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Internet Off-line

World Wide Web by email

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In the body of your email write:

send http://WWW/W3/org

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agora@mail.w3.org-

and in the body of the message, write:

send <URL> replacing <URL> with the proper URL

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http://webcrawier.cs.washington.ch/w3ca talog? <keyword>

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Bangladesh+environment

Webster's Dictionary by email?

Just send an email to infobot@informania.

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The "anon' server" provides a front for sending mail messages and posting to Usenet newsgroups (such as soc. culture. bangladesh). should the need ever arise. To get complete instructions, send an email to:

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Be sure to read the next issue of "Live from the Internet" for more tips on off-line Internet



TRAP OR TREAT FOR THE HOME-ALONE WORKER

The communications revolution is changing not only the way many people work, but also where they work. Here Arlene Getz examines the growing trend of telecommuting -- or working from home.

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Boston, Massachusetts, USA: When driving snow made roads impassable during the record-breaking January storm in the north-eastern United States, immobilised workers took to the highways of cyberspace.

Unable to commute to their offices, they telecommuted via their personal computers instead.

For many, the at-home day spent exchanging ideas with colleagues through electronic mail or researching material on the Internet was just a break from their usual routine. For others, it was a taste of the future.

While working from home may not be unusual for people like writers or artists, technological developments -particularly the explosion of Internet usage over the past 18 months -- have added a new dimension to the practice known as telecommut-

Other professionals, such as lawyers or accountants, are cutting down on travel time and petrol by spending part of their working week at home. In the US, where states such as California have tried to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion by encouraging at-home workers. an estimated eight million people now telecommute from home at least one day a

With these numbers growing at a rate of about 15 to 20 per cent a year since the mid-1980s, executives predict that some companies may allocate as much as 80 per cent of their work to telecommuters by 2000.

"Telecommuting is really about getting rid of that industrial era notion that you have to be in the same place at the same time -- like your grandparents all standing over a factory loom," New Jersey telecommuting consultant Gil Gordon told the Boston Globe newspaper recently. "It is foolish and

The social potential of this development is enormous. For women whose family responsibilities make it difficult for them to put in regular office hours, the ability to work efficiently from home offers new opportunities to keep their careers on track. If telecommuting is no longer considered an inferior alternative, then working mothers -- theoretically at least -have the chance to erode

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vancement.

slowly than the technology. Although many employees say they work harder when they are home alone, many bosses dislike losing their ability for direct supervision. Some consider telecommuting to be a way of shirking work.

Union leaders, meanwhile, are concerned that companies already cutting back on their workforces could exploit the trend by sacking laid-off workers and re-hiring them as lower-paid homebased contractors without medical or insurance benefits. And a spirit of labour solidarity is difficult to maintain with workers isolated in their homes.

Perhaps the greatest social ill of telecommuting is the further blurring of distinction between work and home. The home can become an inescapable office.

High-tech professionals, for instance, have cellular phones, fax machines, telephone answering systems and electronic mail to keep them in constant reach of contacts around the world.

Lightweight portable computers with modems to link up to the Internet allow them to remain plugged in to the rest of the world from even the most remote loca-

The weekends and snow days once synonymous with family time at home are becoming just extensions of the working week.

(Courtsy: Gemini News)

What is next in Politics

the major share of the blame must fall on Sheikh Hasina.

She had precipitated the crisis

with increasingly strident and

intransigent demands that

drove the other side into a

corresponding intransigent

stance. Furthermore, I don't

think she understands the

spirit of democracy anymore

or if she did at all. Enforced

hartals and enforced boycotts

[backed up by threats] is not

Dept of Chemistry & Bio-

If supposedly 'neutral' pa-

triots think this way then

what is next" would probably

be 'more of the same'. This

kind of postings shows that we

are not yet in a mood to talk

with others to seek a 'common

ground', -- but we are talking to

ourselves (and our constituen-

cies) to test the 'ground' we

stand on. What you have said

about Sheikh Hasina--why even

Begum Zia could not have said

Zunaid Kazi, USA: Khaleda Zia

could have shown more

state"person"ship is moot right

Bilayet Hossain. USA: What

does this mean? You are not

going to say anything about Be-

gum Zia's intransigence---as

"she was the legally alleded

prime minister in a free and

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tution that is what we should

defend. And before you or Be-

gum Zia win us all over by a

lecture on how to defend the

constitution--let me give a few

examples of some other coun-

(J) The Deputy Prime Min-

It is the spirit of the consti-

their first-time election.

world's infamous dictators

Your eloquent defense of

free and fair' elections ?!!

