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Shore up Newspaper Industry

THE newspaper industry is reeling under the I dual pressure of soaring international price of newsprint and the high duties imposed by the government on its import. Local production of newsprint being at a standstill imported newsprint has been the life line to newspaper industry. So when the newspapers had to pay through their noses for the steep price rise of Tk. 17 to 19 thousand per tonne of imported newsprint with a 48 per cent tax component it is virtually their windpipe that got choked to a point of panting. The government has since reduced the taxes by 25 per cent but what remains of the burden is still very exacting given the basic fact of the already very high international price.

When the government had allowed import of newsprint some three to four years ago, impelled by a serious shortfall in local production, the move was generous on two counts: first there was no quota restrictions on the import; and secondly, no taxes were imposed on it. Down the road however import duties and VAT began to be added to the rising international price of newsprint and with the levies put together the import price per tonne soared to Tk 55 thousand within a matter of few months. Since the high price of pulp in the international market is not in our government's hands to control, the latter is only implored to do what lies in its power to do, namely waive the taxes altogether. If there was tax-free import beforehand, out of a healthy consideration for the newspaper industry, it can be the same again, because it is the newspapers anyway which are paying the higher international price without any cost subsidisation by the government.

Besides being a public service-oriented enterprise, the newspaper industry is an aid to the processes of democracy, transparency and accountability. Thus when we plead for withdrawal of taxes we are not asking for any favour. Moreover, it is a temporary relief we are seeking for; when the international price of pulp goes down the government might feel free to re-impose some of those taxes.

Hand in hand with this, the Khulna Newsprint Mill which has had BMRE must now be fully operational, some undertakings that are nearing completion need to be pushed to go on production, and some new entrepreneurship will have to be encouraged to raise the overall level of local productivity.

The government's advertisement policy comes in picture when the whole question of shoring up the newspaper industry is considered. Currently, the government ad rate is one-sixth of the private sector rate. The payment from the government sector is also inordinately delayed, sometimes going into several years, compared with that from the private sector. That apart, the advertisement distribution policy of the government is centralised and somewhat arbitrary as well, in dissonance with a democratic order otherwise prizing decentralisation of authorities.

For Vigil in the Rivers

P LAME for Thursday's launch disaster in the

Driver Buriganga is definitely on the two skippers who had engaged in a mindless race that ended with both the watercrafts crashing into a third one, the ill-fated MV Ashique. It went down almost instant-aneously. Several passengers are still missing. But, in truth, the responsibility for the accident falls on the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) whose surveillance and enforcement failures have been at the root of such mishaps.

After the third major launch debacle on the Meghna this year on June 16, we wrote, in an editorial while commenting on lack of monitoring and enforcement on riverine routes, that "when tragedy occurs BIWTA flaps its wings for a moment before relapsing into the old hands-off mould." In this particular case, the river transport authorities' reaction was maddening. While maintaining that such mindless launch races could be stopped i punishment were meted out against the river crafts involved and their skippers, the BIWTA managing director pointed out that "they were escaping punishment due to absence of witnesses." Whose fail ure is it anyway?

The facts and the figures amply prove that BI WTA has miserably failed to discharge its responsibilities. It cannot simply expect people to abide by rules and regulations on the riverine route unless these are stringently enforced. For that to happen, the BIWTA must put in place an effective and efficient vigilance network, not only at the jetties but also at different points along the riverine routes. What we are looking for is river police on a scale commensurate with the level of river transportation. The river patrol system must be equipped with trained and skilled personnel and adequate logistics. More importantly, it has to have maximum mobility. In other words, the river police must have at their disposal fastest possible watercraft.

We demand an immediate inquiry into Thursday's incident. Why was there no record or list of passengers on board the hapless launch with the BIWTA? Why couldn't they be specific about the number of passengers? Shouldn't they get their basics right?

Sunny's Great Act in Thames

IZANUR Rahman Sunny, a Bangladeshi youth living in England, who was expecting his O' Levels results, died for a great cause in a foreign land the other day. He jumped into the river Thames to save a drowning English youth. who had accidentally fallen from a riverside tree and was fighting for breath in the water. Sunny happened to be there, and as a fellow human being the only thing he could do was to dive into the river in an attempt to save the youngster. He did just that but the challenge proved too much for him. Both of them failed to make it to the riverbank drowning.

