawals, and nomination scrutiny; as well as plus lists of candidates, electoral-code-of- conduct-related directives, and so on.

I subbed a special interview story of Jatiya Oikya Front leader Dr Kamal Hossain titled as "People want change and they are ready for it." This particular story went to the chief editor Zafar Sobhan of Dhaka Tribune and to my delight with very little or no changes by the revise sub, it got published on the newspaper as well as online. The story was a 1400+ Bangla to
English translation copy that was very important for us as Dr Kamal was the main figure as the opposition for the 11th parliamentary polls of Bangladesh.

I had to check and re-check content from various sources — such as government websites and other news agencies — to confirm the spellings of the names of political figures, and their designations, as well as the names of the election commission officials and commissioners who frequently held or were part of a press conference regarding the general polls to issue important directives for all the parties involved. What I found challenging during this period was the never-ending flow of news regarding the election as the whole newsroom, including me, were on our toes to ensure that our readers both online and offline had the news that they needed and wanted, as soon as possible.

Being a Sub-Editor at the central desk, I realized how difficult it is to maintain all ends and not even get credit as all the stories that I did, or another sub did, had the bylines of the reporters, not the sub-editor's. This demotivated me to some extent, as I, just like the other subs of the
room, had to play the role of a reporter by calling various contacts of ours and do extensive online searches to get the news that we needed.

The 11th parliamentary election of Bangladesh was right around the corner and news and stories kept flooding in. The newsroom, for the whole month of December, was going through a grinder, including me.

News from all across the country — related to pre-election violence, candidate profiling, candidate financial state reports to the election commission, candidacy selection by political parties, election campaigning by different political party candidates, and everything in between — made things quite difficult for me but nonetheless I was determined that I would not crack under pressure.

Figure 16: AL Candidates List for the 11th Parliamentary Election of Bangladesh

I had to compile and translate the names, respective constituencies, and electoral symbols of Awami League and BNP-nominated candidates finalized by the election commission after
nomination scrutiny. Furthermore I also had to learn how to develop a story, over the phone, with the reporter providing specific information about a particular topic; because we had to run stories as soon as possible so that we could be on par with other news agencies and also bring the most accurate news to our readers, the fastest.

During this period what I most struggled with was maintaining a balance with normal news flow and election news, but during two election preparation meetings at Dhaka Tribune our priorities were set clear which was the 11th general polls of Bangladesh.

I also subbed candidate profiles that included the candidates: basic history, political history, educational background, as well as financial statements. Coming near to the end of internship at Dhaka Tribune, I realized how difficult it was to be in the news industry, more specifically in a newspaper, and most importantly in newsroom working as a central desk sub-editor.

However, I managed to learn and execute simultaneously and made sure that I maintained the work level that is required to be an effective part of the newsroom; while performing all the other tasks a permanent sub-editor implements.
Chapter 6  Incorporating theories with my work

While studying *Media and Cultural Studies*, I learned different theories which led to the broader understanding of mine regarding news and media. At the very beginning, when these theories were introduced to me and I had to study them, understand them and sometimes memorize them, I used to believe that these are mere literary thoughts and have very little or no implications with the real life, especially in today’s day and age but in reality I was very wrong.

The period that I spent at *Dhaka Tribune* as a Sub-Editor opened my eyes as amid my entry level position at the Central News Desk, I started to understand that the theories, school of thoughts that I learned and was introduced with during different courses, such as, ENG 331: Cultural Studies, ENG 333: Globalization and The Media, ENG 404: Copywriting, ENG 440: English for Print Media etc. offered under the Media and Cultural Studies concentration are very real, authentic, appropriate, thus all things taken into consideration, in this portion of my paper, I will relate the theories that I have learned throughout my university life with my first hand experiences at *Dhaka Tribune*. 
Chapter 6.1 Hegemony

Hegemony is a term to understand dominance, leadership, control, and power structure. Originally hegemony is used to refer to the dominance of the dominant group over the subdominant group. Antonio Gramsci, an Italian Marxist philosopher used the term hegemony to refer to the way in which, dominant groups in the society through a process of ‘intellectual and moral leadership’ win the consent of the subordinate groups (Gramsci in Storey 13).

During my internship at Dhaka Tribune, we had to do multiple stories regarding suspects or convicted criminals getting killed as law enforcement agencies always say/claim that they have been killed while going in drives or during investigation, but doing such reports, we always use quote marks to mention ‘Gunfights’ for an example; “2 suspected drug peddlers killed in Cox’s Bazar ‘gunfight.’” Anyone who gets killed while being in custody of any law enforcement agency is illegal according to the law and the constitution and the concerned agency has to submit reports explaining what caused the death of a suspect or even a criminal on the run.

