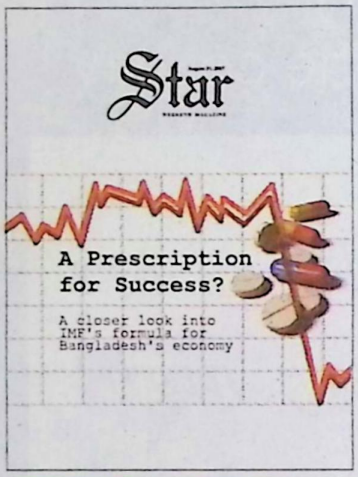


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Four-Strategy Prescription

I would like to show my profound gratitude to the author for his nicely presented cover story "A Prescription for Success". (August 31, 2007) where he depicted IMF's role in the (so called!) development process of Bangladesh. The way the author elucidates the "Four Strategy Prescription" of IMF or WB as described by renowned economist Joseph Stiglitz is just fabulous.

Among the four strategies, privatisation is really paying off for us from the viewpoint of accountability and transparency. Another point of these strategies is trade liberalisation. In this context liberalisation would certainly widen up the gap because these developing countries can never compete in the international market with their high cost product and eventually have to come to these so-called development institutions. I want to point out another problem -- these institutions' "Standardised Prescriptions" are usually based on the experiences of a developed economy but are implemented in underdeveloped countries regardless of their economic conditions.

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British Council Fees

It is a rising cause of concern that the fees for O and A Level exams are rising alarmingly every session. Last September my son enrolled for his O Level exams at Tk. 5900 per subject. This time it has risen to Tk.6200. For five subjects I have to pay Tk 31000. If the fees keep rising at this rate it will soon be impossible for many deserving students to appear for their exams. I appeal to the British Council to take this matter into urgent consideration.

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