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## Donating used computer to Bangladesh's school.

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Hello everybody  
I would like to open the discussion how we can donate used (286, 386 or 486 computer) to Bangladesh's schools. There are lot of companies in North America who are throwing away their old computers and buying new computers. Can we use these old computers and send them to Bangladesh? I would like to get your input in this matter.

Manir  
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Australia

The first thing is to contact the Ministry of Education of Bangladesh for this. It needs to be concurred by the govt to avoid customs hassels. Alternatively some NGO may also be useful.  
Sharif Islam  
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A very good idea. What I would like to know is whether North American/European computers are compatible in Bangladesh.

## Computer Tax

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I am interested in taking a computer with me to Bangladesh. I am wondering the custom regulations about computers.

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How much would the tax be if the computer is disassembled and individual parts are carried?

Rashed Tanvir Islam  
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USA

I know that there is a certain duty in the amount of 15000 Taka for desktop computers. However I heard that there is no duty for LAPTOPS. Highgate E C  
highgate@areyou.demon.co.uk  
UK

No taxes on laptops. And if you can prove that a normal PC is for your personal use... no taxes. Otherwise upto a maximum of takas 15000 may be payable.

## Father of the Nation and 15 August National Hoilday

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Many people of Bangladesh believe Bangabandhu SK. Mujibur Rahman should be declared the father of the nation. There are also a large group of people who does not like to be blind supporter of AL and like to appreciate its contributions and criticize its misdeeds.

I don't know whether it was officially declared in the 72-75 period. But image of SMR for the last 21 years has declined to a greater extent by political

propaganda and to some extent by the then activity of few party leaders and workers. It took 21 years to regain peoples confidence and viridit for the AL.

Some hasty decisions have already been taken, such as hanging the picture of SMR in the government offices and declare 15 August a national holiday.

Any decision on this two issues should be taken judiciously based on the peoples sentiment and after discussion with the different class of people.

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## TOKTEN Program

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Dear SCB readers

Recently there was a posting about the TOKTEN PROGRAM. These six letters stand for "Transfer of knowledge through Expatriate Nationals". This was created by UNDP sometime back in order for foreigners with expertise in different fields to go to their respective country of origin for a limited short period and help the inviting institution to initiate and set up research activities in areas for which no expertise is available within the country. I shall give an example. In the middle of 1993 the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE) at Savar of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Center (BAEC) was urgently in need of some expert in the

program will be kept in abeyance. We were unnerved at this news.

If an expatriate is found doing something not conforming to the prescribed rules of TOKTEN, why should the other educational or research institutes suffer? In my opinion, there should be provision for only one expatriate. For one institution at one time; no institution should get the services of further expatriates unless it completes formalities relating to the visit of the first one. In other words, it should be the responsibility of the concerned institution to get the report prepared by the expatriate before he leaves and submitted to ERD.

If TOKTEN program works successfully in other developing countries why would it not Bangladesh. I agree with the earlier correspondent that

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field of genetic engineering so that the interested group in AERE could initiate a research program on JUTE TRANSFORMATION with a view to improvement of its fibers and put them into diversified uses. They could find a Bangladeshi scientist in Australia working in CSIRO, Canberra for this purpose. BAEC approached the External Resources Division (ERD) of GOB for this purpose and the concerned scientist came under the TOKTEN program and the project on Jute transformation is now an important ongoing program of AERE.

My colleagues in the Department of Botany, Dhaka University and the Botany Division of BCSIR, Dhaka were in urgent need of an expert to advise them on "in situ" hybridization and they could locate a Bangladeshi expert in the A&M University, College Station, Texas. ERD did not entertain our request. The officer in charge said that unless and until his division gets reports from the expatriates who had already visited Bangladesh under this program, the above

those in the authority whether in the government or an organization do not take advantage of such good opportunities and barring exceptions hold a non-chalant attitude.