Oklahoma University, USA:

democracy in action.

Bilayet Hossain

chemistry

any better !

Mohammad Harunuzzaman mharunuz@magnus.acs.ohiostate.edu. USA:

Please try to think about the distinction between changing the constitution and the method to be followed to make the change. The change can be made either by using provisions allowed by the constitution or throwing out the constitution altogether by decree through "emergency rule" or "martial law" (in Bangladesh both would mean the same thing).

Then ask yourself which method you would prefer.

Zunaid Kazi kazi@stimpy.eecis.udel.edu

USA: A question that we should all take some time to ponder irrespective of our political ideologies and affiliations.

While the constitution is not a sacrosancr document which is immutable for all ages, any changes to it must be brought about through provisions dictated in it.

Throwing out constitutional provisions just because it is "expedient" is one of the most dangerous precedent that we could ever set for Bangladesh.

We must work within the framework of the constitution, otherwise the whole existence of the constitution is meaningless. We have a constitution for a reason. A framework through which the rule of law can protect the citizens. One extraconstitutional action will pave the road for every power hungry politician to ignore the constitution and rule through whims and decrees. Zunaid Kazi, USA

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then again, that is what's hapister of Sweden (a prospective pening in Bangladesh, isn't it? future prime minister) re-I am no fan of either signed because she used the Khaleda Zia or Sheikh Hasina, state credit card to buy some and both as well as the other candies worth a few dollars !! parties are to be blamed for the current crisis, *but* IMO

(2) A Deputy Attorney General---a close friend of the sitting President of the United States --- is tried in a court and is in jail !!!

When you all compare the actions of the opposition and the Govt .-- do you ever stop to

It is almost universally accepted that the test of democracy in a country rests not on the activity of the opposition but of the government. Many of the world's infamous dictambhossain@aardvark.uoknor.edu tors (Ferdinand Marcos of Phillipine, Francois Duvalier of Haiti-even Hitler) were legally elected in a 'fair' election --- in their first-time election. Bilayet Hossain, USA

> think that this could be unfair in a country like ours. The prime minister has in her command--the entire govt. machinery---the armed personnels (now we know 400,000 army, navy, BDR, ansars, police--etc.)--the bureaucracy--- the propaganda machinery (state-owned Radio-TV)--the banks & the control of all the business opportunities---etc. etc. And what do the oppositions have ? (I know some hired 'goondas' & hoodlums--according to some of you).

Zunaid Kazi, USA: IMO. the opposition should have participated in the elections and then if there had been widespread rigging and vote-"dacoity" there case would have more merit. Instead, using allegations against something that has not yet happened, they were simply showing how much our political leaders know or care about democracy.

Bilayet Hossain, USA: Did

you ever try to find out about Magura by-election? Opposition propaganda? What about the latest 'one-party election'? All those reports of ballot-boxstuffings are false? You only lamented about --- 'tainted' election by the tar of representation'. Sure why should one care about how many voted! The prime minister has already said--it is a mandate! Let us save the book ! The King is dead, long live the King!

Zunaid Kazi, USA: And Khaleda Zia is no excecption. We have a bunch of power hungry fools who masquerade as our "leaders". Well, we deserve it since we let them get away with it.

Such a tragedy.

Bilayet Hossain, USA: It may not make any difference to you--but just a reminder that in 1991' election Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat -together received about 60% of the popular vote--against BNP's 38-39%. BNP won 146 seats in the parliament. They became majority by adding the "female" members -- those were elected by the members of the paliament and not by the 'people'. In December, 1994, 147 members of the Parliament resigned.

Mozammel Khan, Canada: There is a litte correction in your statistics. BNP got only 31% of the votes with 138 seats. AL along with other 'boat symbol' candidate got 40% of the vote which makes the total opposition vote to 69%.

M. Rahman nrhp@riando.net

Who is more of a puppet of * a neighboring country than a well wisher of Our belovedland Bangladesh.

