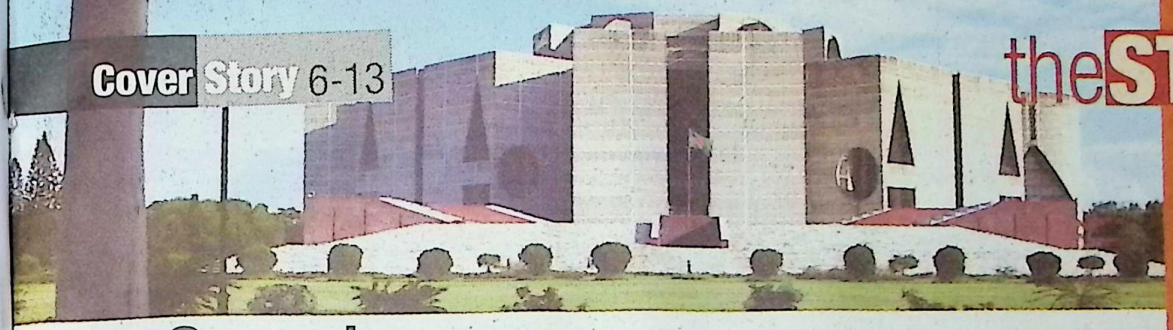
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The Sylheti sailors were used to cooking their own food on board ship, because they needed their food to be halal. The smell of curry wafted across the docklands. At that time there were many Englishmen in London who had returned after a stint in India, and they had acquired a taste for curry. One fine day a resourceful Sylheti had the bright idea of selling curry as street food. Ayub Ali Master, an ex-seaman, opened a Curry cafe in Commercial Road, London in the 1920s. Others soon followed, and the Sylheti community hasn't looked back since.

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The Parent Trap

When 32-year-old Dr. Humayra Abedin came to Dhaka from London in August, she thought she would be attending to her ailing mother. Instead she was allegedly locked away by her own family, her passport taken away and cut off from the rest of the world. There were claims that her parents thought she was insane because she had fallen in love with a Hindu man and wanted her to marry someone of their choice.

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