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Rafi Tragedy

N.g:SCB achasan USA:
 It is with great regret and sadness I am writing this that Rafi Ahmed, a frequent contributor in scb (with net name Pati Mastan), drowned in a NJ bay on 7/28 6 pm Eastern time. He has not been traced ever since. After an all out rescue mission, the chance of his survival has been described as slim, and we are faced with a grim consequence of his life.

Dipen Bhattacharya dipen@tigr.ucr.edu USA:
 Internet binds hearts where faces are not seen. I always wondered about the nickname Pati Mastan. Just the simple use of an unusual nickname possibly shows a man with humor.

In this sterile world of faceless communication you still cannot run away from tragedies. I am deeply saddened, my sympathy goes to his close ones.

Naeem naeem@lx.netcom.com USA:
 NJ Coast Guard resumed search this morning at 7 am. Status unchanged. Search has moved out of 911 status. Rafi's parents are arriving this morning 10:30 from Dhaka and going to Sandy Hook. Please pray for Rafi and family. Please pray for a miracle to happen.

Dasgupta TXD11@pswm.psu.edu USA:
 I enjoyed many of Rafi's (Pati-mastan) posts. I am sad to know this. For interested netters who are curious to go back to some of his posts, please try Dejanews.

Sharif Islam sssislam@mds.qmw.ac.uk UK:
 Only last Friday(26/7/96) I received a long posting from Rafi Ahmed, which was extremely scholarly and witty. This morning I was trying to cook up an answer to sound smart and pompous, suddenly this news caught up my eyes. I find this news hard to swallow. I am really worrying for a person whom I have never seen. I wish it was one of his practical jokes and I wish he reappeared on the SCB like a magician with a loud bang.

Mahmood Hassan, USA: It was first such news that I came across in SCB. I have no words perfect enough to express sympathy to those who suffer directly for such sudden demise. May Allah help them and I do pray for the miracle. We would like to know more about him if possible.

Naeem, USA: It is with deep regret that I inform everyone that at approx 3 PM today (Thursday) NJ Coast Guard located the body of Rafi Ahmed (inna lillahi ou inna ilaihi rajoun). Formalities have to be completed Friday morning and body will be brought back to NY inshallah Friday afternoon. Janaja will be held either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. To send condolences to family, please visit Asif Saleh's Web-site: <http://www4.ncsu.edu/eos/users/a/asaleh/WWW/guest/rafi2.htm>

Our prayers for Rafi's soul and his family.

The articles or "posts" (to use Internet parlance) published in this page come from the 14274 Internet usenet news groups like soc.culture.bangladesh (scb). In these news groups Internet users from around the world post articles, discuss views or opinions on classified issues. In "Live from the Internet" The Daily Star reprints these posts verbatim (not even excluding the language errors) just as they would appear on your computer screen. They have only been edited for size relevance to the subject matter.

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Infallibility!

In my opinion, SCB is one of the only media forums in the world in which Bangladeshis can discuss issues openly with each other. Companies like Beximco are not at all interested in supporting such open forums -- they are interested in supporting their own profits.

Web access in Bangladesh has been a blessing. On the one hand we will see an increase in large Bangladeshi companies like Beximco using the Internet for profit; on the other hand, we will see a decrease in the number of common Bangladeshis using it amongst themselves for information exchange (the price of local email has gone up considerably now that email providers are linking directly to the Internet).

Perhaps, rather than paying \$25 per month and supporting the most elitist newspaper in the Bangladesh, SCBers should demand a permanent place in the pages of the Independent (as SCB now has in the Daily Star).

Yes, Bangladeshis abroad need more news about Bangladesh direct from the homeland, and in the coming months, if things go here as expected, the SCB newsgroup will start receiving a wealth of homeland news...for free. Beximco's Independent, on the other hand, is interested only in the wealth, not the news.

Minimum Mars Crew

N.g: sci.space.tech Zerog zerog@aol.com USA:
 The minimum crew size for a Mars mission is one. Period. Any other questions?

cd skogsberg cd@lafkonsult.se Sweden:
 Yeah, what happens if s/he dies?