Zunaid Kazi, USA: The complete statistics of the 1991 elections can be obtained from The Bangladesh Home Pages: http://www.asel.udel.edu/~kazi /bangladesh /

Point your browser at: http://www.asel.udel.edu/~kazi /bangladesh/polls.html

Mozammel Khan, Canada: Where did u get this statistics Mr. Kazi? This is another BNP style distortion of fact and history. Your number even does not add to 100%.

Try to know the truth first and then speak. The figure that I gaye is absolutely true. It is the character of the people like you to debate over a settled fact. It is known to the nation that though AL lost the elction their 'boat symbol' candidates got more popular vote than BNP. In their 263 seats alone thay got 30.5% of the

Zunaid Kazi, USA: In case you haven't noticed the statistics were from the Daily Star. Please read and understand before you put your foot in your mouth.

I am neither BNP nor AL so charges of spreading propaganda is not only baseless but extremely insulting. These data are also available in the Journal of Asian studies [I am not sure of the exact issue or volume number but it was published in 1992]. Since you are so eager to be

insulting can I point out a few facts that will surely clarify as why your com-

You are right about the constitutional legitimacy of the BNP government. But, I must disagree with you when you say that the ruling party's best strategy is to continue their autarkik rule and to undermine the power of the opposition. What is at stake here is the well being of the nation.

Zia Hassan, USA

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1. The numbers do not add up to 100% because only the data for a few select parties have been shown. If the data for all the parties had been in the tables then obviously the number would have summed to

2. The data for AL only shows the actual number that AL alone as a prty received. The data does not include the votes recieved for other parties in the AL led alliance who contested under the same election symbol. So both your assertions and my data is correct and so your "shoot at the hip before reading' comments about disputing a settled fact is extremely insulting and rude.

'All the data that I have posted is publicly verifiable so don't start running about accusing others of distortions especially when the data does in no way contradict your own assertions. Please do read carefully my earlier post and also follow the URLs:

http://www.asel.udel.edu/~ kazi/bangladesh/bdhist.html http://www.asel.udel.edu/~

kazi/bangladesh/polls.html Bandying about charges of spreading propaganda when the data I have posted is correct and openly verifiable is very insulting.

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stitutional legitimacy of the BNP government. But,I must disagree with you when you say that 'the ruling party's best strategy is to continue their autarkik rule and to undermine the power of the opposition. What is at stake here is the well being of the nation. For that reason it is important that we restore/maintain peaceful civilian rule. That can not happen if all major political parties find a solution. One solution, as I have suggested in many of my postings, is that BNP with its absolute majority in the FEb. 15 election can amend the constitutiond election(s) under a Neutral Caretaker Government, an election in which all political parties will participate. This I believe, will bring the political turmoil to its end. All parties have nothing to lose by doing this, but the nation has a lot to gain.

Asian Internet Marketing (AIM) mailing list

the rule of law or anarchy will

be the order of the day. But.

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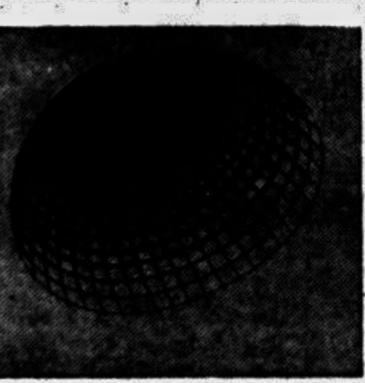
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New Internet technologies of

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World Cup Criket and Bangladesh

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Austria: Let us concentrate on the sport where Bangladesh is showing true world class potential now: CRICKET.

Soumitra Bose solumitra@ix.netcom.com

You mean the team who could not get qualified for the World Cup when even Holland could?

Mizanur Rahman <unknown>

I wonder why Bangladesh couldnt qualify for world cup in India. Its seems to me that Bangladeshi cricket players have everything with international standard (I mean sports utilities, poch, pach), except their performance.

Raquib Bosunia bosuntar@er4.eng.ohiostate.edu, USA:

The main reason Bangladesh couldn't go to the WC is because the ICC trophy is played in matting wicket and Bangladeshi spin bowlers really had tough time bowling. Nothing seemed to work for them. And moreover the Bangladeshi coach Mahinder Amarnath really overworked the players. They practiced for two hours after each game which really effected the players. The team selection

was also biased. But the failure of the spinners in the semi final against Kenya really put too much pressure on the batsmen. They ended up 13 runs short. There was 4 run outs in that Bangladesh innings.



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