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intranet?

Unfortunately, many business

leaders are putting their own

interests in front of the coun-

try's, and the government lacks

the necessary power (and

knowledge about the Internet)

to regulate things properly. You

ask, "Why can't all the service

providers in Bangladesh get to-

gether and connect themselves

and make their own world?"

And the answer is, quite sim-

ply, they are are not friends.

They are competitors. They

ing about all this is what may

happen (I'm making a kind of

McLuhian projection here) to

such essential needs as educa-

tion and language. Bangladesh,

after all, fought its liberation

war over the right to communi-

cate in the manner and lan-

guage of its choice. But the

businesses I've encountered

here (and I include some large

NGOs which operate just like

businesses) are more interested

in turning the country's bright

young minds into data-entry

robots for English software and

databanks that will ultimately

serve foreign countries. It's a

shame that Bangladesh, so late

in this information revolution

has not yet developed a stan-

dard bangla language keyboard

profit; interests of the local

software houses and the inabil-

ity of the government to take a

leadership role on this issue are

responsible for this egregious

incompatibility that ultimately

makes it difficult for

Bangladeshis to communicate

over computers in their own

positive note: I've also noticed

that a lot of Bangladeshi expa-triates are very interested in

providing technical assistance

to "the homeland" -- whatever it

Bangladesh seems divided into

a million factions and inter-

ests; but from outside the coun-

try -- as the first US astronauts

single organism. I do think

discovered about our earth --

the Bangladeshi expats are in a

good position to take a leader-

ship role in forcing the country

to operate as a whole, for its

own interests, and not as a con-

like well-trained money-

hounds, follow the whims and

fancies of Silicon Valley.

profiteering fieldoms that

Bangladesh looks like a

within the country

language

requires. From

glomeration of

What I find most discourag-

don't like each other.

Bangladesh

national

Internet vs Intranet

On Line E-mail All other facilities available on the net

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blah, blah, Independence

Day..." Now, this is either

NASA, et al., getting into

staging flashy space explo-

rations to get the public's atten-

tion, or this Martian trip JUST

happens to take place and land

on Mars on Independence day.

jgacker@news.gsfc.nasa.gov

Viking was supposed to land

on July 4th, but concerns about

the landing site delayed the

landing. Note that the launch

window and the transit time

dictate a similar cruise phase

for other Martian missions.

Thus, it's not a surprise that the

next mission will land around

James G. Acker

Charles Cagle

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hokey science projects.

Did Viking land around July

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Bangladesh

Highway Robbery

Nasreen Jahan Reader. The Daily Star Road 8, Banani, Dhaka

One of our state ministers was travelling to Dhaka and his car was stopped by a group of dacoits on the Mymensigh-Dhaka highway. The minister ordered his escort police not to open fire when the miscreants fled away recognizing that the car they stopped belonged to a minister and not to a hapless taxpayer. Let the state minister and the home minis-

ter speak out. We want to know.

Manir Manir@ncds.anu.edu.au Australia:

Opening fire and catching the decoits are not the same thing. Does the Minister have

cal situation obtaining in the fire. If anybody were dead, who knows, it wouldn't be coloured as a killing of opposition political worker.

Congratulations to Mr.Golam Faruk Ovi , MP

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Please accept my feliciatations on your becoming a member of our Jatiya Sangsad. I am really happy that you could beat Mr. Rashed Khan Menon by a wide margin . I hope you will oneday become prime minister of our country. I do not agree with those people who brand you as a former terrorist. What did you do? Can anybody produce any papers to prove that you did anything wrong in your whole life? Some people are so stupid as to link you with the murder of Dr. Milon. You had the magnaminity to ask your associates to place floral wreaths at the site of the proposed memorial dedicated to Dr. Milon. People of Barisal love you. So, do I. Because I know whoever wins a

Mahmood Hassan

election is a national hero.

