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Shahabuddin Ahmed as President

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USA:

This has instantly boosted my opinion of the AL govt. I remember in the days following Ershad's departure that we kept talking about how nice it would be if we could just have Mr. Shahabuddin stay on as head of state.

A staunch AL supporter, he allowed the elections after Ershad to take their fair course and handed over power to the BNP. Now it bodes well for the AL govt. that they are

electing to the office of president, the same person under whose caretaker govt. they lost the election 5 years ago.

Good to see. There's hope yet. Now if only they'd privatize TV & Radio ...

JChowd1155
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USA:

By electing Justice Sahabuddin as the next president, AL shows that a govt can be for all. Are you talking about privatization of full autonomy of TV and RADIO? Two are different in context and meaning.

NBC Olympic Broadcast

N.g.: soc.culture.bangladesh
Mir S Islam
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USA:

Was it just me or someone else also noticed NBC commentator's insensitive and humiliating remarks about some of the countries?

Zaki Wahhaj
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USA:

Indeed, when Palestine's delegation came along, their first ever delegation in the Olympics, he had to mention the terrorist attacks in Munich in 72. When Iraq's delegation came along, the audience was actually booing and the commentator had no clue what to say.

Mir S Islam, USA: Also, did you notice how they conveniently skipped Bangladesh portion of the parade to show their stupid commercials?

Mike Zgoda
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USA:

Yes I noticed that omission of Bangladesh, and they did it in Barcelona also. I went to NBC.com and lodged a protest with their olympic site. How about all of us sending one e-mail to NBC?

Naeem Mohaiemen
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USA:

I disagree. We should raise a fuss about this. And so should "half the countries" that were skipped for commercials. It's because we never protest these slights that the media continues to do this sort of thing. Please register your protest letters [as group or individual] to: <http://www.olympic.nbc.com/bbs/first.html> INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION

Shoumyo Dasgupta
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USA:

I have registered my complaint against inappropriate use of commercials in the Olympic marchpast in the complaint-page given below. I also mentioned my disappointment in their "conveniently skipping" some countries, namely, Bangladesh, my neighbor. I encourage other netters to flood this box with the same.

Nripendra Nath Sarker
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USA:

An act of complaining for the sake of complaining. I don't find any justifications. Did we pay any money to cover our athletes? The commercial people certainly had paid a huge amount of money. The timing just coincides with the bangladeshi participants. It could have been for hondorus, ethiopia, xyz.

If this great event were in bangladesh, probably btw would have shown commercial on t-bet 501 soap during marchpast of the bhutanese participants and not during ours and usa's.

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We are on-line

N.g.: scb
TRANSCOM
transcom@bangla.net wrote:
Dhaka, Bangladesh:
hi there, we are on line

M. Rezaul Abid
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Canada:

Welcome aboard! Hope to hear more from you guys.

S Khan
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Bradford, UK:

Are you in directly form Bangladesh? It appears from your message that internet service has started in Bangladesh. Can you please confirm.

Experience from Dhaka

N.g.: soc.culture.bangladesh
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Australia:

I went to Dhaka to attend a family wedding. I have made some observations which I will like to have answers from the policy makers.

First Experience at the Airport
I work in the policy areas of the Victorian government and strongly believe the Bangladeshi government is giving very very wrong signals in part of its customs policy.

As I was going through customs, it was announced that:
• Fax Machines and Personal computers must be declared.
• Fax and computer are taxable items
• One could bring a video camera without paying any tax (once each year)

Hubble and the image of Titan

N.g.: sci.astro.alt.sci.planetary
Stephen D. Schaper
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USA:

How has Hubble been able to image the surface of Titan? Is this in IR frequencies?

Ralph Lorenz
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USA:

In near-IR windows at 0.94 and 1.07 microns

Stephen D. Schaper, USA: Have such images been released?

Ralph Lorenz, USA: Long ago. See <http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/~lemon/titan/titan.html> or Icarus, vol.119, pp.336-349

Stephen D. Schaper, USA: I've seen a radar image, but no optical image.

Ralph Lorenz, USA: No you haven't. Terrestrial radar can only generate a lightcurve at present. It shows a peak reflectivity at the same longitude as the bright region seen in the HST images.

Mark T. Lemmon
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USA:

Light at some wavelengths slightly longer than visible (near-infrared, or specifically, 0.94 and 1.08 microns) is able to penetrate through both the haze and the methane in Titan's atmosphere. The images aren't crystal clear, due to both the size of Titan (only ~20 HST pixels across) and the presence of the haze, but they do show the presence of some features on Titan's surface.

These features have now been seen several times, so we are sure we are looking at a real surface feature. As the press release mentioned, the probe will parachute in over a boundary between light and dark regions.

There are maps and images at <http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/~lemon/titan/>. I have some work to do to update the site, but it is more up to date than the other LPL site for the images.

WIN FREE BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

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Drawings for some neat stuff every month with just a small amount of effort on your part.

