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Forest Fears

Bangladesh needs more power plants to keep up with its demand but I do not understand why it has to be established by destroying the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest. It protects our land from coastal disasters and is the only source of livelihood of many of its inhabitants. It saves the lives of thousands people each year from various natural disasters. I hope the government will reconsider the issue and review its decision about the establishment of Rampal coal power plant project.

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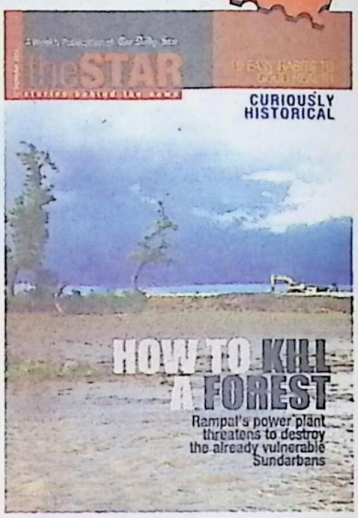
I am disturbed by our government's move to set up the thermal power plant within 14km of the Sundarbans while the Indian government does not allow any power company to set up any coal-fired power plant within 25km of any forest in their territories. Experts are unanimous in their opinion that the government's move will severely harm the Sundarbans destroying its environment, ecosystem and biodiversity. Is the government listening?

Sadananda Vikkhu
Chittagong

Sultan and his Mystery

The story on Sultan reminded me of my days as a child in Jessore when I had the privilege of visiting Sultan at his home in Narail. I was awed to see how he lived---- in a house full of pets including some snakes and paintings all over the places. I did not understand his paintings back then but I could see how different he was from everyone else I had ever met. Back then Sultan was not a household name like he is now. He had to earn international acclaim before his work was appreciated in the country. In my opinion, Sultan's greatness has not yet been realised in our country. He is not only one of Asia's greatest, I believe, he is one of the world's greatest.

Abdul Awal
Narail, essore



Not your fault, but...

A couple of weeks ago a reader wrote a letter terming Chintito's feature the previous week as "this is Chintito at his best". I totally agreed with him at that time. Little did I know that Chintito had something better up his sleeve. He has outdone himself with "Not your fault, but..." Only someone with true wisdom can write something like this.

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