

South Asia

Bangladesh-India

It's a Long Road

Harun ur Rashid writes from Canberra

BANGLADESH'S relations with India are one of the most important planks of its foreign policy. They are complex and sensitive...

Bangladesh became independent it had to formulate its own foreign policy on the strengths and weaknesses of the country.

This implies that what is not a national interest today may constitute national interest at a future date.

reciprocity but give what we can in good faith." (It is interesting to note that he did not name Pakistan).

be considered as a sign of stable friendship. One of the tests of friendship is to be sincere and to appreciate each other's interests objectively.

view prevails that even the democratically elected government in Bangladesh in 1991 was not perceived to be an 'eligible good partner' by India in resolving the Ganges Water issue.

Once trust is established at the people's level, a democratic government of the day in Bangladesh irrespective of its political party affiliations, will be encouraged with people's support in taking decisions in such areas as gas export to India...

Nepal

Beyond Borderline Insanity

C. K. Lal writes from Kathmandu

Against my brother I and my brother against our cousin. I, my brother and our cousin against the neighbours.

socialised mostly with Indians and hired hagiographers, like the rulers had done earlier, to trace their ancestry to the royal houses of Rajasthan.

resulting economic turmoil hastened the People's Movement.

ism'. However, the complacency of national broadsheets who followed up on the story without once double-checking it is unforgivable.

The only consolation is that things could have been worse. As a Madhesi who was repeatedly abused and threatened during the winter of discontent last week, let me say this: King Prithvi Narayan Shah did not mean this country to be the exclusive domain of any one racial group, ethnic community, cultural cluster, economic class or dominant caste.

Hypothetically, let us examine what would have happened if events were allowed to run their course. As the violence escalated, the army could have taken over the streets in order to enforce peace.

leaders of these countries will focus on seemingly intractable Middle Eastern crises and Islamabad's bilateral ties with the nations he is visiting.

the beginning at the ouster of the Sharif government by the army on October 12, 1999.

India

Dynamic Ties with Asean?

By Amit Baruah

The following are the written answers by the Vietnamese Prime Minister, Mr. Phan Van Khai, to questions submitted to him by The Hindu.

promoting economic development and developing human resources for Vietnam. In the current regional and international situation, we wish to see the further strengthening of co-operation between the two countries.

this consistently following a foreign policy of independence, peace, and non-alignment both in the past and at present. India has made efforts to strengthen its relations with neighbouring and regional countries.

greater formal engagement between ASEAN and India in the coming months and years?

the diversification of Vietnam's exports to India, enable businesses of each country to study the other's market and business environment.

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On the basis of the priorities set forth in the Hanoi Plan of Action, we should build a more dynamic and effective ASEAN-India relationship.

We support improved relations between India and ASEAN in the future... The two countries have made active contribution to the South-South co-operation, made the voices of developing countries heard more loudly and defended their legitimate interests at international fora.

India has recorded important achievements in the course of reform and economic development and thus enhanced people's living standards.

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