July's Prizes will be:
1. A Copy of Steven R. Covey's book, "First Things First"
2. A One Year Subscription to "Success Magazine"
3. A one month advertisement for you or your business as a sponsor of TriviaCentral.

If you would like to be in the drawing for these prizes just go to <http://members.tripod.com/~gcnest1/Advocate> and fill out our contest form. Thanks and Good Luck!

Asia Pacific Trade Business Directory

N.g.: alt.business.import-export
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FREE ADVERTISING

N.g.: alt.business.misc
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FREE list of several thousand places to advertise on the web when you join Life Plus in our group. Visit my page or email for full details <http://www.caboose.com/cgi-bin/dbml.exe?template=caboose/robweb/home.dbm&WebPageID=4573>

Links to Financial Aid

N.g.: soc.college.financial-aid
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Here on my home page <http://www.netgate.net/~sunnii> I've created a sub-page that includes some of the best links I've found on the web for financial aid. This is a partial list, but it is a list of the best things that I have found.

I did it to help newcomers save time when looking for money. I hope it helps some of you.

Searching for manufacturers

N.g.: alt.business.import-export
Anthony Vieira Da Cruz
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South Africa:

Hi

We are surfboard manufacturers and would like to start a clothing line. A quotation is needed for the following items:-

- good quality t-shirts (plain-140g; 160g; 180g; 200g)
- shorts or baggies
- track suits
- jackets etc.

We would appreciate it if you could e-mail us or fax your quotations to us at 27-0423-93-2050. Brochures can be sent to: P.O. Box 1119, Jeffreys Bay, 6330, South Africa.

Teen Advice Online

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

Hey there. Myself and a group of teenage volunteers are proud to announce a new site called Teen Advice Online. It's a cool e-zine/help page in which teens help other teens with their problems.

Please give it a try! Even if you don't have a problem, you can read others, plus our advice! We will help with ANY problem you may have.

<http://www.winterref.com/~tfeener/advice/>

See you there!

India's transit facilities through BD

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USA:

It is a medieval idea to stick to the sanctity of borders when the whole world is opening up toward freer movement of people. If granting transit facility were a loss of sovereignty, there would not be such a thing as EuroRail.

Bangladesh will never have the bargaining power of India at the world stage; at the simplest level it's a matter of sheer size. We would, however, gain from revenues, both from India and Nepal, and from goodwill. Open up, for practicality's sake.

We should also have visa-less transit within SAARC, but that's another issue.

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UK:

The issue of transit facility with India is more political than its practicality. Pakistan is giving transit facility to China since mid-sixties and they are using Karachi Port for import and export of goods of southern china for convenience. Afganistan also using Karachi port. Nepal using the Indian ports. Every feeling is there to allow Nepal to use Bangladeshi ports. But the problem is with India, which was considered politically sensitive for the past two decades.

These above are not examples from a developed country like USA. We might not build Empire Building in one day but we should start some where.

Why should there be any tax on computer and faxes? Bangladesh should give subsidy to computers and faxes. These are the basic business drivers.

Why should there be any tax on computer and faxes? Bangladesh should give subsidy to computers and faxes. These are the basic business drivers. The NPV of any the business activities generated by a fax machine or computer, in simple terms, will be more than the value of the subsidy given today.

In Dhaka, I believe most of the homes has TV VCRs etc. Only handful of my relative with grown up children had computers? Bangladesh can be Bangladesh one day with these children.

I like to initiate a debate in the net on this.

Second Experience - Dhaka Airport
Off my way out on the 19 July around midnight, I suddenly realised the television was all in Urdu, the news, the

wired. He switched the TV off - I had to explain to the other passengers - they did not mind the quietness.

Can somebody at the Airport look at this please? If that was one of the channels, that would have been okay. Why that selection was fixed for that TV? The other TVs were showing Hindi movies - Is that what we want to show the tourists about Bangladesh? Do we have an agreement with the Indian movie producers? Do they pay for the free advertisement? What about the documentaries?

Please visit the Airports of the Asian tigers. Please find out what Malaysia, Thailand, Korea, Japan and even India or Pakistan shows?

I praise the systems in the airport, it is much better than what it used to be, but these small things count.

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— Editor.

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 31st July
(All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programmes)

BTV
3:00 Opening Announcement / Al-Darun Programme Summary / 3:10 Recitation from the Gesta / 3:15 Re-broadcast of Selected Programme / 4:00 News in Bangla / 4:15 Sports Programme / 4:45 Topline / 5:00 News in Bangla / 5:25 Moner Kaha / 6:00 News in Bangla / 6:05 Hija Tamal / 7:00 The News / 7:05 Open University / 7:25 Nitter Tale Tale / 8:00 News in Bangla / 8:30 Chhaya Chhanda / 9:00 Mini Series: Shin Totokawa Story / 10:00 News in English / 10:30 Shasthataha: Health Programme Based on Child & Mother / 10:35 Badan Hase / 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 Madness / 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 NewsHour Asia & Pacific / 8:30 Time Out: Lisa Clayton - Alone Around the World / 9:00 BBC World Headlines / 9:05 Madness / 10:00 BBC World News / 10:30 Time Out: Top Gear / 11:00 The World Today / 1:00 BBC World Headlines / 1:05 BBC Global Report / 2:00 BBC World News / 2:30 Time Out: Raymond's Blanc / 3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours / 5:00 BBC World News / 5:10 Newsnight

