

# FROM BEYOND BORDERS

Star IN THE EYES OF REGION'S TOP EDITORS, COLUMNISTS



**KULDIP NAYAR**  
EMINENT  
INDIAN JOURNALIST, COLUMNIST & AUTHOR

A newspaper which keeps you abreast of happenings in Bangladesh, good or bad, peaceful or violent, democratic or authoritative ... That the reports are without any slant help you reach your own conclusion. This is the real task of a newspaper, a vehicle to carry information. Only free information can stir free response. It is an arduous task that the Star is performing without fear or favour. This is something commendable and speaks high of all those engaged in producing the paper, day in and day out.



**N RAM**  
CHAIRMAN, KASTURI & SONS LTD, AND PUBLISHER, THE HINDU GROUP OF PUBLICATIONS, CHENNAI (INDIA)

The Daily Star is one of the best and most respected newspapers in our part of the world. It has proudly protected its independence and professionalism. It has fostered journalistic innovation, ventured into new areas, and has a robust and attractive digital presence. Above all, it has remained true to the core democratic, secular, and progressive value it committed itself to when it set out on its journey a quarter century ago. I was part of The Daily Star's 15th anniversary celebrations and am able to see for myself how far it has come since then. I expect the next 10 to 15 years to be a game-changing period for journalism in South Asia and The Daily Star, with its far-sightedness and willingness to embrace the process of disruptive change, seems well placed to meet the challenges of the digital age.



**SUTHICHA YOON**  
FOUNDER, CHIEF ADVISER TO NATION MULTIMEDIA GROUP (THAILAND)

I have always had a special spiritual affinity with The Daily Star whose founder, SM Ali, was my boss and great mentor at the Bangkok Post where I started my journalistic profession.

Mahfuz Anam, the current publisher and editor, has been a great friend since he was based in Bangkok as a UN official. When I heard 25 years ago that Mahfuz was teaming up with my mentor to launch a daily in Bangladesh, I was more than elated.

Today, living up to the motto "Committed to People's Right to Know" and devoting itself to the highest standards of journalism, The Daily Star has become Bangladesh's beacon of truth, hope and freedom of expression.

My heartfelt congratulations to Mahfuz Anam, the management and editorial staff of The Daily Star on the 25th anniversary of the founding of this great newspaper!



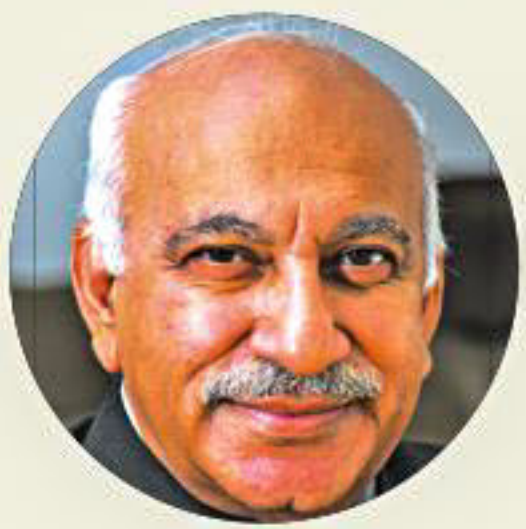
**PICHAU CHUENSUKSAWADI**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, POST PUBLISHING & EDITOR, BANGKOK POST (THAILAND)

Since it was established in 1991, The Daily Star has earned a reputation for its quality non-partisan reporting and investigative journalism. It is an achievement well deserved, driven by its commitment to serve the people's right to know. The Bangkok Post extends its warmest congratulations to The Daily Star on this most auspicious anniversary. May the newspaper and its staff continue to serve its readers and the people of Bangladesh for 25 years and more, as it has done for the past 25 years".



**RAJ CHENGAPPA**  
PRESIDENT, EDITORS GUILD OF INDIA & GROUP EDITORIAL DIRECTOR, PUBLISHING, INDIA TODAY GROUP, NEW DELHI

The Daily Star is a shining example of an independent, fearless, fair and balanced newspaper. Its editor and my good friend Mahfuz Anam is top-class. My best for its silver jubilee celebrations.



**MJ AKBAR**  
EDITOR, THE SUNDAY GUARDIAN (INDIA)

The Daily Star could be called Bangladesh's first modern newspaper in terms of its expanded news universe and presentation. It represented the needs and yearning of an independent readership which its brilliant editor Mahfuz Anam recognised as the emerging powerhouse of a new demographic. My admiration and congratulations for a superb and historic achievement.



**SHEKHAR GUPTA**  
CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDING EDITOR, MEDIASCAPE PRIVATE LIMITED, AND FORMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF INDIAN EXPRESS (INDIA)

As the leading English language daily in Bangladesh for a quarter of a century, The Daily Star has been one of the pioneers in journalism in the country. With its progressive approach and outlook, focus on top-class reportage and investigative journalism, The Daily Star has worked its way up to being an immensely influential national newspaper. As it completes a glorious 25 years, here is wishing the team the very best for the future.



