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LIVE FROM THE INTERNET

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Bangladesh

Congratualtions to Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju

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Vietnam:

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

Sunderban in Danger of Disappearing

M. Hasan
Reader, The Daily Star
Dhanmondi, Dhaka:

It is believed that at its current rate of destruction, Sunderban, the home of Royal Bengal Tiger and thousands of other species of fauna and flora 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-fed 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 gainers? 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 usage 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 Sohel
Reader, The Daily Star
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 Jatiabadi Chhatra 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 they are innocent.

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

The Daily Star invites its readers to participate in the following Internet discussion groups by sending or faxing Internet posts to: M. Shamimuzzaman, Page-in-Charge, "Live from the Internet", The Daily Star, House # 11, Road # 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205. We will mail your letters to the Internet and responses will be published the following week. Letters should be titled and be no more than 100 words.

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Filmmaker Wanted

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I'm looking for a professional, female, english/bangla speaking (document)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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