

oday, concrete structures are rising up, as if conscious of their aggressive contest to outgrow their neighbours, ever inclined to reach the highest skies while casting their grey gloom on the forgotten earth below. With the reign of the concrete jungle begins the dissipation of nature's gifts. Fresh air, greenery and open space are essential for our mental and physical welfare. Open grounds are fundamental to the unfettered growth of children, for whom playing is the most natural process of

PAINS

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developing empathy, teamwork and stress management. But our children are stifled by the congestion of the city and deprived of a safe and clean environment to serve their need for sports. The gradual disappearance of Dhaka city's open grounds are molding children into passive thinkers, addicted to television and video games, ever entangled in the delusory world of the media. Read more on the need of play-space in our Spotlight on pages 8 and 9.

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ACCUSED #1

Talks about the patriotic spirit and fearless resolve of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman while behind bars during the historic trial known as Agartala Conspiracy Case.

THE MIGHTY HALDA

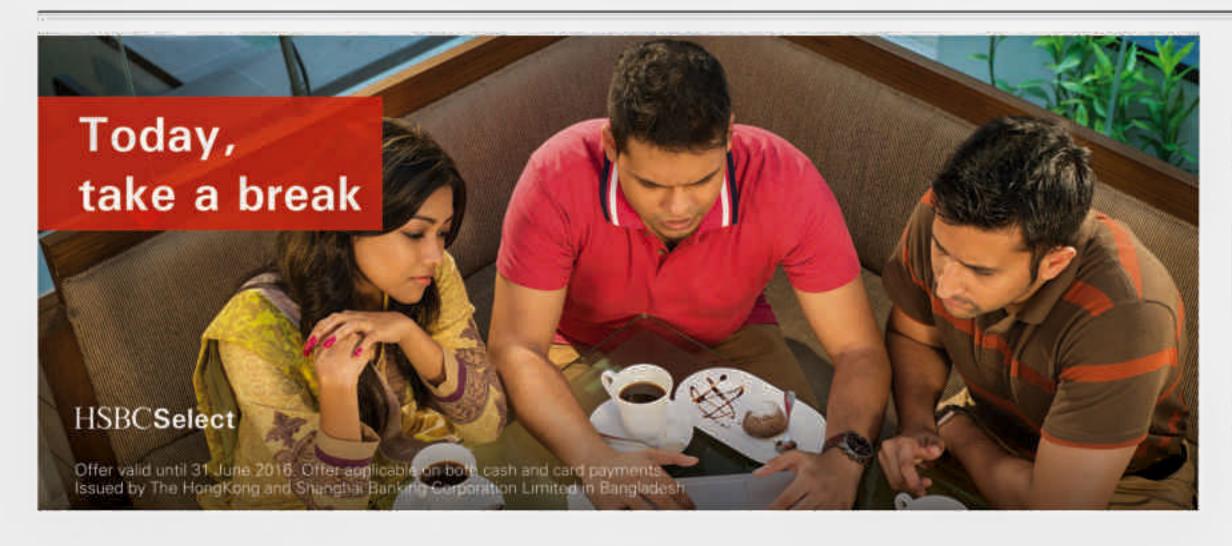
Recognises the need of protecting Halda, the tidal river of Chittagong which is one of the most unique natural carp breeding grounds in the whole world.

A FEAT TO REMEMBER

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