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Eight of the 12 thought leaders pose for a photo after they were recognised for their contribution to the progressive journey of Bangladesh by The Daily Star at its 32nd anniversary event at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in the capital yesterday.

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12 champions of freethought honoured

The Daily Star recognises their contribution to society at its 32nd founding anniversary

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“Freedom of thought and freedom of expression are nobody's gift to you. It will only come if you assert your rights to exercise that freedom. This means if you do so in sufficient numbers, you will then capture freedom and no one will be able to take it away from you.”

Rehman Sobhan

“I think the young generation should fight for their freedom of speech, freedom of writing... I want the young generation to stand up and fight for their freedom and for the country.”

Noorjahan Bose



The Daily Star's anniversary event began by paying respect to the memory of A Rouf Chowdhury, the founding director of The Daily Star, who passed away yesterday. All stood for a minute in silence for his departed soul. The ceremony featured a cultural segment with live performance by singers.

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‘Where's the infrastructure for intellectual growth?’

Asks Mahfuz Anam

