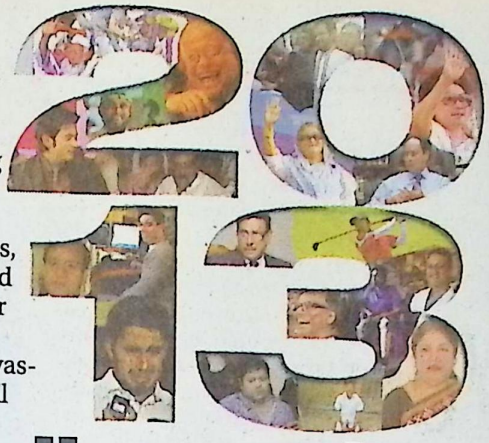
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A Rollercoaster Ride

From the very beginning of this year it has been a breathless rollercoaster ride. Corruption scandals, political shenanigans and the worst factory disaster left Bangladesh gasping for air. Politics took a devastating turn when political rivalry took the form of brutal violence against people and public property, its debilitating effects seeping into every crevice of society. In the midst of this bleak, blighted scenario, were a few silver linings - remarkable victories in the sports arena as well as acts of bravery by young men and women. *The Star* magazine team looks back at some of the individuals who made headlines - for the right and wrong reasons.

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