letters

Old Tales of New Market

I loved reading this beautifully written article. I especially enjoyed reading about the love story of Shamsuddin Chowdhury who some 40 years ago found love at New Market. This tale about Chowdhury gives the feature a unique human face which many emerging supermarkets in Dhaka may or may not have. I know a lot of old timers who would go nowhere else but to New Market for their shopping. Particularly favourite to me are the book stores that have been in business for as far as I can remember.

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It is well balanced feature. When I got the Star magazine this morning and looked at the cover, I thought what a boring story this was going to be. But the writer proved me wrong by producing a fascinating story about this old market. I enjoyed reading about the 'freedom Fighters of New Market'. I salute ABM Shamsuddin and Golam Kabir for their contribution to the liberation war of 1971. People like them make New Market a place like no other.

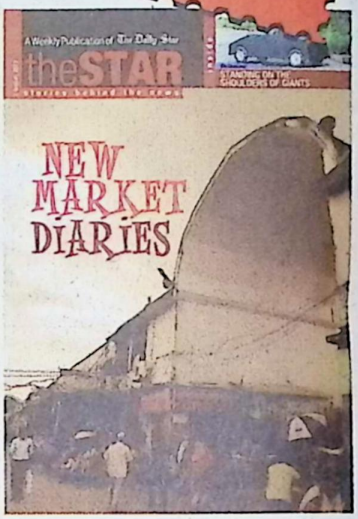
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I would like to thank the writer for her wonderful cover feature, "Old Tales of New Market" on 2 August, 2013. By reading this feature, I have come to know about many things that were unknown to me before. One of the examples is about Olympia Bakery. I have recently heard of Olympia Bakery but did not know that it has a branch in New Market. I have already made a plan about making a trip there only to taste the delicious cream roll.

It was also good to know about the unsung heroes, ABM Shamsuddin and Golam Kabir, who not only sheltered the freedom fighters, but also aided them by keeping their arms and ammunition in safe abode. Let us hope that we show respect to them by doing something good in return for the prosperity of our nation.

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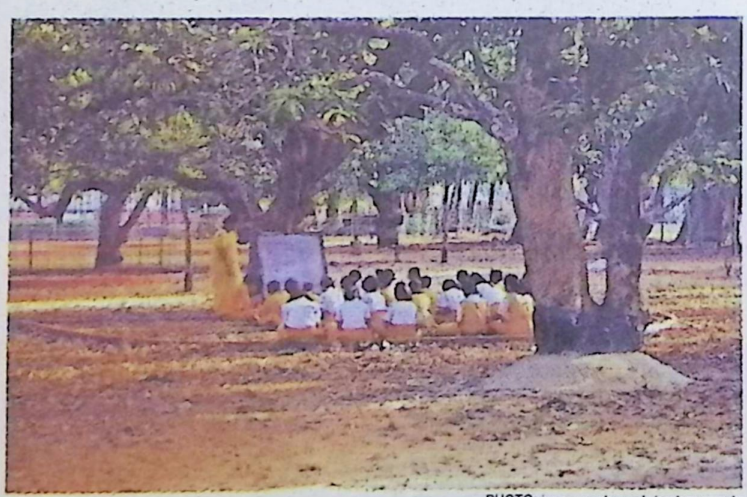


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In a Different World

I want to thank the writer for this eloquent and entertaining essay. It was interesting to read about the women of rural West Bengal enjoying freedom and confidence despite the poverty they live in. The concept of development is often not clear to the stakeholders in Bangladesh. We often think that development is all about raising the living standards of people and building roads and bridges. Although these are necessary, development also means promotion of attributes such as self-esteem, dignity and freedom to choose.

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