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The Daily Star 5

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Rafi Tragedy

N.g.:SCB axhasan

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@tigre.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@ix.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 TXD111@psuvm.psu.edu USA:

enjoyed many of Rafis' (Pati-mastan) posts. I am sad

N.g.: soc.culture.bangladesh

I post this message on behalf

of the First Secretary, Mr

Kamrul Ahsan, at the

Bangladesh High Commission

ested in contacting the

Bangladeshi students currently

pursuing higher education

(both undergraduate and post

graduate studies) in the UK.

database of current and poten-

tial experts in the country.

You may always pursue the

matter directly with Mr

Ahsanat the High Commission.

Fear not, I hardly think the

in London, UK. He is inter-

Shabbir A. Bashar

I'm told this

S.Bashar@kcl.ac.uk

Dear SCBites.

to know this. For interested nettors who

> Students in The UK! 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

Mr. Kamrul Ahsan First Secretary

as follows:

Attention All Bangladeshi

Commission for Bangladesh 28 Queens Gate, London SW7

Tel.: 0171 584 0081 Fax: 0171 225 5130

is to maintain some sort of a E - m a i l bdesh.lon@dial.pipex.com http://coel.eee.kcl.ac.uk/usr/s habbir/bd/bdsemb/bdsemb.htm Please circulate this message to all your Bangladeshi colleagues and students who are not on the net.

are curious to go back to some of his posts, please try Dejanews.

Sharif Islam ssislam@mds.qmw.ac.uk

Only last Friday(26/7/96) I received a long posting from Rafi Ahmed, which was extremely scholarly and witty. This moring I was trying to cook up an answer to sound smart and pompous, suddenly this news caught up my eyes. find this news hard to swallow. I am really worring for a person whom I have never seen. wish it was one of his practical jock 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 accross 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 CoastGuard located the body of Rafi Ahmed linna lillahi oa inna ilaihi rajeun]. 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 Web-site: Saleh's http://www4.ncsu.edu/eos/use rs/a/asaleh/WWW/guest/rafi2.h

Our prayers for Rafi's soul and his family.

> M. Rezaul Abid abidmr@tuns.ca Canada:

I live in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. CBC is the National TV here. If you want me to volunteer from this part of the world, consider me in. Let me know, exactly what you intend to do and how are we going to collect the money for such noble endevour?

I will write to you once I our local CBC station.

N.g.:SCB delwar

N.g.: soc.culture.bangladesh Bangladesh: reggen@vicnet.net.au

I have decided to take up a project to develop a 2 minute video on the positive side of

Looking for

volunteers

Sohail Hasnie

Australia:

Bangladesh. The garments. leather, software and other labour intensive industries where Bangladesh has developed a capability in the last 5 years (one minute);

The video will also promote tourism (one minute): There will be a series of five

two-minute clips: and The video will be shown in the National Televisions of the Western countries - USA, Europe, Australia, NewZealand

promote the image of Bangladesh. I NEED HELP, I NEED ONE VOLUNTEERS IN EACH

..... the OECD. The idea is to

COUNTRY/STATE This is a non profit initiative. I need you to respond. This may also be shown in the departure lounges of the Dhaka airport.

Whether you know anybody who will help us to create the Video (I have a relative in BTV who is associated with Rupasi Bangla - he will definitely help)

Please circulate this memo to others who may be inter-

Greetings!

get the price information from

expressed in these columns.

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

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We look forward to your yaluable commenst and suggse-

Andrew Robinson andrew@bangla.net Bangladesh:

is US\$25.-

When I asked The Independent last year if they were interested in publishing postings from SCBers, they said, flatly, no. When I pointed out that Bangladeshis from around the world were engaged in some fascinating public debate, and that perhaps The Independent could use SCB contributors as a source of foreign correspondence, they said, "Why should we? We already subscribe to the New York Times News Service."

Now Beximco's Independent has come to SCB for help -- help on how much money SCBers are willing to give.

Bangladesh should abolish

Most of the vendors in

N.g.: SCB

Sohel Q. Khan

Shimant Manzur

New Zealand:

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author's own as they appear to all receivers of the internet.

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know what Bangladeshis abroad are feeling and saying.

restrictions. It is truly a PEOPLE'S FORUM.

The Internet is a global medium of communication and

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import tax on computer.

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 mixing 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 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

Bangladesh import spare parts

for the desktops, which are

assembled locally. That's prob-

ably why there's no pressure

on the authorities to abolish

tax on desktops. BTW, in case

you're freighting goods to

Bangladesh, I suggest not to

send 'em in unaccompanied

luggage/cargo. Reasons being.

at ZIA they handle delicate

electronic items like brick

pieces (FRAGILE labels don't

make any sense to the labours)

clearing and forwarding agent.

get 58 signatures (yes, 58!)

from various desks at customs

office. I had this nightmarish

experience couple of months

ago, when I freighted my

brother's stereo components

to Dhaka (anyways, that would

be the first and last time I

freight anything to Dhaka).

