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City Star 7

## POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS...

Gultupoka  
 gultupoka@aol.com  
 USA:

I just dont understand why this newsgroup has to be all about politics... Dont the Bangladeshis living abroad have ANYTHING else to discuss or offer??? Isn't anyone interested in everything else that goes on in Bangladesh??? Does anyone know or give a damn about bangladeshi cultural activities or literature or domestic improvements?!! (Musum) Z. Hasan  
 zhasan@db.toronto.edu  
 USA:

I do agree with you. We should pay attention and discuss.

Gultupoka, USA: Do you people know or are you involved in any cultural or literary activities that go on among the 'proshahi Bangalis'? Or is making organizations of your vil-

lage (such as bianriabajar shomitee, mireshoral shomitee etc.) is all you can spare your time for????

Pavel  
 nrp@cs.purdue.edu  
 USA:

There is nothing wrong in discussing politics. Still I also feel that we lack discussions about culture, literature etc. No one is initiating it. If you have enuff things to write, please write it out. But we dont know about TV-nataks, theatre, songs, poems etc. of recent time. I dont have any scope to try those. So how come I can discuss about these.

Another vital reason is we are more anxious about politics we are not that much worried whether the recent tv-serial of humayun ahmed is going to hit or not. Anyhow we dont have the chance to see it. So how can we care about it? Still we should try I think.

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.

## Reply to Daily Star Reader's Response

Ehsan  
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 ehsan@rex.impertum.net  
 USA:

I am enclosing my mailing address for th epeople who are interested in Silicene Rubber processing from the daily star: 813 Weber Ave Akron, OH 44303 USA.

## Patriotic zeal : We should be loyal to democracy

Dr. Mozammel Khan  
 khamm@atlas.sheridanc.on.ca  
 Ontario, Canada:

This posting is directed to our fellow citizens back home with the hope that it will be published in the 'Daily Star' as was done earlier for many of my postings.

Dear Fellow citizens:

The ensuing election in our country (if it is at all held) is not about choosing a party who is going to rule the country for the next five years. In fact, it is much more than that. The battle line is clearly drawn. On

destiny of victory. Today all those virtues and the existence of the whole spirit are at stake. It is, once again, the time to unite together, just like we did in 1971 to give the forces of evil and conspiracy a befitting reply and bring back our very dear country to the fold of patriotism, dedication, truth and justice.

I appeal to you my fellow citizens and many of my comrades of arms and faith, in the name of our martyrs, in the name of our great leader who lead us through the independence, in the name of our still

## Bangladesh Paging Companies

Ian Geldard  
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 Surrey, UK:

I am the researcher for the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity's Yearbook. The 1997 edition is currently being compiled and I would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who could supply me with the names, addresses, fax and phone numbers for paging service providers in the Asia-Pacific region.

## I appeal to you my fellow citizens and many of my comrades of arms and faith, in the name of our martyrs, in the name of our great leader who lead us through the independence, in the name of our still living heroes to facilitate recreating the very dear Bangladesh which all of us so dearly dreamt 25 years ago.

— Dr. M. Khan, USA

living heroes to facilitate recreating the very dear Bangladesh which all of us so dearly dreamt 25 years ago.

Hossain  
 mmh432@anu.edu.au  
 Australia:

DR. M. Khan, You have identified correctly the sides

## Email in Bengali

Sayed M Tariq  
 tariq@iadv.net  
 Dallas, USA:

I heard that it is possible to send email in Bengali language. If someone can extend some info on this would really appreciate.

Anis Rahman  
 ar305@columbia.edu  
 Columbia, USA:

I can think of the following ways

1. Compose the message in Bangla and then print it to file using a PostScript printer. This output file then can be sent via e-mail and can be printed on a PS printer or viewed by a PS browser such as GhostScript.
2. Compose the message in Bangla and save the file as a normal file in your wordprocessor, uencode this wordprocessor file, which then can be sent via e-mail. However, on the receiving end the decoded file must be viewed/printed by the same wordprocessor and/or a compatible one.
3. The third method involves capturing your screen after you've composed your message in Bangla. If you are using Windows 95 or 3.1, you can use 'Alt+PrintScreen' key combination to copy the active screen in the clip board. Then you can switch to a graphics editing program (such as PaintShop Pro, available as shareware) and paste the contents of the clip board. Since there will be some unwanted stuff in addition to your message (such as the menu or scroll bars of the active window), you'll have to do some trimming using the PSP tools.

Now save the graphics as a .gif file. This gif file then can be transmitted via e-mail. If you're using Netscape 2.0 for example, the gif file can be viewed directly, otherwise you'll have to use a gif browser (or any graphics browser). The projukti page was created this way. Check out this page at <http://www.excpc.com/~anis/projukti/index.html>

Are there some more/easier way? I'd like to know too.

