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Happy Birthday!

For the last 18 years *the Star* has been a source of inspiration and enlightenment in my life. The anniversary issue once again proves that *the Star* is more than just a weekend magazine—it deeply cares about important socio-economic issues. The funny but poignant columns of Aasha Mehreen Amin, Syed Badrul Ahsan, the philosophical essays of Andrew Eagle, the sharp and witty articles of Sharbari Ahmed and the well researched features on a wide range of topics by the staff writers entertain as well as educate us on issues that are important to all of us. I want to thank the leadership of *the Star* for being a beacon of hope in the darkness that has engulfed our country.

Sara khan
Dhanmondi, Dhaka

Imagine

Imagine all the ideas of the cover story are implemented. How will the country look like then? The future of our country is in our hands. Let us build it together.

Mohammad Tapan Chowdhury
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Young Politicians

We hope the young politicians will set a positive trend of crossing the aisle to build a consensus about national goals and objectives. Talk is cheap, we want them to act.

Zunaid Karim
Khulna

The Thirsty City

The cover story [May 30] depicts the hard reality of millions of people who live in this city. There is water all around us—in rivers, lakes and ponds—but not a drop to drink! DWASA has failed to supply safe drinking water to us. In the midst of the worsening water crisis, Ataul Karim's innovative idea to produce drinking water through affordable technology is inspiring.

Shasa Urmi
Dhania University College

Batty and Brilliant

Cartoon speaks a thousand words in a little frame and unveils bare truth about the society—sometimes in a funny way. I am glad to learn that many talented young cartoonists are finding a platform to express their views. Thanks to *the Star* for such a fun cover story.

Naznin Sultana
Dhaka University

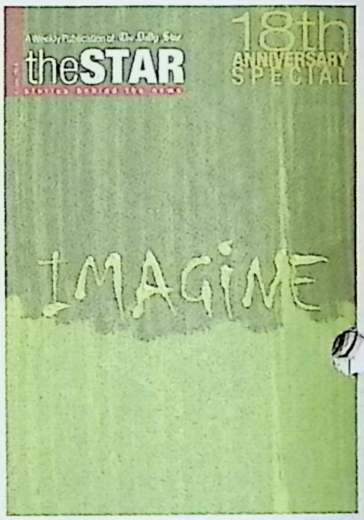




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With Needle and Thread

I was glad to read the cover story on *Nakshi Kantha* (May 16) which has been a part of our tradition for a long time. The women entrepreneurs mentioned in the story have proved that they are determined to succeed and contribute to the development of the society. Both the public and private sectors should do everything to help them.

Rassel Iqbal Rumel
Rampura, Dhaka

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