



Miftahul Jannat Medha from Bogura pays homage to her favorite newspaper, The Daily Star, through a meticulously hand-drawn front page. At first glance, one might mistake her drawing as an actual newspaper, which in reality, is a heartfelt creation of a 14-year-old. PHOTO: STAR

# From Medha with love

## 14-year-old crafts a hand-written version of Star

MOSTAFA SHABUJ, Bogura

In a world where the timeless art of calligraphy is fading from the pages of printed designs, Miftahul Jannat Medha, a 14-year-old ninth grader at Bogura's Government Girls High School, has chosen the artform as a way to pay tribute to her favourite newspaper.

She combined her love for both The Daily Star and calligraphy by hand-drawing the front page of the newspaper's December 1 edition.

She worked at a stretch for eight hours to create what her peers and teachers are now calling an aesthetic masterpiece.

And they are right. At first glance, one might mistake her drawing as an actual newspaper, which in reality, is a heartfelt creation of a 14-year-old.

When she shared pictures of the hand-written newspaper on social media, her friends and classmates flooded her with praise.

In a Facebook group, she wrote, "First time writing an English newspaper, I hope everyone will



like it." Lemon, a member of the group, wrote in the comment box below, "At first, I thought someone from the school was showing an actual newspaper, but then I realised it's handwritten. Good try!"

Contacted, Medha said, "The Daily Star is my favorite newspaper. My father, a local government primary school headteacher, buys it for us every week. I also make an effort to find alternative ways to read it on other

weekdays to learn English and stay updated about the country."

"And I have a passion for calligraphy. So, I decided to combine my two hobbies and create a handwritten version of the newspaper."

When asked what inspired her, she said, "I came across a hand-written Bangla newspaper a few years ago, which my senior from school, Nisha Apu, had crafted, and her work inspired me."

"I spent eight hours crafting the front page of the newspaper. I worked secretly as I didn't want my parents to know that I was skipping my homework," Medha said with a smile on her face.

"When my father saw it, he was surprised and asked me how I did it. I could tell he was a bit proud too," she added, her sweet smile expanding even further.

"My mother inspired me in crafting the newspaper. After crafting The Daily Star, I received many praises. Motivated, I hand-wrote another Bangla newspaper last week. I would like to continue this further," a confident Medha said.

Her father Md Abdul Mojid and mother Ruma Akter couldn't agree more.

## CTG AIRPORT Gold worth Tk 3.89cr seized from Biman plane

STAR REPORT

Members of Customs Intelligence & Investigation Directorate (CIID) and National Security Intelligence (NSI) in a joint drive seized a huge amount of gold ornaments weighing 4.5 kilogrammes from an aircraft of Biman Bangladesh Airlines at Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday morning. Saifur Rahman, joint director of CIID, told The Daily Star, "The gold ornaments are worth about Tk 3.89 crore. They were found under a seat of the flight BG-152 which landed in Chattogram from Sharjah of the UAE at around 8:40am."

"Acting on a tip-off, we raided the flight and seized the gold ornaments," he said, adding that no one was detained in this regard.

## 3 cops held for stealing gold from smuggler

UNB, Khulna

Four people, including three policemen, were arrested in Khulna in a case filed over smuggling gold on Friday night.

The arrestees are Basdev Dey, an alleged gold smuggler from Khalishpur area in Khulna, and three policemen -- Lobanchhra Police Station Sub-inspector Mostafa Zaman, its ASI Ahsan Habib, and a constable.



SI Mokhesur Rahman filed the case against them, said Hafizur Rahman, officer in charge of the police station.

According to the case statement, Basdev is a gold smuggler. On Friday afternoon, he was going to Satkhira on a bus to smuggle six gold bars to India. The three accused policemen stopped the vehicle as Basdev tried to escape. The three policemen then caught him

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## Rabindranath Soren passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rabindranath Soren, the president of Jatiya Adivasi Parishad (JAP), passed away at his residence at Barokona village in Parbatipur, Dinajpur yesterday. He was 70.

Rabindranath Soren had been suffering from chronic kidney complications for the last couple of years, said his son Manik Soren.

His funeral was held at his village yesterday afternoon, where hundreds of people from indigenous communities paid their final respect to him.

Robindranath Soren played an active role in ensuring the rights of indigenous people.

He also worked with the leaders of National Committee for Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Port Protection to organise movement against the Phulbari Coal Mine in Dinajpur.

He left behind his wife, son, daughter and numerous well-wishers to mourn his death.



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