

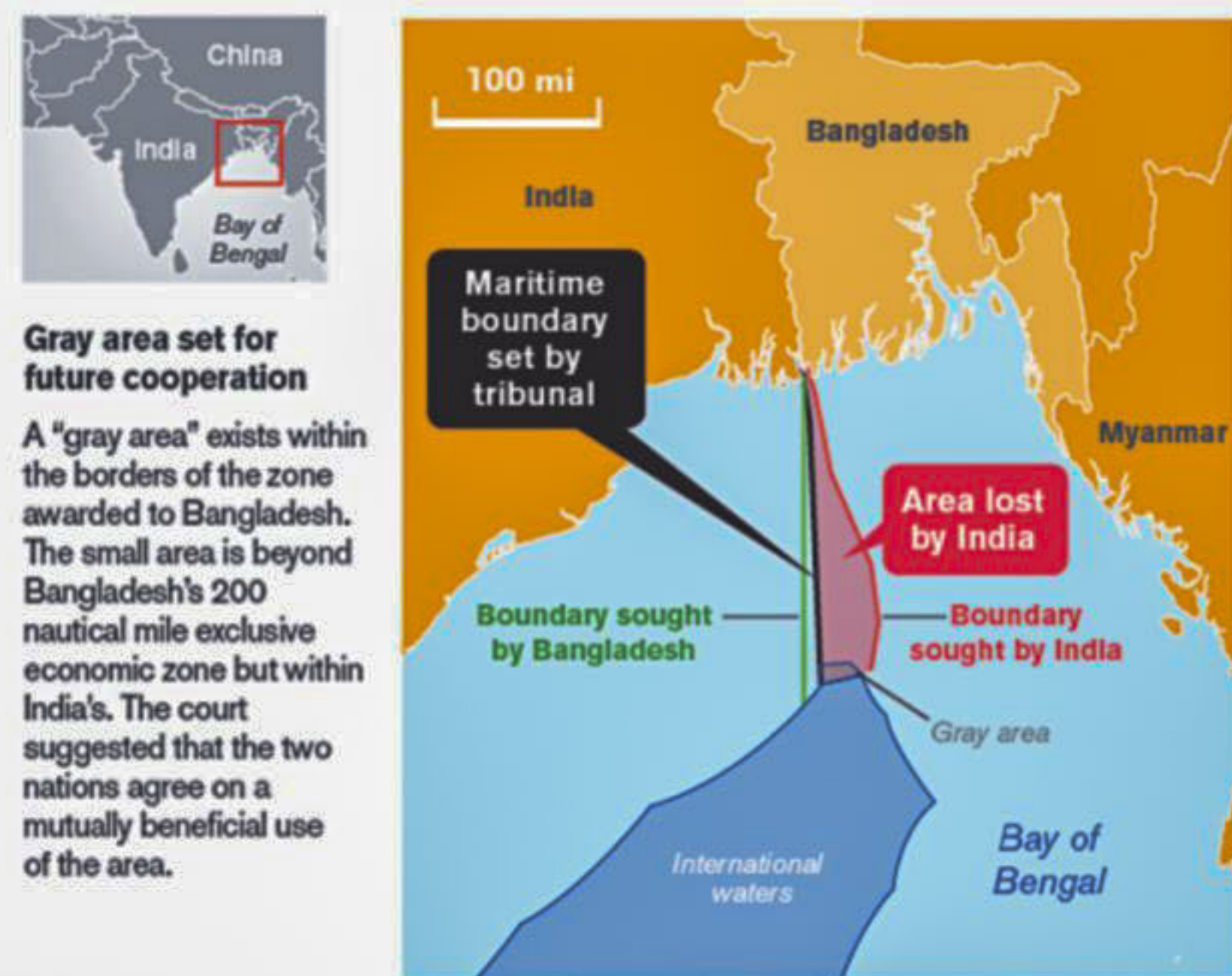
BILATERAL RELATIONS



An agreement to set up a permanent BIMSTEC secretariat in Bangladesh endorsed more than two years ago has been realised.

Bay of Bengal Dispute Settled in Arbitration

Bangladesh gained the biggest share of a maritime area which had been disputed by India.



At the invitation of his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was on a two day goodwill visit to Dhaka from September 6-7.



Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay paid a three-day visit to Dhaka at an invitation from his Bangladeshi counterpart.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid an official visit to China from June 6 to 11, at the invitation of the Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.



The Bangladesh Premier visited the UK at the invitation of UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake. She also attended the first-ever Girl Summit held there.



The eighteenth summit of 'South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation' (SAARC) was held in Kathmandu from 26 to 27 November 2014. The theme of the summit was Deeper Integration for Peace and Prosperity, focused on enhancing connectivity between the member states for easier transit-transport across the region. Foreign Ministers of the eight member states signed an agreement on energy cooperation namely 'SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation'.



The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid during the latter's six-day visit to India in December 2014.