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Lessons to be learned

The two nations have shared history and culture since Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971, as well as mutual trust and respect, enduring friendship, and ongoing cooperation. Over the decades, the two nations have also reached agreements on some pressing problems in a friendly and cooperative manner.

Everyone can see that any benefits Bangladesh has received from India have been brought about by the Awami League administration. As a result, we wish that all concerns will be resolved at once. In addition to these, the two nations will need to strengthen their economies by learning from the Covid-19 pandemic and current world events.

The cooperation must include providing Bangladeshi scientists and researchers with cutting-edge knowledge that may be used for development, given India's impressive advancements in scientific research. Getting expertise from India Railways, one of the top five rail networks in the world, will undoubtedly help Bangladesh improve its system. The major focus should be on rail travel that can reduce traffic while also providing train rides that are solely for enjoyment.

The memorandum between Bangladesh Television and Prasar Bharati is the other one that is generating a lot of interest. It's unclear if this will permit Bangladeshi programming to be aired in India. The exchange of culture must be balanced and not

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi on September 6. | PTI

The visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India at a time when the globe is still reeling from the effect of Covid-19 and unrest in Europe is significant because both nations must work together to combat the effect of a slowing global economy.

The world is gradually heading towards recession, and economists are predicting gloomy times ahead. However, the harm from a slump could be reduced with careful planning. The Bangladesh prime minister's visit at a moment of global socio-political turmoil emphasizes the importance of

most of the longstanding friendship between the two countries.

On the second day of Hasina's four-day visit to India from September 5, seven memorandums of understanding were reportedly signed between Dhaka and New Delhi.

These related to:

- 1) The withdrawal of water from Kushiyara River by Bangladesh under Upper Surma-Kushiyara Project, Sylhet via Rahimpur.
- 2) Scientific cooperation between India's

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.



The Bangladesh men's cricket team is suffering from a crisis of trust

Before this year's T20 World Cup, if the Bangladesh men's cricket team and its fans were offered a situation where they found themselves in the last game of the Super Eight stage with the opportunity to go to the semi-finals, having full control of their own destiny, they would bite the hands of the person offering it. The truth is, the Tigers have exceeded pre-tournament expectations. Yet, the same time, they have left fans bitterly disappointed.

Normally, it would be difficult for a team to do these two things at once, but this strange mess of feelings fan have been left with is possibly indicative of what the men's cricket team really is right now: a big mess.

They got the obvious things right. The squad picked was close to the best we had to offer. The captain was given a series or two before the world cup to get his team combinations right. The team even featured a couple of young, exciting talents like Towhid Hridoy, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, and Rishad Hossain.

A lackluster series win against Zimbabwe and a shock series defeat against the USA tempered expectations too. Everyone knew that nothing should be expected of this team, and anything positive that comes out of this world cup would be a bonus.

A woman's body was found in a



Police recovered the throat-slitted body of a woman from a maize field at Haluapara in Kishoreganj's Katiadi upazila yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Smriti Akter, 22. Smriti—who got married to Amin Bhuiyan, an expatriate in Qatar, five years ago—used to live at her father's house in the Haluapara area, said Mohammad Daud, officer-in-charge of Katiadi Police Station.

He said they are investigating the incident. Police sent the body to a local hospital morgue for an autopsy, said the official.

Quota system in govt jobs: Reforms must be well thought out

Any disproportionate quota system usually hurts a merit-based civil service, and any kind of decision to reform the system, in place since independence, should be well thought out, experts say.

The quota-based system should not dominate the public administration at the expense of merit as the nation needs the right people in the right place, they add. But, according to them, the government's decision to hurriedly abolish the quota system in class 1 and class 2 jobs in 2018 following a student protest was not well thought out. In the current context, the existing quota system should be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated to avoid new complications.

"It is inappropriate that there will be an abnormal quota for a certain group. On the other hand, there is no scope for abolishing all kinds of quota in public service as the constitution favors the quota system."

"You need to keep the quota system for certain groups of people. But it needs to be evaluated from time to time. This is not happening in Bangladesh," Firoz Mia, who retired as an additional secretary of the public administration ministry, told The Daily Star.

'I'm not going anywhere,' Biden says as campaign struggles



Seeking to revive his struggling reelection campaign, President Joe Biden held a rare rally in Detroit on Friday, telling a cheering crowd he wasn't going to leave the race and warning that

Short-term plans are the way to go, says Shakib



Bangladesh star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan said he preferred to make short-term plans rather than long-term ones, considering that the 37-year-old is in the twilight of his career.

Shakib left for the USA earlier today to participate in the upcoming Major League Cricket season, starting on July 6. He will play for the Los Angeles Knight Riders and then journey across the border to play for Bangla Tigers Mississauga in the Global T20 in Canada, beginning on July 25.

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