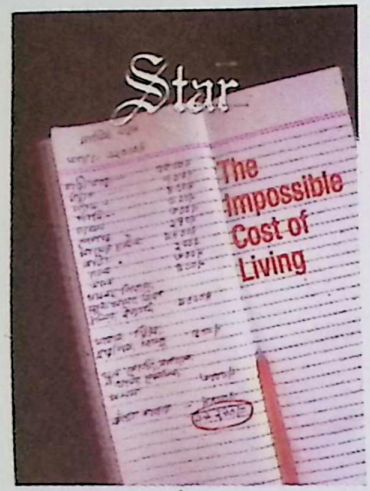


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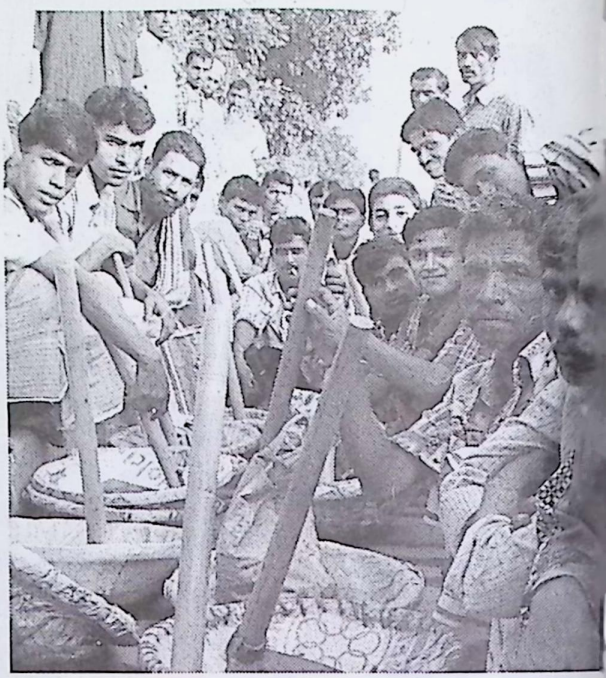
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Of Our Pride and Our Prejudices

Although in the above-mentioned article published in the SWM (May 03, 2008) the writer expresses her own opinion in the whole article, she has left some points out. There may still be a lot of people like this in Bangladesh, things are changing and it is not right to generalise. It is not necessarily true that walking with a guy will ruin one's life. It is not quite clear whether she said it figuratively or literally, but I have many male friends and my family knows them very well and are in very good terms with them. But its true that people from different classes are treated differently. I often do it reflexively myself but stop short when I realise what I am doing. We seem to forget that we should treat people the way we want to be treated. When we write such things publicly, I think we should remember the fact that people who don't know this country very well may also be reading it, and such a generalisation would give them a wrong view of our country.

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May Day in Essence

The historic May Day was triggered from a historic movement in demand for the regular working hours and other facilities for workers across the world. It was in 1886 in Chicago workers went all out for establishing their right and a meaningful identity in the society. They took to the streets to realise their demands and lost some precious lives at the wrath of the police.

Unfortunately in our country we have utterly failed to ensure that daily working hours, hygiene, and security of our labour force in the garments sector.

We should unitedly work towards ensuring workers' rights in our country. It is our duty towards the nation.

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