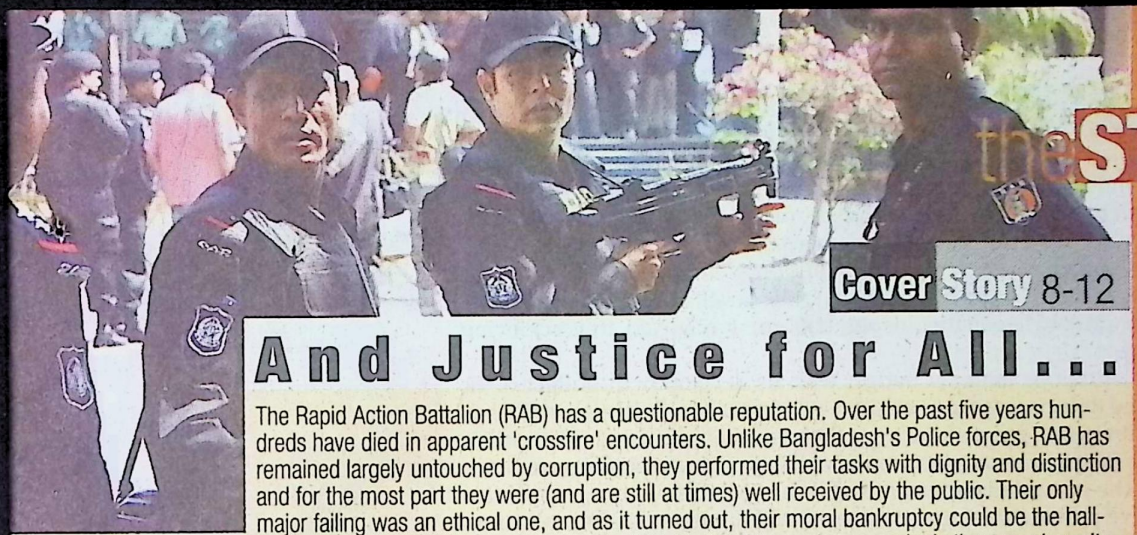
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And Justice for All...

The Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) has a questionable reputation. Over the past five years hundreds have died in apparent 'crossfire' encounters. Unlike Bangladesh's Police forces, RAB has remained largely untouched by corruption, they performed their tasks with dignity and distinction and for the most part they were (and are still at times) well received by the public. Their only major failing was an ethical one, and as it turned out, their moral bankruptcy could be the hallmark of their legacy. How can they protect and enforce law, when seemingly they are above it themselves? The culture of impunity must be dismantled.

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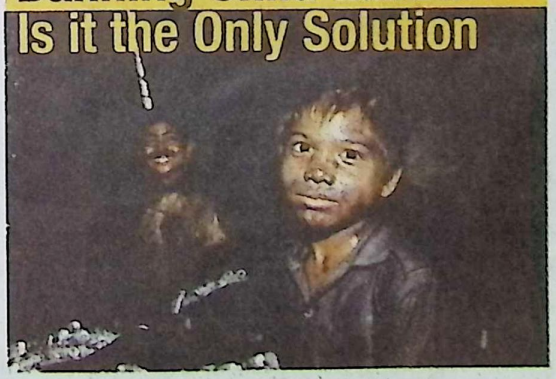
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Caught in the Web

A few days ago 14-year-old Rakib (not his real name), a student of a renowned school in Uttara, was caught in the school with a bagful of CDs. When the school authority played the discs on computer they found what they had been fearing--the CDs contained pornographic videos made in Bangladesh, some even had self-shot footages of some of the school's female students.

16-19 Special Feature

Banning Child Labour: Is it the Only Solution



The government is now taking steps to abolish child labour completely. Even though a commendable act on the government's part, it is still not going to solve the problem. There are several loopholes in the system, which could probably increase the poor person's dilemma instead of solving it.

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