

BERKELEY Today, in the same laboratories where scientists have long designed the most destructive weapons on earth...

And Now, Non-lethal Weapons

Peace and conflict specialist Mark Sommer writes in this exclusive column for Inter Press Service that while a new breed of non-lethal, environment-friendly weaponry is being developed...

underlying motivation of its proponents, however, was to marry offense and defense in order to forge a more impregnable and intimidating arsenal.

Cheers to SAARC Chamber

Big hand to the inauguration of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the capital. It has been launched appropriately by Bangladesh Prime Minister who is the current Chairperson of SAARC.

Urgent Need for Agribusiness and Technology Development

By Nawab Sobhan. BANGLADESH has achieved near self-sufficiency in rice despite low productivity, compared to some of the Asian countries who have made more progress in the area by adopting new technologies.

tion agents, calmatives, stun guns, and supercaustics, more long-lasting changes are produced by laser weapons, high-powered microwaves, and non-nuclear EMP.

an uncertain new global order. The USGSC is headed by a host of conservative luminaries and include President Reagan's hardline UN ambassador, Jeane Kirkpatrick, and a phalanx of former generals, admirals, and defense secretaries.

nign technologies will ultimately be deployed. Like Star Wars a decade ago, nonlethality exerts a formidable appeal, promising to render the enemy 'impotent and obsolete' without the messy and morally repugnant expedient of spilling innocent blood...

Both strategies begin with an eminently sensible question: In an age of dazzling inventiveness, is it still necessary to kill others in order to prevent them from killing us? Isn't human ingenuity capable of devising less harmful means of preventing harm?

Right to Demonstration

The lathi-charge by the police on teachers of non-government primary schools on two consecutive days, has been nauseating indeed. The Sunday's police brutality caused injury to about 50 teachers and the Monday's excesses ended up adding five more to the tally.

Primary Education for All

Abul Quasem. May I congratulate you not only on your organising the Roundtable on such a life and death issue as Editor of the 'Daily Star' but also for the flair with which you conducted the same. Could I focus on a few points on the subject?

The People Speak

Sir, The election for the Mayoral position is over, hopefully, now we can all have some peace and tranquility. But congratulations go to the people because they have once again proven that they are conscientious, law abiding and above all more intelligent than the politicians.

Foreign Investors

Sir, I was interested to read the article 'Is Foreign Direct Investment a Mirage for Bangladesh?' in your recent issue. You have indeed identified some of the factors that make foreigners unwilling to invest here.

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Rupsa bridge and Rajshahi town bypass road

Sir, A recent press report says that honourable Communication Minister has laid the foundation stone of Rajshahi town bypass road which will cost roughly Taka fifty crore.

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