



Undying embers of democracy

The birth of Bangladesh was the best tribute to our democratic longings that culminated in the emergence of the new country. Therefore, nobody in his worst nightmare at that time thought of a roller-coaster ride through democracy, totalitarianism, self-serving civilianisation of martial law regimes, autocracy and back again to democracy as in 1990. That their expectations were belied is a fact of history.

The moral of our democratic saga through the times has been that our people have had a firmer belief in democracy than our leaders and their capacity to take pains for democracy is far greater than the former's. The following photo feature by **A K M Mohsin** is a portrayal of people's commitment to democracy.



The upsurge against autocracy found momentum in the self-sacrifice of Nur Hossain (seen with the slogan written on his person, just before the autocrat's bullets hit him).



People spontaneously converged on street to bolster the movement.



The blood of the martyr and the tears of the innocent ultimately didn't go in vain.

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The autocrat's gun downed one only to arouse many others — to fight for democracy.

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