We condole the loss of two young lives, and our heart goes out in sympathy for the members of their bereaved families. These certainly are irretrievable losses for their parents. Sunny's attempt to save a British boy is not merely an act of empa thy but also a bridge-builder between communities His sacrifice cannot go in vain. The courage Sunny has shown would remain an example for us, the living, to emulate and go out of our ways to help people in grave danger. Sunny in his death has proved a greater ambassador of goodwill in a Bangladeshi diaspora. He has done Bangladesh proud. Our hats off to him.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

Camp David Talks Falter over the Sovereignty of Arab East Jerusalem, Not All of Jerusalem

Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed writes from Princeton

After travelling so far it is inconceivable that Barak, Arafat or Clinton will give up now. Peacemakers deserve support. Should they be able to pull off an agreement, Barak, Arafat and Clinton should be nominated for Nobel Peace Prize.

adjacent to the city. Palestinians conceded Israeli sovereignty over West Jerusalem as well as the Jewish and the Armenian quarters and the Western Wall in the Old City, but continued to insist full sovereignty over the rest of East Jerusalem, including Haram Al-Sharif compound (which the Jews call Temple Mount) that houses Al Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Israel is willing to give the Palestinians access, not sovereignty over Haram Al-Sharif; the

Palestinians already have access. Israel discussed handing over about 95 per cent of the West Bank and the entire Gaza Strip to Palestinian sovereignty in major settlement blocs. They also considered swapping land in the Halutza area adjoining the Gaza Strip. Israel would annex part of the West Bank settlements where about 130,000 of the 170,000 Jewish settlers live. The remainder would be allowed to resettle in Israel or remain under Palestinian sovereignty, but with special security arrangements. All Jewish settlements would be

removed from the Gaza Strip. Israel would admit 100,000 Palestinian refugees in a one-time "family reunification programme." An international body would monitor resettlement and compensation of refugees with an international fund to which Israel would contribute. Compensation would be paid to countries that received refugees Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the future Palestinian State as well as to the refugees themselves.

David talks stalled. Israel agreed that the Palestinians could have Israeli intelligence is so powerful that Prime Minister Ehud sovereignty over so e parts of Arab East Jerusale n exchange Barak knew exactly Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser for Israel annexing veral Jewish settlements in the West Bank Arafat's negotiating positions

Barak knew that Arafat would dig his heels around the Old City; Barak would not or could not offer him a helping hand. Both Barak and Arafat found themselves in a hopeless situation. Even if Arafat was ready to concede the sovereignty of the Haram al Sharif compound to Israel, the world's Muslim nations would not have accepted it. Even if Barak agreed to concede the sovereignty of the Old City to the Palestinians, the Jewish people would not have accepted it. That is why no Israeli government since June 1967 has ever disturbed the status quo over Haram-Al-Sharif. According to TIME magazine, Arafat's aim is to liberate Haram Al-Sharif and exchange for annexing the other be compared to Caliph Omar binfive per cent, including three Khattab who liberated Jerusalem in the seventh century, and Saladin who re-conquered it for the Muslims from the Crusaders in 1187.

> Five years ago, Yossi Beilin, now the Israeli justice minister, and Abu Mazen, a Palestinian leader compiled a draft agreement for a final status treaty between the Palestinians and Israel, custom-tailored to the measurements of the Palestinian and Israeli publics and their respective leaders, Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin. Beilin and Mazen agreed that Palestinian national flag should be allowed to fly over Haram Al-Sharif mosques as an "expression of the Palestinian Waqf's (Islamic religious authority) autonomous management of the area, which would also be declared extraterritorial." Ehud Barak, who continually pledged his firm commitment to the status quo, continued to refuse to translate the many expressions of Palestinian sovereignty into

diplomatic and legal document. Let us not be overly critical of Ehud Barak. He along with Arafat

and President Clinton took enormous risks for peace. With his coalition crumbling just before the Camp David talks, Ehud Barak's political survival is at stake. If Barak is forced to form a national unity government with Ariel Sharon's rightwing Likud Party, that will effectively end the peace process. By discussing Jerusalem, Barak has broken the Israeli taboo that Jerusalem is off limits. He has moved further on Jerusalem than his country folks. He has infuriated the rightwing. Unless the Israelis come closer to his position, Barak will not only not survive politically, his physical well being will be at risk. Let us not forget that an Israeli right winger assassinated Prime Minister Rabin in November 1995, for attempting to make peace with the Palestinians.

