

Human Rights for Whom?

With the unanimous endorsement of the Vienna Declaration by the delegates from 160 countries at the UN world conference on human rights...

Until or unless a copy of the declaration adopted at the conference is at hand, we are only poorly equipped to competently make any comment on the merit of the agreed provisions...

Sad Memories Wafting Across Centuries

Today is Ashura, the tenth of the first month of the lunar Islamic calendar that carries to us from the distance of fourteen centuries the sad memories of the tragedy enacted on the banks of Euphrates in Karbala.

Re-discovering a Safety-net: The Non-money Economy

S.T. AUGUSTINE, FLO RIDA - As the failures of macro-economic management become more evident world-wide, people at the grassroots level are rediscovering the oldest and most reliable safety-net: the non-money economy.

International development analyst Hazel Henderson writes that with the world trying desperately to recover from the global recession, people at the grassroots level are turning to the non-money economy.

banks and national currencies. They focus instead on monetary and fiscal tools of macro-economic management, on GNP, nationally-averaged statistics on unemployment, inflation and investment levels...

you have the other. Information networks operate at the global level where such moneyless 'counter trade' deals are estimated to comprise a quarter of all world trade.

organizing in such regional towns as Bristol, Cardiff, Manchester, Sheffield and Swindon, according to LETS Link.

on for help to arrange for another time dollar volunteer to assist them. The potential of such service credit systems is enormous for cities wishing to put unemployed people to work on local rehabilitation and community service programmes.

catering, and chiropractor to grocers, heating and air conditioning, sheet metal work, restaurants, and trucking. Independent, urban money systems have always flourished wherever central governments mismanaged national affairs.

Madame PM: Canada's Kim to Shake up Staid House

MILLIONS of Canadians are wondering what sort of leader their new Prime Minister will turn out to be. It is not simply that Defence Minister Kim Campbell becomes the first female head of government after 18 men have held the post...



CANADA'S CAMPBELL Doing politics differently

Not since the era of Pierre Elliott Trudeau has Canada had the prospect of a lively and outspoken leader. With the ruling Conservatives electing Kim Campbell as their party leader and first woman PM...

Clyde Sanger writes from Ottawa

In a recent interview she said: "I have a good sense of humour, a very black sense of humour. I think I am a very strong person. Every difficulty I have dealt with has helped to make me stronger. I've not led a sheltered life. I've had a very difficult life, and I think that's why I am one reason why a lot of Canadians relate to me."

free trade with the United States. She was praised for competence and hard work in her three years as Justice Minister, but feminist groups have criticised her for bringing legislation (defeated in the Senate) that would have made abortion a criminal offence...

spending and throw more people out of work. She talked often of 'doing politics differently' and rebuilding people's trust in government.

To the Editor

Ekattorer Jishu: A stepping-stone

Sir, Many views of the Ekattorer Jishu have been on the press for a considerable time. I would now like to point out a salient feature of this film in a new way.

Democratic Forum

Sir, Bangladesh Democratic Forum lately launched and presently headed by Dr Kamal Hossain aims at forging a national consensus irrespective of party affiliations so as to help build up a stable democratic order.

Stepping-stone

stepping-stone in our front. Keeping in view the purpose for which this country was liberated, can we try to use this stone in our long journey?

Harold D Biswas Massey, Dhaka

bridges have provisions for metre gauge railway track. The decision of proposed metre gauge railway track on it was abruptly and unilaterally taken.

OPINION It's a Good Budget but still Dependent on Aid

by Shahabuddin Mahtab

Neither a borrower nor a lender be, For loan oft loses both itself and friends, And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry. -- Shakespeare.

"Zee TV"

This has reference to the letter published yesterday under the caption "Zee TV". We share the views expressed in the letter.

Madame PM

The Finance Minister has done us good, in giving us a sizeable surplus revenue budget. Now the other task of stopping all wasteful expenditures await us.