the legal authority to give orders for fire? He doesn't. In these circumastances, had the minister allowed the police to open fire, there would definitely be some sort of over reaction by the pólice persons and some people could be dead. Unless anybody's life is in danger. opening fire is not allowed by

In the context of the politicountry. I think the State Minister made the right decision by not allowing police to

But I am surprised police , couldn't lock the decoits. Did the Minister ordered the police not even to catch them?

or white, matters little. It is

Mr. Golam Faruk Ovi : Montaz Ali INF Finland:

Difficult to agree. In BD winnig a election needs strong source of Money supply: Black

I heard about and read articles in news papers on the activities of one "OVI" (forgot the full name, sorry) many days ago. He was a brilliant student and was later mis guided by Politicians to join in student politics. Is this "OVI", the same person who won the Election with BNP

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Hé is Golam Faruk (Ovi) who won the recent election in JP's ticket Pushing Menon in the

Saiful Khondaker sik20@cus.cam.ac.uk

with BNP ticket.

Saiful Khondaker

In recent days people are quoting Ittefaq as reference to their analysis. Given the fact that the Editor of Ittefag, Mr Anwar Hossain Monzu is a minister in AL government one

Why should one consider lttefag's report as neutral?

JChowd1155

about it.

impossible for an honest but poor man to win in election in

Yes, this is the same OVI (Full name: Golam Faruk Ovi) who was in ChatraDal and fought for Ershad in 1990. Later he was expelled by Khaleda but welcomed by Hasina. He won MP election with JP ticket not

Ittefaq as News Reference

University of Cambridge

Dear All. can ask the following question: We can have discussion

I think Ittefaque is controlled by Mainul Hossain not by Anwar Hossain

Intranet setup is done, all you need is hook up your server to the Internet once it is available. Why don't we discuss about it

Md. Mohsin Ali

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Bangladesh is trying to be on

the Internet with something .Bd

extension for a long time now.

While this process will take

long time, why not setup

Intranet in Bangladesh. Why

not All the service provider in

Bangladesh get together and

connect themselves and make

their own world. Once all the

Andrew Robinson andrew@bangla.net Bangladesh:

in scb. No flames Please!

Yes, I agree that this is much needed in Bangladesh and want to point out that many people here in Dhaka have been lobbying for quite some time for such a network (you use the relatively recent term "intranet," but it's exactly what people here have been saying for the last four-five years -- an internal "internet," or domestic internet,. or a "Bangladesh-net"). Such a network is simple and cheap -much cheaper than linking to the Internet through VSAT to Hong Kong and Singapore, as the current Internet providers are doing (and making such exhuberant fanfare over).

But I also want to point out that some very large local businesses and businessmen (I won't mention names) are adamantly opposed to such a project, unless they can monopolize it, or a sizable segment of it, and use it to provide data-entry or software development for even larger, more powerful foreign firms. Many people might argue that data-entry and software development are exactly what Bangladesh needs to stimulate its economy, and this may be true, but personally I don't think Bangladesh should sacrifice its ability to communicate within its borders for its ability to export data-processing and software. Such countries as South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia, which have matured around computer technology had one thing that Bangladesh lacks -- a strong communicational infrastructure, developed and operated by iron-fisted leaders and firm-minded telecommunications min-

Can't Bangladesh have both things -- software export and a

istries.

Science & Technology

Apollo 16 Lunar Surface Journal

Reader. The Daily Star

Chandgaon, Chittagong: Does anyone out there know

where I can order a paper copy of the Apollo Lunar Surface Journal? I don't have Web access and in any case want to be able to read it on my lap in the living room.

102752,3377@compuserve.com

The Apollo Lunar Surface Journal is an annotated tran-

script of radio trafic recorded during the lunar surface operations conducted during the six successful landing missions. The Journal contains extensive commentary by ten of the twelve moonwalkers.

Text covering the Apollo 16 landing and activities done inside the LM prior to the first rest period will be available at http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office /pao/History/alsj/ on either Monday August 5 or on Tuesday.

