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*Eventually, all things merge into one,  
and a river runs through it.*

– NORMAN MACLEAN,  
*A River Runs Through it and Other Stories*

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## Towards a sustainable waste management system

Throughout Bangladesh we have a practice of publicly dumping waste instead of in designated places, causing immense public nuisance, spreading of diseases, and suffering. According to reports, two locations of DNCC and DSCC are completely overflowing with waste and locals in the area are finding it difficult to stay there. In an era of recycling we can make use of the MSW

(municipal solid waste) to produce electricity, fuel and gas for cooking. Singapore is expanding their city land space by dumping trash and creating an artificial island out of it. We can follow these examples and turn waste into something resourceful which will highly benefit the citizens.

Rafid Alam

## Sustainable development and accountability

Democracy and development along with accountability go hand in hand. Undoubtedly, the development of an individual, a society as well as a nation depends upon accountability. But these days everyone thinks of his/her own benefit and tries to make quick profit.

To ensure sustainable development,

we have to ensure accountability. Implementing the existing laws properly against anyone found flouting them, irrespective of political party affiliations can help ensure sustainable development.

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## Communal harmony can foil Facebook rumours

Most of us think that social media is our good friend. Everything is instant. We can see our friends, get a glimpse of our parents and near and dear ones at any given time. But do we think of the negative side?

There is a proverb that says rumour spreads faster than air and social media spreads fake news even quicker. When we get a piece of information from an unreliable source, the first thing we should do is verify the information before sharing it with others. Unfortunately, we have forgotten these words and now act on our whim.

If somebody spreads hatred, we should protest against it intellectually. Those who are committing violence and



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vandalising temples of other religions know nothing about Islam.

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