Palestinians too should be under no illusions. Israel gave up 100 per cent of the Sinai to Egypt in a peace treaty only after suffering enormous losses and near defeat in the October 1973 war, Only because of Syria's military power, Israel is eager to return all of the Golan Heights in exchange for peace. It was only because of Hizbollah's increasing fighting capabilities that Israel withdrew from all of South Lebanon. Israel did not start negotiating with the Palestinians until the Intifada of 1987, when the world condemned the Israeli army for shooting at the stone-throwing Palestinian children. Because the Palestinians have no military power, they cannot hope to get back 100 per cent of the West Bank. Were the Palestinian police to engage the Israeli army with guns in a new uprising, Israel would use its considerable military might

What are the chances for an accord in the near future? Let us

peruse the following editorial: "It's difficult to predict what will result from the failure of the Camp David summit. Hopefully, dark predictions of a firestorm in the territories won't come true and it would be sensible to take measures already in case frustration gives birth to violence. Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat should use their public rhetoric to calm the storm; mutual recrimination will only fan the flames."

"With the veil lifted on the details of the summit, Israelis and Palestinians will find out the reasons their leaders were unable to reach an agreement. On both sides, people will make their own decisions whether the circumstances justified the failure. This may be a painful experience for many but also an eye-opener. At Camp David, for the first time, there was an attempt to deal with the most substantive issues of all led by Jerusalem that over and over have set the Middle East aflame. The failure of the attempt does not mitigate its importance."

"Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat now must shoulder a special responsibility. It is no understatement to call it an historic one. "To continue trying," is how President Bill Clinton urged them last night at his Press conference. According to Clinton, "the foundations have been laid for the process to continue." After the enormous effort he put into the process recently, we can only hope that isn't wishful thinking. Barak's statement last night, that "the vision of peace is not dead" will be tested in the coming

"While the summit reached its climax in a nearly desperate effort

ate an old relationship. Bhujbal

to get down to earth, away from the rhetorical and divisive sloganeering of the last 100 years, the Israeli opposition, led by the Likud, took the easy way out: The leadership competed with bombastic statements in a clear attempt to torpedo every effort to find a compromise."

"Particularly hollow were the clichés mouthed by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, who is supposed to prove his concern for the city with concrete action, and not with slogans that are nothing more than code words for elbowing his way to the top of his party. And when the Likud chair, Ariel Sharon, says at a meeting of the opposition, that "it's possible to get a safer, better peace, for generations, with Jerusalem," the burden of proof is on him. Benjamin Netanyahu's years as Prime Minister proved only that his peacemaking skills don't go any further than rhetoric."

"If there was any accomplishment at the failed Camp David summit, it was the way the most profound issues were made concrete. Even if officially the suggestions and ideas that came up at Camp David are invalid, and the sides can repudiate them when talks resume in whatever format, the mere fact that the core issues of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict were discussed is a turning point from which there is no return. The era of sloganeering is over. Hopefully, the peoples and their leaders including the opposition on both sides will comprehend the significance of the change."

Was the above editorial written by a Palestinian or Arab newspaper? No. This editorial was published, on July 26, in Haaretz, Israel's leading liberal newspaper! After travelling so far it is inconceivable that Barak, Arafat or Clinton will give up now. Peacemakers deserve support. Should they be able to pull off an agreement, Barak, Arafat and Clinton should be nominated for Nobel Peace Prize.

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Thackeray Episode and Its Ramifications

minorities must not feel insecure.

MATTERS ##

Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury

AROUND US

unrestrained.

HE Shiv Sena and its sup-Extremism in any country should not be encouraged because religion is a personal affair remo Bal Thackeray are no strangers in Indian politics. Although confined mainly in the western Maharastra state and in some other pockets in India, the Shiv Sena as a political party evokes both admiration and fear among people. The reason is simple. Its jingoistic policy of Hindu nationalism is admired by the hardliners, while the minorities and other sections of Hindus abhor this extremism. But for Bal Thackeray and his die-hard followers, over-zealousness is the main feature, which has kept them in the news for years. They make news mainly because of their extraordinary lust to discover something on religious or parochial line. And then, they immediately get involve in contro-

HERE is a fallacy accepted

the Camp David peace talks. Not

quite. It is Israel's unwillingness

to let go of Arab East Jerusalem

Jerusalem, which the writer

has visited, is a sprawling city.

