

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

On the occasion of its 34th Anniversary, *The Daily Star* is proud to present a special 200-page supplement, divided into five segments. The first segment, which you are reading today, is titled "The Economy: Reviving & Rebuilding." The following segments will be released on the specified dates: Segment 2: "Future Forged: Youth at the Helm" on February 20; Segment 3: "Tradition Meets Tomorrow" on February 23; Segment 4: "Towards Equality" on February 26; and Segment 5: "Reform & Rebuild" on February 27.

The recent mass uprising in July has marked a defining moment in Bangladesh's history. It has not only shaken the foundations of an oppressive regime but also opened a new chapter for the country, providing a unique opportunity to build a prosperous, peaceful, and democratic society. This moment rightly calls for a society founded on the principles of equality, human dignity, social justice, and pluralism.

The people of Bangladesh, having once again shown extraordinary courage and resilience in reclaiming their destiny from the grip of an unjust government, are now tasked with dismantling the entrenched systems of oppression that have developed over the years. In their place, they must forge a system that is just, efficient, and truly representative of the people's aspirations.

The July uprising has sparked attention around the world, with the youth of Bangladesh leading the charge, supported by citizens from all walks of life. The message is clear: Bangladeshis are determined to build the nation of their dreams, one grounded in justice, opportunity, and collective progress. In this first segment, we focus on the critical task of reviving the economy, which has long been stifled by corruption and mismanagement. We explore how the economy, once damaged by years of failed leadership, can be revitalised—how businesses can thrive and create jobs, and how the benefits of a rejuvenated economy can be shared among all citizens.

We are pleased to share that the contributors to this special supplement are experts, practitioners, researchers, scholars, and academics who have provided insightful and valuable perspectives. Their contributions are both thought-provoking and rich in analysis, and we believe they will help shape meaningful discourse on these crucial issues.

Our goal with this supplement is to offer impactful, objective, and

constructive content. And we have included relevant suggestions and recommendations that we are confident will enrich the ongoing discussions surrounding these topics and help guide the nation towards a brighter future.

We also take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our readers and patrons, whose unwavering support and encouragement have been instrumental in our continued progress. Your commitment to *The Daily Star* and our motto, "Your Right to Know," inspires us every day.

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