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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 cho-

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Seems to me that this is such a critical area for development that all available resources and those taken from other sec tors 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 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

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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 feasability. 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 exiting tie if we are to manitain power supply at an adequete 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 Ashugani further compounding the problems in the power generation.

As far as buying power from the neighbour, Dr Zaman may note that power is a proirity sector that is as important as defence. More goes into planning for power sectors than mère 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 Reader, The Daily Star Uttara, **Dhaka**: (In reply to Imran Ispahani's

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 favourities 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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tdvries@citechco.net Bangladesh:

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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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 Bangladeshi 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 (bhangchoors) 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 byelections were rigged the proper forum to approach would be the court. But making a big noise and starting an Andolon mimicing the pre-election AL is a surer way to overturn the byelection results.

### Contact Needed

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would like to get in touch with garments manufacturers in Bangladesh. Please e mail to Sonny ZReza@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 m formation?

#### Cyberspace

# Internet Copycast Dodge Through Cyberspace Loopholes

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Boston, USA: Playboy mazazine, 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 international 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 capcity 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 universisities 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 susually 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 longrunning 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 brainwashign and exploiting its members -considers these writigns 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

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. Scamizadat, grew out of the original Scientology news group (Usenet address: alt. religion. sientology), with " publsihers' posting material that had become part of the public

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.

record in a Los Angeles trial in-

voling the church.

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 stie (http://WWW). scientology. org) containing mroe than 30,000 pages in five languages and a sound clip of a performance by Scientologist actor John Travolta.

Off-line, the chruch 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 accss into stopping subscribers from reproducing

## Fun! No comment

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

mazaar (Drama Serial)

12:00noon Urdu Khail 12:55

Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah

1:15 Gichain (Drama Serial) 2:00 Intena (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

Hamara Sehat 5:55 Kitab Quiz

6:25 Aiou Courses 7:00

Taranum 7:05 Felix The Cat

7:30 Such Gup 7:45 English

News 8:00 Morven Gold

Raceday 8:25 Jawan Rang 8:55 PTV Gold 9:00 Break for Head-

line News 9:20 Aap Ki Anwar

Magsood 10:00 Khabamama &

Commercial News 11:00 Tes

Aasmaan 12:00 NYPD Blue

12:45 Khas Khabrain /Close

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 ex-The Scientologies-who ample, 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, publsihers 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 narro wly they could affect scientists doing research on , the Internet.

> For the moment, the law remains unclear. While copyright law usuallfy requires holders to defend protected material or risk losign their rights, there is uncertainty about material used for noncommercial purposes. Last year, a Boston judge

> threw out a case against a student who ran a bulletin borad for users to duplicate copyrighted software ont he 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 complaiuned to officials at the universities attended by students puttign 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 ma-Playboy Enterprises vice-president Eileen Kent,' can be death."

### Education **Environmental**

education

Doug Ullrich ifrogge@vnet.net says...

Is there a need for environmental education in our public schools? Could this "class" be taught within the agriculture programs in our schools?

Jim Frogge username@shsu.edu USA:

In RE of your question.. Absolutely!! There is a dire need of Environmental Education. Having been a farmer for most of my 34 years. I see more and more farm ground tore up for community housing. Its always the best pieces of farm property put into neighborhood matchboxes. You see it everywhere..But have you EVER seen houses torn down to make way for crop ground..! doubt that you have. This is just some Enviro Ed that should be addressed to our children. Just my BIASED opinion...

# Higher Education in Bangladesh

Unknown: Our experience in Australia is that any sort of fee payment progressively locks out students at the lower end of the socio-economic scale, and that wealthy people find ways and means around fee payment (by schemes that hide their real incomes) - if they can be bothered to do so.

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I prefer the US-need-based financial aid where aid is based on need. Aid is a combination of work, loan, and outright grant. It makes sure if a student \*really\* wants an education they can stretch and get it. Besides working on campus in a research job often looks great on the resume :).

# Astrology Astrology questions

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Wayne Fellows

Country unknown: What changes have been

made in astrological calculations due to the recent discovery of new moons around the gas giants? Are all astrological calculations made before the discovery (and change in calculations due to these discoveries) false? How will future discoveries effect astrology?

Luis Campos Ribeiro 117977@cc.fc.ul.pt Portugal:

The discover of new moons around the planets has no effect on astrological calculations. because the moons are part of the planets themselves, and add no change to their symbolical meaning.

As to the other question, the discover of new planets of other type of stellar bodies in the solar system, will add new features to astrological symbolism, and this other planets will be found as human consciousness grows and expands.

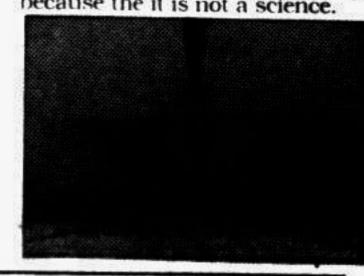
# Learning the Science

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I respect astrology as an ancient science. I however do know that it can be easily turned into a scam. I would like to learn the science and not the fraud behing astrology.

L. Frederick File lffile@cais.com USA:

The fraud is there precisely because the it is not a science.