Muslim name for Jerusalem is Al

Quds. Purely Jewish Western

Jerusalem is a metropolis compa-

rable to the best cities in the

United States. East Jerusalem

and the walled city are predomi-

nantly Arab. The walled city

houses the Al Aqsa mosque, the

third holiest mosque in Islam

(after Makkah and Madinah), and

the Dome of the Rock, from which

Prophet Muhammad (peace be

upon him) ascended to heaven.

The old city comprises of the

Muslim, Armenian, Christian

and Jewish quarters; the latter

includes the Western (Wailing)

Wall, Judaism's holiest shrine.

Ever since Israel grabbed East

Jerusalem from Jordan in the

1967 war, it has expanded East

Jerusalem to dilute the city's

Arab population. Contrary to the

Israeli politicians' oft-repeated

mantra that Jerusalem is Israel's

"eternal and undivided capital,"

in truth Jerusalem is a divided

city. Except for the armed Jewish

extremists, most Israeli civilians

are afraid to venture into East

Palestinians had not demanded

sovereignty over Jewish West

Jerusalem, or the Jewish Quarter

and the sacred Jewish Western

Wall in East Jerusalem. Can

anyone then please explain to me

how Israel is morally justified in

demanding sovereignty over Arab

sections of East Jerusalem and

the adjoining Muslim holy places

of Al Aqsa mosque and the Dome

This is where the two contend-

ing parties stood when the Camp

The last time I checked the

Jerusalem.

of the Rock?

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It was during the Shiv Sena-BJP government in Maharastra not too long ago that thousands of Bangladeshi Muslims were detected in Mumbai. The authorities attempted to round up many so-called Bangladeshis and push them back into Bangladesh. But it could not be implemented because of lack of enthusiasm regarding this drive from the government in New Delhi. There were also protests from West Bengal government, which questioned the authenticity of these people as "foreigners".

When the Pakistani cricket team visited India more than a year ago after a fairly long gap, Indians were eagerly looking forward to the tour, leaving aside the rivalry between these two cricket-crazy nations. But it was the Shiv Sena that had threatened to disrupt the entire itinerary. The reason that was cited for its opposition to the tour was Pakistan's involvement in Kash-

Indo-Pak dispute over Kashmir dates back to 1948 and its not a new aspect in bilateral ties of India and Pakistan. But Bal

is a secular society. There may be an impact of the majority religious group but the Thackeray wanted to spoil the visit of the Pakistan team on this pretext. The BJP, though an ally of the Shiv Sena, did not fall in line and its government in India led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee did not bow down and boldly faced the problem. The Sena activists damaged the pitch in the Feroz Shah Kotla ground in New Delhi but this had only hardened the attitude of the government which did not want to mix sports with politics and ensured that the tour went off peacefully. Thackeray had to eat his own words. Thackeray's men were disappointed but the designs of the handful were routed by the spirit of the overwhelming majority of the Indians who are not keen to rely on the communal tensions of the subcontinent on different issues and in most occasions come down heavily on the religious fundamentalists which is

countries. The Shiv Sena was subject of debate in the context of communal riots in Maharastra seven years ago -- particularly in Mumbai -- where more than 2,000 people, mostly the minorities, were killed in the aftermath of the demolition of the of 16th century mosque in Ayodhya. Another few lakhs Muslims had to leave the city because of fear

the case in other South Asian

unleashed by Hindu zealots. Bal Thackeray was briefly arrested the other day for inciting riots in Mumbai through inflammatory writings in the party mouthpiece Samna. The present government in Maharastra is the alliance of the Congress of Sonia Gandhi and Nationalist Congress led by Shaward Pawar. Both are secular parties. The government decided to take on Bal Thackeray

and arrested him amidst simmering tensions and fears of mayhem in the state whose government brought in extra security from outside to contain threats of the Sena who said Mumbai would be in flames if their leader was taken to custody. The central government of Vajpavee was obviously in a difficult situation. It apparently was not happy over the actions being taken against the leader of its ally, but at the same time, was careful that it did not intervene