**DR SHASHI THAROOR, MP**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (INDIA)

The Daily Star has been an outstanding example of the positive evolution of professional media in the South Asian subcontinent. Independent, engaged, and profoundly committed to the highest journalistic standards, The Daily Star is an asset to Bangladeshi democracy and a credit to the society it serves.



**JAIDEEP BOSE**  
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR, THE TIMES OF INDIA

In a relatively short span of 25 years, The Daily Star has not only established itself as the nation's leading English newspaper, but more importantly, as a credible, spirited and progressive voice in the sub-continent. It has emerged as an intrepid champion of press freedom, and its website the first port of call for anybody in search of objective reportage on Bangladesh. It speaks truth to power, and in doing so, has set a fine example by upholding journalism's time-honoured ideals of courage, passion and wisdom. On behalf of The Times of India Group, I wish it the very best in its onward journey from silver to gold.



**RAVINDRA KUMAR**  
EDITOR AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, THE STATESMAN (INDIA)

The Daily Star's unbiased and incisive coverage of events in Bangladesh and South Asia has provided valuable insights to readers of The Statesman, who have benefited from the cooperation between our newspapers through the Asia News Network. In addition, all of us at The Statesman have profited from the fraternal exchanges that have resulted from this relationship. I would have loved to be in Dhaka to be part of this momentous event in the life of a fine newspaper but alas that is not to be. My very best wishes to Mahfuz Anam and his team of dedicated journalists.



**KUNDA DIXIT**  
EDITOR, NEPALI TIMES, AND PUBLISHER, HIMAL MEDIA (NEPAL)

I have followed the rise of The Daily Star over the past 25 years, and am convinced the paper has effectively upheld its core values of democracy, free press and development in Bangladesh.



**AKHILESH UPADHYAY**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, THE KATHMANDU POST (NEPAL)

Responsible journalism drives a robust democracy. The Daily Star has remained a very important voice for Bangladesh and South Asia at large these 25 momentous years. Warmest greetings to the Star family and Editor Mahfuz Anam for the milestone.



**PANA JANVIROJ**  
PRESIDENT, THE NATION (THAILAND)

On behalf of Asia News Network, an alliance of 22 leading media in 19 Asian countries, a BIG congratulation to The Daily Star on your 25th anniversary. The Daily Star is an active member of Asia News Network, carrying the flag of professional journalism, adherence to facts and truth, and innovation in media multi-platforms at the very heart of South Asia. Asia News Network cannot be more proud to have you as a member.



**HAMID MIR**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, GEO TV, ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

The Daily Star is shining on the sky of journalism with the light of truth and objectivity for the last 25 years. It's very difficult to follow a pro-people and pro-democracy policy for any good media outfit in this age of materialism but the success of The Daily Star has proved that good journalism can become a good business. I congratulate its staff and readers on the 25th anniversary of The Daily Star, Bangladesh.



**KN TILAK KUMAR**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, DECCAN HERALD (BENGALORE, INDIA)

I am delighted to know that The Daily Star has reached a milestone today. It is a matter of great pride that Bangladesh's leading English daily is celebrating the 25th anniversary. Marking a quarter century of The Daily Star's publication is all the more a happy occasion since in such a short span of time the newspaper, besides being very progressive, liberal and secular, is also the young nation's largest circulated, most read and highly influential daily. Please accept my felicitations on this special occasion.



**JOHN NERY**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, INQUIRER.NET (THE PHILIPPINES)

The Philippine Daily Inquirer joins in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of its esteemed Asia News Network partner, The Daily Star.

For the last quarter-century, The Daily Star has been a beacon of the free press in South Asia; through his example and unwavering commitment to improving the quality of journalism in Asia, Mahfuz Anam, the newspaper's acclaimed Editor-Publisher, has widened the scope of The Daily Star's influence.

We in the Inquirer Group laud the achievements of The Daily Star, and look forward to the next 25 years!



**DR THEIN MYINT**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, ELEVEN MEDIA GROUP (MYANMAR)

Building a respectable newspaper in an unstable environment is not an easy work. In some of the ASEAN countries including Myanmar, journalism is still treated as crime. Journalism, however, is reporting the truth. For uncovering misdeeds and empowering people, newspapers are often treated as enemies of some authorities. Nevertheless, The Daily Star's 25th anniversary shows that the voice of the people and the truth of the events can build a lasting legacy.



**TORBEN STEPHAN**  
DIRECTOR, MEDIA PROGRAMME ASIA, KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG, SINGAPORE

The Daily Star is one of the leading newspapers in the Asia News Network. Via this channel, publisher Mahfuz Anam and his team provide news from Bangladesh to the entire world. In times when the freedom of opinion is under fire, having a clear voice in Bangladesh is essential. Happy anniversary and all the best for the next 25 years!

Celebrating



Years of Journalism without Fear or Favour