

SHAPING ANATION

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When Bangladesh declared its independence on the 26th of March, it was the culmination of a historical struggle for self-definition and autonomy. 45 years on, do we still remember the core tenets of our autonomy? What did we want as a liberated Bangladesh? Were we successful in giving a state, a home and citizenship to those that needed it the most? This week, we look back at the formative years of the country and its constitution, and its forgotten promises, successes and pitfalls. To read more about this week's spotlight, turn to pages 7, 8 and 9.

3 FLASHBACKS OF THE BLACK NIGHT

Gives some snippets of real conversation between several groups of the Pakistani occupation forces on the Black night of March 25.

1 THE TALE OF FACES AND MASQUERADES

Talks about Mashuk Helal's book Mukho Mukhosh where Masuk portrayes the struggle of the floating people of Dhaka, through his lively sketches and a short story about the person's life and their thoughts.

1 ISLAM TODAY:

Is an interesting conversation with Professor Ebrahim Moosa, one of the most prominent intellectual theoreticians on progressive Muslim thought.

13 A HISTORIC DIALOGUE WITH MODHU DA

Analyses an exclusive interview with Madhu Da of Madhur Canteen, that was taken in the month of February, 1971 by Muhammad Jahangir.



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