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## The Election Results - Personal Comments

Shabbir A. Bashar  
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UK:

When the world media is absorbed in the policies of the Netanyahu and the pre-election media circus in the clutches of the Yeltsins, I am glad to note that a few column inches were devoted to the outcome of the elections in my country.

Despite my surprise, I must congratulate BAL and Sheikh Hasina for their new clear lead and perceived victory in one of the most fair and most participated elections in the country. Congratulations also to BNP for having survived their electoral term, shown the capability of the country as an industrious nation - and finally commiserations for losing.

As we have seen, many corrupt and characterless personalities have been removed from all parties. Similarly, previously unknown players who've more than proved their mettle (like former finance minister Saifur Rahman) have earned their place in people's heart. This is a big step for our psyche and for our strive at embracing true democracy. My hope for a democratic transfer has materialised - for the first time in my life I stand witness to something previously unheard of in my country - which is only just younger than I am.

Md. Fazle Baki  
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Canada:

I have always found your post different and, infact, an eye-opener. This one is not an exception either.

Shabbir A. Bashar, UK: I now hope Sheikh Hasina, the PM, can find it in her heart to put country before the hitherto much trumpeted promise to avenge the blood of her family. I wish her luck despite my reservations for she will now be at the helm. I hope she will adhere to her election manifesto promise of freeing the media; (I heard rumours about "artists" openly and actively canvassing for BAL - as long as it is not done on public media I have little objection; if it is done on BTV and Radio Bangladesh, then I have very strong objections on grounds that such media are NOT extensions of any political party but state property with an obligation to provide a balanced view to the people). I hope BAL will have the courage to learn from the sound economic policies of their prede-

cessors. I also hope BNP can set a precedence by being the effective opposition with stately policies centering their debates rather than personality issues. I hope they will have the courage to accept defeat and the foresight to realise the vital role they have to play as effective opposition.

Md. Fazle Baki, Canada: Good comments for both the sides.

Shabbir A. Bashar, UK: Both parties should work together to achieve these goals:

(a) remove politics from civil service, army, academia and other government organisations; (I am pleased to hear Nasim has been dismissed).

Md. Fazle Baki, Canada: All the big posts are appointed by head of the government who has too much discretionary power.

Shabbir A. Bashar, UK: (b) encourage the formation of a strong industrial base in the country through fair, open and competitive means.

Md. Fazle Baki, Canada: Agreed.

Shabbir A. Bashar, UK: (c) give an air of transparency and directness by reaching out to the people through radio and TV by initiating public debates on national issues; this will remove the middlemen - many of whom abuse their powers.

Md. Fazle Baki, Canada: We need to restore reliability of various institutions including media.

Shabbir A. Bashar, UK: (d) not resort to or have to resort to violence, destruction and anarchy as we have seen in the recent past if their political demands are not met.

Md. Fazle Baki, Canada: We need to create a healthy environment for discussion and negotiation. Let us hope that statements, views, and acts will work towards this.

Shabbir A. Bashar, UK: Finally, I hope neither BAL nor BNP will stoop so low as to pander to the wishes of JP by releasing H M Ershad so either party can form government.

Md. Fazle Baki, Canada: Some people do not know whether he deserves any punishment.

Shabbir A. Bashar, UK: In anticipation of continued progress in Bangladesh.

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.

## Travellers Dodge Hassles and Hazards on the Superhighway

Arlene Getz  
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It is still too early to argue that the information superhighway has made distance irrelevant. But if television has reduced the world to a global village, then the Internet computer network has shrunk it still further.

The other day, I received an electronic mail (e-mail) message from a friend on another continent. Could I find out the cost of hotels in the United States city of Philadelphia so that she could book a business trip?

You don't need me, I e-mailed back. You can find out yourself. I then included lists of electronic addresses for one of the fastest-growing services on the Internet - travel.

Tourism information is proliferating throughout cyberspace. Guidebook publishers, hotel groups and city councils are all establishing "sites" - or stalls on the Internet information market known as the World Wide Web - to promote their services and seduce armchair travellers into booking a trip.

Anyone with a computer connected to a telephone by a modem and a subscription to an Internet provider can now research their own holidays without having information filtered by a travel agent. They can check airline timetables through do-it-yourself services such as Travelocity (Web address: <http://www.travelocity.com>) or TravelWeb (<http://www.travelweb.com>).

