

**Editor and Publisher**  
Mahfuz Anam

**Editor (Star Weekend)**  
Sushmita S Preetha

**Staff Writers**  
Md Shahnawaz Khan  
Chandan  
Zyma Islam  
Nilima Jahan  
Maliha Khan  
Abida Rahman Chowdhury  
Sarah Anjum Bari

**Staff Photographer**  
Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo

**Graphics**  
Debashis Kumar Day

**Production**  
Shamim Chowdhury

Published by the Editor from  
Transcraft Ltd, 229, Tejgaon  
Industrial Area, Dhaka on  
behalf of Mediaworld Ltd.,  
52 Motijheel C.A.,  
Dhaka-1000.



*"One day everything will be well, that is our hope.  
Everything's fine today, that is our illusion"* — Voltaire

**SNAPSHOT**  
SAIFUL ISLAM

## MAILBOX

starweekendtds@gmail.com

### Justice plagued by delays

In our country, crime rates are high and some get lots of media attention. But the way the overall system works starting from the crime scene to court proceedings and giving charge sheets is terribly time consuming, leading to huge pileups and backlogs of cases. As a result, many cases are either stalled or never come to a conclusion due to lack of evidence. For example, years have passed since the Holey Artisan attack and the Tonu murder, with no progress. Suspects issued subpoenas are never brought in due to politically influential backers. The public have no trust in the law and justice system and this can lead to a dangerous push to taking the law in their own hands.

**Rafid Alam**  
Dhaka

### Contaminated food

Nowadays, I am afraid to buy most kinds of food items in Bangladesh. Contamination of fruits and vegetables is widely prevalent and other items too. Adulterated food is also perhaps why we are so unhealthy as a country and our children especially are at risk. While the government has taken some timely steps to check food adulteration, especially during Ramadan, I believe strong punishment should be meted out to the criminals who mix chemicals with food. Such monitoring should be done year-round.

**Md. Zahidul Islam Zibon**  
Chittagong Govt. Model College



### Death is different for a daughter

This is what I fear. That a day will come when having just two daughters in the house won't be enough. That the daughters who stayed by their parents will suddenly be asked to not go near them simply because customs ban the presence of a woman.

Even in death, presumably the worst of human experiences, it is not the same for the genders. I only hope to remain as strong, if not stronger, as the author in the write-up "Death is different for a daughter".

**Faizah Aziz**  
Via Facebook