

What we need after People's Triumph

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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

involve in active politics so that we take the responsibility of leading the nation instead of lamenting the inferno done by our corrupted and incapable politicians for decades.

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Galloping through uncertainty

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"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 onomatopaeia. 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. It's 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 policies. 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 insoulsant 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.

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USA:

Think again... if you included me in your 'you' that is. I've spent the better parts of my silly 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...

(to me) there's only one home...

3. alternate be unimaginable.

Information is Power - Can we help Bangladesh

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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.

Can we discuss Technology

Transfer here ?

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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 Bangladeshi to start a thread discussing the problems, plausible areas, and experiences on technology transfer to Bangladesh.

Why?

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.

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

people in Bangladesh (SCB readers in Dhaka) on:

1. The potential sectors of investment (like software, PCB manufacturing etc.)

Please feel free to share more investment ideas.

2. The problems of investment even when the country is stable.

We would like to hear from expatriate people on the following:

1. The technology that can be transferred to Bangladesh (ideas).

2. Seeking partner's or technical people.

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4. Plans, aspirations or willingness to set up software ventures in Bangladesh.

Thanks for any... followup. I am sure there is a smart new generation of Bangladeshi who think more about the future rather than talking politics, religion or any holy war issues. This generation is more educated, more tolerant and above all, they have some sort of entrepreneurial spirit to make a good living for themselves and their folks.

LIVE FROM THE INTERNET

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 Bangalees, 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 quanmul 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 bauchor paur': 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, Quamul Islam wrote:

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Sonderer
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USA:

...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 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 can't blame it on British, Pakistani or anybody

I have one little comment. I think very few people in our country argue about our two late leaders and their intentions. Even if they do, it's no use. I think the problem is with the current leaders and their ego.

On 26 Mar 96 at 15:30, Quamul Islam wrote:

Your comments point to

We must learn to love both our brave leaders. They may have shortcomings, but they both had a lot of goods in them and in their hearts and it's foolish to ignore or to demonize their contributions to our country.

else this time around.

Abhinandan to all Bangladeshis on our glorious independence day.

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

Quamul 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 Bangabandhu (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:

Quamul bhai/Galib:

NEWS FROM CALCUTTA

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Friends: I just received the following from the Juktakhar committee. I am sure you will be happy to know this news:

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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.

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.

A daily newspaper (Aajkaal) has taken a positive stand regarding this situation among many others. On 9 May, 1995 (25th Baisakh), a four-day long sit-in protest ensued in front of the Durdarshan Bhavan in Calcutta. This protest was called by Ekushey Uddjan 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 9 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 16 December and the other on 3 January, in Tripura Hitoshon Sabha Hall, where these plans were discussed.

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