We always had to look for authentication and verification of the subject matter with our reporters as well as other prominent news agencies and newspapers. Among many others, one of the most primary principles of journalism is being neutral and nonbiased while preparing a story. We as a leading newspaper could not just publish whatever news just for more hits and more sells.

Adding to which, while preparing for a rticular news, Dhaka Tribune, always tries to provide images as well as perspectives of both the parties involved in a story. Sometimes, in order to protect someone’s right to privacy and we do not use photographs of the victim, specially rape victims, or even sometimes of the accused in order to prevent defamation, as no one is a criminal until or unless the court orders him/her responsible for a crime.
Different media platforms are often considered to be the intruder of one’s private space, and these stories are great for very good website hits and newspaper sells here at Dhaka Tribune does not want to invade people's personal lives and privacy just for the sake making profit and becoming the buzz creator.

Dhaka Tribune does not want to dominate their readers’ judgment and take any sides. If the news was not made from a neutral perspective it would have hegemonized the mind of the audience, and they would have taken sides of the victim or the perpetrator.

Hence, Dhaka Tribune can be labeled as part of the dominant group and the public can be labeled as the subordinate group. The criticism of cultural hegemony may be applied to both this and the fashion and apparel programs that show Western images and highlight lifestyle in the West which get more priority compared to our traditional fashion shows. These programs are suppressing those traditional fashion shows that represent our culture and lifestyle. Also, the political shows get more priority where the government is portrayed positively along with their remarkable achievements so that they inspire general people to support them. These kinds of programs dominate the programs which have neutral perspectives, and also represent the good sides of the opposition party. All in all, through hegemony they are depriving their audiences of alternative, contending, or competing narratives

Chapter 6.2 Mediascapes and Globalization

News disseminating and broadcasting by the methods both print media and television media are the dynamic manifestations of globalization which are interconnected with the whole world.

In light of intense globalization, every country impacts each other to the extent of administrative issues, parties, culture, religion, economy, etc. The advancement of the media is one of the segments which keeps up the overall social stream. An acclaimed Indian anthropologist and social researcher, Arjun Appadurai isolated the overall social stream into five noteworthy parts reliant on ethnicity, advancement, logic, and media. Here, the media is
our essential central point of intrigue. Appadurai named this “scape,” ‘Mediascapes' and along these lines, Appadurai in his book titled *Disjuncture and Distinction* in the Worldwide Social Economy stated that mediascapes paying little mind to whether made by private or state interests, will, by and large, be picture centered, story-based records of fragments of this present reality, and what they offer to the people who experience and change them in a movement of parts, (for instance, characters, plot and artistic structures) out of which substance can be molded of imagined lives, their very own and moreover those of others living in various spots. According to him, the effect of media on society is making a fictional universe which does not have any racial limits. Through this nonexistent viewpoint, a man from Bangladesh is related with the lifestyle of US, UK, or even Turkey, and distinctive countries.

The photos showed up through print and television media give enough information to arrange for what kind of culture the other individual is experiencing. A comparative thing happens when people read and sometimes watch worldwide news through *Dhaka Tribune*.

The photos, accounts, sounds, and messages give enough data to the run of the mill identities to imagine how the employment of America is, even without leaving Bangladesh. A poor person who does not have the capacity to travel to another nation can imagine how life is abroad. Media has a conclusive ability to get the world people's hands. Basically when scenes of war impacted countries like Syria, Afghanistan are showed up in media, people can relate to the desolation of the war misused individuals by living in the anecdotal universe through mediascapes.

### Chapter 6.3 Panopticon and Gaze

Panopticon is basically an architectural work designed by English philosopher and jurist Jeremy Bentham. It is, fundamentally, a jail-like structure to observe the actions of the general
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population. Thus, well-known theorist and social scholar, Michel Foucault exhibited his regulation that each organization in the general public fills in as a panopticon where we are being viewed by somebody.

Foucault in his book *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison* stated that "The Panopticon is a radiant machine which, whatever utilization one may wish to put it to, produces homogeneous impacts of intensity" (202). This implies the panopticon is an instrument which gives capacity to the watcher who looks at others. There were multiple Close Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in *Dhaka Tribune* Central News Desk. With these cameras, the administration as well as the senior officials of the news organization monitored us.

During my entry-level position, I adhered to guidelines from supervisors and respected seniors Sub-Editors and carried out a very formal but mutual relationship with all the different individuals that I worked with. This is why the newsroom as well as the newsroom staff were exceptionally satisfied with me and my work.

In order to criticize the panopticon, I want to state the disadvantages of being watched through the CCTV cameras by higher authorities as I felt very uncomfortable while working because I needed to correct myself all the time. It also felt like I was not an independent worker who is being controlled and can work seamlessly without any hesitation and alteration.

