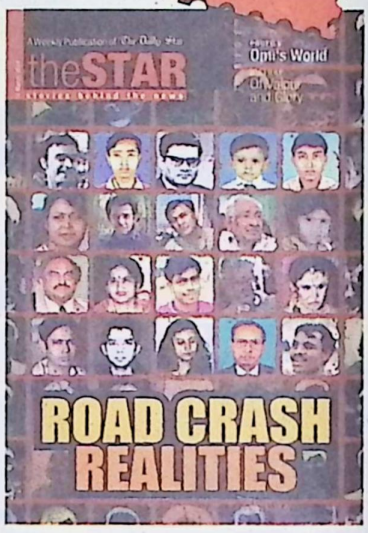
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Putting a Price on the Priceless

The *Star* has once again proved that it thinks out of the box when it comes to dealing with complex socio-economic problems in our country. Everyone talks about punishment for drivers after road crashes. But as the well-researched article points out, drivers are always not at fault. The article addresses an issue that is often misunderstood or little known in our country: victims' compensation. There should be a legal way to claim compensation for losses and damages. Hopefully articles like these will help raise awareness about this issue at all levels starting from the public to all the way up to the high-ups in the different branches of the government.

Moulana Fazlur Rahman
Faridpur

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After reading the article, it seems to me that the insurance industry needs to do a lot more to provide their clients with better service. Also they need to make clear what exactly third party insurance on automobiles covers. A human life is a sacred gift from God. Let us treat it as such.

Ozma Usmani
Baridhara, Dhaka

New Talent

The Star has earned the hearts of a zillion readers through its quality writings. The articles and features of the *Star* excel in quality for its fluid language, in-depth analysis and constructive criticism. I congratulate its gifted writers and the editor. However, I think the Star should invite more new writers. I think a magazine as progressive as the *Star* has a responsibility to find and develop new talents who will ultimate enrich the quality of the magazine even more.

Dr Suma Mita Biswas
Register, Apollo Hospitals

Alienating Bengali

[Re: 28 February 2014] The article about alienating Bengali exposed some alarming aspects of our education system which are very true and as a student I have to live with this problem. In the 21st century English has become the language of communication, business and trade internationally. But that does not mean that we should be done away with Bengali, the language we re-established as our mother tongue after much bloodshed and a long struggle. More text books at the college and university levels need to be written in Bengali so students can study for higher degrees in their mother tongue. If the Japanese and the Russians can do cutting edge research in science and technology in their own language, so can we.

Naznin Sultana
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