Life on Mars

Chuck Buckley Country unknown:

The goal at this point is to go to Mars for many people. The area lacking is in the coordination of effort towards that goal. It is lacking in getting more of the public to buy into the idea.

There is not going to be much in the technology side of the conferences, but there are areas where tremendous strides can be made. Effort should be made. in making those strides. A yearly conference could keep people familiar with what other groups are doing, and give crossfeed on what works and does not work.

Stephen D. Schaper Country unknown:

But I'll end this post on a-A good movie, with very good fx and a good story line glorifying going to and settling Mars might be very helpful.

> Daniel Phillips phillips@dowco.com

That's exactly what I'm doing, except It's not a movie, its a 3D game. It's a few years (20) after the first missions. And it has lots of shooting (well, it's not going to do any good if it isn't popular, is it?). I'm here on this newsgroup to try and improve the quality of the technology part of the story.

Hyttinen Ari h151314@cs.tut.ft Finland:

I started wondering why not

send a one way mission as the first manned step, I think you could find enough suitable people to choose from who would be ready to start a new life on

Danny Fagandini daaf@cerium.demon.co.uk

That's how the British got started in Australia.... they found quite a few suitable people beginning 200 years ago. The outward, then, journey took about as long as will a trip to Mars.

It fits. Just a thought.

Frank Crary fcrary@rintintin.Colorado.ED USA:

Yes. The launch windows favor that. If you use a minimum energy for near minimum energy) trajectory, you arrive a few weeks before the return launch window opens.

Daniel Phillips phillips@dowco.com

Most missions to Mars seem to have taken about 11 months in transit. I assume that a closeto-minimum energy path was taken in each case. But to ship a person, does it not make sense to use a lot more energy and get the job done faster?

Specifically, what would the typical transit time be for energy paths 2X, 5X and 10X the minimum?

Science & Technology

Clinton and Mars

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Clinton of course is capable of anything, though it would be strange for him to be in favor of sending people to Mars when he cancelled the Space Exploration Initiative.

Geoffrey A. Landis geoffrey.landis@lerc.nasa.gov

Say what? SEI was cancelled by Congress, and dead as a doornail well before the 1992 elections, back when Clinton was just some ex-governor in an unimportant state down south.

Eric Manshun Choi Country unknown:

It's interesting that his proposed space summit, chaired by VP Al Gore, is scheduled to take place in November -- AFTER the election. Daniel

dhilbu l@umbc.edu USA:

Fraering Philip G

pgf9240@ucs.usl.edu

You know what sounds bogus to me, was President Clinton announcing the next Martian explorer, which is to land "blah,

say it's an adequate answer to

Nothing there but a bunch of

I think you'll run into prob-

lems with what the temperature

cycling on the moon does to the

volatiles in the average mi-

Walk to the Asteroids crometeorite powder that sur

That's exactly what it is. It

is an attempt to rouse the

gullible public to pay for more

vives impacts. Eric Andrew Sonstroem 'Go to the Moon, walk to the sonstroe@ezinfo.ucs.indiana.edu Asteroids'. Well not quite, but I

USA: Micrometorites, sure. But

what about bigger ones that get buried? As I understand it. once you get a few meters underground, the temp is pretty con-

The gravity of light from a distant star.

