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PHOTO: JAVED MIANDAD "The rain fluctuates between drizzle and torrential. It messes with your mind. It makes you think things will always be like this, never getting better, always letting you down right when you thought the worst was over."
— Susane Colasanti, *Waiting for You*

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"EARTHQUAKE!!!"

Frequent earthquakes have been hitting the whole country for many days. However, the helpless people who live beside the railway tracks in ramshackle huts feel intense tremors every single day of a different kind. Violent tremors caused by trains passing only a few feet away from their huts is an everyday occurrence for them. Many of their family members especially children, frequently die from railway accidents. Nonetheless, nobody cares about the lives of these destitute people. It is very unfortunate that we are still so indifferent about human lives even in this day and age.

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"Narrating Evil"

This article titled Narrating Evil (published on May 8, 2015) made me nostalgic about a conference which took place at Nabab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka last year. I was present in the conference which was called "1st India-Bangladesh High Commissioners Summit". I asked the speakers if there is any possibility to bring an end to this humanitarian crisis. Many others asked the same question. But the answer from the Indian High Commissioners was diplomatic and they said, "We are trying our best". In reality the Indian government doesn't pay any heed to this issue. However, the recent endorsement of the land boundary agreement is generating new hope of eliminating this age old crisis.

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The Star's Revamp

I've been an avid reader of the star magazine for a long time. I was also excited to see the revamp of the magazine. I thoroughly enjoy the new sections and must say that the graphics of the magazine is quite eye catching. However I think the write ups could be lengthened to explore the topics elaborately. Is there any plan of increasing the number of pages? Because I feel the write ups could get more limelight. Or you could also think of bringing down the amount of ads in the tabloid. The large number of ads looks quite annoying at time to be honest. Please think of either increasing the page number or bringing down the ads, in order to put more focus on the writings, which is what I'm primarily interested in.

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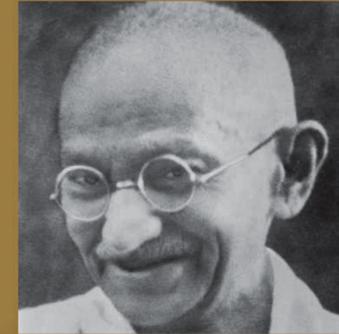
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"Animal rights advocates remind us of this admonition: the ways in which people treat animals will be reflected in how people relate to one another."
WILLIAM GREIDER
American journalist and author

PEARLS OF WISDOM

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
MAHATMA GANDHI
Leader of Indian independence movement



"If you don't like seeing pictures of violence towards animals being posted, you need to help stop the violence, not the pictures."
JOHNNY DEPP
American actor, producer and musician

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