They can use the Internet to book their own hotel rooms from some of the major chains. They can keep up to date with events around the world.

Want to find out what is happening in Rome or Bali? Call up Italy Online and Bali

Online on <http://www.lainet.com> - Italy/ and <http://www.indo.com> respectively.

Seeking information on this year's Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia? Log on to the city's Web site (<http://www.com/acvb/>) for maps, pictures, schedules of events and links to other Games-related sites.

It is even possible to plan your routes on local underground railways long before you reach your destination by calling up the Subway Navigator, which can map out routes on metro systems around the world.

The main advantages of being able to do this over the Internet are time and cost. While much of the information

From booking hotel rooms to saving lives, journeys into cyberspace can solve mobility problems both for do-it-yourself tourists and for soldiers in Bosnia. As Gemini News Service's superhighway columnist Arlene Getz reports, distances are being shrunk on the Internet.

may be available in brochures, the Internet material can be accessed instantaneously for the cost of a local telephone call. Equally important, the relatively low cost of establishing a presence on the World Wide Web means small inns can advertise their services to potential travellers in the same way as the wealthier big-name chains. There is no need to wait for the mail and the information will be right up-to-date.

These capabilities enabled my foreign friend wanting a room in Philadelphia to find - without the cost of sending faxes overseas - that a hotel which usually would have been out of her budget was offering special discount rates during the month of her stay.

Across the Atlantic in

## Some Thoughts About BD Politics

Mainul Hasan  
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USA:

Europe, US peacekeeping troops stationed in Bosnia have discovered that the distance - shrinking capacity of the Internet has a more serious use - saving lives.

In a region where an estimated six million mines remain buried, sending information by computer rather than road is playing a vital role in minimising casualties.

Peacekeepers are able to use off-the-shelf commercial communications technology to transmit data over local area networks connecting computer systems in Bosnia and Hungary to the US Army-Europe command in Germany and the Pentagon in Washington. Unclassified information travels over the public Internet, while sensi-

One of the benefits of this arrangement is that troops do not have to drive over potentially dangerous roads to exchange reports or orders.

Military commanders have also reduced their need to travel from different command posts to obtain up-to-date information through a related video-conferencing network.

The establishment of several multimedia desk-top systems consisting of a computer terminal, a video camera and a TV screen with audio allows officers in different locations to hold simultaneous consultations.

The system is an advance on telephone conferencing because it allows the commanders to discuss and change computer images, such as maps, during their deliberations.

The 20,000 US soldiers in the region also derive a more personal benefit from the network by being able to send electronic mail to family and friends.

This contact with home, say US officers, has proved a great morale booster during a difficult and sensitive mission.

(Courtesy: Gemini News)

## Bangladeshis in the Space Program

Azadul Haq  
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USA:

Shuttle Columbia went up again today for a 14 day mission. The mission number is STS-78. This mission is going to perform some Life Science and Micro Gravity experiments. We are five Bangladeshis here at the Johnson Space Center, NASA, Houston, Texas working in the space program. We feel proud to be Bangladeshi and work for the Space Program. It is a different feeling altogether.

Hasan Rahman (Ratan Bhai) is our supervisor. He has 26 people working for him. We are among them. Monazer Faruque (Isaac), Naser Ayub (Naser), Saeed Siddique (Saeed) and I work at the Life Sciences Data System. We support the ground data system. When shuttle goes up like today, it keeps sending streaming data through the satellite to the mission control. Mission control then re-routes the relevant data to place where I work. Isaac, Naser and Saeed along with three more programmers wrote the software which routes the data to the Science Monitoring Area (SMA) where all the scientists along with Hasan watch the data and perform experiments.

I am writing the software which will allow these Principal Investigator (PI) or scientists to watch the data through the Internet. I am also doing some animation work for another project.

I just wanted to share with my fellow Bangladeshi netters that we Bangladeshis given chances CAN do many things. I hope and pray someday Bangladesh will also join in the space program (is it too much of a dream)! May be we will not build rockets, but we surely can write software and other necessary algorithms for the space program and then sell to the vendors who builds the shuttles and rockets.

We may not have natural resources to build rockets, but we sure do have lot of brains and talents to surprise the world. Let's all pray and work hard for Bangladesh, so that our future generations will have a sonar Bangla again. ...definitely proud to be a Bangladeshi....