Richard Hull rickhull@netrix.net

Light is bent by gravity. which was the basic element of Einstein's 1905 special theory of relativity. He saw it as gravity curving space, with the light believing it was traveling in a straight line. His formula was confirmed experimentally

during an eclipse, when it was

proven the sun could bend rays

Henry Spencer henry@zoo.toronto.edu Canada:

Actually, even Newtonian mechanics predicts some degree of bending due to the Sun's gravity. General relativity -- which is, by the way, the theory in question, special relativity having nothing to say about gravity -- predicts *more* bend-

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Wednesday 21st August

(All programmes are in local programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement Al **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 Agams 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:05 Unmesh 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Nriter Tale Tale 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Album 9:00 Mini Series: Shin Totsukawa Story 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shasthatatha: Health Programme Based on Child & Mother 10:35 Protyasher Alo 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 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: Building Sights 4:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:00pm BBC World News 6:15 Pangrama 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia & Pacific 8:36 Time Out: Airport 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 Madness 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld 11:90 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 3:90 BBC World inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:90 BBC World News 5:10 Newsnight

CHANNEL V

6:30am frame by frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophiya 8:00 Jump Start VJ Trey 9:00 Frame by Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luke 12:00 By Rewind VWJ Sophiya 1:90 By Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Frame by Frame 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 Sephiya 6:38 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 8:00 Planet Ruby 9:00 The Vibe VJ Luke 9:30 Sansul Mangta Har 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 House Of Noise V.J. Luke 12:00mm Big Bang VJ Alessandra 1:00 Haysah 2:00 By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 V Spot 5:30 Speak Easy

STAR PLUS

6:30am Voltron 7:00 Teenage

Mutant Ninia Turtles 7:30 Gl Joe

8:00 Saber Rider and The Star Sherrif 8:30 The Adventures Of Black Beauty 9:00 Aerobics Oz 10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 11:00 E! Extreme Close Up Liv Tyler 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 .E! Extreme Close Up Liv Tyler 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 12:00mn The Rock from the Sun 12:30 The Extraordinary 1:30 Picket Fences 2:30 E! Extreme Close Up Liv Tyler 3:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:00 Hooperman 4:30 Home And Away 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Gabrielle

STAR Sports 6:30am 1996 Pro Beach Soccer



Planet Ruby on Channel V, Today at 4:00 pm

Rotterdam, Holland 7:30 World Superbike Championship 1996 Indonesian Grand Prix Fm Sentual Indonesia 9:30 Canadian Open Final 11:30 Lombard U15 World Headingley, UK Via Sky 2nd Semi Final 4:30 1996 Pro Beach Soccer nternational Motorsports News-Chemapol Trophy Czeckh Open H/t 8:30 This is The PGA Tour 9:30 Bud Pro Surf 19:30 The Asian Football Show 11:30 Inside PG/ Tour 12:00 '96 Marlboro Asia Pacific Rd Racing Champ Rd1 Motorcycle Championship Czech 2:30 Prime Boxing Bernard Hopkins vs TBA 4:30 Trans World Sport 5:30 This is The PGA Tour

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Classic : The Robe PG (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Classic Demetrius And The Gladiators 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Western The Fiend Who Walked The West 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Comedy This is My Life 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Comedy The General PF (Silent) 5:30 Family The Casebook of Charlotte Holmes PG (Hindi Subtitles) 7:00 The Preview Prelude to a Kess 15 (Hinds Miami Blues 18 (Hindi Subtitles Crimes & 18 Subtitles) 1:38 Film Club . Prince of Pennsyvania 18 (Arabic 5.30 Musical Five Heartbeats 18 Arabic Subtitles

ZEE CINEMA

5:30 Sur tal 6:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 ZED 8:30 Through Gears 9:00 Helpline 9:30 Anjaane 10:00 Lakme Khubsurat 10:30 No Problem 11:00 Manasi 11:30 Hum Paanch 12:00 Sur Taal 12:30 Tanaay 1:00 ZED 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Film Chakkar 3:30 Celeste 4:00 Bhajans 4:30 Namaste India 5:00 ZED 5:30 Hum Zameen 6:00 Cartoon 6:38 All Out For No Loss 7:00 Lust Khana Khazana 7:30 Gaane Anjaane 8:00 Rasna Spread Ek Minute 8:30 Mr Minto 9:00 1 Shirley Road 9:30 Banegi April Baat 10:00 Parampara 10:30 The News 11:00 The Dream Merchants 11:30 Aap Kr Adalat 12:00 Sailab 12:30 Campus 1:00 Hasratein 1:30 TBA 2:00 Suno Suno Tring Tring 2:30 TMM 4:00 Parivartan 4:30 Insight 5:00

