

The Flag Unfurled

Short but well-researched, the article tells us many unknown facts about the national flag of Bangladesh, an emblem of the struggle of the people of this country that eventually led to the liberation war and our independence. It may be relevant to share a personal observation with readers: it seems to me that the ordinary people of this country are always more enthusiastic about waving and hoisting the flag on national days than their rich and powerful country men and women. I see rickshaw pullers, boatmen, bus drivers and owners of tea stalls proudly displaying the national flag on national days. But I can't say I see many rich and powerful people hoisting the flag in front of their houses on such days. But I am not surprised. It is the ordinary people who fought in '71 and made us free. Unfortunately, many of the so called elites today have reaped the harvest.

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Postscript

I wish all men who try to dominate women in order to feel superior would read this article and learn the fascinating facts about the contribution of women toward important sectors of the national economy and the society. I loved the way the article was written: concise, objective and rational rather than emotional ranting we often read on such occasions as the International Women's Day.

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Social Value of CSR

Thanks a lot to *the Star* for the timely cover story regarding CSR on 28 February 28, 2008. In the last couple of years many big companies, banks and media houses in Bangladesh initiated innovative CSR programmes. Bangladesh Bank is patronizing CSR among the banks as biomass processing plants (e.g. biogas plants), solar panels in rural households, for waste recycling plants in locations populated by urban poor, for Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) in manufacturing establishments and recently introduced the Green Banking.

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Playing For Bangladesh

This has reference to the special feature on women football players in Jessore published on March 7, 2014. As I read the story, I wondered why we do not see such endeavors in Dhaka, the capital and the so-called modern city of Bangladesh. What has stopped the big colleges and universities from having women's football teams? I hope the article will embolden many women to take up the sports. If women of a remote village can do it, so can the women living in cities.

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