(Drama Serial) 11:35 Naghmazaar

(Drama Serial) 12:00noon Urdu

Khail 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02

Bismillah 1:15 / Gichain (Drama

Serial) 2:00 Inteha (Drama Serial)

2:50 The Earth Revealed 3:20

Araishi Puday 3:40 Natural World

4:35 How Things Work 5:00 Yeh

Mumk In Hae 5:25 Harnara Sehat

5:55 Kitab Quiz 6:25 Aiou Courses

7:00 Taranum 7:05 Felix The Cat

and you'll need to hire a

N.g.: alt.folklore.science Kenly Uy - MHNG/W94 kuy@acs.ryerson.ca Canada:

Some university profs are notoriously stubborn and wrong. Their status may sometimes make them even arrogant about their wrongs!

James Follett james@marage.demon.co.uk

And not only professors. Edison saw no future in alternating current, and back in the 1950s Britain had an Astronomer Royal who thought that space travel was bunk. Also I believe it was J S Haldane who scoffed at the notion of ball lightning until he experienced it at first hand.

Minimum Mars Crew

N.g.: sci.space.tech zerog@aol.com

The minimum crew size for Mars mission is one. Period Any other questions?

cd skogsberg cd@alfakonsult.se Sweden:

Yeah, what happens if s he

Magnus Redin redin@lysator.liu.se Sweden:

The mission fails and you aunch another one.

Jim McCoy mccoy@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.

The Daily Star reader's Asking

Information on Admissions

N.g.: soc.college Ranjit

Reader, The Daily Star BBA, Chittagong University

Can some one send me info on admission in undergraduate and post graduate courses in BBA, MBA, Finance, Accounting, Management. Thanks in advance.

Ashraf Ali Faruk Reader, The Daily Star DEDO, Dhaka:

I'm a fresh BCS (Custom, Excise & VAT) officer. I'm interested to study International Economics in Post-graduate level at any recognised US University.

InfoCenter@worldnet.att.net USA: Chec out http://www.admazing.com/info -center.

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

COMPUTER TAX

Wednesday 7th August (All programmes are in local may be changes in the progra-

maffa is out to get you !!

BTV.

3:00 Opening Announcement Al-**Quran Programme Summary 3:18** 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 Agami: 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:05 Hijal Tamal 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Nritter Tale Tale 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Chhava Chhande 9:00 Mini Series: Shin Totsukawa Story 10:00 News in English 19:30 Shasthatatha: Health Programme Based on Child & Mother 19:35 Ujibon 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Thursday's programme 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC Newsroom inc. World Report/Asia Today/24 Report/Asia 8:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 Madness 10:00 BBC Newsday 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 Horizon 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Summer Holiday

News 5:10 Newsnight CHANNEL V 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophiya 8:00

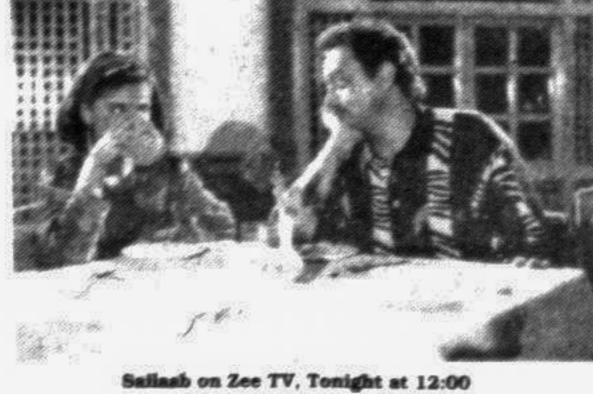
6:30am Voltron 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 Gl Joe



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 Plme Out: Airport 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 White Heat 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out Raymond's Blanc Mange 3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World

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 Sophiya 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Palmolive Extra Time Pass 4:86 Planet Ruby 4:30 By Demand VJ Trey 5:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 6:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 8:00 Planet Ruby 8:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 9:00 Sansuil Mangta Ha 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry 11:08 House Of Noise VJ Luke 12:00mn 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





NYPD Blue on Star Plus, Tonight at 9:30

Black Beauty 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Nanny and the rotessor 10:00 Mr Belvedere 10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 11:00 E! Extreme Close Up Jean-Claude Van Damme 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 5:00 eenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 The Adventures Of Black Beauty 6:90pm 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 12:00mn The Twilight Zone 12:30 The Extraordinary 1:30 Picket Fences 2:30 F Extreme Close Up Jean-Claude Van Damme 3:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:89 Hooperman 4:30 Home And Away 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Gabriefle

Sherrif 8:30 The Adventures Of

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 Semi Finals From Calcutta 6:30 The European Tour Seniors 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 (AXA Equity & Law Sunday League Kent vs. Worcestershire @ Canterbury 3:30 1996 Pre Beach Seccer Tour De Panne, Belgium 4 4:36 Umbro int'l Football First Place Fm Nottingham, UK 5:30 Sports India

STAR MOVIES

Editor.