PTV

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjumal Hamd/Nast 9:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Mansoobajaat Barai Khud Kafalat 9:00 Sur Savana & Sehra Ka Safar & Sada-E-Kasmir 9:40 Shana Ba Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab + Aik Nazm 10:05 Boor Kay Lados 10:30 English Film : Chip And Dale 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Ali Baba (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 3:48 Natural World 4:35 How Things Work 5:00 Yeh Mumk In Hae 5:25 Hamara Sehat 5:55 Kitab Quiz 6:25 Aiou Courses 7:00 Taranum 7:05 Felix The Cat 7:38 Such Gup 7:45 English News 8:00 Morven Gold Raceday 8:25 Jawan Rang 8:55 PTV Gold 9:00

Break for Headline News 9:20 Aap

11:00 Tes Aasmaan 12:00 NYPD Blue 12:45 Khas Khabrain /Close

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8:30 Rangeeta Re 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 | Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Aama 11:00 Faaslee 11:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Feature Film 2:30pm Kisinat 3:00 Zamin Asman 3:30 Mere Message Men Geet 4:00 Surf Wheel Of Fourtune 4:30 Ghaav 5:00 Sunday Ki Sunday 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Mere Message

Prime-Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 2:00 Premiere 2.30 Closed DD 7

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Fortune 8:30 Faasle 9:00 Ghaav

9:30 O'Maria 10:00 Janee Kaha

Mera Jigar Gaya Ji 10:30 Cine

10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Classical Music 11.00 Falks Song 11:15 Adhunik Gaan 11:30 Classical Music 12:30 Chalti Hawa 1:08 Janani 1:30 TBA 2:30 Amake

5:05 Programme 5:30 News 6:30 Jay Jayanti 7:00 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

EL TV

00:30 Love Love Love 1:30 Kishore Kumar Special 2:30 Ajeeb Dastaan 3:30 Hit Pairs 4:30 Jazhaat 5:30 Love Love Love 6:30 Kishore Kumar Special 7:30

Jazbaat 10:30 Zandu Balm Dance Mania 11:00 V3+ 11:30 Karm 12:00 People's Club 12:30 Upanyas 1:00 Amitabh Bachan Special 2:00 Geet Bahar 3:00 Godrey Storwel Filmi Chaat 3:30 Sorry Meri Lorry 4:00 Gambler 4:30 Liberty Public Demand 5:30 Bacche Man Ke 6:30 Sur Surgam 7:30 Intezaar 8:00 Song Yatra 8:20 Haseen Pal 8:30 Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup 9:00 Moov Usha Uthup Show 9:30 Wonder Wings Amar Prem 10:00 Top Of The Tops 10:30 Stand By 10:40 Silsila 11:00 Chehre 11:30 Number 1 12:00 Daane Anar Ke

Ajeeb Dastaan 8:30 Hit Pairs 9:30

ZEE TV 6:30 Tarana 7:00 TBA 9:00 Masti Magic 9:30 Romance (Kumar Gauray, Poonam

12:15 Filmi Chakkar 12:30 Mama Bhanja (Shammi Kappor, Randhir K) 3:15 Songs 3:45 Naram Garam (Amol Palekar Swarpop Sampat.) 6:30 Sonva Pinjra (Bhojpuri) 9:15 Songs 10:00 Arth (Shabana, Smita, Kulbushant, 12:45 Qurbani Rang Layagi (Sanjay Dutt, Ponnam Dhillon) 3:30 Aai Anadi Kal Khiladi 4:00 Sambandh (Deb Mukherjee, Sedhana)

Dekhun 3:30 Parampurush Sri

TOM and JERRY

James Bond

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