

Thank you, President

President Shahabuddin has again spoken out against campus politics and violence.

We fully endorse President Shahabuddin's call and would counsel the parties to heed the wise words of the head of our state.

There was a time when student politics was on the side of democracy and economic and cultural rights.

Since the days of British Raj the students have served the interest of the society as a positive political force.

Will the political parties - the AL and BNP as, it stands now - respond to the call positively?

Great is our fortune that the chancellor of the universities has called for exactly the thing that can revive his charges and let them again live to the glory of this nation.

Future of Agro-sector

Efficiency was the key word of Prime Minister's inaugural address in the national convention of agriculturists yesterday.

In view of the prevailing stagnation in our agricultural production and its dwindling share in the GDP, the executive head of the state could not have sounded any different.

Incentive is not important for only those who are involved in the more immediate part of agricultural production but for those who are engaged in the research and the more cerebral part of the whole process of production.

Courage Was Her Name

After almost seven years, the main accused of the Daisy murder case was executed last Thursday.

Daisy, a fifteen-year-old school girl was probably the most monstrous victim of unrequited romantic ambition.

Share Market Scam: Thumping the Thugs

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An enquiry committee, constituted by the government to probe the biggest-ever share market scam in the country...

that lay under the carpet of the share market. Thanks are also due to the government, first, for having left it to an enquiry committee...



Beneath the Surface

by Abdul Bayes

parliament passed the Artha Rin Adalat Bill, whereby the task of getting the bank loan defaulters by their neck should get much easier and time-saving.

Since inception, Bangladesh economy had been passing through a volley of fatal flaws and wrong premises: in the public sector, for example, the management and the employees tend to believe that public sector need not have to be productive...

market economy is not all that free. It has to bow to the existing laws of the land and abide by the principles set in the market.

A market may fail, some expensive projects might turn up to be of no worth. That hardly goes to tarnish the image of a government.

Finally, may we request our political leaders not to allow the thugs enter into their political camps and thus take shelter under their umbrella.

Shall we Learn from Mandela?

by Nilratan Halder

At least for the sake of people's trust reposed in the leadership, the politicians must develop a culture where the opponents have to be given time enough either to prove their failure or success.

If the gracing of our silver jubilee celebration of independence by Nelson Mandela together with Yasser Arafat and Suleyman Demirel was symbolic...

Forces inimical to Bangalee nationalism and the principles that went into the making of the country, in league with international powers, took advantage of the situation and captured power.

damentalism cannot be prevented from doing this. That is granted. But what about the Bangladesh Nationalist Party - the largest opposition in the country's history of parliamentary democracy and once a ruling party?

Water: Now that the euphoria of the much extolled and much eulogised water treaty has settled down, reality seems to be preparing us for another jolt.

To the Editor...

Democracy in Bangladesh

Sir, I was associated with politics as a student under the banner of Muslim League in 1944 when I was in Class IX.

the situation was tackled by acting president Justice Abdus Sattar. He was elected president and was trying to establish democratic norm in our country.

should have been encouraged and we could prove ourselves as patriots.

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Commerce Faculty of DU

Sir, The commerce faculty of Dhaka University has lost its past glory. Some years ago, the commerce faculty was much ahead of arts and science faculties in respect of taking classes examinations and publishing the results.

note of this and take steps for removing this problem.

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"Govt Employees' Image"

Sir, We had an opportunity to read the article written by Kuldeep Nayak titled "Govt Employees' Image is Way Down" published in your paper on the 15th February.

After 1971, our officers and officials have got more and more liberty. Now the officers are helpless and work in the mercy of the officials.

So, we request the Administrative Reforms Commission to suggest the government to take action for a good government service structure.

M Ali Dhaka

Dhaka Day by Day A Dedicated Guru and His Disciple

by Ekram Kabir



Amin at work and Abu Sayeed Talukder (inset).

Playing with clay is a passion with Abu Sayeed Talukder and Nurul Amin until it reaches the point of perfection.

closeless to Sayeed Sir's lexicon Amin is a devoted artist. Amin is a dedicated guru, he has dreams of taking up 'ceramic art' as a profession.

Coming from a humble family of Netrakona to study at the Charukala Institute, Amin found a dedicated dominion in his Sayeed Sir and has been assisting and learning at the studio since '93.

The earthenwares made at this studio are fascinating - both in terms of utility and skilled finesse. They make a lot of things for everyday use - from coffee mugs to tea sets to rice bowls to table lamps and a host of other household materials.

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OPINION

Going Gets Easy, but

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Education: I do not remember in recent history any leakage of SSC question papers. Can we have a true report on the findings of this unholy incident?

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Share market: Amidst a lot of gusto the government went public on the so-called share scam. The whole thing bordered on the theatrical.

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Leaky Exams and Morals

Pre-Partition Graduate

The recent wholesale leakage of school exam papers is scandalous for the controlling and supervising authorities. Nothing surprising, as this attitude of indiscipline is the mood of the times.

The cruising ship was kept a secret (there were no helicopters in those days).

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