Magnus Redin redin@lysator.liu.se Sweden:
 The mission fails and you launch another one.

Jim McCoy mccoyp@communities.com USA:
 No, the political will to fund such a venture disappears, someone is hung out to dry for not anticipating this problem, and the entire program faces cancellation. Consider what happened when one US Space Shuttle blew up...and we had several we could use at the time... If the Mars mission fails there will not be a second one within our lifetime.

Attention All Bangladeshi Students in The UK !!

N.g: soc.culture.bangladesh Shabbir A. Bashir S.Bashar@kcl.ac.uk UK:
 Dear SCBites, I post this message on behalf of the First Secretary, Mr Kamrul Ahsan, at the Bangladesh High Commission in London, UK. He is interested in contacting the Bangladeshi students currently pursuing higher education (both undergraduate and post graduate studies) in the UK. I'm told this is to maintain some sort of a database of current and potential experts in the country. You may always pursue the matter directly with Mr Ahsan at the High Commission. Fear not, I hardly think the mafia is out to get you !!

You may have noticed from a recent test message posted on SCB by myself from the High Commission - they are finally on line !! Their contact address etc., are as follows:

Mr. Kamrul Ahsan First Secretary High Commission for Bangladesh 28 Queens Gate, London SW7 5JA Tel.: 0171 584 0081 Fax: 0171 225 5130 E-mail: bdesch.lon@dial.pipex.com <http://coe1.ccc.kcl.ac.uk/usr/s/bashir/bd/bdesemb/bdesemb.htm> Please circulate this message to all your Bangladeshi colleagues and students who are not on the net.

COMPUTER TAX

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 7th August
 (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

BTV
 3:00 Opening Announcement At 3:00 Programme Summary 3:10 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 Agam: 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:05 Hjal Tamal 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Writer Tale Tale 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Chhaya Chhanda 9:00 Mini Series: Shan Totsukawa Story 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shasthattha: Health Programme Based on Child & Mother 10:35 Ujibon. 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 Headlines 9:05 Madness 10:00 BBC Newsday 1:05 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

CHANNEL V
 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophya 8:00 Jump Start VJ Trey 9:00 Frame by Frame 11:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 12:30noon by Demand VJ Trey 1:30 Rewind VJ Sophya 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Palmolive Extra Time Pass 4:00 Planet Ruby 4:30 by Demand VJ Trey 5:30 Rewind VJ Sophya 6:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 8:00 Planet Ruby 8:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 9:00 Sensual Mangita Har 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 House Of Noise VJ Luke 12:00noon Big Bang VJ Alessandra 1:00 Haysah 2:00 by Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Billboard US Countdown 5:00 Frame by Frame

STAR PLUS
 6:20am Voltorn 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 GI Joe 8:00 Saber Rider and the Star

STAR MOVIES
 7:30am Action: The Biggest Battle 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Classic: The Egyptian 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:15 Comedy: This is My Life 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Western: Run Man Run (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Family: Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:15 Classic: A Matter Of Life And Death PG (Hindi Subtitles) 6:00 The Preview 7:30 Michael Caine Double Bill: Hannah and Her Sisters 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:00 The Move Show 9:30 Michael Caine Double Bill: Blame It On Rio 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Film Club: Fun 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Comedy: Malcolm 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 3:30 Thriller: The Wandering 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Horror: The Raven 12 (Arabic Subtitles)