Md Rezaul Abid  
 abidmr@newton.ccs.tuhs.ca  
 Centre for Marine Vessel  
 TUHS, Canada:

I thought I would just add to what Anis bhai has said:

Why not use a Mail programme (e.g. Pegasus for Windows and Macs) which would allow you to select different fonts from the font lists installed in your local machine? Then you can compose the message and send it from within the e-mail programme. However, the person at the receiving end should also have the same set of Bengali fonts (is it necessary? or only the keyboard layout matters? Anis bhai can add on that subject) and the similar e-mail client programme in his/her machine.

used SonarGoonLilly Bengali fonts with the Pegasus (windows) mailer and successfully sent myself a message from home to office and I could read it with Pegasus. One may want to mention (in regular english) at the top of the e-mail message, which font set has been used in compiling the message - this way the reader would know which font to load to read the message.

## An Immigration Experience

Kaari Flagstad  
 flagstad@pop.psu.edu  
 USA:

Those of you who wanted more information on immigration/migration

I got them from the City Planning Office in NYC. This is all the information they had on Bangladeshi immigrants.

According to the 1990 US Census, there were 5441 Bangladeshis living in the five boroughs of NYC.

Queens: 3481 (64%); Brooklyn: 1063 (19.5%); The Bronx: 527 (9.6%); Manhattan: 370 (6.8%); Staten Is: 0

The in-migration rate has been roughly steady at approximately 1300/year. Except that in 1991, due to the Amnesty Program at INS and the implementation of the Diversity Visa Program, there were 3649 Bangladeshi immigrants in that year. So between 1991 and 1993 the last year for

which they had data), there were 6249 new Bangladeshis. - I think this means that the total Bangladeshi population then in 1993 was 6249 + 5441 = 11690.

The City Planning Office told me that the in-migration rates could be divided among each of the boroughs according to the proportions of the 1990 Census -- so that 64% of the 6249 new immigrants were in Queens, 19.5% were in Brooklyn, and so on.

The only data they had for years preceding the 1990 census was that the in-migration rate for the mid-1980s was roughly 500/yr.

This data is available from the Census - but it is probably a special extract that does not appear in the census volumes in libraries. It would cost lots of money to get the data tape with this.

## GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITY AT UNB, CANADA

NURULLAH A  
 ISCH@UNB.CA  
 Canada:  
 Dear Net surfers:

Currently, a research assistantship is available at the Dept. of Forest Engg. of the University of New Brunswick for graduate study leading to an M.Sc. There is a possibility of extension into Ph.D depending on the eligibility of the candidate.

The ideal candidate should have a Bachelor degree in civil engineering with a first class standing & specific interest/background in geo-technical engg. Minimum TOEFL score should be at least 550 with 4.5 in TWE. Funding will be in the range of 12000-14000 CADNS from which tuition will have to be paid by the student himself. Tuition ranges between 4-5 thousand dollars per academic year. Might vary year to year.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS OFFER, PLEASE RUSH

ME AN E-MAIL SO THAT I CAN INFORM IT TO THE PROFESSOR WHO HAS GOT THIS RESEARCH POSITION. E-MAIL: ISCH@UNB.CA

### Need information on Jute marketing

Saleh Tanveer  
 tanveer@math.ohio-state.edu  
 Ohio, USA:

I have recently come across a gentleman interested in marketing Bangladeshi jute to the western market. He already has had some success in Africa and the Arab countries. I suggested to him that I would inquire about possible Bangladesh-related commercial websites. Specifically, the question is whether a site was available where information about his company can be advertised.

I think many of you will agree with me that while such an advertisement profits a specific Bangladeshi company, it also serves our country as a whole.

The newsgroup, "soc.culture.bangladesh", has been provided courtesy of Agni Systems Limited (Tel. 882379). You can also take part in this page by sending us your views/questions/comments/inquiries (anything that you want). The Daily Star will then send your responses into the Internet newsgroup free of charge where they will be read and commented on by participants from around the world. Letters should be no more than 100 words in length and titled.

Please send or fax your Internet posts to: M. Shamimuzzaman, Page incharge, 'Live from the Internet', The Daily Star, House 11, Road 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205. (GPO Box no: 3257) Fax: 863035.

