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What we need after People's Triumph

I pray, someone with a heart of Fazlul Haq, character of Gen. Osmani, intelligence of Dr. Yunus and integrity of Bhasani (poor man's favorite) will show up from heaven to save us.

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What we need is to:
Work, Work and Work for the betterment of our poor people. Give them the motivations and, opportunity for building the nation instead of burning (which all parties did for last few decades).
Well, who will ring the bell? I guess, We all have to

Galloping through uncertainty

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USA:

"Can't go back to Bangladesh", that's what everyone says. "Because there's nothing you can absolutely do there. It's a menacing country and it will be like this for another God knows how many years. That's how our new generations are being programmed today."

From morning till dusk, the same onomatopoeias. If you have brothers or sisters in your house, how many times do you hear them saying that they can't live in Dhaka anymore, for it has become a frustratingly boring and risky place to stay. Its not out of this world, but I was here in the States in the same way. I wanted to study at Dhaka University, that would save my country lots of foreign exchange, and secondly I could help improve the social politics. But to no avail my dreams lay somewhere in the horizons of Dhaka.

I do believe that this is a better place to study, but do you think that you can really go back after studying here for several years...I think NO!!!

The problem arises here, we have this tendency of blaming everything on fate and sake. As countries like Canada are taking away lot of our edu-

cated mass, we are left around with the very few who are also dreaming to come here one day. Aren't we becoming a little selfish my dear friends, taking for granted that life in Dhaka is a temporary test, which God is doing, and once we are out we are free from it.

If this goes on, with no national feelings at all, we are left with a burden aren't we, the insouciant burden of "LOSING OUR IDENTITY AND SELF".

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Found your topic very interesting. What do you think is the solution to this problem.

Eonderer
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USA:

Think again... If you included me in your 'you' that I've spent the better part of my life in the EuroMerica: mostly studying and growing up when not travelling, and am still going back to Bangladesh as the graduation. Inshallah... (God willing...) out of infinite many others here're just three simple reasons came to mind:

1. Ma...
2. (to me) there's only one home...
3. alternate be unimaginable.

Information is Power - Can we help Bangladesh

Sohail Hasnie
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We all have had our higher studies at the cost of the Government and it is very unlikely that most of us will go back to Bangladesh permanently. This is my assumption.

I have seen the scb gets flooded with articles on religion and politics which I believe, creates more problems and conflicts than it can resolve.

I am working on a proposal and comments from you. This is a proposal to help the Bangladeshi entrepreneurs in Bangladesh with information, information that we all have free access to.

My proposal is: we contact the Public library or equivalent in Dhaka to give us some room accessible to the general people we will send yellow pages, brochures, catalogues, old magazines, interesting articles on business... anything that will provide information to the people we will send it by sea mail - which will be cheaper I understand part of the things that we will send will end up in "thonga's" for "Chanachur" but some will go to the right hands.

This is an idea, which needs lot of serious thinking. Together, with all the responsible scb readers I think we can build something that will break any barriers that may come.

Can we discuss Technology Transfer here ?

Ahmed Hafiz
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And of all things all we have to discuss in SCB is religion and politics that has never helped us to unite.

This is a plea to the Bangladeshis to start a thread discussing the problems, plausible areas, and experiences on technology transfer to Bangladesh.

Why?

1. Even if the country is in turmoil (I am sure this is not the correct word), we have always found a way to bounce back from being on the point of collapse.
 2. Given the global shift of economic trends towards Asia and given also the fact that even the 'tiger-economies' are becoming less attractive for labour-intensive industries. We are observing a surge of investment to low-cost economies like Vietnam and India. There is no reason whatsoever why some of the investment will not flow into Bangladesh if we can stay stable for even a few years.
- We would like to hear from

The articles, or "posts" (to use Internet parlance) published in this page come from the Bangladesh Internet news group called "soc.culture.bangladesh," or SCB. In this newsgroup, Internet users from around the world, mostly Bangladeshis, discuss issues relevant to Bangladesh. In "Live from the Internet" the Daily Star reprints these posts verbatim (complete with English language errors) - just as they would appear on your computer screen. They have only been edited for size and relevance to the subject matter.

