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Love and respect for martyrs



I went to local Shaheed Minar (Martyrs' Monument) very early in the morning on Feb 21.

I was overwhelmed seeing a lot of people including men, women and children at the monument. It was nice to see rallies arranged by different political parties, cultural organisations, clubs, institutions, schools and colleges coming one by one in a disciplined way to show their love and respect to those who embraced martyrdom to establish our mother tongue "Bangla" and uphold its dignity. It is good to think that people still remember the martyrs and have love and respect for them. But, I think many like me are haunted by a question-- is this all? Many men and women who took part in the Language Movement and the war of independence are still alive.

Unfortunately, most of them have not even been recognised and honoured by the state and the people. They are leading a very precarious life.

Let's listen to what our conscience says.

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Professor Anu Muhammad

The worst symptom of a disease must be when we are inured to the symptoms.

"An unknown caller threatened him on February 21, saying that he would be killed if he does not stop his campaign to protect gas and coal," said the article published in a national daily. Thereafter, to my knowledge, there has been little said or done by either the authorities or civil society on this seemingly trivial news.

Professor Anu Muhammad's crime is serious: he has been a man who has always engaged in the life of our people and who has always defended people's interests. In recent times he has been explaining how the particular arrangement of the sale of certain natural resources in Bangladesh is disadvantageous to us and at the same time would force many thousands out of homes and livelihood. With endless patience, through discussions, seminars and writings Anu Bhai's efforts

have contributed towards a national discussion of the issues, without which we can never hope to find what is good and what is bad.

Perhaps in our times the worst crime is to be independent: to speak out one's thoughts, not to be bought out by the rich and powerful, indeed, to be alive, alive, that is to say, to actually care enough for issues and people to speak out. To be alive this way is a serious threat to the forces arrogant enough to pick up the phone and give a death threat, just like that.

Can we react? Can we protest? Do we as a society have any life left? Or have we become so used to the rot that we take this outrage as something natural?

The evil forces behind the death threat would like the entire country to be a jail cell, all of us to remain resigned, silent and in exile in our own homeland.

Have they triumphed already?
Nurul Kabir
Boston, MA

Make Bangla a UN language

Now every year 'Ekushey February' or 21st February is being celebrated as the 'International Mother Language Day' all over the world under the auspices of the United Nations. This is a great honour for our nation and homage to our Language Martyrs.

It is the appropriate time for the United Nations to adopt Bangla as one of its official languages. We would like to sincerely call upon the UN Secretary General to please take the necessary steps towards recognising Bangla as one of the UN's official languages.

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Listen to Wendy

Ref. - Kashmiri leaders should also approach USA.

This recent media reported statement of former Ambassador to Pakistan, Wendy Chamberlin, who now heads a Washington think tank, is well intentioned and deserves to be taken seriously. Wendy has proposed the appointment of a US envoy and said that it

was this dispute only (disputed state of Kashmir, one part of which is ruled by India and the other divided part by Pakistan and China) which had brought the two countries on the verge of a nuclear war. She said this issue is also coming in the way of restoration of peaceful relationship between Pakistan and India. Wendy added that if the Kashmir issue is resolved then extremism could also be curbed down. This will ultimately lead to peace in South Asia.

Wendy need not be deterred by the fact that the Bush administration is in its last year of tenure, because the next regime in Washington will also certainly approve and continue this peace initiative as it is the national policy (which cuts across party lines) of the USA, to support any move and programme for world peace.

Hence, Wendy ought to mobilise the Bush Administration (including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice) to pronounce the immediate appointment of: (1) - US Envoys to India, Pakistan & China so that they may immediately start a dialogue with the governments and with the leaders of J&K (from both sides of the LoC). (2) - High ranking US diplomats who will coordinate the activities of these US Envoys and will also ensure a time bound Kashmir

solution, may be even by mobilizing world community/forum (UN, EU etc).

Kashmiri leaders (from both sides of the LoC) should utilise this opportunity.

Hem Raj Jain
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India

Investment in transportation

I would like to see the government building some power plants and improving public transportation as a priority for Bangladesh. We need the funding to come from outside as I'm sure the effects of Sidr have somewhat depleted our government funds for such projects. I think that the underground system was the incorrect choice and that the sky train would have been much better, easier and cheaper for us right now. Bangkok has both systems, but they did the sky train first, it requires little land and problems of flooding do not affect it. Kuala Lumpur also has both including a simple sky train system covering key areas and upcoming areas. They charge 15 baht a ride in Bangkok (around 30 taka), in Bangladesh it would have to be around 15 taka to make it feasible. I read that some local company has been given the contract for its completion in 4 years. This does

not sound realistic.

The government can also build and operate the system with a foreign company in which case it will cost them nothing except a little land. The present government is not experienced enough and needs the input of experienced professionals before they make such decisions.

The country cannot stand still until the elections, they should be building power plants and improving infrastructure.