Saif  
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USA:

Congratulations!! We are proud of you all too. It will be great if you inform use about the space program time to time through this newsgroup. Wish you all the best.

Mohammed Hasan  
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Canada:

I feel great as if I am a part of the team. Keep it up!

Azadul Haq, USA: Correction to the previous post.

The current mission STS-78 is for 17 day, not 14 day that I wrote. We were all excited about the lift off yesterday we I did not calculate the days properly. The astronauts will be back on July 7. Sorry for the mistake.

Ihtisham Kabir  
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USA:

Way Cool. We are proud of you.

Azadul Haq, USA: I am more than sure that there are hundreds of Bangladeshis around the world who are holding key positions in businesses and universities.

As just a computer professional, I do NOT consider myself holding a key position anyway. The reason I post the msg has to do our pride. I thought if the Bangladeshis around the globe who are holding exciting positions would share their experience, we would be more proud. And that would boost the enthusiasm of the new generations.

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.

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## The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 26th June

(All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programmes)

### BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement  
3:10 Dahan Programme Summary  
3:15 Reiteration of the Goats  
3:25 Re-episode of Selected Programme  
4:00 News in Bangla  
4:15 Sports Programme  
4:45 Tagore Songs  
5:00 News in Bangla  
5:25 Sabar Saathi  
6:00pm News in Bangla  
6:05 Nibondh  
7:00 The News  
7:05 Open University  
7:25 Giza Pyramids  
7:35 International Affairs  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Band Show  
9:00 Mini Series: Shm Totokawa Story (II)  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Shasthathab: Health Programme Based on Child & Mother  
10:35 Ranghama: Magazine programme  
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 Newsday  
1:00 BBC World Headlines  
1:05 Horizon  
2:00 BBC World News  
2:30 Time Out: The Travel Show  
3:00 BBC World News  
3:30 Time Out: Film '96  
4:00 BBC Newsdesk  
6:00pm BBC World News  
6:15 Panorama  
7:00 BBC World News  
7:15 World Business Report  
7:30 BBC Newshour Asia & Pacific  
8:30 Time Out: Auction  
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 Movies  
Around Britain  
3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours  
5:00 BBC World News  
5:10 Newsnight

### CHANNEL V

7:00am Repeat VJ Saptaha  
8:00am Start VJ Trex  
9:00am Frame By Frame  
12:00noon The Vibe VJ  
1:00pm By Demand VJ Trex  
2:00pm Repeat VJ Saptaha  
3:00pm Big Bang VJ Alessandra  
4:30pm By Demand VJ Trex  
5:30pm Repeat VJ Saptaha  
6:30pm The Vibe VJ  
7:30pm First Day First Show  
8:00pm Big Bang VJ Alessandra  
9:00pm Pasteloon Fashion Police  
9:30pm Sansa Mangta Hai  
10:00pm Speak Easy  
10:30pm First Day First Show  
11:00pm Top of the Pops  
11:30pm The Vibe VJ  
12:00pm Over the Edge VJ Saptaha  
12:30pm BPL Eye

### STAR Sports

7:30am Wimbledon: Lawn Tennis



NYPD Blue on Star Plus, Tonight at 9:30

### STAR PLUS

6:30am Voltron  
7:00pm Ten age Mutant Ninja Turtles  
7:30pm G.I. Joe  
8:00pm Sabar Rider and The Star Sheriff  
8:30pm The Adventures of Black Beauty  
9:00pm Aerobics Dr. Style  
9:30pm Nanny and the Professor  
10:00pm Mr. Belvedere  
10:30pm Simply Delicious  
11:00pm E! T  
11:30pm Sabrina  
12:30pm Santa Barbara  
1:30pm The Bold & The Beautiful  
2:00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show  
2:30pm Remington Steele  
4:00pm Simply Delicious  
5:00pm

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

8:30 World Wrestling Federation Action Zone  
9:30 Football Mundial  
10:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships  
1996 from London  
GB Day 2 1st round  
4:00 Cricket 96  
Natalwest Trophy round 1  
Gloucestershire @ Cardiff vs York  
7:00 Live Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships  
1996 from London  
GB 2nd Round  
1:00 International Motor sports News  
2:00 The Kickback  
3:00 Formula Nippon from Takachi  
Spenday Japan  
5:00 1996 College World Series Men's Championship Game  
The Final

