

Bangladesh

Congratulations to Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju

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Vietnam:

On behalf of the people of Rajapur in the district of Jhalakathi and on my own behalf may I convey our heartfelt felicitations on your becoming a veteran member of our Jatiya

Sangsad and as well as the Cabinet Minister. I am really happy that you could beat Major (Retd) Shajahan Omar by a wide margin and now you are the Communication Minister of Bangladesh. It is you, who is the first Minister of Bangladesh from Rajapur territory. I wish Your long life, good health and happiness.

Sunderban in Danger of Disappearing

M. Hasan
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It is believed that at its current rate of destruction, Sunderban, the home of Royal Bengal Tiger and thousands of other species of flora and fauna will disappear in about another 75 years from now. Without this vast forest the ecological balance will also collapse in the tiny land of Bangladesh.

No department of the government so far has been able to

give full protection to the dwindling forest from all sorts of pirates. We trust that the present and future governments will deploy significant number of army units in Sunderban permanently for at least coming 50 years until the character of unscrupulous people improves.

If any government and its army cannot protect a forest in its own territory anywhere in the world then how the people can expect they are capable of protecting their country!

Eduploitation in Bangladesh

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Exploitation in the field of education is rampant in Bangladesh. Three areas could be identified where the exploitation is at work: I. Private tuition by the school and college teachers to maximize their economic gains while they spoon-feed the students; II. Private Universities extorting exorbitant sum of money from the affluent few in the name of offering higher education; and III. Political parties exploiting the students to destabilize the nation for political unrest and promoting criminal

activities in the campus. What are the outcomes of these exploitative activities? Who are the winners? Who are the losers? Are there any solutions to these monumental problems? Let us hear from you. While discussing, keep the focus on the issues, do not name any person, university, or political party while discussing the issues. Most importantly, let us not become tangled in personal feud. Also, refrain from use of abusive language. Show the rest of the world -- Bangladeshis can discuss important issues confronting their motherland in a astute and civil manner.

The Right of Recall

Shahrukh Sohail
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Shamoli, Dhaka:

Being inducted on power Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had announced that no minister or MP of her own party should be spared for being corrupt and even her student wing should not be spared for violence and terrorism. It's a welcome step no matter how noble her intention. But we observe some contradictions in

government activities. Some BNP backed Jatiatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders have been held from DU campus due to violence while AL backed Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders have been exempted from the same reason as if they are innocent.

So, unless she takes strong measures to fulfilling her commitment to the people she will lose peoples confidence. Because, history repeat itself.

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Filmmaker Wanted

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I'm looking for a professional, female, english/bangla speaking (documentary) filmmaker (who lives in Dhaka or nearby), to work with me. If you are not the person I'm looking for, do you have sisters or relatives to work with me? Working experiences with rural people and pref. some NGO is benefit. Please, reply - @ mail, letter or telefax. I'll come to Bangladesh during this autumn and we can discuss more. Fax: +358-9-191 23006
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Book Published

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A book called "High

Performance Computer Imaging", written by yours truly, a fellow Bangladeshi, has just been published jointly by Manning and Prentice Hall. More information including table of contents and a sample chapter can be found at <http://www.browsebooks.com/Kabir/index.html>

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Congratulations!!!

Need Bangla Software

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hello netters:
I need a bangla word processing software. Windows 95 compatible if possible. If you have any recommendations, name & address of vendor, price, etc. I would really appreciate the info.

Astrology

Heads full of stars

Paul Fletcher
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Canada:

Public affairs predictions that I have done successfully: That when Mars and Venus get to 25 degrees Cancer there will be fiery news to do with airplanes. Previously TWA flight 800 went down as the Sun transited that degree in opposition to Uranus and Neptune. This time it was 30 cruise missiles from U.S. planes in Iraq. Last time when the TWA flight went down I predicted another explosive event for the U.S. when the Sun went on to oppose Uranus directly at 1 degree of Leo. A news-making bomb did go off on my predicted schedule in Atlanta at the Olympics. (Lots of other documentation on how I got these predictions available for those who are serious). This time we will wait for Mars/Venus to move to that next transit degree of the Atlanta disaster which will happen around Sept. 11 as it takes longer for Mars and Venus to travel there

than the Sun. I don't make 500 predictions a day. I make predictions rarely. However, I have an excellent hit rating.