B. Kabir
Chittagong

Biggest "failure"

The biggest failure of this most successful govt. is their inability to project properly and extensively their tremendous success in so many areas, to the people of Bangladesh in particular and also to the world at large. This govt. is definitely the best, sincere govt. in the last 36 years. This govt. could arrest two former prime ministers who were also two leaders of the opposition along with a number of senior ministers, the son of a former prime minister, a number of top businessmen (better to say land grabbers, manipulators, extortionists) a number of bureaucrats all at a time. Probably no govt. in the world would dare to touch so many powerful demons in political, bureaucratic, business, circles at a time. This required great courage and great moral strength.

This govt. has huge achievements to its credit---corruption, at least at the top levels, has definitely been arrested, preparation of a genuine voter list, separation of Judiciary, great improvement in the law and order situation etc. etc.

Only in one area price hike of some essentials-- this government has failed to perform well. One major reason is the rise of prices in the international market of these commodities. Secondly, inexperience and inefficiency of some of the officials is responsible for the crisis.

It is obvious that all these "great people" with all their huge resources, huge finance, arms etc. are trying to defame and destabilise the government. They are trying to project the government as a big failure so that they can again come back to power and carry on their evil activities. A number of govt. officials are also in league with these demons.

In case these demons come back, it will be a disaster for the country.
Md. Abdul Khaleque
Naya Palan
Dhaka

Our cricket

Cricket is a game of glorious uncertainty. It is one of the reasons for attracting the crowd towards the game. Silly things can happen, the master team can lose to the underdogs any time. It's passion, it's imagination & it's pride As such, Bangladesh Cricket team has been congratulated proudly with respect & hope, the only sport to present Bangladesh in the international arena. We always have a glimmer of hope that one day (only) this game can bring the World Cup.

We had a nice journey in the beginning, with lots of talents. The hope continuously increased in size. Everything started to change rapidly as well as the infrastructure. It is quite obvious that we couldn't provide the best but it's not the worst. The Board is trying to improve facilities day by day. Suddenly, we realised that everything is all right except the quality of our cricket team! I don't know what happened to the players but seems like they keep forgetting about their main job, goal or aim, whatever you say. Not that we aren't patient enough.

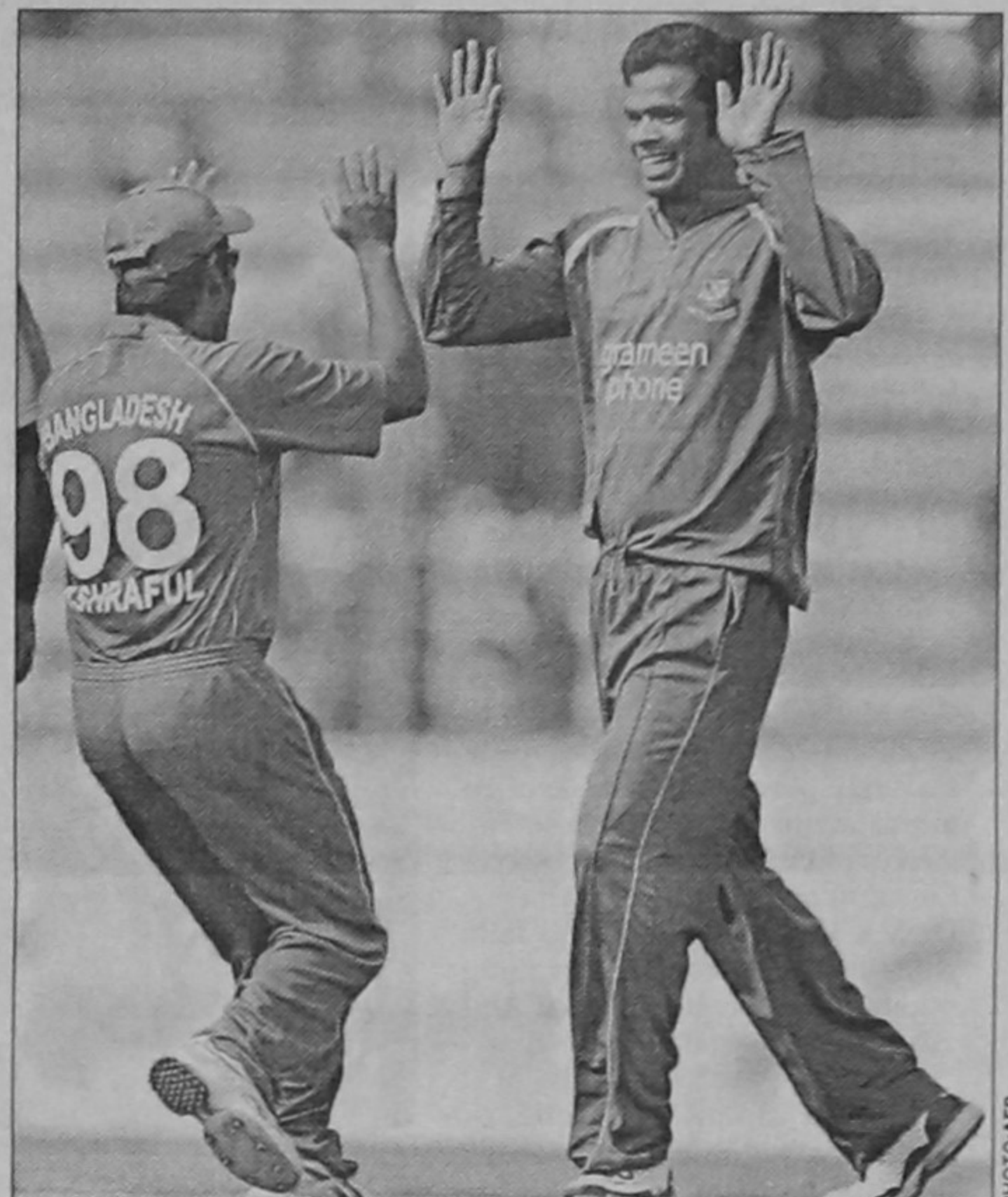
Dav Wharmore as a coach supervised Bangladesh for a long time and we had a success in the World Cup 2007 as we qualified for the 2nd round by beating India. We were jubilant & happiest ever. Dav tried to establish a team which would play for a long time together. Since then he quit, everything is messy & clumsy. Players are not stable in the team, especially the management is proving to be quite weak.

