



Pahela Baishakh in Banglatown

I would very cordially like to thank Nadia Kabir Barb for her exclusive write-up 'Pohela Baishakh in Banglatown' (May 19, 2006). We have a very bad perception of Bangali people living abroad as they usually forget their motherland and never come back.

However, I have to admit the reality of the proverb 'everything returns to its roots'. This is clearly depicted by our people in Banglatown who embrace the Baishakhi atmosphere with an open heart. The procession of musicians and dancers with scenes of people eating *jhaal chaanachur* and *kaacha amer bhorta* really bewitched the visitors and participants of Baishakhi fair in Banglatown.

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Why do they all go abroad?

I don't understand why the Prime Minister and other big leaders always go to Singapore, Thailand and other foreign countries when they fall ill? Do they not think that doctors of our country are up to the standard? What about the doctors who leave our country and work abroad? If they think that the equipment and infrastructure are not strong enough then why don't they build specialised hospitals and improve the medical education system instead of wasting our money on other countries?

Thanveer Jitu

How long will it take to implement the submarine cable?

Recently the government has officially started working on the submarine cable in Cox's Bazar. The same government discarded the idea in the early 1990s. It was a big setback for us not to pick up the opportunity then. It will take a decade for us to accelerate with the fast moving world. The question is how long will it take before we can enjoy the conveniences of the submarine cable in our offices, houses and educational institutions? Looking beyond the glittering ceremonies the government has to guarantee us the fullest of this opportunity as soon as possible.

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The Unforgettable Nasreen Huq

The death of Nasreen Parvin Huq, the Country Director of Action Aid Bangladesh was very shocking news. The person who spent most of her time with a mission to serve the people went away from us very silently. It's love for humanity that can make quite an unknown person so close. Her compassion and love for the suffering persons made her unforgettable.



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