Shadhinata Dibash discussion @ UT Austin

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SCBites:
I would like to share the following email conversations, between, quamlur islam, a computer scientist in Austin, mostafizur rahman another computer scientist in Austin, and me, with the rest of deshis on this occasion of Shadhinata dibash:

At 12:04 PM 3/26/96 -0600, Syed Galib Hassan wrote:
An interesting thought taken from md. zafar iqbal's compiled book "bish bauchhor par": we can achieve a lot of things, but we cannot make another history like muktijuddho and the glory that goes with it. (It sounds better in bangla) so, cherish the history as long as we can.

On 26 Mar 96 at 13:06, Quamlur Islam wrote:

The two past leaders visioned quite a different kind of future for Bangladesh. We in the present must reconcile, mix, choose, alter the visions, but we should not demonize them or be disrespectful.

...What pains me to think is that here we are at the 25th anniversary of our independence day, and now Bangladeshis are killing each other in the name of being BNP or Awami-league based opposition parties. Here, we have our sweetest freedom in our hands, and we are just demonizing each other in the

name of is Sheikh Mujib to love or is it Ziaur Rahman to love. My friends, we are one Bangladeshi nation. We must learn to admire all our brave leaders even if they have some shortcomings.

Bangladeshis must learn to rule themselves constructively because now we are our masters, so we cant blame it on British, Pakistani or anybody

On 26 Mar 96 at 15:30, Quamlur Islam wrote:
Your comments point to

else this time around.

Abhinandan to all Bangladeshis on our glorious independence day.

On 26 Mar 96 at 14:53, Syed Galib Hassan wrote:
Quamlur bhai,

I think it's high time that we realize the above comments. We must learn to love

other sources of problem. Certainly, our two current leaders usually are fighting about the late leaders among other things. But the issue of Bangladesh (Sheikh Mujib) and Ziaur Rahman go to the heart of the division that we have in the country. We must set a precedent of not demonizing leaders past and present. I think, even if the argument of the two leaders may be of no use (I do not agree with you on this), people are doing that and creating chaos in the country. The disagreement between Begum Zia and Hasina has more to do with the two previous leaders than their own disagreement. I believe.

Actually, the matter is more serious. The two past leaders visioned quite a different kind of future for Bangladesh. We in the present must reconcile, mix, choose, alter the visions, but we should not demonize them or be disrespectful.

At 03:11 PM 3/26/96 +0000, Mostafizur Rahman wrote:
Quamlur bhai/Galib:

NEWS FROM CALCUTTA

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Friends: I just received the following from the Juk-takhar committee. I am sure you will be happy to know this news:
From: Sanjit
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ENGLISH TRANSLATION:
There is an increasing awareness among people in West Bengal about the crisis that the Bengali language is going through now: being strongly under attack from political circles. During the last 4-5 years, several periodicals and pro-active organizations have come forward to discuss this issue and the political niche underlying the crisis.

A daily newspaper (Aajkaal) has taken a positive stand regarding this situation among many others. On 9th May, 1995, (25th Baishakh), a four-day long sit-in protest ensued in front of the Durdarshan Bhavan in Calcutta. This protest was called by Ekushey Uddipan Mancha. This Mancha (platform) is an umbrella for several organizations that work toward this goal.

The next goal is to have an All-Bengal Conference on 9th May, 1996, with the bigger issue of the rejuvenation of the Bengali Language, culture, and existence as a community in the world. There has been two big meetings, one on 16th Decemember and the other on 3rd January, in Tripura Hitoshad-honi Sabha Hall, where these plans were discussed.

Canadian Post in Dhaka ?

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Could anyone tell me if there is a Canadian High Commission in Dhaka? If not, Which Canadian post covers the consular activities for Bangladeshis nationals? Thanks in advance.

Need footage of Mosques

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Canada:

I need some footage of the Mosques in Bangladesh (Baitul Mukarram, DU mosque, Star masjid etc). Can anyone please help? Please email me. Thanks in advance.



Immigration Law and the US Embassy

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I started the immigration process for my husband in August, 1995. I'm trying to determine how much longer I have to wait to get him here.

