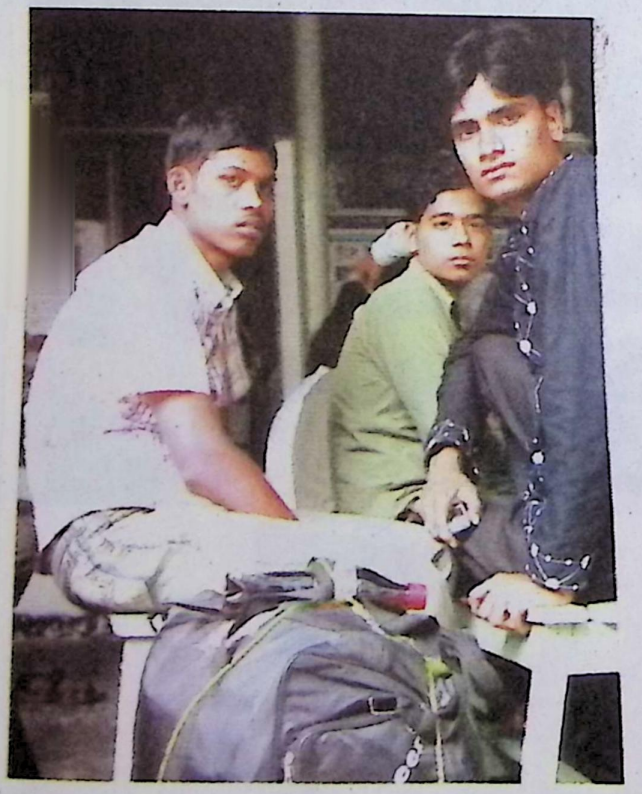
Manpower Abroad

Bangladesh is a developing nation. Usually unskilled or semi-skilled young people go to Europe, America, and especially to the Middle Eastern countries in search of better jobs and attractive salaries. Most of them get the money for visa and ticket by selling their own homestead or family members' ornaments. In recent days news of visas of Bangladeshi migrant workers being cancelled has alarmed us. The cancellation is occurring in Middle Eastern countries in the name of worldwide economic crisis. Recently 55,000 Bangladeshi labourers had their visa cancelled by Malaysian authorities. This is not only unexpected for them but also terrible news for those family members who depend on the money they send.

We hope in the present circumstances, the government will play an important role in solving this problem through bilateral talks.

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It is matter of great regret that our workers abroad are facing a hard time. Everyday, we hear news of labour retrenchment by the employers. In most of the cases, it is the result of dishonest activity by middlemen and recruiting agencies. There is an allegation that our foreign mission in those countries have failed to tackle the situation. We demand that our government will take necessary steps for the welfare of those expatriate workers and will take legal actions against those culprits who are responsible for landing our migrant labourers in this state of misery.

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Cricket for Peace

In today's world cricket is a medium for peace and solidarity. Through cricket, strong brotherhood is established among the players as well as between the people of two countries. The bloodshed at BDR headquarters on February 25 has terrified the people of Bangladesh. Because of such unwanted incidents and considering the situation of the country the government decided to stop the series between Bangladesh and Pakistan. But this game is a passion for the people of South-Asian cricket playing nations. People of Bangladesh want cricket. They love cricket. We believe that cricket will again bring happiness to the people of our country. So we hope that the government will soon take the decision to allow the cricket series to go ahead.

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A 50-Taka Smoke

Smoking is undoubtedly a bad habit which is nothing but taking deadly poison. We all know our government has enacted a law banning smoking in public places. If anyone disobeys the law, he has to pay fine of Tk. 50. But we've hardly seen police or mobile courts punishing someone for disobeying this law. On the contrary, we often see people openly flouting the law. If the law is not used properly, then is there any necessity of such a law?

Smokers who indulge in their bad habit in public places owe us Tk 50 per puff, and I suggest the law enforcement agencies act to ensure that they pay up. This will deter them and allow the rest of us to live and breathe in a healthy atmosphere.

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For a Peaceful Campus

We the general students of Chittagong University are very anxious about the terrible situation prevailing on our campus. A few days ago we had a terrible incident at the railway station when two groups of the ruling party's student wing started fighting in medieval style. Ten students were injured. The situation is still tense. I urge the government to take immediate steps to stop violence in all the campuses.

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