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In 1991, [REDACTED], we as a nation finally bloomed into a parliamentary democracy, [REDACTED] and we as a people drew some lines in the sand.

The birth of The Daily Star was one such line in the sand, one such great moment in the world of independent media, fighting to establish [REDACTED] news media

When we came to as a nation, a lot of [REDACTED] lines were ascribed to us in the world media - [REDACTED] and we disproved all of that, and today we are a shining example of a nation that has lifted its people out of poverty, met the MDG, made astonishing progress in not just social indices but also in GDP growth and development. We do deserve a pat on our back [REDACTED]

Yes, the nation did cross many lines, stood up to many challenges, and throughout this journey The Daily Star has been a voice which spoke the truth "without fear or favor" [REDACTED]

The bottom line is, some Truths sound better when the inconveniences that adorn it are hidden. History often sweeps its empty wrappers under the rug. What if we lived in a world where the Truth was clear for all to see? Here below we have unhidden the phrases that were struck off to help you uncover the whole truth in the message above.

- a) following a chequered history of assassinations, coups, countercoups, and all kinds of political and natural disasters,
- b) - "international basket case," "nuisance," "Least Developed Country,"
- c) though truth be told we have yet to completely root out corruption, poverty, illiteracy etc.
- d) missteps and lapses notwithstanding
- e) refusing to fall in line even in the face of unprecedented aggression and resistance.
- f) dismissive and derogatory
- g) taking out a corrupt, autocratic, and undemocratic regime
- h) the pillar of the 4th estate - the new and free

Just a cautionary line: sometimes lines can become barriers, boundaries, and borders that segregate, separate and split us. We, at Bitopi, believe that lines shouldn't stand for limitations or borders. In its 50 years, Bitopi calls this idea: Borderlessness. Today, we would like to thank The Daily Star for unhiding inconvenient truths for 27 years.