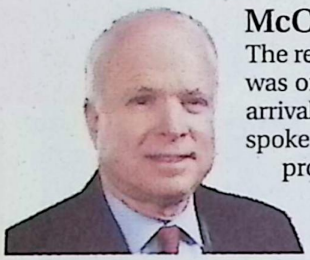
letters

Change Yourself, Change Your Country

81,058,698 people will decide to vote the person who will be the next leaders of Bangladesh. Everybody must avoid black money, terrorism, war criminals and corruption. Our future leaders must be free of such things if we are to drive our country forward. Unfortunately some political parties are already destroying this practice of democracy by selecting the same old corrupt leaders to represent them. They are not even taking candidates from the grassroots levels in each area. But they can select young, honest, challenging and educated persons to give nomination. Before elections all political parties must publicly promise to refrain from talk in the presence of people hartal, road blockades and violence.

Our main motto is to create a peaceful and beautiful, green Bangladesh. We to make the right choice on December 29.

Saiful Islam
By email



McCain's visit

The recent visit of U.S senator John McCain in our country was of great significance. After the Mumbai massacre, the arrival of McCain added a new dimension to this visit. He spoke about several issues like terrorism, climate change, promoting human rights, etc.

In the name of tackling terrorism the U.S government and its alliances have invaded several countries. By spreading the rumour of terrorism they are occupying the countries which are rich in mineral and petroleum.

It is a great irony that the U.S talks about climate change when they still haven't signed the Kyoto protocol. According to this protocol all the countries across the world must cut down on CFC gas, which is responsible for 'greenhouse effects' and 'global warming'. It should be noted here that the U.S emits more than 40% of the CFC gas.

Under the agenda of human rights we see in the media that the U.S is very conscious of the Geneva Convention. So, what is their explanation for the prisoners of Abu Ghraib in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay? They have failed to uphold the basic principles of the convention.

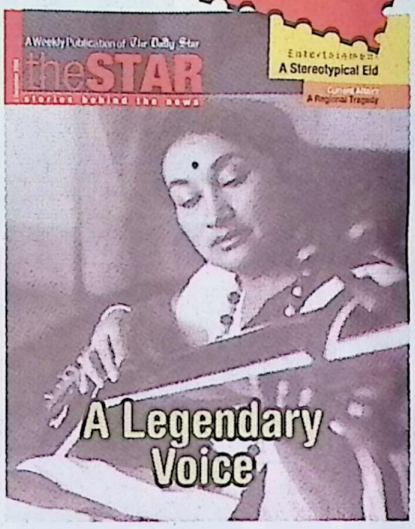
Aiman Bin Shaofiqul Hamid (JASIM)
Dept. of English
International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC)

Television and Radio Debate

With this year's elections approaching there ought to be regular debates and discussions between the political parties, on television, on the radio and in newspapers, for the benefit of potential voters. It is important that they face the people they wish to lead. It should be expected that all the candidates take part in a television debate as it would not only help us to choose our future leader but also develop communication between our different candidates and political parties. At the very least, they should be doing this in the bigger cities like Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet and Khulna.

The question is, are our future leaders ready for real television debate?

Asifami Rahman Saikat
Dhaka, Bangladesh



British Bangladeshi Community

It was a pleasant surprise to read a cover story on the British Bangladeshi community 'Bondor Bazar to Brick Lane' (November 28, 2008). As a third generation Bangladeshi Briton, I feel we have a lot to offer Bangladesh, and vice versa. It's about time the media in Bangladesh gave the Diaspora some coverage. I appreciate the fact that the writer wrote the article in an overall positive tone. And it's good to see that the writer went beyond remittances and looked at some of the other assets we have to offer. Kudos to the Star magazine for an insightful portrayal!

Tahmina Begum
Stoke on Trent
United Kingdom

SUBMISSION GUIDELINE:

Letters to the Editor, Star Diary and Write to Mita, with the writer's name and address, should be within 200 words. All articles should be within 1,200 words. A cover letter is not necessary, but every write-up should include the writer's name, phone number and email address (if any). While The Star welcomes unsolicited articles and photographs, it cannot accept the responsibility of their loss or damage. The Star does not return unsolicited articles and photos. Response time for unsolicited write-ups ranges from three weeks to two months. All articles submitted are subject to editing for reasons of space and clarity.

All materials should be sent to: The Star magazine, 19 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Fax: 880-2-8125155 or emailed to: <thestarmagazine@gmail.com>

It is recommended that those submitting work for the first time to The Star take a look at a sample copy beforehand. Our website is: http://www.thedailystar.net/magazine