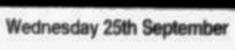
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# The Daily Star Entertainment Guide



(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

#### BTY

3:00 Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation from the Geeta 3:15 Retelecast of Selected Programme 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15 Sports Programme 4:45 Tagore Songs 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Sabar Saathe 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:05 Nibedon 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Biswa Parikrama 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Band Show 9:00 Min Series: Shin Totsukawa Stony 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shasthatatha: Health Pro gramme based on Child & Mother 10:35 Rangdhanu 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Thursday's programme 11:40 Close

#### 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 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 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 inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC

#### CHANNEL V

World News 5:10 Newsnight

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 Rewind VJ Sophiya 12:30 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 Sophiya 6:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 8:00 Planet Ruby 9:00 The Vibe 9:30 Sansui Mangta Hai 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 House Of Noise VJ Luke 12:00mn 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 Ninja Turtles 7:30 Gl Joe 8:00 Saber Rider and The Star Sherrif 8:30 Adventures Of Black Stallion 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Charles in Charge 10:00 Mr Belvedere10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 11:00 E! 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-

treme Close-Up John Mellen camp 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 Adventures Of Black Stallion 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



Sailaab on Zee TV, Tonight at 12:00

12:00mn Third Rock from the Sun 12:30 The Extraordinary 1:30 Picket Fences 2:30 E! Extreme Close-Up John Mellencamp 3:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:00 Hooperman 4:30 Home And Away 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Gabrielle

#### 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 96 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 Footbal League H/L11:00 The European Tour Loch Lomond World Invitation H/L 12:00 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



12 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Western: The Long Rope 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Classic Down Argentine Way PG (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Romance Prelude To A Kiss 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Comedy The Purple Rose Of Cairo 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:00 Bol Bollywood 7:30 Double Bill : Winona Ryder Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:00 The Movie Show 9:30 Double Bill: Winona Ryder Great Balls of Fire 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:00 India Star Five 11:30 Up Against The Mob Trouble Bound 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Thriller The Vanishing 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 3:30 After Dark : The Girl On A Motocycle 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Hor-

# ZEE TV

5:30 Sur Tal 6:00 News 6:30

ror Hellraiser 18 (Arabic Sub-

Jagran 7:00 ZED 8:30 Through The Gears 9:00 Helpline 9:30 Gaane Anjaane 10:00 Lakme Khubsurat 10:30 No Problem 11:00 Shehar Aur Sapna 11:30 Hum Paanch 12:00 Sur Taal 12:30 Guldasta 1:00 ZED 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Kurukshetra 3:30 Celeste 4:00 Suno Bhai Sadho 4:30 Namaste India 5:00 ZED 5:30 Hum Zameen 6:00 Cartoon 6:30 All Out For No Loss 7:00 Lijjat Khana Khazana 7:30 Gaane Anjaane 8:00 Aur Ek Minute 8:30 Mr Minto 9:00 17 Shirley Road 9:30 Banegi Apni Baat 10:00 Parampara 10:30 News 11:00 Dream Merchants 11:30 Aap Ki Adalat 12:00 Sailab 12:30 Campus 1:00 Hasratein 1:30 Aap Ki Pasand 2:00 Arabic Programme 2:30 TMM 4:00 Parivartan 4:30 insight 5:00 Jagran

#### PTV

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tar-

juma/ Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Mansoobajaat Barai Khud Kafalat 9:00 Sur Savaria & Sehra Ka Safar & Sada-E-Kasmir 9:40 Shana Ba Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab+Aik Nazm 10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo 10:30 English Film : Chip And Dale 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Ali Baba (Drama Serial) 11:35 Nagh-

#### SONY ET

8:30 Rangeela Re 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 | Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Surf-Wheel Of Fourtune 11:00 Faaslee 11:30 Pehchan 12:00 The Nirlep Rasoi Show 12:30 Aahat 1:00 Hamse Barker Goong 2:30pm Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film 5:00 Sunday Ki Sunday 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Mere Message Meri 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 Boogi Woogi 9:30 Anarth (Serial) 10:00 Baat Ek Raaz Ki 10:30 O'Maria (Comedy serial)

11:00 The Young And The Restless 11:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Surf-Wheel Of Fourtune 2:00 Premiere 2:30

#### DD 7

10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Clas sical Music 11:00 Folks Song 11:15 Adhunik Gaan 11:30 Classical Music 12:30 Chalti Hawa 1:00 Janani 1:30 TBA 2:30 Amake Dekhun 3:30 Parampurush Sri Ramkrishna 5:05 Nepali Programme 5:30 News 5:35 Chiching Fank 6:00 Palli Katha 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: Iswar Parameshwar 1:00 Closed

#### EL TV

00:30 Jhoomo Nacho 1:30 Devotional 2:30 Tarane 3:30 Hanste Hanste 4:30 Ajeeb Dastan 5:30 Jhoomo Nacho 6:30 Devotional 7:30 Tarane 8:30 Hanste Hanste 9:30 Ajeeb Dastaan 10:30 Zandu Balm Dance Mania 11:00 V3+ 11:30 Karm 12:00 People's Club 12:30 Upanyas 1:00 Love Love Love 2:00 Nasir Hussain Special 3:00 Filmi Chaat 3:30 Sorry Meri Lorry 4:00 Gambler 4:30 Liberty Public Demand 5:30 Main

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

Nashe Mein Hoon 6:30 Asha

Bhonsle Special 7:30 Brigadier

Balwanth Bhawan 8:00

Kamaal Combination 8:20

Haseen Pal 8:30 Teri Bhi Chup

9:00 Moov Usha Uthup 9:30

Wonder Wings Amar Prem

ZEE CINEMA 6:30 Tarana 7:00 Ham Tum Aur Woh 9:00 Movies Masti Magic 9:30 Film 12:15 Filmi

Chakkar 12:30 Film 3:15 Songs

3:45 Film 6:30 Film 9:15 Songs

10:00 Film 12:45 Film 3:30 Aai

Anadi Kal Khiladi 4:00 Film

# Garfield ®







by Jim Davis

#### Tom and Jerry





