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Sublime Shakib



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I guess Shakib is the only Bangladeshi cricketer who can be called Tiger as he plays well regularly and is not like other players who may play well in one match, but would then fail to maintain the trend by presenting poor performance in several other matches. This 24-year-old player is now the no.1 all-rounder in the Test and ODI cricket.

In previous few matches we saw that he tried his level best to support the team and the recent proof of his fantastic performance was against the Pakistan team. This sublime player became the first Bangladeshi to score a hundred and take five wickets in an innings during a Test series. And his 144 run and 6 wickets for 82 won him the Man-of-the-Match award! This was Shakib's second century in Test and it lifted his average run rate to 34.68.

After a long time Bangladesh has earned glory in cricket. He has proved that Bangladeshi players are capable of performing miracles. Hope this accolade earned by Shakib will encourage our young players to perform like the real tigers!

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People worried about abduction and secret killing

Abductions and secret killings have increased in the country alarmingly. We learn about such brutal killings from the newspapers every day. The murders of the Narsingdi mayor Lokman and two BNP leaders, Najmul Islam in Jessore and Wahab in Noakhali, are such cases of secret killing. Besides, very recently, during a pleasure trip by boat in the Changhar canal, two innocent students of Shahjalal Science and Technology University were killed. The government as well as the law enforcers couldn't find out the motive behind such killings.

Many people are being picked up from their homes and streets by some unknown people who are introducing themselves as law enforcers. Later, dead bodies of some of the abduction victims are being found. But most other abducted people are remaining untraced. Such mysterious incidents are not only occurring in the capital, it is also occurring in other towns of the country. It seems that the law enforcement agencies are not capable of solving these cases. No investigation has been done by the government as yet. As a result, people are becoming increasingly worried. The only expectation of common people from the state is that it will give them the security so that they can return home safely and stay home safely.

The government should immediately take steps to find out the criminals and also the causes of such abductions and secret killings through appropriate investigation.

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Make rich countries abide by Kyoto Protocol

The Durban conference published a draft text at a time when scientists were demanding further radical action to curb carbon emissions. Now global carbon emissions are increasing at the rate of 3 pc per year. The USA and China are the world's biggest emitters but they did not commit to reduce their emissions by a certain percentage under the Kyoto Protocol. Bangladesh is the fifth most vulnerable country in terms of climate change and will face the highest risks because of rising sea levels, floods and other vagaries of Nature in the coming years. Bangladesh could lose nearly one-quarter of the land area by the end of this century. We must raise our voice to hold the rich countries to account for the global climate change and take action immediately.

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Irregularity in DU admission test

The University of Dhaka has long been known as the best educational institution of this country since its inception. The Faculty of Business Studies of this university is one of the best faculties where quality education gets priority and the students get modern facilities to pursue their study. But recently this faculty failed to hold a proper admission test because of the sheer negligence of the members of exam committee. People can now question the quality of education this faculty provides. Penal measures should be taken against the persons who brought disrepute to the faculty. However, this particular incident should not prejudice the image of the faculty or the university as a whole.

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Last wishes of Prof. Kabir Chowdhury

This is about the last wishes of Professor Kabir Chowdhury who died on 13 December 2011, just a day before the 40th Martyred Intellectuals' Day. We lost an icon of anti-communalism. He was like a mentor of the conscious people of the country.

However, we heard that he wanted to be buried promptly after his death and that his namaz-e-janaza should be held in the nearest mosque and there should be only one namaz-e-janaza. He also wanted to be buried in a public graveyard where another deceased could find his last resting place over his remains. He discouraged holding any memorial meeting or chehlum, etc.

This should be a lesson for us that a huge burial ceremony does not increase anybody's honour.

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Restore the provision of Caretaker Government

There are some people who, after waking up from sleep, become disoriented and do not know what they are saying or doing. We think that is happening in the government's case. After sleeping for three years it has, as if, woken suddenly and started doing the most outrageous things one after another.

The government decided to abolish the caretaker government system which was Awami League's own brainchild. It once made people's lives miserable to achieve their demand for caretaker system of government. Now they are against it sensing defeat in the next general election if held under a caretaker government. People have become restive again because of their unjust decision of abolishing the caretaker government. But people will not tolerate this; they have had enough of the Awami League's whimsical ways.

We have learned that the President is holding dialogues with the political parties to appoint a new CEC. But appointing a new CEC is not the answer. The government should reinstate the caretaker government system. Otherwise the political arena will remain volatile. We do not want to suffer anymore due to the insensitivity of our politicians. The government must understand that caretaker government is not only the demand of the BNP; it is the demand of the people as well. So, the government must restore the provision of Caretaker Government immediately.

