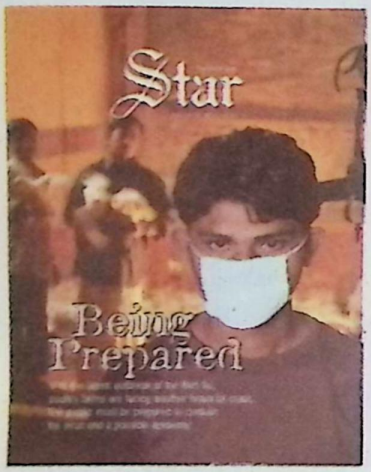


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A Grand Exit

I would like to give profuse thanks to the author for her cover story "A Grand Exit" (February 1, 2008) in SWM.

The news of the death of this person was indeed a shock. Salim Al Deen is the only playwright in Bangla literature who improved the theatre theory and successfully applied it in his plays. His plays have magically enriched our literature in order to have been met around the world. No doubt, his thirst was always for creativity and knowledge.

He is also one of the foremost representatives of cultural thought in Bangladesh. Plays like *Kittonkhola, Keramat Mangal* etc revealed the very large canvas on which he worked. His association with *Natyachakra* and Dhaka theatre was a contribution that complemented the drama movement going on nationwide.

We may have lost this maverick but it is most important to see what we have gained from his life, his work and his thoughts. He will still remain a unique inspiration for all of us especially the young generation.

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Response to "Men and the Media"

I agree with the letter written by Rubaida W Sharmin 'Men and the Media' (February 1, 2008), however I think before accusing the media, we should take a look at our home environment first. The first lesson always starts at home from our own family, which is most of the time a patriarchal one; the boys learn how to treat women from their family. I have never seen parents teaching their sons how to respect the daughters. They always see that the males of the house treat the females as inferior beings and from the very beginning of their life they learn to look down upon girls.

Now women are acquiring higher education and are also respectable positions in the job market, yet even today women are treated in a derogatory way and educated girls face eve-teasing and other forms of sexual harassment.

When men comment about women's body--they forget that they are also referring to their mothers, sisters, daughters and every other women in their life, whom they respect.

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Correction

In the cover story part 'A philosopher, Mentor and Friend' the name and identity of Dr. Shazedur Rahman was mistakenly printed as 'Dr. Sajedul Rahman, a dramatics teacher at JU'. We sincerely regret the error.

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