ZEE TV
 5:30 Sur Lal 6:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 ZED 8:30 Through The Gear 9:00 Helpline 9:30 Gaane Anjaane 10:00 Lakme Khubsurat 10:30 No Problem 11:00 Manasi 11:30 Hum Paanch 12:00 Sur Taal 12:30 Tanaav 1:00 ZED 1:30 Asian Sky shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Fani Chakkar 3:30 Celeste 4:00 Bhaagans 4:30 Namaste India 5:00 ZED 5:30 Hum Zameen 6:00 Cartoon 6:30 All Out 7:00 Ligit Khana Khazana 7:30 Gaane Anjaane 8:00 Rasna Spread Ek Minuto 8:30 Mr Minto 9:00 17 Starley Road 9:30 Bengali Apsara 10:00 Parapara 10:30 The News 11:00 The Dream Merchants 11:30 Aap Ki Adalat 12:00 Saalab 12:30 Campus 1:00 Hassratin 1:30 TBA 2:00 Suno Suno Tring Tring 2:30 TMM 4:00 Pariwatan 4:30 Insight 5:00 Jagran

STAR Sports
 6:00am Bud Pro Surf Tour 7:00 World Rally Champs Indonesia Rally 7:30 Indian Football Kalyani Black Label Federation Cup Semi Finals From Calcutta 9:30 Gillette World Sport Special 10:00 1996 Pro Beach Soccer Tour De Panne, Belgium 11:00 Umbro International Soccer First Place Playoff Cut 12:30 The European Tour Volvo Scandinavian Masters Day 4 2:30 ATP Tennis Legg Mason Tennis Classic Final 4:30 Indian Football Kalyani Black Label Federation Cup Semi Finals From Calcutta 6:30 The European Tour Semis: British Open 7:30 World Cup Classic Matches 1970 Brazil v England 9:30 Trans World Sport 10:00 Trans World Sport 10:30 Cricket 96 Sunday League IAXA Equity & Law Sunday League Kent vs Worcestershire @ Canterbury 3:30 1996 Pro Beach Soccer Tour De Panne, Belgium 4:30 Umbro Int'l Football First Place Fm Nottingham, UK 5:30 Sports India

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 Khud Kafilat 9:00 Sur Savana & Setha Ka Safar & Sade-E-Kasim 9:40 Shama Ba Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab - Aik Nazm 10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo 10:30 English Film: Chip And Dale 10:55 Milk Nagmaha 11:00 Khabraan 11:10 Ali Baba (Drama Serial) 11:35 Nagmahaar (Drama Serial) 12:00noon Urdu Khali 12:55 Qaran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Gichan (Drama Serial) 2:00 Inteha (Drama Serial) 2:50 The Earth Revealed 3:20 Arashi Pudyay 3:40 Natural World 4:35 How Things Work 5:00 Yeh Munk In Hae 5:25 Hamara Sehail 5:55 Kitab Quaz 6:25 Anus Courts 7:00 Tararum 7:05 Fela The Cat 7:30 Such Guph 7:45 English News

SONY ET
 8:30 Rangoola Re 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 Dream Of Jeanne 8:00 Surf: Wheel Of Fortune 8:30 Faasle 9:00 Ghaav 9:30 O'Maria 10:00 Janee Kaha Mera Jigar Gaya J 10:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 2:00 Premiere 2:30 Closed

DD 7
 10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Classical Musical 11:00 Folk Song 11:15 Adhunk Gan 11:30 Classical

EL TV
 00:30 Love Love Love 1:30 Kishore Kumar Special 2:30 Apeeb Dastaan 3:30 Hit Pairs 4:30

TOM and JERRY

JAMES BOND
 BY IAN FLEMING DRAWING BY HOKAK

YOU'RE LATE!
 I PROMISED TO MEET YOU AT SIX O'CLOCK AND IT'S ONLY ONE MINUTE PAST.

I AGREE, THAT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD...

...BUT YOU PROMISED TO MEET ME AT SIX O'CLOCK, YESTERDAY!

SORRY, JAMES - COULDN'T SHOW WHILE YOU WERE FIRING! YOU HOP OFF! I'LL DELIVER THESE MESSAGES TO THE LAW AT GREEN ISLAND

A MILLION BUCKS IF YOU'LL GET US OUTTA THIS LIMEY!

TWO! I SWEAR ON MY MOTHER!

JUMP, DAMN YOU, JAMES!!

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