Zahid's story

Meet Zahid. He is 12 years old and lives with his family in a village in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is a country in Asia.

Morning

"In the mornings I wake up and go to work in a tea stall. I get there at 6am. I start by cleaning the cups and dishes.

I get very sad when I see other boys going off to school. I miss my school days, books and school uniform.

I used to go to Kashiabari Primary School but my father asked me to work in the tea stall. Although my father works in a shop he doesn't have enough money to support our family of five. From that day on, going to school turned into just a dream for me.

I don't like working in the tea stall. The owner tells me off for no reason.

I also miss playing football at school.

Everyone thought I was a good player.

Evening

I work until 10pm and get paid only 50 Taka a day (40p).

I wish I could go to school like my friends. When they finish school they will be doctors, engineers or pilots. But I will still be a tea stall waiter."

Why doesn't Zahid go to school?

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