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Football Fanatics

The world has gone wild with the onset of the FIFA World Cup, one of the hottest sporting carnivals the world has ever experienced. Though Bangladesh is not a participant of this mega event, the craziness of Bangladeshi football fans has reached its zenith. Why are Bangladeshis so obsessed with World Cup football?

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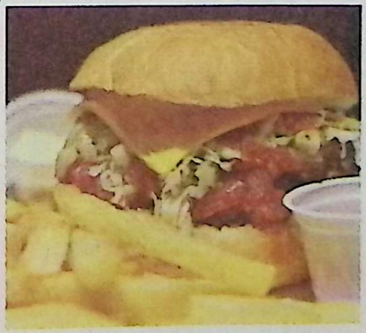
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Every day hundreds of Rohingya refugees try to leave Bangladesh to find a better living in Malaysia. This is the story of a Rohingya refugee who has and is still trying to flee the country, in hopes of reaching a place he can call home.

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A Slice of New York



Destiny and the love for experimenting with food has brought a New Yorker to Dhaka's popular café scene.

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