This also accounts for the recent surveillance programs taken by the governments of different countries as well as different security agencies as they know anything and everything about us.
Chapter 6.4 The 5 News Value Factors

Proximity

Proximity refers to the distance between the readers or in other word the news receivers and with the place where the incident took place. If the place of the incident is near the viewers, the viewers will give it more importance. Otherwise, the news item will not get an adequate number of viewers. For example, if a bomb blasts in Azerbaijan, then the story will not significantly impact Bangladeshi readers.

However, if a bomb blasts in the Indian controlled Kashmir and they blame their neighbors Pakistan, and both the countries start to retaliate and engage in war, then it will have an impact on the political, social, and economic aspects of Bangladesh.

By this I mean, if a bomb blasts in India, our government will impose a temporary ban on traveling to India. This will affect the trade relationship between India and Bangladesh. Thus, our country will lose a large amount of money. So, the viewers will give more importance to the bomb blast in Pakistan as Pakistanis closer to Bangladesh than Tehran. During my internship, I gave more importance to the incidents that happened in nearby countries.

Prominence

When a news story is about or includes prominent persons like the president, prime minister, or even the Rohingya issue, the news gets extra attention from the readers as people always like to hear about prominent figures and significant issues.

It also sets the priority hierarchy in case of which news item will go up and which will not or can wait. For an example, anything said or done by the prime minister or the president of Bangladesh will have a lot more prominence and importance against any other news such as a story regarding an event inaugurating a three-day- long small business festival. Here according to the prominence and importance of any news, the value of a news item is measured
Timeliness

In each news organization, time is vital. The more rapidly a news association broadcasts or uploads or circulates a news story, the more reader/viewers it will get. Everyone, every news organization, wants to break the news so that they are always ahead of its contemporaries.

Here, I would like to share my personal experience regarding this news factor. During my internship at Dhaka Tribune, one of my juniors from BRAC University had sent me a pressrelease regarding an interuniversity cultural fest that they had organized, without any photos, thus I told him to provide me pictures of the event so that I could run that story in our online version. However, he sent me the photos two days later, and as a result the story, now, did not have timeliness and my supervisor told me not to run the story. In order to meet the requirements of a timely news item, I had to learn to speed up writing process.

Consequence

The third news value factor is consequence, which means the impact/result of any given news item on its readers. A story that does not have relevant consequences on its readers or does not, directly or indirectly, impact their lives or surroundings will not be read or accepted by the readers and viewers.

For example, a story that is about new road construction in Dhaka will not have the same level of consequence and impact to its readers as the news regarding the new rules and regulations on the ride-sharing app business in the capital. While writing story, I had to choose news stories that had a significant impact on our readers in general, and listed the stories accordingly.

Oddity

Oddity refers to unusualness and oddness of any news item. And through my experience at the Central News Desk of Dhaka Tribune, the more odd, unconventional and unexpected a story
is, the more attention it will grab, the hits the news item will get, regardless the medium (print or online).

For an example, I did a story titled "Endangered ‘Nilgai’ found in Thakurgaon", which is the largest species of the Asian antelope, and this story received a lot of attention and hits as this is not something that the readers gets to see and read about every other day.

Chapter 6.5 Ethical Journalism

There are several principles in journalism, and it is confusing what to choose when selecting the right and ethical principles for the news organizations. Dhaka Tribune follows the core principles of practicing ethical journalism.

In the article, “The 5 Principles of Ethical Journalism” published by the Ethical Journalism Network, it is mentioned that “There are hundreds of codes of conduct, charters and statements made by media and professional groups outlining the principles, values, and obligations of the
craft of journalism. Most focus on five common themes.” According to that article, the five core principles of journalism are Independence, Truth and Accuracy, Humanity, Accountability and last but not the least Fairness and Impartiality.

Every news published regardless online or for print by *Dhaka Tribune* is based on accurate facts, and the newspaper always implies to serve the truth to its readers.

Furthermore, *Dhaka Tribune* is a private newspaper thus operates independently for which it is not biased towards any particular group, political party, or organization. This enables *Dhaka Tribune* from publishing unfair or biased news. The newspaper always tries to promote humanity via the stories it runs, the news it covers.

During my internship, I was instructed to avoid certain words that promote violence, defamation, harassment, instigation, and or any kind of liability issues.

*Dhaka Tribune* is highly accountable to the government of Bangladesh and its people thus the administration of the newspaper is clear and accountable about the sources and the news that they use and publish for the readers from different parts of the world to read and learn and educate themselves while preventing false and faulty information.

Henceforth, based on these above discussion, I can proudly confirm that *Dhaka Tribune* is a newspaper that promotes ethical and honest journalism by following the five core principles of journalism regardless of the platform (print or online).

