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## Bangladesh

### Power Supply in Bangladesh

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The paper said Bangladesh officials feared a severe power shortfall of up to 450 megawatts in peak hours by next year. It did not give the present rate of power shortfall in the country. Power plants in Bangladesh generate a maximum 1,800 megawatt against their installed capacity of 2,800 megawatt because some of the plants are old-fashioned, the paper said. The officials said Bangladesh is opening up its power generation sector to private investment to meet the growing demand.

Bangladesh not only has the "talent" (whatever that means) to develop power stations, but also has power stations which are run by Bangladeshis. Bangladesh can further develop its power sector by building more power stations (with some help from western/Japanese investment and technical expertise), buying power from neighbouring India, or doing both. Economics, not political considerations, should decide the best option, or the best combination of options, to be chosen.

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Australia:

Seems to me that this is such a critical area for development that all available resources - and those taken from other sectors if necessary - need to be put into establishing an effective power generating system within Bd. What is the best option for Bd in that sense? Natural gas fired? Hydro seems likely not to generate enough. The cost of building transmission lines from Nepal across Indian territory would be better invested in something to be built in Bd - more jobs for Bangladeshis, more security in the system, more common sense. And people have got to "pay" for the power they use. Too many are using free electricity (free except for the bribe anyway). The legitimate consumers are then the ones who pick up the tab.

This is really an area that you technically minded deshis in the US and elsewhere can contribute to. All the energies I have seen poured into discussing internet connections to Bd seem to have little meaning if you have dozens of power blackouts right in the middle of it all.

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As far as I remember from the PDB report, Bangladesh still has some untrapped hydro power in the Sangu river in CTG which can be tapped. There was some survey in pre liberation time, by a british company on it's feasibility. The other prospect that sounded interesting to me was the micro hydro project modelled on the chinese technology that could produce a fractional megawatt of power and was very cheap.

But both these approach will not provide adequate power in the 21 century. Also the East West interconnector has approached maximum capacity or will do so in the very near future. We will need another interconnector very soon or upgrade the voltage level on the existing tie if we are to maintain power supply at an adequate level to the western region. Already the voltage support on the western region is very poor.

Another problem is that the fertilizer companies are absorbing huge amount of gas and the gas pressure at the power station has dropped dramatically especially at Ashuganj further compounding the problems in the power generation.

As far as buying power from the neighbour, Dr Zaman may note that power is a priority sector that is as important as defence. More goes into planning for power sectors than mere economics although economics plays a big role in it. It's geographical location as well as logistics play an important part in the decision of power plant implementation.

### Hasina's Trip

A R Choudhury  
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(In reply to Imran Ispahani's post)

Hasina will visit all the possible spots of universe if time permits. Within couple of months of attaining power, she'd already covered a few spots. Next couple of months' (Oct & Nov) visits (USA & Italy) have been made public. Our PM makes foreign trips as frequently as possible, so that by end of the tenure she can cover all the desired spots of the world with huge entourage of favourites at exchequer's cost. PM's secretary, Mr. Mohiuddin Alamgir is reliable source of PM's future visits' details.

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.

### Bangladesh By-election

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When BNP was in power they requested to the Awami League to go to court over the Magura by-election. They didn't. When the Awami L. is in power, why does the BNP not go to court if they don't like the result? Doesn't any politician in Bangladesh trust the courts?

Wasif Sattar  
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KSA:

The problem in our culture is that we are unable to tolerate any judgement that is not in our favor. When one goes to a court to settle a dispute, he goes with the agreement that he will accept whatever the judge rules. It is implicit that even if the outcome is the opposite of what he expected, he will honor it. This does not hold good in the culture of Bangladesh politics. The sure shot means of turning events in one's favor is to start an agitation. We have seen in the past that agitations/hartals / bus-burning / destruction of public property (bhanga-chours) generally end up turning the situation in the agitators favor no matter if the grievances are just or unjust.

If the BNP thinks that in some constituencies the by-elections were rigged the proper forum to approach would be the court. But making a big noise and starting an Andolon mimicking the pre-election AL is a surer way to overturn the by-election results.

### Contact Needed

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I would like to get in touch with garments manufacturers in Bangladesh. Please e mail to SomyZReza@aol.com

### Travel to Sylhet

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I am planning a trip to Sylhet in Bangladesh and was wondering if anybody could recommend any hotels either in Sylhet itself or in Sylhet district? I'm also interested in the history of the region if anybody has any information?

### Cyberspace

#### Internet Copycast Dodge Through Cyberspace Loopholes

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Playboy magazine, Winnie the Pooh and the Church of Scientology may seem an unlikely trio. But the information age has brought them together on a cyberspace battleground.

