

2015 in Perspective



Mayoral elections were held on April 28, 2015. Annisul Huq, Sayeed Khokon and AJM Nasir were elected from Dhaka North City Corporation, Dhaka South City Corporation and Chittagong City Corporation respectively.

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days in relation on security reasons. Later at the end of the year, the government again imposed a ban Facebook and other mobile messaging apps on November 18 citing security reasons. The ban continued for 22 days.

On August 12, 2015 a court in Dhaka sentenced a public university teacher in absentia to three years of rigorous imprisonment, which includes hard labour, in a sedition case filed for making a derogatory comment about the prime minister on Facebook in 2011.

On August 16, 2015 Probir Sikdar, Editor of online news portal *Uttoradhikar 71 News*, was sued and arrested under Section 57 of the ICT Act for what police termed "libel" against Minister Khandkar Mosharruf Hossain.

Bangladesh police arrested a schoolboy on September 30, 2015 for posting "offensive remarks about Islam" on Facebook.

On December 10, 2015 admin of popular Facebook page *Moja Losses?* was arrested allegedly for his posts against the government.

MAJOR MOMENTS FOR BANGLADESH

PM wins UNEP award

In September 2015, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was awarded the UNEP Award for her leadership role in environmental protection. She was the third Bangladeshi to have received the prestigious UN Award.

Wasfia Nazreen conquers seven peaks

Wasfia Nazreen became the first Bangladeshi to scale the seven highest peaks in the seven continents, also known as the "Seven Summits". With this, the mountaineer, National Geographic adventurer and rights activist successfully completed her campaign "Bangladesh on Seven Summits".

Anti-VAT movement

Students of private universities brought out processions and blocked roads across the country, using the slogan "No Vat on Education", protesting the imposition of 7.5 percent VAT on tuition fees. The protests turned out to be a success as the government revoked the VAT.

Bangladesh qualifies at the World Cup

For the first time in history, Bangladesh qualified to play in the quarterfinals of the cricket World Cup, defeating the English team on the way. At home, it completely wiped out Pakistan, in both the shorter versions of the game, and drew the first test in Khulna. The second and final test was, however, a dismal show by the Tigers.

BANGLADESH AT THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT

Bangladesh and Pakistan

The year ended on a sour note between the two countries that originated from the official reaction of the Government of Pakistan to the hanging of two convicted war criminals on November 22. The Pakistan's Foreign Ministry expressed deep anguish for the carrying out of the executions.

Pakistan has even denied the atrocities perpetuated by its armed forces in 1971. This led to widespread outrage from various quarters, including freedom fighters, for Bangladesh to severe relations with that country.

Bangladesh and India

Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, paid a three-day visit to Bangladesh between February 19 and 22. It turned out to be a PR exercise, undertaken to

redeem some of her lost image as a result of the Saradha scam and the Burdwan blast that linked her party, Trinamool Congress, with some proscribed extremist groups from Bangladesh. The call to 'trust her' was seen as mere rhetoric.

The high point of bilateral relations was Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh. He ushered in the Land Boundary Agreement but there was

no breakthrough on Teesta. India finally got what it had been trying to get - a passage to its northeast through Bangladesh. 22 MOUs and agreements were signed during the visit.

One minute after midnight on August 1, 2015, India and Bangladesh exchanged 162 adversely-held enclaves, ending one of the world's most complex border disputes.

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BA ব্যাংক এশিয়া

ইসলামিক ব্যাংকিং ডিভিশন, কর্পোরেট অফিস

র্যাংগস টাওয়ার, ৬৮ পুরানা পল্টন, ঢাকা-১০০০, ফোন : (০২) ৭৯১০০৪২, ৭৯১০০৬২, এক্সটেনশন : ৪৭৩ থেকে ৪৮২