Astrology and Mankind

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Answer a single simple question to irrefutably demonstrate astrology's validity. What has astrology provided mankind over its long period of practice?

Kevin Ehmke
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The short answer to this question is that astrology, through disciplined study, provides ever increasing levels of awareness of one's life process. This produces concrete results of greater health, inner peace, more satisfying relationships, ever expanding perceptual insights, greater levels of self-autonomy and heightened attainment to one's day to day energetic opportunities. It's truly an amazing vehicle for self-discovery and personal growth.

Science

Dolphins Assisted Therapy

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Psychological therapy can be improved by the involvement of dolphins, which can be useful to heal mental illnesses. A few experiments have been conducted in different part of the world and it seemed to conduct to a real an efficient success...

However, this "new" therapy has to be improved to become a general way of healing people.

Frank Heasley
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Consider the following:

A mole of water, 18 grams, contains Avogadro's number of molecules: 6.02×10^{23} . Thus, in a glass of water, around 250 ml, you have more molecules than all of the oceans and the polar caps combined have glasses of water.

Now consider that the average human weighs approximately 75kg, and is around 90% water. Clearly, the number of molecules of water in one human is also larger than the number of cups of water, if you could sort them out and label them, you would find at least one molecule of water that once occupied the body of every human that ever lived. I doubt that water remembers where it's been, but it's something to think about.

FUSION OR FISSION

unknown:

As someone has pointed out, Orion would only be used for interplanetary travel, and you wouldn't want to start operating this thing before you're well away from LEO, in which case you are going to need an auxiliary propulsion system (chemical or nuclear) for planetary orbit/deorbit maneuvers.

386-25 too slow for W95?

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I put it on my 386SX-25 with 4 meg of ram. It's a little slow but it works. I plan on upgrading the memory to 8 meg soon and it will work faster.

John Michael Patakas
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USA:

Win95 only goes as slow as the software you put on it. I run it on a 486sx/25 with 12 megs of ram, other than the 2 1/2 - 3 minute boot time, it runs actually quicker than it did with 3.11. I know it's due to the 90% 32-bit architecture, but it really does work great on here. I'm serious when I say this and I stand by it with my friends computer, that my friends 486dx/66 with also 12 megs runs at closely the same speed with mine, if not faster. not to say his computer is slow, but mine loads programs just about the same time. microsoft did something right when they made win95.

The memory of water

Daniel Alexander
Country unknown

A friend of mine saw a documentary on this and asked me to find out something about it...I was rudely sceptical, but does anyone know where I can find something to put his mind at rest?

College Education

Extracurricular Activities

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The true spirit of learning embodies teaching as well -- helping friends, learning from other students, discussing and debating things with colleagues. Extracurricular activities provide a chance for students to do all of these. They do not replace the curriculum, and if a student's priorities are right, they don't necessarily even distract from the curriculum; instead, they complement it, providing opportunities for students to learn and teach.

Raanmed
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USA:

I apologize for not catching the beginning of this thread, but I think we're in danger of forgetting something here. Extracurricular activities are not meant to be another burdensome requirement. Admissions officers want to know what you do with your time when the choice is entirely yours. Are you passionate about something, anything? College offers you the freedom to pursue many kinds of

dreams and they want to know how you would react to that degree of freedom. Paddling your application with a lot of meaningless activities is sure to convey the wrong impression, including the possibility that you're just a cynical brown-noser who simply tells people what you think they want to hear.

Naomi Zikmund-Fisher
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USA:

If you hire only people who got good grades and had no other activities, you will be hiring a singularly uncreative, unimaginative work force. Extracurriculars are important not in and of themselves (I agree, you don't have to play golf well to be an accountant) but because they broaden horizons and perspectives and enable you to see the world and your job in different ways.

When Does One Use the Title "Doctor"?