CHANNEL V
7:00am Rewind VJ Sophia / 9:00

STAR PLUS
6:30am Voltron / 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles / 7:30 GI Joe / 8:00 Saber Rider and the Star Sherif / 8:30 The Adventures of Black Beauty / 9:00 Aerobics Or Style / 9:30 Nanny and the Professor / 10:00 Mr Belvedere / 10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen / 11:00 E! Extreme Close Up / 11:30 Santa Barbara / 1:30 The Bold &

STAR SPORTS
6:00am Gillette World Sport Special / 6:30 1996 Pro Beach Soccer / Marseille, France / 7:30 Indian Football Kalyani Black Label Federation Cup / 8:30 World Rally / 9:30 World Rally / 10:00 ATP Tennis / Miller

STAR MOVIES
7:30am Film Club / Roadside Prophets / 107 (Arabic Subtitles) / 3:30 Family: Hambone And Hillie / 12 (Arabic Subtitles) / 11:15 Musical: Phantom Of The Paradise / 15 (Hindi Subtitles) / 1:30 Classic: It's A Wonderful Life / PG (Hindi Subtitles) / 3:30 Family Dutch PG (Hindi Subtitles) / 5:15 Family: Journey To The Magic Caverns (Hindi Subtitles) / 6:00 Bai Bollywood (Updated) / 7:30 Family: Munchie Strikes Back (Arabic Subtitles) / 9:00 The Movie Show / 9:30 Ray Liotta Double Bill / Unlawful Entry / 10 (Hindi Subtitles) / 11:00 India Star Five

PTV
8:00am Tawait Aur Tarjama / Hamd/Naat / 8:20 Cartoon / 8:30 Khabran / 8:45 Mansoobaat Bara / Khud Kafalat / 9:00 Sur Savaria / Sahra Ka Safar / Sado-E-Kasim / 9:40 Shana Ba Shana / 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab - Aik Nazm / 10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo / 10:30 English Film: Chip And Dale / 10:55 Milli Naghma / 11:00 Khabran / 11:10 Ali Baba (Drama Serial) / 11:35 Naghma / (Drama Serial) / 12:00noon Urdu / Khal 12:55 Dur-e-Hakeem / 1:02 Bismillah / 1:15 Gichan / (Drama Serial) / 2:00 Inteha (Drama Serial)

SONY ET
8:30 Rangola Re / 9:00 The Three Stooges / 9:30 Dennis The Menace / 10:00 I Dream Of Jeanne / 10:30

DD 7
10:30 Jamnadin / 10:35 Classical Musical / 11:00 Folks Song / 11:15

EL TV
06:00 Dance Dance / 07:00 Best of the Best / 08:00 Taranne Aur Fasane / 09:00 Music Time / 10:00 Tarannum / 10:30 Dance Mania

ZEE CINEMA
9:30 Sambandh / 12:30 Garavan / 3:45 Alag Alag / 6:30 Jindani Year Di (Punjabi) / 10:00 Changiz Khan

TOM and JERRY
HEY! DO YOU KNOW THERE'S A MOUSE ON YOUR HEAD?
NO.
BUT IF YOU'LL HUM IT, I'LL TRY AND SING IT!

James Bond
BY IAN FLEMING
DRAWING BY HORAK
SCARAMANGA'S BULLET MISSES BOND... AND GETS THE DRIVER.
SECONDS TO GO BEFORE...

Cricket 96 Natwest Trophy on Star Sports, Tonight at 6:30
Litchell Of Fame Final 12:00 / Gillette World Sport Special 12:30 / The European Tour Dutch Open Day 4 2:30 / Sports India 3:30 / International Motorsport News 4:30 / Indian Football Kalyani Black Label Federation Cup / 6:30 / Delayed Cricket '96 Natwest Trophy Quarter Finals 2:30 / The European Tour Dutch Open Day 4 4:30 / Trans World Sport 5:30 / Sports India

11:30 Ray Liotta Double Bill
Article 99 18 (Arabic Subtitles) / 1:30 Thriller: The Scarcrow 18 (Arabic Subtitles) / 3:30 After Dark: The Love Goddesses 18 (Arabic Subtitles) / 5:30 Action: The Messenger 18 (Arabic Subtitles)

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 Anjaane / 10:00 Lakme Khuburat / 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 Anjaane / 8:00 Ek Minute / 8:30 Mr Minto / 9:00 17 Sharif Road / 9:30 Baneg Aapi Baat / 10:00 Parampara / 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 Duvvane / 2:00 Suna Suna Tring

The Golden Girls on Star Plus, Tonight at 6:30