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# They are killing our tigers

I was watching a programme named "Jole Jongole" on ATN recently. The programme showed the evil activities of Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh (WTB). I was shocked to know that this organization is killing our tigers in the name of saving or preserving them. They are doing the same evil experiments again and again by injecting them the wrong tranquilizer named "TENAZOL" which is dangerous for tigers. They knew very well that the tigers could be killed because of that injection, but they still applied it on them. They also put radio collar around their neck. Two tigers died because of wearing this radio collar. It turned out that this organization and the man Adam who runs it are doing harmful experiments with our tigers. I urge the government to do something about it. We don't want foreigners to come here and kill our tigers. An animal lover, On e-mail



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## Punish the rapist

While watching an episode of Mina cartoon on TV the other day, I was reading some reports in various Bengali dailies including Prothom Alo about the rape of a school-girl of Viqarunnissa Noon School & College by Porimol Joydhor, a teacher of the same school. The subject matter of Mina cartoon was that we must give school education to female children right in their childhood. But the rape of a student of the most reputed school in Bangladesh by a tainted person in disguise of a teacher is a satire to the Mina cartoon. As a conscious citizen, I demand exemplary punishment of the rapist.  
**Rubab Abdullah (Shukla)**  
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## Whose fault?

The sufferings of two female passengers in Abu Dhabi while flying Etihad Airways was well covered in Bangladesh media. I am not trying to shift blame from those who are responsible, but in the matter of stamping of documents, the airline staff has no involvement and no power. Such stamping are done by airport security staff who are non commercial government agencies (normally police), so it would be simplistic to argue that as it was the duty of the airline staff to stamp the boarding card which they had failed to do, they should take the card back and get it stamped to eliminate the queuing problem. The airline is a commercial firm and its staff tends to commercialize matters such as issuing of tickets and boarding passes but they cannot influence or carry out any security

procedure. Most of these checks and stamps are anti-terrorist measures and flying through Indian airports I have felt that the number of checks and stampings (of all baggage tags and boarding passes) are most disconcerting.

I am sure they were detained not by airline staff (who does not have such authority), but by airport security, and it was they who prevented the passengers to continue on their journey or prevent them from contacting their embassies. Hopefully some rescue system would emerge from this incident to help such persons in future.

**Engineer Shafi Ahmed**  
London, UK

## No hartal please

Hartal is considered as a democratic way for achieving any right putting a government in pressure, and there was considerable success in the past. Nowadays the environment is totally different; open negotiation is possible to settle an issue and because of the strong stand of media there is no reason to fear any unfair play. Every party in opposition always calls hartal. Did they ever take into account the sentiment of masses about hartal? Did any party count the losses caused by hartals? We request our leaders to go to the parliament and solve the issues through dialogue.

Frequently we see political activists vandalize or burn vehicles on the previous night of hartal and do violent activities during hartal. Dear politicians, please bear in mind that violence can't be the way for settling any issue. So, no hartal please.  
**Mithun Dip**

## Is it a healthy campus?

If someone comes out in the morning for a walk in fresh air in the Dhaka University campus, s/he will be disheartened because of the bad odour from garbage and human fasses. There prevails no hygienic atmosphere. Vagabonds, lunatics, and street urchins are living here and there.

At noon heavy traffic and political procession clog the main streets hampering students' normal movement. People, mostly outsiders, start gathering with the onset of afternoon. Anti social activities including eve-teasing and mugging are happening amid this crowd. In the evening, adjacent areas especially Suhrawardy Udyan fill with addicted people, drug peddlers, floating prostitutes, pimps, clients and their associates (derailed student leaders and police). My question to the authorities: is it really a healthy campus, once known as the Oxford of the East?

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We need to be very cautious about their activities in the name of religion, because even the Prophet (pbuh) said fourteen hundred years back, "My dear followers, be careful, there will be more than 70 groups claiming their true spirits, in fact just one is true, and the others are danger to mankind."

**Ashraf Haq**  
Dhaka

## A good decision

From a daily newspaper I came to know that Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, is going to introduce an extraordinary system for the people of Kolkata as well as West Bengal. Traffic jam is grabbing the city which has increased people's sufferings. To mitigate people's sufferings, Mamata Banerjee decided to air the national anthem of India in every traffic signal point whenever the red light is on. This is really a good move. On the other hand, Bangladesh has also been facing the same problem for long. Why is our government not thinking like that?

**Mohammed Jashim Uddin**  
Dhaka

## Scrapping CTG: A fatal mistake

Majority in parliament is essential for smooth functioning of a government but absolute majority blinds the govt. absolutely. By doing away with the caretaker government (CTG) system the AL government has proved this truth again. They have scrapped the CTG with the excuse of implementing the apex court's verdict. But they did not follow the advice of the apex court which said the next two elections could be held under CTG, for the sake of peace and public

interests.

This is a fatal mistake. If the government had minimum sincerity to settle the matter amicably they would not have passed the 15th Amendment Bill so hastily. Now Begum Khaleda Zia thinks political confrontation is inevitable. Actually, crave for power and lust for retaining it have made the country's political sky cloudy and the common people's life miserable. We urge the government to give up political opportunism, the opposition BNP not to take any harsh decision like hartals and the civil society to come forward to save the nation from any kind of unwanted situation.

**Shadhin Rahman**  
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## Manmohan's anxieties over Bangladesh

The anxieties expressed by the Indian PM Dr. Manmohan Singh are more than unusual. His suspicion may be based on intelligence report but the premises on which the prediction is deduced are not totally reliable. The arrow of suspicion thrown toward Jamaat-e-Islami is reasonably targeted. All the top leaders of Jamaat are in custody facing war crime trials.