At issues is the thorny question of copyright on the internet computer link-up, the Internet.

The problem for publishers, including those responsible for the children's Pooh books, Scientology treatises and Playboy pin-ups, is the Internet's capacity to make endless copies of pictures and text at virtually no expense or effort.

The result is that items usually protected under copyright and intellectual property laws are being reproduced and transmitted by Internet users.

Playboy, for example, discovered that students at a dozen United States universities were scanning pictures of centre-fold pin-ups onto the World Wide Web segment of the Internet for the benefit of all who wanted to ogle without buying the magazine.

Similarly, the New York publishers of AA Milne's Pooh stories found "Home pages" - electronic sites usually introducing an index to a range of topics - making use of illustrations of the lovable bear.

One of the most significant disputes, however, is the long-running battle between the controversial Church of Scientology and critics posting its secret writings on the Net.

The 42-year-old church - accused by some of brainwashing and exploiting its members - considers these writings so sacred that only adherents who have spent thousands of dollars on spiritual training sessions are supposed to read them.

Church doctrine gives warning that viewing the documents without the necessary preparation could cause illness or death.

Despite this, Internet users are disseminating the work of the late Scientology founder, L. Ron Hubbard, a science fiction writer whose followers believe

his theories about reincarnation and exiled galactic spirits can heal many ills.

Numerous electronic discussion groups and at least one electronic magazine, Scamizdat, grew out of the original Scientology news group (Usenet address: alt.religion.scientology), with "publishers" posting material that had become part of the public record in a Los Angeles trial involving the church.

The Scientologists who risked losing large sums of money if their expensive texts were freely available - retaliated by claiming breach of copyright. In 1995, a Scientology lawyer sparked an electronic war when she tried to delete an Internet discussion group, claiming it violated the church's right to the word "scientology."

Angry Internet users saw this as a threat to free speech and an on-line onslaught ensued, in which hackers from both sides deleted each other's postings and flooded news groups with electronic junk mail. The church established its own Web site (http://WWW.scientology.org) containing more than 30,000 pages in five languages and a sound clip of a performance by Scientology actor John Travolta.

Off-line, the church pursued various legal actions. It sued the Washington Post and two journalists for quoting 46 words of the secret writings in a report about the dispute and tried to force companies providing Internet access into stopping subscribers from reproducing

the material.

In August, a branch of the church reached an out-of-court settlement with an Internet provider in which the company agreed not to allow its clients to use its services to unlawfully distribute the intellectual property of others.

The case has highlighted some of the problem of enforcing trademark law on the Internet.

It remains unclear, for example, who, if anyone, is responsible for material posted in a cyberspace without frontiers. While Internet activists protest at attempts to make service providers censor items, publishers are pressing the US Congress to change copyright laws so that digital transmission can be defined as a form of publication and commercial copies can be prosecuted.

Critics say that current legislative proposals on these lines are written so narrowly they could affect scientists doing research on the Internet.

For the moment, the law remains unclear. While copyright law usually requires holders to defend protected material or risk losing their rights, there is uncertainty about material used for non-commercial purposes.

Last year, a Boston judge threw out a case against a student who ran a bulletin board for users to duplicate copyrighted software on the grounds that the student was not making any money.

The definitive case has yet to be heard.

Meanwhile, Dutton Children's Books, the New York publishers of Winnie the Pooh, have stopped a student using a picture of the bear on his home page. Playboy complained to officials at the universities attended by students putting out its pictures; and lawyers for Elvis Presley Enterprises have ordered a fan to remove photographs she had scanned from postcards of the late rock 'n' roll star's Graceland home.

"To lose control over the material," says Playboy Enterprises vice-president Eileen Kent, "can be death."

### Fun! No comment

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On the topic of lung, reminded of a great quote: 'Humayun Ahmed er boi-gulo lung' r motho. Eta porthe bhari aram. kinthu eta pore baire jaowa jai na!'

## The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 25th September  
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

**BTV**  
3:00 Opening Announcement  
Al-Quran Programme Summary  
3:15 Rerecast of Selected Programme  
4:00 News in Bangla  
4:15 Sports Programme  
4:45 Tagore Songs 5:00 News in Bangla  
5:25 Sabar Saathi  
6:00pm News in Bangla  
6:05 Nibedon  
7:00 The News  
7:05 Open University  
7:25 Biswa Parkrama  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Band Show  
9:00 Mini Series: Shin Totsukawa  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Shashatatha: Health Programme based on Child & Mother  
10:35 Rangdhanu  
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  
9:05 Timewatch  
10:00 BBC Newsday  
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: Film '96  
4:00 BBC Newsday  
5:00pm BBC World News  
6:15 Panorama  
7:00 BBC World News  
7:15 World Business Report  
7:30 BBC Newshour  
8:30 Time Out: The Clothes Show  
9:00 BBC World Headlines  
9:05 Timewatch  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 Time Out: Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld  
11:00 The World Today  
1:00 BBC World Headlines  
1:05 White Heat  
2:00 BBC World News  
2:30 Time Out: Fat Man in France  
3:00 BBC World Report  
4:00 World Business Report/24 Hours  
5:00 BBC World News  
5:10 Newshour

