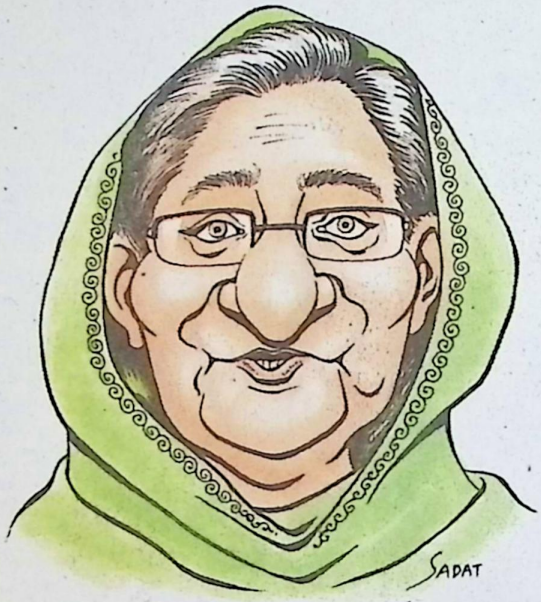
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"It is *The Daily Star*! No matter what I say, it will be distorted and that is the character [of the newspaper].....Light rolls into darkness and stars cannot be seen into darkness."

SHEIKH HASINA
Prime Minister
regarding the Daily Star and Prothom Alo, the two leading dailies of Bangladesh, at a press conference at her official residence Gono Bhaban.

"You said you will not move even by a hair's breadth. But such a wind will rise through people's movement that your hair will be blown away."

KHALEDA ZIA
Leader of the opposition
regarding PM Sheikh Hasina's refusal to hold the next election under the non partisan care taker government.

"India should help Bangladesh from a point of view of India's self interest, as an economically prosperous Bangladesh will add to the peace and stability to the region and be a more attractive trading partner of India."

MAHFUZ ANAM
Editor, The Daily Star
commenting on bilateral relationship between India and Bangladesh in a conference of senior journalists of the two countries.

"It is not a vanilla ice cream; it is the country's precious land that is at stake."

DEREK O' BRIEN
Indian MP and leader of Trinamool Congress
while justifying Trinamool's opposition to amend the bill to ratify the Land Boundary Agreement with Bangladesh.

"Yes there is a crisis but we are on the right path and I believe in the future."

NABIL FAHMY
Foreign Minister of Egypt
speaking about the current crisis in his country.

"I am very disturbed since my appointment in Bangladesh over the last two years."

A FOREIGN AMBASSADOR
after the briefing of Foreign Minister Dipu Moni over the arrest of human rights organisation Odhikar's Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan.