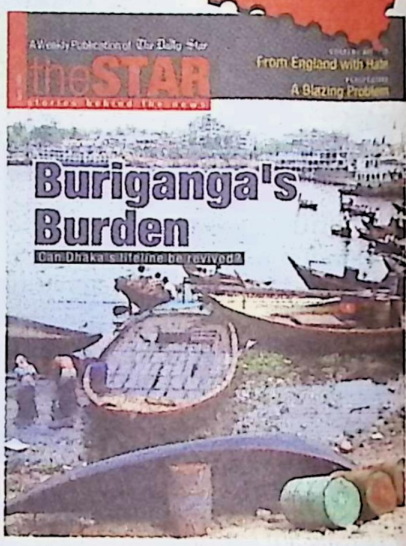
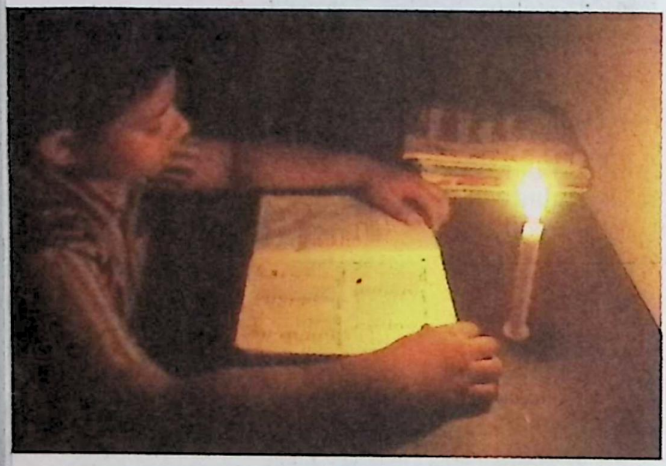
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A Long Hot Summer

As the summer season is close-by, I start to think what I have to confront - 5-6 hours of daily load shedding, shortage of water supply, tremendous heat and so on. Load shedding has already increased to at least 1-2 hours at each cut, compared to the same time last year. It is only early April and already we are facing this amount of load shedding. What will happen when the season actually arrives? We talk about bringing change and digital Bangladesh etc. Is this the symbol of change? Will a digital country be possible without flawless electric supply?



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Stories of War and Freedom

I feel ashamed when I see that war criminals are still active in our politics as well as our national life. It is very much heartrending to see that the criminals have gone unpunished for the crimes that they have committed in 1971. To uphold the sacrifice of martyrs the trial of war criminals should be held. I hope that during this government's reign, the trial is possible. For the trial of war criminals all parties and general people, who are in favour of freedom should be united as we were united in 1971. Now it is a national demand.

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While I was going through the cover stories of March 27, especially "It is Time", I kept thinking about the history of the liberation war and the present condition of Bangladesh. People who committed actual war crimes must be punished. But we must not allow this to be used for political gain. The truth is if any one is associated with Jamaat e Islami currently, he becomes a "Razakar" although that person may be only 30-37 years old. We also observe that many freedom fighters become "Razakars" for being involved with JI on the one hand and many Razakars become "freedom fighters" merely because they are involved with Awami League. All the war criminals should be punished, but at the same time we want to say that all the members of Jamaat e Islami are not Razakars and all the members of Awami League are not freedom fighters. Let us keep our war of liberation above politics.



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