**CHANNEL V**  
6:30am Frame by Frame  
7:00 Rewind  
7:30 VJ Sophiya  
8:00 Jump Start  
8:30 VJ Trei  
9:00 Frame by Frame  
11:00 The Vibe  
12:00 Rewind  
12:30 VJ Sophiya  
12:30 By Demand  
12:30 VJ Trei  
2:00 Frame by Frame  
2:30

**STAR Sports**  
6:00am 1996 Men's Jr Championship 2nd Semi Final  
7:30 This is the PGA Tour  
9:00 Hampton Classic  
9:30 Marlboro League  
9:30 Chinese National Football League  
Dalian vs Guangdong  
11:30 Kent Beach Volleyball  
4 Man Fm Hong Kong  
12:30 Omega Sailing Magazine  
1:30 Trans World Sport  
2:30 Bud Pro Surf Tour  
3:30 The Asian Football Show  
4:30 Sports India  
5:30 International Motorsports News  
6:30 World Windsurfing  
H/L 7:00 NBA Fantastic  
7:30 1996 Men's Jr Championship  
3/4 Place Playoff  
9:00 Omega Sailing Magazine  
10:00 Poonawalla Astonish Million  
10:30 Spanish Football League  
HL11:00 The European Tour  
Loch Lomond World Invitation  
HL 12:00 World Watersports  
World 1:00 NBA Fantastic  
1:30 Hampton Classic  
2:00 Prime Boxing Fight  
TBC  
4:30 World Windsurfing  
H/L 5:00 international Motorsports News

**STAR MOVIES**  
7:30am Thriller: When The Bough Breaks  
15 (Arabic Subtitles)  
9:30 Film Club: Obsession

**SONY ET**  
8:30 Rangela Re  
9:00 The Three Stooges  
9:30 Dennis The Menace  
10:00 Dream Of Jeannie  
10:30 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune  
2:00 Premiere  
2:30 Pecharan  
12:00 The Nirlep Rasoi Show  
12:30 Aahat  
1:00 Hamse Barker  
Goong  
2:30pm Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature  
Film 5:00 Sunday Kid  
Sunday 5:30 The Three Stooges  
6:00 Mere Message Men  
Geet  
6:30 Dennis The Menace  
7:00 Premier  
7:30 Dream Of Jeannie  
8:00 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune  
8:30 Faasle  
9:00 Boogy Woogy  
9:30 Anarhi (Serial)  
10:00 Baat Ek Raaz Ki  
10:30 O'Maria (Comedy serial)

**DD 7**  
10:30 Janmadin  
10:35 Classical Music  
11:00 Folk Song  
11:15 Adhunik Gaan  
11:30 Classical Music  
12:30 Chalti Kacha  
1:00 Janani  
1:30 TBA  
2:30 Amake Dekhun  
3:30 Paramparush Sri Ramkrishna  
5:05 Nepali Programme  
5:30 News  
5:35 Chingchong Fank  
6:00 Pali Katha  
6:30 Jay Jayanti  
7:00 Drama: Bhanga Bonded  
7:30 Bangla Sambad  
8:00 Viewers Forum  
8:20 Light Instrumental  
8:30

**EL TV**  
00:30 Jhoomo Nacho  
1:30 Devotional  
2:30 Tarane  
3:30 Hanste Hanste  
4:30 Ajeeb Dastaan  
10:30 Zandu Balm  
Dance Mania  
11:00 V3+  
11:30 Kamr 12:00 People's Club  
12:30 Upanyas  
1:00 Love Love Love  
2:00 Nasir Hussain Special  
3:00 Film Chhaal  
3:30 Soryy Neri  
4:00 Gumbler  
4:30 Liberty Public Demand  
5:30 Main