So, it is natural for Jamaat to go all out to unseat the present government. But Manmohan's statistics of 25% Jamaat being die-hard anti Indian supporters is based on serious wrong notion. Jamaat may be guided or funded by foreign intelligence agencies but it will not be justified to conclude that all their voters are anti Indian or ISI brainwashed.

Young Jamaat leaders are trying to come out of old legacies. We should walk on our own dem-

# Why should we pay tax?

It is a matter of great concern that even after paying tax, levies and tariffs on individual income, food items and other imported goods, there is no gratifying facilities even in the urban areas. It is true that a financially healthy government exchequer is essential in this regard, which can be made through proper collection of taxes, levies and tariffs. From a news report it has been known that the government's revenue generation through the collection of taxes, levies and tariffs has substantially increased in recent years, and despite the fact we don't see enough initiatives to repair the city roads. Even in dry season we see dam-

aged and potholed roads in some areas, let alone the condition of roads during rainy season. For instance, the roads of Nikunja-2 Residential Area under Khilkhet police station are damaged severely because no repair work has been done for many days. Almost all the roads are in bad shape and causing daily sufferings to the residents. We drew the attention of the authorities to this issue many times but they turned a blind eye towards the problem. Our appeal to the government-- either stop imposing tax on us or ensure public amenities.

**Hasnat**  
Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka



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# Amendments and expectations

## সংবিধান সংশোধন



In 1975- 4th amendment, in 1979 -5th amendment and in 1982- 7th amendment, all those amendments were the blazing indications for us that the government should not pass any sort of amendment which is not recommended by the main opposition party as well as the majority people of the country.

People of Bangladesh did not expect the process and several specific articles of the 15th amendment to take place. It is right that an unelected government can not be accepted in a democratic country, but today's reality is different. In the light of past history, the government should go for obtaining consensus on caretaker government issue with the main opposition party, which is the expectation of people.

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### Schoolboys' trip of death

43 students killed as truck plunges into ditch; driver said to be talking on mobile, flees; nation in mourning (July 12, 2011)

I am from Mirsarai and passing the most shocking time of my life. Abu Torab Govt Primary school won the match. So the supporters were in a festive mood and shouting on the truck. I heard that when a van came from opposite side, the vehicle carrying the students lost control and fell into the roadside ditch. The tournament created festive competitive mood among the students and teachers, but everything has become a tragic event. We hope communities come forward to console.

**Saidul Islam**

Our road sector is under the grip of illiterate and malnourished men having no road sense.

**Ma Khan**

Most of the drivers do not have sufficient skills/training in driving vehicles on the highway. Moreover, they usually use cell phones while driving. Traffic department do not take action against those who use cell phone during driv-

ing as this unsafe practice is being continued. Traffic department should take stern action against the drivers who run the vehicles unsafely. Strong and proper traffic rules should be imposed on using cell phone while driving.

**Mayen Uddin Tazim**

Almost everyday this kind of accident is taking place and none get punished. So far I know there is no strong law to punish these drivers for making an accident. How many lives needed to shake the Govt. to make such law where driver would get strong punishment? Please think of these families how they will survive now.

**Muntasir H**

Who organised Bangabandhu Gold Cup Primary School Football Tournament, they should have arranged safe road also.

**Edo Brandis**

Drivers should not be allowed even to

keep mobiles in their pockets. Shocked to read this news and have no words to comment. Only pray for the grieved families.

**Khawaja Javaid Akhtar**

Deaths of schoolboys in Mirsarai shocked us very deeply. Reckless driving is only responsible for this accident. This loss can never be made up.

**Shahadat Hossain**

This is a tragedy after the BDR incident. May Allah keep them in heaven and their parents strength to overcome the shock.

**Anonymous**

### First Day of Hartal

Abdin assaulted by hostile cops BNP asks home minister to quit; Sahara regrets excesses; case filed against Abdin (July 7, 2011)

I fail to understand why the home minister fails to control law enforcers during hartal. Mere regret is not going to stop further agitations by the oppositions. The next phase will be unfolded even if she regrets or condemns the police action. The picture is clear evidence.

**Faqrul**

If lawmakers try to disobey the law, he should be given this type of treatment. I appreciate Bangladesh Police for doing the job.

**Sawgat Chowdhury**

The heavy handed approach happened under the instruction of the authority, and done for bigger political interest or party's gain. But the game is definitely a dangerous one. We cannot afford to lose our political stability orchestrated by both political parties ahead of election. This trend must be stopped.

**Shamima Begum Shelley**

People have seen everything on TV channels. Police officer Biplob and Harun should face trial for their unlawful activities.

**Sami**

Power corrupts a man. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. If no action is taken against those who are doing these sorts of incidents then it will be very much regrettable.

**Tumpa**

This is not the way to solve the situation. We need democracy. But in the name of democracy we do not need autocracy. This proves how much regrettable behaviour we mass people are getting.

**Hamid**

When a political party is in power their first duty is to listen to the oppositions and convince their members. If Hasina thinks of a no caretaker government, she should take opinion of the people.

**GLM**

This picture tells the strategy and mind set of the ruling party. A nation can not be run by a brutal force for ever. IGP, Home Minister and PM must be held accountable for using the law enforcers as a torture apparatus. Otherwise confrontation and total obliteration will