### STAR MOVIES

7:30am Horror: The Pit And The Pendulum  
12:00 Classic: Love Me Tender  
PG (Arabic Subtitles)  
11:30 Comedy: Dorian at Seat 12  
1:00 Action: Assault On Precinct 13  
1:30 Hindi Subtitles: 3:30 Family: Return of Tommy Tucker  
PG (Hindi Subtitles)  
5:30 Classic: Three Hundred Spartans  
6:00 Hindi Subtitles: 7:15 Bullywood update  
7:30 Family: King of the Wind  
7:30 Hindi Subtitles: 9:00 US Top Ten  
9:30 Gold: China Mousa Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey  
15 Hindi Subtitles: 11:30 15 Years of Casper  
Germany  
Metropolis  
PG (Arabic Subtitles)



Wonder Wings Amer Prem on EL TV, Tonight at 9:30

### 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  
8:30 Through The Gears  
9:00 Helpline  
9:30 Gaane Anjaane  
10:00 Lakme Khubsurat  
10:30 Durva  
11:00 It's My Show  
11:30 Hari Paanch  
12:00 17 Shy Road  
12:30 Sur Taal  
1:00 ZED Chota Bheem  
1:30 Asian Sky Shop  
2:30 Tara  
3:00 Film Chakkor  
3:30 Celeste  
4:00 Bhagans  
4:30 Positive Healthshow  
5:00 ZED Management  
5:30 Hum Zameen  
6:00 Cartoon  
6:30 All Out For No  
7:00 Ligit Khana Khazana  
7:30 Gaane Anjaane  
8:00 Rasna  
read Ek Minute  
8:30 Mr Minto  
9:00 Naye Tarane  
9:30 BAB  
1:00 Pampanara  
10:30 News R  
11:00 Dream Merchants  
11:30 Aap Ki Adalat  
12:00 Sports  
12:30 Campus  
1:00 Hasitem  
1:30 Film Deewana  
2:00 Suno Suno Tring Tring  
2:30 TMM

### PTV

8:00am Tawaaf Aur Tarjuman  
Hamid/Naat  
8:20 Cartoon  
8:30 Khabraan  
8:45 Mansooqahat Bara  
Khad Kalafar  
9:00 Sur Savana & Sehra Ka Safar & Sada F.Kasur  
9:40 Shama Ba Shama  
9:50 Aaj Ki Kirabaan  
10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo  
10:30 English Film: Clap And Dale  
10:55 Milli Naigama  
11:00 Khabraan  
11:10 Ak Baba (Drama Serial)  
12:00noon Urdu Khali  
12:55 Duran e Hakeem  
1:02 Bismillah  
1:15 Gochan (Drama Serial)  
2:00 Inteha (Drama Serial)  
2:50 The Earth Revealed  
3:40 Natural World

### SONY ET

8:30 Rampola Re  
9:00 The Three

### DD 7

8:05am Jannudin  
8:10 Rabindra Sangeet  
8:20 Binodan  
8:30 Chakir Khabar  
8:50 Adhunik Gaan  
9:00 Bakul Basar  
9:30 Nirjan Dupurer Premier  
Gaan  
10:00 Shastriy Sangeet  
10:15 Bhakti  
12:30pm Chali Hawa  
1:00 Janani (Serial)  
1:30 Bengali Movie Club Film Show  
5:05 Nepali Programme  
5:30 News  
5:35 Chingchong  
6:00 Kathak Katha  
6:00 Pali Katha  
6:30 Jay Jayanti  
6:55 Khehar Prithvi  
7:30 Bangla Sundar  
8:00 Samayer Smanay  
8:30 Sahitya Samskriti  
9:00 Dampati  
9:30 Jeevan Setu (Serial)

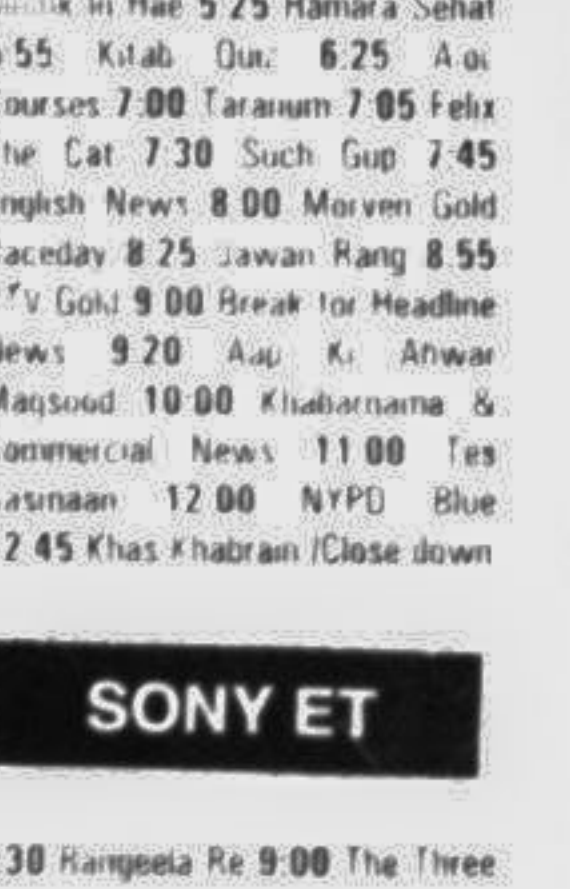
### EL TV

00:30am Rajesh Khanna Special  
1:30 Bachchic Man Ke  
2:30 Sur Sargam  
3:30 Guza Hua Zamana  
4:30 Dance Dance  
5:30 Rajesh Khanna Special  
6:30 Bachche Man Ke  
7:30 Sur Sargam  
8:30 Guza Hua Zamana  
9:30 Dance Dance  
10:30 Zandu Balm  
Dance  
11:00 V3  
11:30 Karm  
12:00am Asha Bhonsle Special  
1:00 Pyar Hi Pyar  
2:00 Guzara Hua Zamana  
3:00 Godej Storvel Film  
Chaat  
3:30 Fantasy Kal Bih  
Aaj Bhi  
4:00 Zoro Se Hero  
4:30 Liberty  
Public Demand  
5:30

### DEVOTIONAL MUSIC

6:30 Dharmendra Special  
7:30 Agar  
8:00 Song  
8:30 Meer Usha Uthup  
9:00 Teri Bhi Chup, Meri Bhi Chup  
9:30 Wonder Wings  
Amr Prem  
10:00 Lakhmi Adang  
Booking  
10:30 Newsline  
11:00 Hit Fairs  
12:00 Nazrana

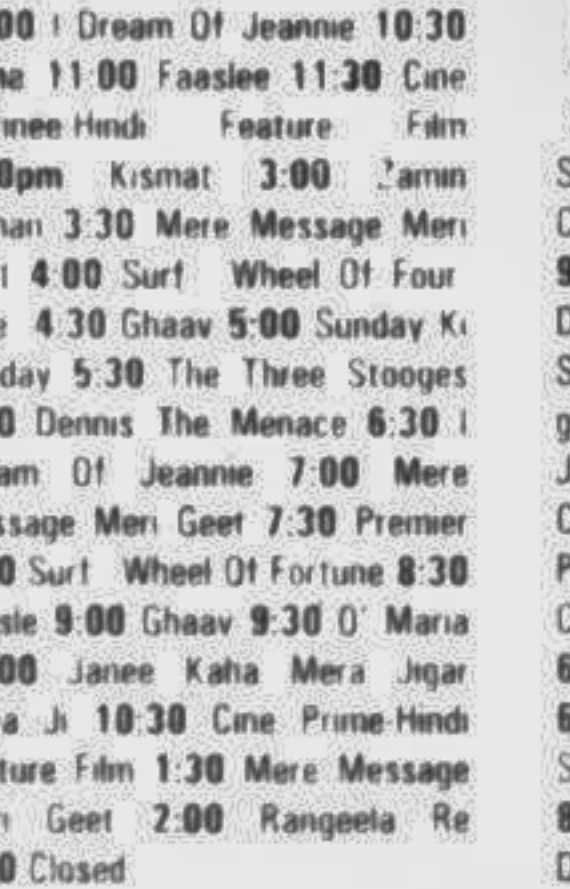
### TOM and JERRY



### JAMES BOND



### YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO RUIN ALL THE FUN TOM!



### THE WINDOW! ON DEAR!



### MARY!



### QUICK, JAMES! HELP ME IN!

