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## Invitation To Bill Gates

Sir,  
Whatever the Government may plan for the development of ICT industry including the establishment of ICT incubator, ICT park, ICT village and the software export target of USD 2 billion by the year 2006, the fact remains that the speed and extent of development depend on the availability of requisite materials, appropriate technology, necessary financial resources and infrastructural facilities. Minus these, nothing tangible can be expected.

It was reported in your daily of 25.09.02 and also in a local English daily on 27.09.02 that the Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) had made initial contact with the Microsoft Chief Bill Gates to invite him to the opening function of its next show due in January '03. Mr. Azizur Rahman, secretary general went to the extent of saying that Bill Gates might be by the side of Prime Minister Begum Khalada Zia who was expected to inaugurate the show. One of my letters under the caption, "Bill Gates in Dhaka!" was also published in your daily on 4.10.02. We do not appear to have seen any further media report on its development.

If India can arrange Bill Gates' visit for the third time (11.11.02-15.11.02), there is no reason why our government should fail to arrange even his first visit to Bangladesh.

From a report in your daily on 14.11.02, it is learnt that India usually accords reception to this IT giant, the richest man of the world, equal to and reserved for those given to Heads of the States! This will prompt anybody to assert and emphasize that it is the government which has to take the initiative and exert its all out efforts and be willing to come forward with the required finance for Bill Gates' visit.

COMILLA, Nov 27:—The buyers are becoming more keen in collecting the "Khaddar" clothes as these are cheaper and more comfortable.

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ind on the land and structures of Bangladesh Water Development Board. Road side along the railway track and embankment looks like destruction of Palestine by Israeli Army or destruction of Iraq by American and British Army under the guise of Coalition forces bearing U.N. marks. These evicted persons are suffering three times consecutively during recent past. It happened