He has filled out the papers over there but getting to the American Embassy is no easy feat. Darn near impossible. I have a question. (don't I always!!) Anyhow, at first the Embassy said they have a waiting list since what ... 1992 or something outrageous. Then the guy asked me if I'm an American. I said YES!! and he said the processing time for my husband would be approximately 3 months.

Does this sound correct to anyone. I have been processing and waiting since August, 1995.

Azim Fahmi
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USA:

According to the Immigration Law, spouse of a US citizen has a zero waiting period. However, a change in the paperwork process has elongated the process to 3-6 months.

Before, a US citizen could go to the US Embassy in Bangladesh with the NikaNamah and other necessary documents and apply for his or her spouse at the embassy. If all the necessary documents were present, one could get the immigration papers within a few days. Now the US citizen has to come

back and apply in the states (making it more centralized), adding the mailing time the process takes 3 to 6 months.

On the contrary, a friend of mine who is a US citizen said despite the new process, he could apply for his wife's green card and got her to come with him in 4 days (This happened about 4 months back).

I was outraged, because I took my wife approx 4 months to get an interview. And only when I called the US embassy, they said well her interview is today and they sent a letter to my wife. My wife never got the letter... So, I called her in Bangladesh and she barely made it to her interview. Despite the fact that US embassy knows how irregular and chaotic the mail system is, they never bothered to call her! What is my point? The US embassy can bend rules whenever they feel like and tries to use the full extent of the law (like elongating a process by stating that it takes 3 to 6 months for the whole process).

If anyone from the state department wants to challenge my accusation, I am more than willing to provide the necessary information. But US embassy should stop these double standards or they should make it simpler for US citizens.

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USA:

You might want to post the query to misc.immigration.usa

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A NOSTRADAMIC VIEW FOR BANGLADESH

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I bet most of you know what fuzzy logic is? In scientific terms we define it to be a boolean which is neither true nor false, having a machine value of 0.5, or in clear english something which do exist, but exists in complete inexistence. I was mentioning earlier, or I wasn't, that is sure fuzzy, the future probabilities of Bangladesh, in a fuzzy sense of view. To the readers is it really fuzzy, take your own opinions as the best suitable answer.

Bangladesh-after 10 yrs- year = 2007 :

I have this strong feeling about Bangladesh, which some of my readers should share because its not a hope or dream, its something that came from deep inside my heart.

If you would recall history, what actually happened in Germany is not a mere example but a valid analytical clue. Germany was at its most childhood stage of politics, corruption, and overpowering

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dictatorship. Although Hitler came as a light of pro - democracy, but he wasn't at all that bad a dictator in many people's eyes.

The nazis were formed in the name of God to destroy and plunder the living existence of democracy. It was total Hitlerism. The poor German's had nothing to do coz they were also trapped and beaten like us.

Japan in the same way found its chaotic stage. I give this stage of a country its "childhood stage", similar to a child when it is brought up wildly without care, love, solid guidance and tremendous lack of literacy.

Bangladesh is only 25 yrs old, or if I am wrong, still hasn't passed its germinating stage. The flower hasn't bloomed yet, but friends if you would notice that the "pollen grains" have already been fused between the years 1992 - 1994. Bangladesh hence is pollinating. That was just a sign of pre-pregnancy or if that is the way that I actually want to put it.

The turmoils that we see today are nothing but the temp orary phase that a child undergoes before maturity. If you readers know what I mean, then you should come to the fuzzy conclusion, if x = y then y = x, that is my friend logic, and logic is what we computer scientists believe in.

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO READS MY PAPER. LUCKY THAT I AM ABLE TO SHARE SOME OF MY THOUGHTS WITH YOU PEOPLE.

Traditional Heat Therapy

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Hello everyone-
I am looking for information on what may be a very obscure topic: heat therapy. Specifically, I need info regarding traditional methods of applying heat to the body as a means of healing and/or pain dissipation.

I have found a reference in the English translation of Chinese Barefoot Doctors Manual regarding stir frying rice and vegetables and placing them in a cloth sack and then applying the sack to the body. I need more references dealing with possibly heating grains (rice, oats, barley etc.) as a means of heat application.

Any help would be greatly appreciated!



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Installation software is being shipped now to customers who ordered first; new orders will be shipped within four to six weeks, as the company phases in the large number of new customers while ensuring the quality of the service.

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