The metropolitan court released Thackeray immediately as the judge found the charges "time-barred" and closed the case. It appeared a victory for the Sena people who distributed sweets in Mumbai, but the state government said it was moving to higher courts since the issue was serious and the accused cannot go scot-free. Whatever be the future developments, the matter has raised several questions. Indian government, despite being an ally of the Shiv Sena, did not want to interfere in the process of

the decision of the state govern-

law in Maharastra. Ram Jethmalani, the law minister, made certain observations taking a pro-Thackeray stance which the prime minister did not relish and the minister was asked to resign and Jethmalani complied. Here gov-

There is something in a name

Bi-polarisation

marks the end of US polarization

of global power and emergence of

bi-polarization terminating US

super power status augers well

for the European as well as Afro-

Asian states to assert state sover-

eignty and re-structuring of

their internal and domestic con-

flict to pave the way for greater

role in the arena of international

power politics and at the same

time save the UNO from state of

limbo and becoming instrument

It is time that Russian sort out

The re-assertion of Russian

hegemony on world politics.

Sir, The Putin-Zemin accord

ernment of Vajpayee appeared matured in dealing with the issue although new law minister Arun Jaitley said central government hopes that things are not politically motivated against the Sena leader. This has earned good image for the government while the determination of the state government to proceed with actions against those whom it considered as responsible for provoking trouble during the communal riots in 1993 deserves commendation because this will discourage the communal forces.

However, there is an impression that the state deputy chief minister and home minister Chaggan Bhujbal is seeking to take on the Sena leader to retali-

was once a follower of Thackeray but he quit the party calling it communal. Whatever the case. communal forces will be discouraged by the state government even though the release of Thackeray is seen as a first round victory for him. I have had the occasion to watch the film Bombay made in the backdrop of communal carnage in the city soon after its release in New Delhi. The film is largely neutral on the Hindu and Muslim involvement in the riots and I could feel, while watching the film, that it was sympathetic towards minorities. It portrayed that minorities are vulnerable and it is the task of the majority to protect them. The message is universal. In this respect, remember a sweet shop near the Purana Paltan area in Dhaka belonging to a minority member was attacked in the aftermath of the Babri Mosque demolition and many of us rushed to protect the shop. Some over-enthusiastic persons engineered the trouble. The city of Mumbai is known

many there are non-communal. A few years ago, I accompanied agroup of senior journalists on a visit to Mumbai. A small but otherwise meaningful matter drew our attention in the hotel we were staying. In the evening we were at a marriage ceremony of a Muslim girl and a Hindu boy in the Taj. We were little curious as inter-religion marriage was something unusual in a city like Mumbai. But a staff of the hotel told us that most people are not much bothered about personal matters in context of religions although certain quarters try spoil the peaceful co-existence. But Mumbai must have felt the undercurrent of communal ascendancy when the Shiv Sena was in power and Thackeray was in charge of the government though he held no official position. The result was it lost power in last year's elections.

Extremism in any country cannot be encouraged because religion is a personal affair in a secular society. There may be an impact of the majority religious group in a country but the minorities must not feel insecure. The fulmination of Shiv Sena or such groups in India should not be allowed to go too far and their wings need to be clipped as much as it is required in other coun-

VOTER FEEDBACK Going for a Political Career?

THEN elections are round / the corner, dirty political campaigns start, vitiating the climate, and overloading the dustbins of the voters. The latter are taken for granted, and bombarded (there is no other term) to toe the line, or Fishy fishermen bait for fresh fish, in an

atmosphere of rotten fish.

