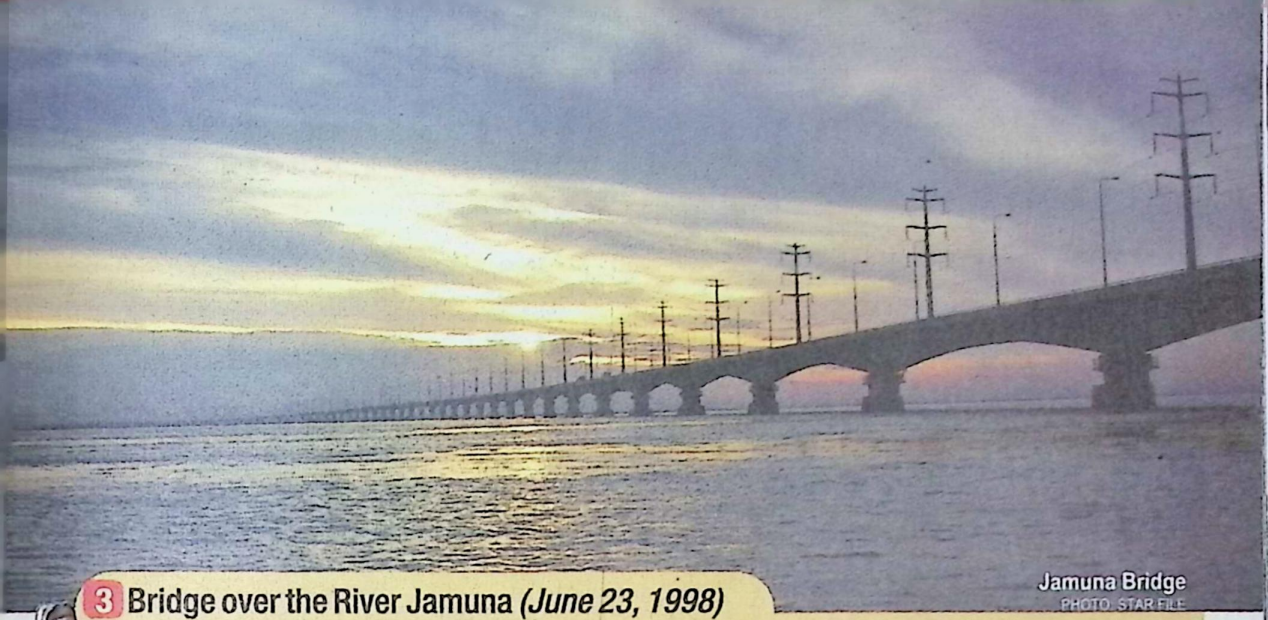


Jamuna Bridge
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3 Bridge over the River Jamuna *(June 23, 1998)*

After four decades of planning and a decade of hard work, the Jamuna Bridge was finally opened to the public, linking the country's eastern and western parts. Besides offering quick movement of goods and passengers by road and rail, this bridge is essential for the transmission of gas, electricity and integration of telecommunication. Once the 11th longest bridge in the world, it has now been weakened terribly due to flawed design and poor maintenance. Temporary repairing has been going on for years but like many other key resources of the country, the fate of this lifeline is hanging on thread.

Parbatya Chattagram Jana Shanghati Somiti, the political organisation that controlled Shanti Bahini, and ended the decades-long insurgency. The peace accord that for the first time recognised the rights of the ethnic communities of Chittagong Hill Tracts, is still in effect.

4 Recognising the Sacrifice *(November 17, 1999)*

The triumph of eternal love for the mother tongue that took place in Bangladesh in 1952 was recognised by the world in 1999. On this day UNESCO announced February 21 as the International Mother Language Day. The day has been observed by Bangladeshis as the Martyr's Day when several Bengali students were killed by the Pakistani army during a procession demanding the rightful status of Bangla as one of the state languages of Pakistan.

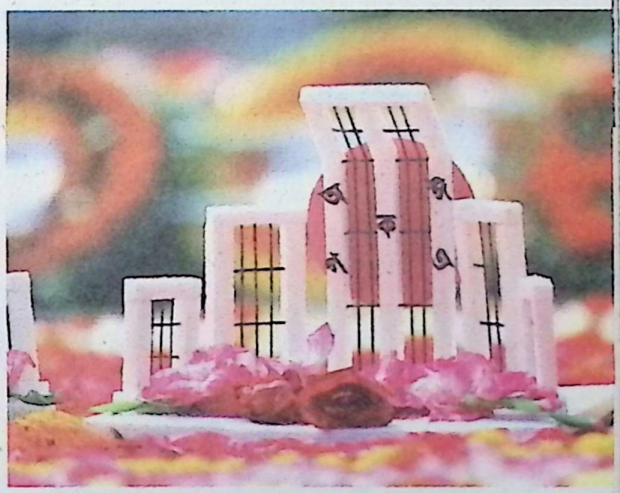


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5 Winning the Status *(June 26, 2000)*

On this day, the Bangladesh Cricket Team attained the status of a test playing country. The day marks Bangladesh's formal entrance to the cricket world. The inaugural test match took place in Dhaka against the visiting Indian team from November 10 to 14, 2000. Though, the Tigers lost the match, the fighting spirit of our players showed that the team would become a formidable competitor for cricket champions.



In the debut test, captain of Bangladesh cricket team shook hands with his Indian counterpart.

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