I shall give two examples which will illustrate my point. On behalf of a social organization I approached the local Representative of FAO at Dhaka to finance a project on "Tree Plantation" for school children. He said that funds are available provided our request is channeled through the ERD. The dealing officer, who was a zoology student of Dhaka University, was not at all enthusiastic to entertain my request. After a good deal of persuasion, he agreed to forward my request. It took me a year to get it sanctioned by GOB and only a couple of months for us to get the money from FAO. Two of my brothers, who were then joint secretaries in different departments, helped me. Without their help I don't think the project would have seen the light of the day. Some thirty schools were benefited by this project and today some

of those who were trained in the art of raising nursery and plantation are owning their own nurseries.

The second example will arouse more astonishment among readers than the first one.

In 1988 I approached the then Director General International Affairs Requesting him to have Bangladesh enlisted as a member of an International Organization called, "The International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)". The DG himself was a science student; he discouraged me and said, "It's no use for Bangladesh to become a member of ICGEB when no research work is done in our universities." I then explained that ICGEB offers fellowship, provides training in genetic engineering, funds research projects and that for the first 5 years no membership fees are charged; finally I said to him, "if not the older generation, the teachers and researchers belonging to the younger generation will certainly be benefited through this move by the GOB. I also told him all other countries in the subcontinent such as India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and even Bhutan were members of ICGEB. At the end he agreed to consider my request provided it is processed through the Ministry of S & T. Believe me, SCB readers, it is only in November 1995 i.e., AFTER SEVEN YEARS that Bangladesh has become a member of ICGEB but the membership is yet to be ratified by ICGEB.

The above two selected incidents among many point to the same conclusion that our attitude has not changed over the years. We all realize that unless there is a change in the attitude both among high officials, secretaries, ministers, we cannot hope for "Sonar" Bangla to come into being, no matter whichever party comes into power. How true is the adage, "JEY JAL LANKA, SHEY HOI RABAN".

How could this change be brought about? Any suggestions from SCB readers? Sheikh Hasina's instruction that it is her father's portrait that should hang in the wall of office rooms and not hers, is indeed a good beginning.

## Kalpna Chakma's disappearance

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Recent news about the disappearance of Kalpna Chakma is a serious blow to the law and order situation of the country. The government's statement is also mysterious on this matter. However it is a matter of great concern and regret that, a civilian has been abducted and the nearby army personnels were doing nothing. Just because she had a different political view and spoke up on behalf of her organization she has been picked up.

M. Rezaul Abid  
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Canada

Shockingly enough, I was told that some army personnels took active participations in this abduction! Can anyone shed some light whether it is true or not?

Sayed M Tariq, USA: On behalf of all concerned and the individuals believe in human rights I demand immediate explanation from Bangladesh government and her prompt release. Those who were involved in this vicious crime should be brought to justice.

M. Rezaul Abid, Canada: I second that!

## Great Bangladeshi Olympians

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Yup! All that I know about our gorgious BDeshi Olympic team is that some male shooter -- I think Rinku was his name -- a female long-jumper, a male swimmer, and Bimal Chandra Tarafdar, the fastest man in South Asia, are the only sports/women in our Olympic squad.

Does anybody have any other news/info on the team? If so, start posting; I'm damned interested.

I also heard that more Bangladeshi team officials would be going than sports/women. What do you guys/gals think.

## NetXchange: Internet Faxing Software

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NetXchange is proud to announce the debut of its Internet Fax Solution web site. NetXchange Communications is a leading software developer for messaging, applications over the Internet. NetXchange's products offer customers significant communications cost savings and enhanced security. The company's faxing software enables the integration of the stand alone fax machine, computer fax, mobile user, and corporate network. You are welcome to check it out @ <http://www.ntxc.com>

## Raise your SAT score

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What is the best way to raise your SAT verbal score in 2 months?

Low Budget  
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Practice. you can read all the vocabulary books call you want, and i'm sure it'll help you in a small way but practicing through practice books as a DISCIPLINE will raise your score tremendously.

JoeCo2  
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Is it possible to get SAT scores in the 1300s and still get into Harvard, Yale, Princeton? E-mail me (JoeCo2@aol.com) if you made it into the Ivy League with a score in the 1300s or respond to this message via the newsgroup. Thank you.

Zaklychenny  
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USA

I would say it's possible. I know someone who got 1250 (about) and still got into Cornell on engineering, so anything is possible. Remember, test scores are only part of the whole picture.

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## College Catalogues

N.g.:soc.college.admissions  
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Hi. I'm a high school sophomore, and I started my college search God knows when. Anyway, I want to get some info now on the courses and admission requirements for my top 10 schools. So, could someone give me an idea on exactly how I should ask for a catalogue? I figured a simple letter to the admissions office would do, but I'd like to make sure.

Katy Odell  
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USA

One thing you can try, if you're not getting them in the mail: Go to a nearby community college and find the "transfer center" or where ever they keep college catalogues in the library - you'll be able to look at a lot of them at your leisure. Even at City College in SF, we have practically every catalogue for major schools, and most of them are the most recent or, at most, last year's.

## Jobs in high demand

N.g.:soc.college.admissions  
Zor Prime  
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USA

What type of jobs are in high demand right now? I am talking about semi-professional/professional jobs or the type of jobs that needs a BS or Masters. And what about say... 5 years from now? 8 years? I am trying to find the right major so that I won't end up jobless after I grad from college.

Ray Schroeder  
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USA

Perhaps another way to look at this is to identify general trends in society. For example, there is a big bubble of children moving into k/12... also, there is an ever-expanding bubble of seniors in our society. Those who serve these groups are likely to be kept busy in the next decade.

## The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 24th July  
(All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programmes)

### BTV

3:30 Opting (Arabic Subtitles) All Quran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation from the Geeta 3:15 Re-telecast of Selected Programme 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15 Sports Programme 4:45 Tagore Songs 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Salar Saathe 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:05 Nibeden 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Biswa Panikama 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Band Show 9:00 Mini Series: Shin Totsukawa Stony 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shasthathala: Health Programme Based on Child & Mother 10:35 Ranghama 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 7:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 8:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World News 9:05 Under The Blue Flag 10:00 BBC Newsday 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 Horizon 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Summer Holiday 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: Building Sights 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 News Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time Out: Auction 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 Under The Blue Flag 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Top Gear 11:00 The World Today 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 Portrait Of Our

World News 2:30 Time Out: Food and Drink 3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 4:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Times tonight

### CHANNEL V

7:00am Revind VJ Sophia 8:00 Jumpy Start VJ Trev 9:00 Frame By Frame 12:00noon The Vibe VJ Luke 1:00 By Demand VJ Trev 2:00 Revind VJ Sophia 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 By Demand VJ Trev 5:30 Revind VJ Sophia 6:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 Big Bang VJ Aless 9:30 Sansar Mangla Hai 12:00 Speak Easy CDB, Worlds Apart 10:30 First Day First Show 11:00 Top Of The Pops 11:30 The Ride VJ Trev 12:00am BPL Dye 1:00 Haysah 2:00 By Demand VJ Trev 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 5:00 Frame By Frame

### STAR PLUS

6:30am Voltan 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 GI Joe 8:00 Saber Rider and The Star Sheriff 8:30 The Adventures Of Black Beauty 9:00 Aerobics Of Style 9:30 Nanny and the Profes 10:00 Mr. Belvedere 10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 11:00 El Extreme Close Up Thierry Lhermitte 11:30 Gabrielle 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3:00 Remington Steele 4:00 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 4:30 El Extreme Close Up Thierry Lhermitte 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 The Adventures Of Black Beauty 6:00pm Lost in Space 7:00 Home and Away 7:30 Charles in Charge 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 The New Ten



NYPD Blue on Star Plus, Tonight at 9:30

light Zone 12:30 The Extraordinary 4:30 Picket Fences 2:30 El Extreme Close Up Thierry Lhermitte 3:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:00 Hooperman 4:30 Home and Away 5:00 The Sullivan 5:30 Gabrielle

### STAR Sports

6:30am World Cup Classic Matches 1966 Portugal v North Korea Quarter Final 7:30 World Superbike Championship 1996 From Laguna Seca, USA 9:30 Indian Football Federation Cup Pre Quarters 11:30 Cricket '96 Under 19 Youth One Day Int'l England Series vs New Zealand 3rd One Day Int'l 4:30 Indian Football Federation Cup Pre Quarters

Churchill Brics Vs ITI 6:30 Super 8's Semi Final I From Kuala Lumpur 8:30 Super 8's Semi Final II From Kuala Lumpur 10:30 Super 8's The Final From Kuala Lumpur 12:30 World Superbike Championship 1995 From Laguna Seca, 2:00 Cricket '96 Under 19 Youth One Day Int'l England Series vs New Zealand 2nd One Day Int'l

### STAR MOVIES

7:30am Comedy Lucky Surf (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Family White Fang (Arabic Subtitles) 11:00 Family Thumbelina (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Adventure Young Ivanhoe (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Romance: A Woman Named Jackie

(Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Family Father Christmas 5:45 The Preview 7:30 Family: The Goodbye Bird (Hindi Subtitles) 9:00 The Movie Show 9:30 Susan Sarandon Double Bill: Safe Passage (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Susan Sarandon Double Bill: Dull Durham (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Action Never Say Die (Arabic Subtitles) 3:30 Future Shock: Moon 44 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Film Club: Smash Palace (Arabic Subtitles)

### ZEE TV

6:00 News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 A To Z of Computer - The Management Course 8:30 Through the Gear 9:00 Helpline 9:30 Gaane Anyane 10:00 Lakme Khubsoot 10:30 Duniya 11:00 Its My Show 11:30 Hum Paanch 12:00 TBA 12:30 Sur Taal 1:00 A To Z of Computer 2:30 Tara 3:00 Film Chakkar 3:30 Celeste 4:00 Bhajans 4:30 Positive Health Show 5:00 A To Z of Computer 5:30 Hum Zameen 6:00 Cartoon 6:30 All Out 7:00 Khana Khazana 7:30 Gaane Anyane 8:00 Ek Minute 8:30 Mr. Minto 9:00 17 Sherly Road 9:30 Banegi Apni Baat 10:00 Parapara 10:30 The News & Business Roundup 11:00 The Dream Merchants 11:30 Aap Ki Adalat 12:00 Saahab 12:30 Campus 1:00 Hasratn 1:30 Film Deewane 2:00 Sumo Sumo Tring Tring 2:30 Zee Arabia: Infotainment (TMM)

### PTV

8:00am Tibaat Aur Tarjuman Hamd/Nasr 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khud Ka Dalat 9:00 Sur Savaria & Sefra Ka Safar & Sada-E-Kasmi 9:40 Shana Be Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab-Aik Nam 10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo 10:30 English Film: Chip And Dale 10:55 Milli Naighma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Ak Baba (Drama Serial) 11:35 Naghazav (Drama Serial) 12:00noon Urdu

### SONY ET

8:30 Rangela Re 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream Of Jeanne 10:30 Aama 11:00 Faasle 11:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Feature Film 2:30pm Kismet 3:00 Zameen Asman 3:30 Mere Message Men Geet 4:00 Sur Wheel Of Fortune 4:30 Ghaav 5:00 Sunday Ki Sunday 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Dennis The Menace 6:30 Mere Message Men Geet 7:00 I Dream Of Jeanne 7:30 Premier 8:00 Sur Wheel Of Fortune 8:30 Faasle 9:00 Ghaav 9:30 O'Maria 10:00 Janee Kaha 12:45 : Khabrain (Close down)

### EL TV

06:00 Dance Dance 07:00 Best of the Best 08:00 Tarane Aur Fasane 09:00 Music Time 10:00 Tarane 10:30 Dance Mania 11:00 V3 plus 11:30 Karam 12:00 Special 3:00 Film Cha'A'i 3:30 Kal Bhi Aaj Bhi 4:00 Ziro Se Hiro The Anupom Khar Show 4:30 Liberty Public Demand 5:30 Special 7:30 Aagar 8:00 Hit Hai

### DD 7

10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Classical Musical 11:00 Folk Song 11:15 Adhunik Gaan 11:30 Classical Music 12:30 Chalti Hawa 1:00 Janam 1:30 TBA 2:30 Amake Dekhun 2:30 Parampurush Sri

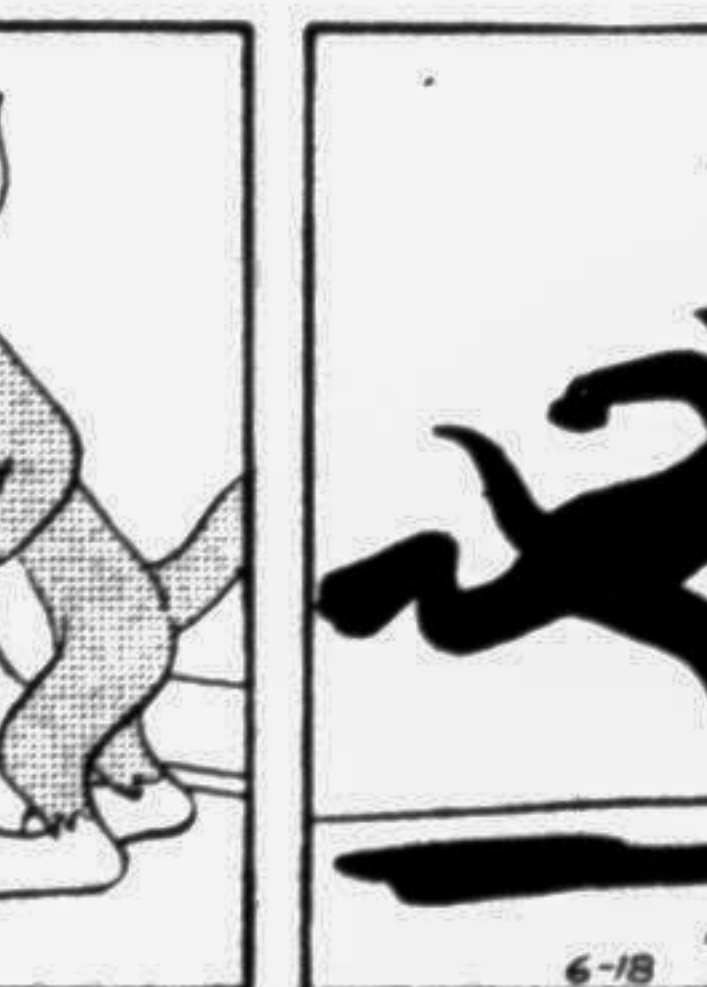
### ZEE CINEMA

9:30 Mera Dharam 12:30 Jesh nara 3:45 Mere Humsafar P.D. Iman Kalyan (Bengali) 10:00 Sanam 12:45 Jai Vijay 4:00 Saza

## TOM and JERRY



## SLURP SLURP



## WE'RE TOO LATE!



## BURP!



## James Bond



## SORRY, HAZARD - I THOUGHT I SAW A RAT!



## SUDDENLY THE RASTA DRIVER CURSES AND GRABS FOR THE WHISTLE LANYARD!



## THE GUNPLAY BEGINS AS SCARAMANGA WINGS A BUZZARD... THEN...