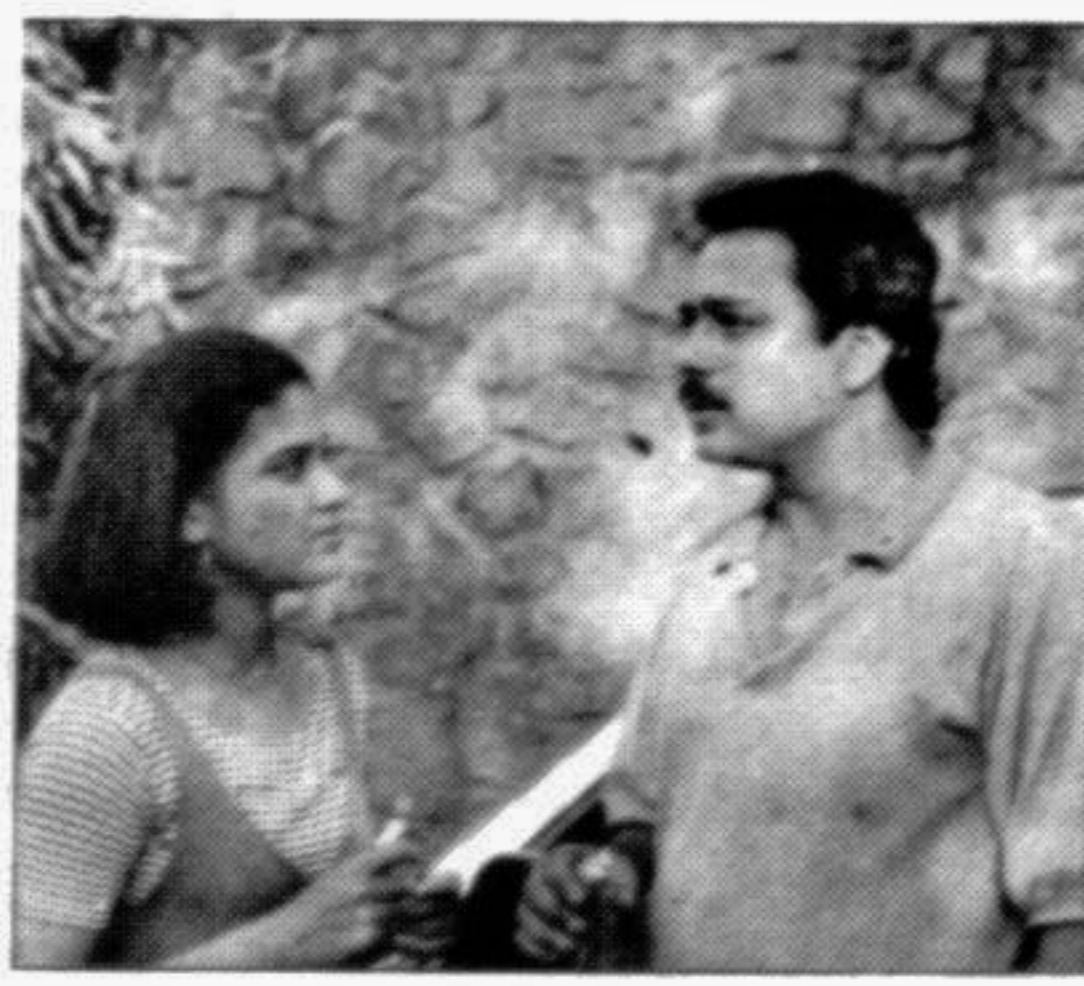
**ZEE CINEMA**  
6:30 Tarana  
7:00 Ham Tum Aur Woh  
9:00 Movies Masti  
9:30 Film  
12:15 Film  
10:00 Top Of The Tops  
10:30 Stand By  
10:40 Sista  
11:00 Chhre  
11:30 Number 1  
12:00 Daane Anar Ke  
6:30 Tarana  
7:00 Ham Tum Aur Woh  
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11:00 Chhre  
11:30 Number 1  
12:00 Daane Anar Ke



Nypd Blue on Star Plus, Tonight at 9:30

First Day First Show  
3:00 Palmolive Extra  
Time Pass  
4:00 Planet Ruby  
4:30 By Demand  
VJ Trei  
5:30 Rewind  
VJ Sophiya  
6:30 Big Bang  
VJ Alessandra  
8:00 Planet Ruby  
9:00 The Vibe  
9:30 Sansui Mangla  
Hoi  
10:00 First Show  
10:30 Soul Curry  
11:00 House Of Noise  
VJ Luke  
12:00mm Big Bang  
VJ Alessandra  
1:00 Haysah  
2:00 By Demand  
VJ Trei  
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 Gf Joe  
8:00 Sabar Rider  
and The Star Sheriff  
8:30 Adventures Of Black Stallion  
9:00 Aerobics  
Oz Style  
9:30 Charles in Charge  
10:00 Mr Belvedere  
10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen  
11:00 El Extreme Close-Up  
John Mellencamp  
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 Ex-



Sailaab on Zee TV, Tonight at 12:00

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