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Lessons Never Learnt

I want to thank the Star for drawing our attention to an issue that needed attention immediately after the tragic building collapse at Rana Plaza. Our country did not have the proper equipment necessary for rescue operation back then. Our country does not have them now. If the loss of hundreds of lives is not a wakeup call, I do not know what is. Is our government absolutely insane or are we too poor to buy the necessary equipment?

Shahidul Islam Topon
From Barisal via Email

Absolute Power

Looking at the current political situation, it seems that the ruling party is enjoying absolute power which has given them a false sense of security and complacency. They have forgotten that no party or group of people has been able to hold power for long against the will of the people. It is unfortunate that whoever is in power thinks that this time will be different. History teaches us it won't be.

Rosina Haq
Baridhara, Dhaka

Teenagers like Keshab Roy bring hope

Pick up any Bangladeshi newspaper today and the news pages are chock-a-block full with doom and gloom and reports of political unrest, sheer madness, disgraceful conduct, mayhem and human misery beyond belief.

It is truly a sad state of affairs when innocent children attempting to pay a social visit to their ill grandparents, end up in hospital in excruciating pain and scarred for life with burns to 90% of their body. To those responsible and those who encourage or condone such inhuman behaviour there is no glory to be gained, only shame and the wrath and revenge of the Almighty.

With this backdrop in mind, it was most refreshing to read an inspirational report about 18-year-old Keshab Roy from Nilphamari (Daily Star Magazine 27/12/13). It stood out like a rose among thorns, light at the end of the tunnel, and a beacon of hope – all combined.

He succeeding in preventing 25 child marriages and counselling over 50 school dropouts to return and continue with their education is most praiseworthy. There's always a need and a place in this world for people like Keshab.

Sir Frank Peters
Dhaka

The Art of Jamdani Weaving

Jamdani weaving is a wonderful tradition that has gained its rightful place in the world with the recognition from UNESCO. I hope the weavers get to reap the harvest of this great achievement. Bangladesh has so many other traditions that, if presented to the world in the right manner, will bring glory to the country.

Barkatullah Rumi
Mohammadpur, Dhaka

The Game of Blockades

By taking away citizens' constitutional right to free movement within the country, the government has moved an inch closer to being a fascist regime. There ought to be a more logical way to "save the country from anti-liberation elements." A child living in a faraway district in need of immediate medical treatment cannot die because the two parties cannot reach an agreement on how and when to hold an election. Just like the writer, I too am hoping for a miracle at this time in our country.

Pervin Sultana
Mohammadpur, Dhaka

Cricket Tips

In my opinion, the *Star* is one of the best magazines of Bangladesh because of its quality and variety of content--"Home and Abroad", "Village Flute", "Current Affairs", "Musings", "Art", and "Health" etc. I have a request. Could the *Star* publish some cricket tips every week? A lot of cricket fans like me will highly appreciate it.

Zahidul Islam
Via Email