



*Each something is a celebration
of the nothing that supports it.*

– John Cage, Silence: Lectures and Writings

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Symbol of protest

This is in reference to a write-up titled ‘The Long March of a Protestor’ published in Star Weekend magazine last week. Many social problems are continuously happening in our society but there are very few people like Mr. Mizanur Rahman, willing to come forward and protest. I was surprised to hear that he left the world of business, jobs, journalism and lastly politics only to devote himself to social movements. He raised his voice against drug peddling in his neighbourhood, protested to save the Sundarbans and wetlands, joined the road safety movements among many more. Even financial crisis couldn’t stop his creative protests. His wife’s support is also praiseworthy. Meanwhile, our feelings are gradually diminishing, and we are getting accustomed to the world as is, and not protesting against injustices. Mr. Mizanur Rahman has done a brave job by offering lemonade made with WASA’s impure water to the organisation’s top brass. Though the protest of Mr. Mizanur Rahman is symbolic but it had an impact in our society. If everyone raised their voice like him, then our society would be better.

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Price of essentials in Ramadan

Prior to Ramadan, a common scenario is the price hike of essentials in the city’s kitchen markets. According to local newspapers and television stations, the prices of essential grocery items, including onion, garlic, sugar and chickpeas, as well as other vegetables have already gone beyond reach for most. It is completely unthinkable that while other Muslim countries take steps to make prices stable ahead of the month of Ramadan, the kitchen markets of our

country turn to extracting even more profit from customers. What is even more shocking is that they use this opportunity to create artificial scarcity in the kitchen markets right before Ramadan. I would like to draw the attention of the relevant authorities to take initiatives necessary in bringing stability in the kitchen markets during this time.

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WASA water barely usable, not just undrinkable

Recently WASA’s Managing Director (MD) claimed that the supply water is 100 percent drinkable, which of course caused a controversy and led to an immediate backlash. In many households, there is no question of drinking WASA-supplied water as it is contaminated and needs to be purified. The MD explained that the water gets polluted in the pipelines but there too, WASA is at

fault because they installed the pipelines and it is their responsibility to maintain the network. If he himself drank the tap water that he is in charge of, and showed it to the public it would have created a positive impression among Dhaka dwellers. But he himself declined to drink the water when he was called out for his statement.

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