## The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

**Wednesday 5th June**  
 (All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programme.)

**BTV**

3:00 Opening Announcements At-Daran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation From the Gesta 3:15 Re-telcast of Selected Programme  
 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15 Sports Programme 4:45 Taggera Songs  
 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Agam  
 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:05 Lak Lakaya 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Mister Tale Tale 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Chhaya Chhanda 9:00 Miu Series: Shen Totokawa Story III  
 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shasthikatha: Health Programme Based on Child & Mother 10:35 Ujigon : 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Thursday's programme 11:40 Close down

**BBC**

6:00am BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/ Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 Under The Sun 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out : Top Gear 11:00 The World Today 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 The Tourist 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: More Rhodes Around Britain 3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Newswright

**CHANNEL V**

7:00am Repeat VJ Soghya 8:00 Jump Start VJ Troy 10:00 Frame By Frame 12:00noon The Vibe VJ Luke 1:00 By Demand VJ Troy 2:00 Repeat VJ Soghya 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 By Demand VJ Troy 5:30 Repeat VJ Soghya 6:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 8:00 Pantalone Fashion Police 9:30 Sanna Magpa Har 10:00 Speak Easy 10:30 First Day First Show 11:00 Tops of the Pops 11:30 The Ride 12:00am Over the Edge 12:30 SPL Oye 1:30 Repeat 2:00 By Demand VJ Troy 3:00 None Vison 5:00 Frame By Frame

**STAR PLUS**

6:30am Voltron 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 G.I. Joe 8:00 The Dinky-D's 8:30 Wind in the Willows 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Nanny and the Professor 10:00 Mr. Depondore 10:30



**Simply Delicious 11:00** E! TV  
 11:30 Gabrielle 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bill & The Beautiful 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3:00 Remington Steele 4:00 Simply Delicious 4:30 E! TV 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 The New Lassie 6:00pm Lost in Space 7:00 Home and Away 7:30 Entertainment Tonight 8:00 MASH 8:30 The Golden Girls 9:00 Empty Nest 9:30 NYPD Blue 10:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 11:00 Santa Barbara 12:00am Hard Copy 12:30 The Extraordinary 1:00 Picket Fences 2:30 Entertainment Tonight 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:00 Hard Copy 4:30 Home And Away 5:00 The Sullivan's 5:30 Get-well

**STAR MOVIES**

7:30am Horror The Fall Of The House Of Usher 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Family Journey To The Christmas Star (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Classic Love Me Tender PG (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Classic David And Bathsheba 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 2:30 Comedy Doctor In The Blue 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Future Shock The Navigator: A Medieval Odyssey 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30 The Preview 7:30 Family Heart Of A Child 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 The Movie Show 9:30 Joanne Whalley Kilmer Double Bill: Kill Me Again 10 (Hindi

**PTV**

6:00am Tawot Aur Tarajmal Handi/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabran 8:45 Masnoonat Barq Khud Katalat 9:00 Sur Sayava & Sahri Ka Safar & Sada-E Kasim 9:40 Shana Ba Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kit ab-Aik Naam 10:05 Door Kay La-ur 10:30 English Film: Chop And Dale 10:55 Mili Naghma 11:00 Khabran 11:10 Ali Baba (Drama Serial) 11:35 Naghmazar (Drama Serial) 12:00noon Urdu Khe: 12:35 Duran-e-Hakoon 1:02

**SONY ET**

8:30 Rangela Re 9:00am The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The

**DD 7**

8:05am Jamnabai 8:10 Rabindra

**EL TV**

8:00am Rajesh Khanna Special

### TOM and JERRY

SPINACH WILL HELP YOU GROW A NICE CURLY TAIL.

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THAT?

TO GIVE IT TO A PIG - HE REALLY NEEDS A CURLY TAIL!

HEAT WORK, PISTOL! I'D SAY YOU DID THE RIGHT THING - EH, FELLOWS?

CHECK!

RUBY'S FRIENDS WANT SQUAWK - THEY LIKE A QUIET LIFE

ALL WE KNOW IS, HE LEFT FOR VEGAS - BUT WHO'DA WE DO WITH THE MEAT?

THE CROCS OUT BACK! TAKE CARE OF THAT - AND HIS LUGGAGE, TOO, IF IT'S GOOD LEATHER!

James Bond  
 BY IAN FLEMING  
 DRAWING BY MORAK

**ZEE TV**

5:30am Infotainment (TMM) 6:00 News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 ZED-Management 7:30 ZED-Networking 8:00 ZED-Naya A To Z 9:30 Through The Gears 9:00 Helpline 9:30 Game Anjano 10:00 Lateke Khudurat 10:30 Duniya 11:00 Its My Show 11:30 Hum Paanch 12:00 17 Shury Road 12:30 Sur Tsaf 1:00 ZED-Chota Bheeta 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Film Chakkor 3:30 Celeste 4:00 Bhagya 4:30 Positive Healthshow 5:00 ZED-Management 5:30 Hum Zamana 6:00 Cartoon 6:30 All Out For No Loss 7:00 Light Khana Khazana 7:30 Game Anjano 8:00 Raso Spread Ek Minute 8:30 Mr. Minto 9:00 Viral Naya Tarane 9:30 BFB 10:00 Parapsora 10:30 News Roundup 11:00