Nur Jahan

India should stop border killing



PHOTO: AFP

Despite much assurance from the Indian premier, border killing is going on unabated. I think Bangladesh should refer all these killings to the international forums and United Nations as it is clearly a violation of international law. For the sake of peace and prosperity of this region, India must stop killing innocent Bangladeshis. It must control the BSF and investigate all the killings and give punishment to the guilty. By punishing the culprits India can prove that they are really sincere about stopping border killings. In this era of globalisation, no country can expect to live in peace and prosperity without ensuring its neighbours' safety.

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Irregularities at Rupnagar Model School & College

Rupnagar Model School & College is situated at Rupnagar R/A in Mirpur. It is administered by the Ministry of Education. But the quality of education of this college is not up to the mark. The college does not have qualified teachers for each subject. A teacher specialised in a particular subject often teaches another subject.

Moreover, the college is completing its courses at a snail's pace and it seems that the teachers won't be able to complete the syllabus in due time. While other colleges have already completed around 70%-80% of the 1st year syllabus, this particular college has completed only 30%-40% of the same syllabus. Although we have on several occasions informed the principal of the college about the problem, he hasn't taken any steps as yet. If this situation continues, the students will be deprived of proper education and they will not do well in the HSC exams.

So, the authorities should take proper steps to improve the quality of education in the college.

A guardian
On e-mail

Stop killing students

As a student of a public university, I witnessed many deaths of my fellow students who were either killed in political clashes or by accidents. A week ago, Dipanker Ghosh Anik and Khairul Kabir, two brilliant students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, were brutally murdered by some muggers when they went on a boat trip to a nearby canal, few kilometres away from the university.

Police arrested the boatman who was involved in the killing. Now the question is: will the families of the two students get justice? We condemn such heinous crime. We are drawing the attention of the people to help us get justice. Please stop killing students.

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2011 in retrospect

The year 2011 will leave behind many a memorable incident of mishaps, terrible crimes, injustice to people, political clashes and upheavals, border killings by the BSF, disappearances of people, diplomatic failures and so on. But we the general people will look forward to a better start of another new year with a breath of fresh air. We will expect better performances from our political leaders who are to guide the country in a respectable and mature manner.

The people expect the leaders to do something good for the nation, by forgetting or minimising all the past differences, since the nation has passed four decades achieving nothing significant to be proud of.

On behalf of the contributors of this page, I wish the members of The Daily Star a prosperous 2012 with the hope that they will continue to inform us of news, views and stories. May Allah bless us all.

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READERS respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Tuesday's The Daily Star news report headlined "Education shines with success."

Jahidul Islam

It can be said that the government has got success in increasing the pass rate. The Primary Terminal Examination results show that we have achieved high literacy rate. But what is actually the situation in the field level? Are our children getting standard education?

Gopal Sengupta

It is an example of key success of the ruling party. It is unthinkable for the rest of the world how our education ministry has achieved such great success within 3 years of its tenure. My sincere thanks and gratitude to the minister and his team members.

Monowara Begum

Can we have a school where all our politicians can be taught what it needs to become a politician and what are their

Living in a fool's paradise!

A front page report of 23rd December published in a weekly English newspaper was the proper analysis of the opinion expressed by the foreign relations adviser to the PM on India's assurances. Indeed, our government is living in the illusions of 'happy dreams'. Indian assurances can be best described in Shakespeare's famous lines: "It's a tale, told by an idiot."

Full of sound and fury, signifying nothing!" We are yet to fathom their diplomatic language. For our government, it matters little or nothing that despite assurances, thousands of Bangladeshis are shot and killed regularly by the 'trigger happy' Indian Border Guards.

Maybe, it is our government's easy way out of the population problem. What more do the voters want? "We are not to question why; we are but to die, thinks, so thinks our 'friendly' neighbouring country!"

A foolish citizen
Gulshan, Dhaka

Please keep your promise

Thousands of people have to cross the road in front of Mohammadia Super Market and Prince Plaza (near Sobhanbag Mosque) on Mirpur Road. As a good number of famous shopping complexes and educational institutions are located here, people from neighbouring localities through this area regularly. This road is very busy and accidents often occur here taking many lives.

Barrister Fazle Noor Taposh, the MP from this area once said during his Jumma prayer in the Sobhanbag Officers Colony Mosque in 2010 that an over bridge would be constructed here in 2011 and he also handed over a cheque of Tk. 50,000 for the development of the mosque.

Now 2011 is almost gone but we do not see any sign of building the over bridge. I believe the MP will keep his promise.

Harun-or-Rashid
Sobhanbag