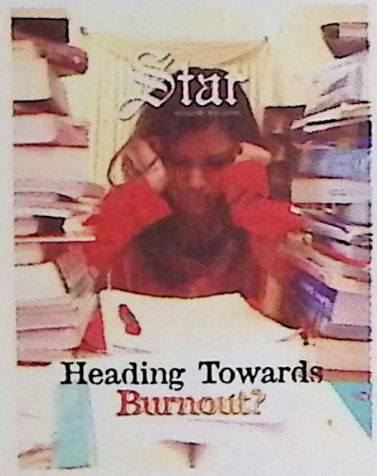


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Superb Cover Story!

First of all I would like to thank the SWM team for their excellent cover story on "The Big Mess" (January 19, 2006). The wonderful write-up and the interesting cartoons were very enjoyable. This movie had the capability of attracting viewers from different age groups, mentality, religion and nationality (and that too without the presence of a television).

To all the winners, those nominated and who had significant contributions- you made us really proud and quite popular worldwide. Despite all that, we believe we have had enough entertainment and do not want to see a sequel of such a blockbuster in the future. We pray that the ending remains happy forever and the young generation learns to be patriotic. Hopefully you, the leaders, will lead us in the right path for everyone's sake.

Sharna

Outstanding SWM!

As time goes by my fondness for the SWM is growing. In fact I am a somewhat fickle-minded person, but I have seen that in the last 15 months the SWM has been resisting my fickle mind and I have been reading it as attentively as possible. It is certain that the SWM is the greatest and most popular English magazine in Bangladesh.

To be a successful magazine, it needs to be creative and unconventional. SWM is certainly this. Every section of this magazine is outstanding and the cover story in almost every issue is thought provoking and well written.

Abbas Tulon
Shyamoli, Dhaka

On "Revolution Television"

The cover story "Revolution Television" (January 20, 2007) written by Kajalie Shehreen Islam was a timely endeavour. The author depicted in detail the overall state of the TV channels in our country.

At one time, BTV was the only source of all kinds of entertainment and news. Nowadays, due to the availability of cable connection and BTV's poor quality it has lost its popularity and acceptability. Most people prefer to watch the private channels.

I strongly second the views expressed by Reaz Ahmed about BTV in the cover story. The concerned authority of the BTV have a lot to do. If they want to get back BTV's lost popularity, they must maintain neutrality in covering news and making other programmes. Besides, BTV must be given autonomy to get rid of the ill influence of the ruling party. Several private channels also sometimes air controversial reports. They must also remain neutral.

Golam Mostafa
Fatikchhari College

Correction

In last week's issue the contents indicated an article 'Sir John Wilson - A Humanist and Visionary' on page 28 which has been published in this issue on page 29. The mistake is regretted.

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