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"Someday we'll live like horses; Free rein from your old iron fences
There's more ways than one to regain your senses; Break out the stalls and we'll live like horses"
— "Live Like Horses" by Elton John

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Facing the Floods

Thanks a ton 'the Star Weekend' for publishing such an informative and investigative article (published on July 3, 2015) on Dhaka city's dilapidated water drainage system. I felt really good when I noticed that Bangladesh's star journalist Elita Karim, herself, wrote on this significant issue on behalf of the helpless citizens of Dhaka city. I am hopeful that her powerful writing will be able to grab our policy makers' attention to solve this problem on urgent basis. Otherwise it will be impossible for us to live in this city during this year's monsoon deluge.

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Ramadan in Bangladesh

Ramadan is the month of purification, self-restrain and prayer. However in our country it turns into a month of unlimited consumption and profit-making. People belonging to a particular class indulge themselves in buying luxury commodities worth millions while others struggle to have a square meal a day. Simultaneously, businessmen are racing with each other to make as much profit as possible by increasing the price of every commodity, especially food. Even in the western countries, fasting Muslims are offered discounts to buy food for iftar and sehri. Unfortunately, in Bangladesh, prices of some vegetables that we buy for iftar have increased up to 10 times. Sometimes I wonder if we have any respect for Islamic values and practices.
Md Zonaeed Imran
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The Platform for Intellectual Bangladesh

BBC Sanglap is one of my favourite TV programmes. But I didn't like the nature of the article titled "The Platform for Intellectual Bangladesh" published last week (July 3, 2015). To me, it looks like an advertisement piece. I agree that this programme has been creating a space for dialogue but this is exactly what these TV talk show programmes are supposed to do. I see no point of writing a full page article on a particular TV programme only for fulfilling its purpose? I expect more informative and entertaining articles from my favourite supplement, the Star Weekend.

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