Stan Horvitz
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My experience is that most people with any doctoral-level degree like to be called Dr. or maybe "professor" by their students. My experience is that earning a Ph.D. is damned hard work and those who manage to get through the process deserve to be called "doctor" if they so desire.

Randal D. Banks
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USA:

Having just completed that damned hard work, I'd also like to be called "Doctor." However, as long as I must serve out my remaining months of indentured servitude with the Air Force, I guess the title of "Master Sergeant" will have to do. Just wanted to lighten up this very interesting discussion!

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 11th September
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

BT/

3:00 Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary
3:15 Recitation from the Geeta
3:15 Rerelease of Selected Programme 4:00 News in Bangla
4:15 Sports Programme 4:45 Tagore Songs 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Moner Kaha 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:55 Hiji Tamal 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Sangbad Porikrama 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Band Show 9:00 Mini Series: Shin Totokawa Story 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shashatatha: Health

BBC

6:00am BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 BBC Global Report: USA 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Jeremy Clarkson's Motor World 11:00 The World Today 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 White Heat 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Far Man in France 3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Newsnight

port 7:30 BBC Newsroom Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time Out: Airport 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 BBC Global Report: USA 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Jeremy Clarkson's Motor World 11:00 The World Today 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 White Heat 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Far Man in France 3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Newsnight

CHANNEL V

6:30am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophie 8:00 Jump Start VJ Trey 9:00 Frame by Frame 11:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 12:30 By Demand VJ Trey 1:30 Rewind VJ Sophie 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 Sophie 6:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 6:30 Planet Ruby 9:00 The Vibe 9:30 Sansa Mangta Hai 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 House Of Noise VJ Luke 12:00am 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 Voltorn 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 GI Joe 8:00 Saber Rider and the Star Sherif 8:30 The New Adventures of Black Beauty 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Charles in Charge 10:00 Mr Belvedere 10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 11:00 El TV 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 TV 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 The New 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 Third Rock from the Sun 12:30 The Extraordinary 1:30 Picket Fences 2:30 El TV 3:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:00 Hoopman 4:30 Home And



NYPD Blue on Star Plus, Tonight at 9:30.

Away 5:00 The Sullivan 5:30 Gabrelle

STAR Sports

6:00am World Superbike Championship 1996 From Assen, Netherlands 8:00 Tiger Cup 1996 Group B Malaysia vs Brunei From Nat. Stadium 9:30 Sports India 11:00 Indonesian Open Semi Finals 2:30 Spanish Football League H/L 3:00 Sports India 4:00 Kent Beach Volleyball 4 Man Fm Hong Kong 5:00 World Cup Classic Matches Argentina v Peru 1978 7:00 Same Day Delay Tiger Cup 1996 Group A Indonesia vs Vietnam From Jurong 9:00 Prime Boxing Carnation vs Martinez 11:00 The European Tour Canon European Masters H/L 12:30 Cricket '96 Sunday League 5:00 The Asian Football Show

STAR MOVIES

7:30am World Cinema: La Charnie Discret De La Bourgeoisie 15 (English Subtitles) 8:30 Western: The Daughters Of Joshua Cabe Return 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Adventure: Robin Hood: The Movie 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Comedy: Heavenly Pursuits 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Adventure: Slipstream 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Comedy: Father And

Hasratini 1:30 Aap Ki Pasand 2:00 Arabic Programme 2:30 TMM 4:00 Parvartan 4:30 Insight 5:00 Jagran

PTV

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Mansobajal Barai Khud Kalaal 9:00 Sur Savaria & Sehra Ka Safar & Sada-E-Kasim 9:40 Shana Ba Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab-Ak Nazm 10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo

SONY ET

10:30 English Film: Chip And Dale 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Ali Baba (Drama Serial) 11:35 Naghmaazar (Drama Serial) 12:00am Urdu Khali 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Gichan (Drama Serial) 2:00 Inteha (Drama Serial) 2:50 The Earth Revealed

DD 7

8:30 Rangela Re 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune 11:00 Faasle 12:45 Khas Khabrain /Close down

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Speak Easy: Pete Andre on Channel V