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Bandarban, the Helm of Beauty!

As Bangladeshis, we are proud of our tradition, culture and natural beauty. But this natural beauty is being slowly pushed into oblivion.

We can still get a glimpse of the traditional beauty of our country in Bandarban. The serene beauty always manages to captivate us. The wild chirping of birds, the jungles, different indigenous communities and their languages, and the beautiful mountains are what give Bandarban its identity. Last week's cover story (June 9, 2006) is a tempting read on the beauty of Bandarban.

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Video Games are Lethal Indeed

Video games are a great source of indoor entertainment today. But games sold in markets these days are full of brutality, violence and sex crimes. Video game sellers are indifferent about minors. They sell CDs and DVDs indiscriminately to youngsters without considering what effect it would have on them. There are no laws to prevent the sale of these games to young people. It is high time for us to be vigilant and stop these businesses otherwise these video games will corrupt children's mind.

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On "To be fair or exotic?"

I am impressed with the praiseworthy article "To be Fair or Exotic?" by Shahana Siddiqui who is well-acquainted with the treatment received by the dark-skinned girls in every sphere of life.

We capriciously undermine and discriminate dark-skinned girls as if they bear a social stigma. In general, a girl with dark skin has to spend more to get married whether her family is wealthy or not. There are thousands of examples of dark skinned males who can easily get married to fair-skinned girls. But this is not the case for a girl. It seems to be an unpardonable offence for them to be born with dark skin as the writer mentioned. It's high time that we start changing our views.

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World Cup Enthusiasm

I was watching a live telecast from Germany shown on the BBC titled 'My World Cup' where people from around the world joined with their web cam and expressed their feelings about the World Cup and to my utmost surprise videos of Bangladesh's rooftop adorned with colourful flags (mostly Brazilian and Argentine) were being shown on a BBC programme featuring world cup enthusiasm around the world. The report also featured people's expectations in Bangladesh about enjoying the world cup without being interrupted by frequent load-shedding.

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