Importance of Special Economic Zone

SEZ (Special Economic Zone) is a very common Phenomenon in almost every country these days. Examples could be India, China etc. In Bangladesh, too, SEZs could bring bright prospects for new entrepreneurs. SEZ is familiar to businessmen around the world but it is still relatively unknown in business circles in Bangladesh. Sylhet is a major city in the Northeast of Bangladesh which is called the London of Bangladesh because of the large number of expatriates who have settled in London, UK. Non Resident Bangladeshis have a keen desire to invest in Bangladesh especially in Sylhet. There was also a lot of discussion about plot allotment in a Special Economic Zone for new entrepreneurs by the government. But it is very disappointing that nobody is conscious about that. Time is passing but no feasible steps have yet been taken regarding it. It could become one of the bright spots of the economy of Bangladesh as well as a source of foreign remittance. So, the authorities must look into creating the SEZ as a matter of priority.

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Jaflong Violated

Thank you for highlighting the assault on Jaflong in your February 13 cover. While civil society and politicians sit in the capital and talk about environment, evildoers have for many years illegally crushed stones. The natural beauty of Jaflong has been almost totally destroyed. I have been to the place many times and I am always affected by the dust and pollution. I hope the government will wake up and pass effective laws to protect our natural heritage.

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International Women's Day

This is the age of capitalism, and our society becomes more materialistic day by day. By the influence of capitalism women have been transformed into a commodity. Those who believe that these capitalistic pursuits can play an active role in favour of women's rights, I think they are simply building castles in the air. In my opinion this is the worst form of oppression against women through they are sometimes not conscious about it. I think it is very important to distinguish between "Equality" and "Equity". Out of these two words I prefer "Equity". That means both men and women will be treated with respect in accordance with their respective sexes. On the contrary, if we prefer "Equality" between men and women, a confrontation may be created in the society, which we usually notice in the West.

So, it is my earnest request to all my countrymen to treat women as human beings rather than a woman or "Nari".

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Load shedding and Nuclear Power

At present after traffic congestion, power cut is the second grave problem facing Dhaka city. On a daily basis, we have to suffer between 4 to 5 hours from persistent disruption of power supply. However, it is no longer a new issue in Dhaka city. It's been discussed many times, but no effective measures have been taken to alleviate this unbearable misery. We see many experts talking about nuclear power generation to resolve this problem on some TV channels, but so far, nothing effective has been implemented. Are all these experts supposed to talk away concerning this issue or can their ideas be utilized to fix this problem through implementing the nuclear project by means of government's direct intervention? Now let's discuss regarding our power supply capacity. Our country needs 5200 MW electricity per day but against this requirement our capacity is only 4000 MW. It is pathetic that our power generation plants produce less power than their real capacity. This is due to inefficient management and maintenance. However, Bangladesh is now facing uncertain situation in the energy sector as hardly 30 percent people have access to power supply. Therefore, how can we think of further prosperity for our nation? It is high time government starts to think about nuclear power generation.

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