7:30am Action: The Biggest Battle 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Classic: The Egyptian 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:15 Cornedy: This is My Life 15 Hindi Subtitles) 1:38 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 Movie Show 9:30 Michael Caine Double Bill: Blame It On Rio 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Film Club: (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Malcoln: 18 (Arabic 3:30 Thriller: The Vanishing 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Horror: The Raven 12 (Arabic Subtitles)

ZEE TV

5:38 Sur tal 6:88 The News 6:39 Jagran 7:00 ZED 8:30 Through The Gear 9:00 Helpline 9:38 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 Filmi Chakkar 3:30 Celeste 4:00 Bhajans 4:30 Namaste India 5:00 ZED 5:30 Hum Zameen 6:00 Cartoon 6:30 All Out 7:00 Lijjat Khana Khazana 7:30 Gaane Anjaane 8:00 Rasna Spread Ek Minute 8:30 Mr Minto 9:00 17 Shirley Road 9:30 Banegi April Baat 10:00 Parampara 10:30 The News 11:00 The Dream Merchants 11:30 Aap Ki Adalat 12:00 Sailab 12:30 Campus 1:00 Hasratein 1:30 TBA 2:00 Suno Sune Tring Tring 2:30 TMM 4:00 Parivartan 4:30 Insight 5:00

PTV

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjumal Hamd/Nast 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Mansoobajaat Barai

Khud Kafalat 9:00 Sur Savana & 8:00 Morven Gold Raceday 8:25 Sehra Ka Safar & Sada-E Kasmir Jawan Rang 8:55 PTV Gold 9:00 9:40 Shana Ba Shana 9:50 Aa; Ki Break for Headline News 9:20 Aap Kitaab - Aik Nazm 10:05 Boor Kay Ki Anwar Magsood 10:00 Ladoo 10:30 English Film : Chip Khabarnama & Commercial News And Dale 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Tes Aasmaan 12:00 NYPD 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Ali Baba Blue 12:45 Khas Khabrain /Close

SONY ET

8:30 Rangeela Re 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace

2:30 Closed

10:00 | Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Aaina 11:00 Faaslee 11:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Feature Film 2:30pm Kismat 3:00 Zamin Asman 3:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 4:00 Surf

Wheel Of Fourtune 4:30 Ghaav 5:00 Sunday Ki Sunday 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Mere Message Meri Geet 6:30 Premier 7:00 Dennis The Menace 7:30 | Dream Of Jeannie 8:00 Surf Wheel Of Fortune 8:30 Faasle 9:00 Ghaav 9:30 O'Maria 10:00 Janee Kaha Mera Jigar Gaya Ji 10:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 2:00 Premiere

DD 7

10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Classical Musical 11:00 Folks Song 11:15 Adhunik Gaan 11:30 Classical

Janani 1:30 TBA 2:30 Amake Dekhun 2:30 Parampurush Sri Ramkrishna 5:05 Programme 5:30 News 5:35 Chiching Fank 6:00 Palli Katha 6:30 Jay Jayanti 7:08 Drama: Bhanga Boned 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Viewers Forum 8:20 Light Instrumental 8:30 Darpan 9:00 Janani 9:30 Pratihingsha 10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show: 1:00 Closed

Music 12:30 Chalti Hawa 1:00

EL TV

00:30 Love Love Love 1:30 Kishore Kumar Special 2:30 Ajeeb Dastaan 3:30 Hit Pairs 4:30 11:00 People's Club 11:30 Upanyas 12:00 Amitabh Bachan Special 12:30 Geet Bahar 1:00 Godrei Storwel Filmi Chaat 3:00 Sorry Meri Lorry 3:30 Gambler 4:00 Liberty Public Demand 4:30 Bacche Man Ek 5:30 Sur Surgam 6:30 Intezaar 7:30 Song Yatra 8:10 Haseen Pal 8:30 Teri Bhi Chap Meri Bhi Chup 9:00 Moov Usha Uthup Show 9:30 Wonder Wings Amar Prem 10:00 Top Of The Tops 10:40 Stand By 11:30 Silsila 12:30 Chehre 1:00

Number 1 2:00 Daane Anar Ek

Jazbaat 5:30 Love Love Love

6:30 Kishore Kumar Special 7:30

Jazhaat 8:30 Zandu Balm Dance

Mania 9:30 V3+ 10:30 Karm

7:30 Such Gup 7:45 English News TOM and JERRY