I would like to loudly say that "We love cricket, We love our team." We want to support them always but they also need to do something positive. If you continue to fail and don't change your attitude, it's going to be worse only, not good in any way.

The Board has its flaws. By shuffling players regularly they are hiding the cause. Lastly, I would like to suggest: don't change the Doctor, use proper Medicine!

Concluding with a sweet dream where Tigers will roar again with passion and believe in themselves. Best of luck!

Khan Mohammad
Mizan Manzor
Battala Bazar, Battala
Tangail



Employment Opportunity Agricultural Sector Programme Support, Phase II (ASPS II) Regional Fisheries and Livestock Development Project (RFLDC) Noakhali Component Re-Advertisement for Private Sector Specialist

The Regional Fisheries and Livestock Development Component is part of Denmark's Agricultural Sector Programme Support to the Government of Bangladesh. RFLDC seeks to improve the livelihoods of resource poor households in the target areas of Barisal and Noakhali through a highly participatory approach, centered around training through Field Schools, capacity building of Community-based Farmers' Organisations (CBO) and Union Parishads and support to the private sector to enable the CBO to access quality inputs and improved markets. The component currently runs to June 2012.

RFLDC Noakhali recently completed its recruitment, but there is a need for re-advertisement of the position of Private Sector Specialist. The position is supported by the component grant funds and may be for a period of up to five years, subject to satisfactory probation and performance. Attractive salaries and benefits are available. All senior positions report to the Project Director and the Expatriate Senior Advisor. The Job Description of the position follows:

Private Sector Specialist
Responsibilities: Developing linkages with the corporate private sector and the field development programme. Organise and support the programme for further development in the Project area.

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Regional Fisheries and Livestock Development Project (Noakhali Component)
House # 16, Road # 36, Majidee Housing Estate, Noakhali
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before March 31, 2008. Only applications received by this date will be considered.

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কল্যাণপুর বাস ডিপো, ঢাকা- ১২০৭।

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/২০০৮

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৩	সম্বন্ধক পদ্ধতি	এক বাম বিশিষ্ট উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ফ্রেমওয়ার্ক)।
৪	কাজের বিবরণ/ধরন	বিআরটিসি কল্যাণপুর বাস ডিপোর একতলা টিসি ও অশোক লিফট দিতল বাসের যন্ত্রাংশ/টায়ার সরবরাহের নিমিত্ত ০৬ (ছয়) মাসের জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান।
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৬	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় ও দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান	বিআরটিসি, কল্যাণপুর বাস ডিপো, ঢাকা-১২০৭।
৭	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	২১/০৪/২০০৮ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
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১৩	কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত সিদ্ধান্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে।
১৪	নির্দেশনা	জমাকৃত দরপত্রের সাথে অত্র সিডিউলের মূলকপি অবশ্যই জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ, অস্পষ্ট ও জামানত (আবোধ্যমনি) বিহীন দরপত্র বাতিল বলে বিবেচিত হবে এবং একই সাথে সিডিউল সম্বন্ধে রশিদ দাখিলকৃত্য দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে এবং ইহা দরপত্রের অবিচ্ছেদ্য অংশ হিসাবে পরিগণিত হবে। এ ছাড়া ডিপোতে রাখিত বাসের সীলনোহরকৃত একটি বায়ে দরপত্র ফেলতে হবে এবং আশোচ দরপত্র পিপিআর-২০০৩ এর আওতাধীন ওপেন টেন্ডার পদ্ধতি অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে।

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