There may be larger issues of structural, economic and cultural hegemony, but at least it follows professional standards.
Chapter 7 A Personal Account

Being a part of Dhaka Tribune has been an experience I have been looking forward for a very long time. I had immense fascination about how a newsroom operates, and functions. My three months stay at the newsroom taught me different things which I will carry and use for the rest of my life.

As a student, I learned writing and editing articles, but I did not have much practical experience of it. During my internship, I realized the importance of the Central News Desk of a newspaper especially in today’s context. I learnt how it is not all about just doing translations or editing certain copies or something else but also following specific instructions and strategies while doing a news story in order to reach more readers.

There have been multiple occasions when I made mistakes and through the guidance and support from my supervisor, fellow colleagues and seniors I learned a great deal from my mistakes. For example, I sometimes forgot to follow news instructions or to put an entry story that I am doing.
However, I accepted my mistakes and learnt from those so that I do not repeat them and be consistent and reliable. I learnt to be more sincere and punctual during my internship period. My supervisor and other colleagues were immensely supportive, encouraging, and a great source of providing me with knowledge about *Dhaka Tribune’s* Central News Desk.

**Chapter 8 Recruitment at Dhaka Tribune**

Through my internship at *Dhaka Tribune* I learned that I am quite good at the daily tasks of a journalist, to be more specific a Sub-Editor in my case and to an extent fell in love with the excited, and sheer passionate environment of the newsroom.

I leaned that my love, affection and curiosity regarding journalism is relentless. For that at least I could not just stop improving my skill sets necessary for a Sub-Editor.

As a result, with of my unlimited passion and enthusiasm mixed with my talent and skills, I got recruited as an Apprentice Sub-Editor at *Dhaka Tribune* and am now currently working at the Central News Desk as a permanent employee of the newspaper.

To be honest the life that I am living, the life of a full time journalist, is full excitement and pleasure, but it does take a toll on your mind and body, most importantly one's mind. Being surrounded by stories of rape, gunfights, road accidents, murders—and things worse than this—has changed my perspective towards life, and the world as a whole. The need to be good and do something for the betterment of the society, country, and humanity in general is more intense, prominent than ever inside me at present context. My experience at the Central News Desk has led to me appreciating life and the responsibilities with it more and I am looking forward to the things to come.
Chapter 9 Conclusion

Media is a major part of social existence where something new happens each day. Media columnists are the most intrepid of all who recount tales about the past, present, and future ages with reality, data, and confirmation. I was fortunate to get an inside perspective on the media world. The three-month long experience currently appears to be a brief span. The universe of media never neglected to shock me.

I learned numerous things during my internship period that I have incorporated into this paper. It was a part of an exciting journey that I will always remember and cherish, as it has given me firsthand experience with respect to the real working environment circumstance. I am thankful that I found the opportunity to complete an entry-level position.

Otherwise, I could never have known how a media station functions and how a group of more than many individuals works in concordance, like the honey bees in a bee sanctuary. In this limited capacity to focus time, I attempted to investigate the world of news and reporting. I realize that despite everything I have far to go before I can turn into an undeniable TV journalist or producer, yet I am sufficiently idealistic to convey the eagerness. To sum up, I have learned how to use the equipment and gear such as monitors, audio consoles, zoom controllers, and so on. I received training on how these devices work and how to operate them in different manners by following program descriptions. I also learned about ethical journalism and how to check the criteria of news items in order for them to be labeled news items.
When I was taking the media related courses under the Media and Cultural Studies focus, I felt
the bit of media, as well as felt the presence of media inside me. There is a truism in the realm
of media that a man who cannot feel the profundity of the news cannot compose news.

Inside books, I found the directions and rules; however, I got genuine experience of the media
world when I was in the four-dividers of *Dhaka Tribune* office.

In this report, I may have tried to incorporate all my insight and experiences, yet at the same
time, some experiences that I gained cannot be expressed with words.

During my time at the Central News Desk of *Dhaka Tribune* I had to rewire my brain regarding
my writing skills as per the newspapers requirements while I grew accustomed to office habits,
partnership, collaboration, and the desire to do well, do better with every passing moment.

My internship at the *Dhaka Tribune* provided me the opportunity to make practical use of the
knowledge I gained and was exposed to in the different courses that I did at the English &
Humanities Department of the BRAC University.

This entire experience helped me develop into an increasingly mindful and proficient person. I
figured out how to design things in a progressively proficient way. In the meantime, I further
built up my aptitude as far as being a cooperative person. I comprehended the significance of
following hard working attitudes, coordinating with others, and being reliable at the office.

To finish, I had a steady and empowering chief and my associates were continually managing
me during this adventure — which helped me improve in my work and life in general.
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