How long the voters are going to swallow this arrogant attitude of the political candidates, who aspire (not perspire) to become the august representatives of the people? They come with hidden agendas, and seek transparency through the wily tongue. Elegant manifestos are for filing, not for record. Surely the PA (publicaddress) system is not the goal of

The problem is that the neopoliticians (or the fossilized class) wish to develop faster than the society. This lagging effect produces all sorts of distortions and instability. The political leaders assert that the leaders must lead the lagging society (Mahatma Gandhi is different 'There go my people, I must follow."); but the traffic signals and directions change during the political pilgrimages (a pilgrimage is supposed to be a plous and sacred journey of the egoless soul), and the country finds itself at dead ends, time and again. This pattern is not changing, while leaders come and go, in solemn processions; while some disappear. What is disconcerting is that there is no sign of new leadership. What is the fertiliser to grow more

Future leadership is under lateral assault, from society's

by Alif Zabr

VIPs who are changing careers (as one critic put it) and hang the past profession. This chameleon effect in Dhaka politics is causing colour blindness in many there are too many options to choose from, giving the electorate no time to relax and enjoy the scenery (if there is one still hanging around; noting that the scenery is always

changing). The problem is that a politician performs a solitary vice in public oratory. A batsman needs a bowler, and a goalkeeper needs a goalpost, a badminton racket needs a shuttle, but a politician would not recognise an audience. He claims that he is robbing the rich to feed the poor, and to protect each group from the other; and that his voice is the voice of the people. Of course he is ready to do anything for the people

except work. But the voter is wise. He knows that if ever you agree with a politician, then that politician must be a statesman. Do we have statesmen in our country? We do have political appointments, and the job of such brokers is to get the appointment. In the political lobbies, rent-seeking practices have been refined to a high degree of finesse, with high QC factor; but the QC factor in the other sectors is simply abominable.

The paradox to be noted is

Hyde, who offer public service at reasonable commission (reasonable' is not defined, and discussion on commission is taboo).

To the voters, politics looks nasty enough, but what is the lure for the sharp brains to join the popular political parties? Perhaps the dividends from the investment. There is one advantage money laundering service.

The servers of the society love their matribhumi notice the landgrabbing exhibitionism. There ego is at the foundation level of the high-rise buildings. The vegetable vendor at my local wetmarket blocks the road junction with his baskets of goods, blocking traffic, told me he paid twenty Taka daily for the prime spot (a police constable was on duty a few yards away. To my mild protest, he felt that it was not his duty alone). Where is the local municipal commissioner? Perhaps there is a spelling mistake in the word 'commissioner' should it be 'commission-wala? About 100 newly built shop-lots are still vacant after a year; and the police raid the overcrowded parking lots regularly. Routines become habits.

The beauty of a local political career is that perhaps it is above the law, under cover of patronisation, and the middle (waist) is ample in girth. Some colleagues confessed in the drawing room that they choose the right profession, but the wrong career. What is the difference between profession and career? that is the \$64-million question in Bangladesh todayl

To the Editor

Revenge

Sir, The Chittagong residents must be deeply worried on possible future violent retaliation on the attackers of the group which carried out the brushfire on the microbus killing a number of AL

activists. Although the police is alert, the social problem created is deep and traumatic. One can only hope this will not result in a chain reaction, spreading into other cities. Actions based on revenge

listen to no logic. Also, there would be some witch-hunting, at least initially. The sense of public security has been shattered. The situation elsewhere in the country is not that calm. The Administration has to display the highest level of control of the situation; and more so, as the electioneering campaign has already started, wild political accusation will fly around, worsening general confi-

Concerned Citizen Dhaka

dence.

New delta project Sir, The local experts may like to paper-study the New Delta

project in Egypt (DS supplement, July 23), and find out if some concepts of the project could be applied in delta Bangladesh.

Dhaka

rationally.

What's in a name? Sir, It was an eyesore for me

whenever I used to come across naming/spelling of 'Karwan Bazar' as Kawran Bazar. Similarly many other names in the country are not properly spelled or written, which needs appropriate

attention and correction. Of course there is importance and meaning in naming a person, a building, an area, a road or a lane but if it is not followed properly and popularly it is bound to be bygone in the oblivion.

A rickshaw-puller could never take me to PG Hospital when I ask for Bangabandhu University Hospital.

of American global polarization policy. The eventual culmination of US hegemonistic role and Our authorities concerned must be aware of history and

global politics.

in fact.

Dhaka

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ushering in bi-polarization in effect augers well as it sound the death knell of single super power

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facts and guide the citizenry

potential leaders?

that the efficiency is very high internally, but not externally What is the system loss in politics? It depends, as it is a dualfunction variable, looked at internally or from the outside. We have numerous Mr Jekyll and Mr