

The Daily Star

12:00 AM, December 24, 2015 / LAST MODIFIED: 12:00 AM, December 24, 2015

Letters To The Editor

Voices Across Borders at BRACU

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) at BRAC University organised a day-long international seminar, "Voices across Borders: Bangladesh and Myanmar/Burma Dialogue" on December 20, 2015. Part of a broader initiative to promote intellectual and civic engagement between the two countries, the event was a follow up to a meeting held in Yangon earlier in the year when a number of activists and scholars of Bangladesh visited Myanmar.

Prof. Dr. Syed Saad Andaleeb, BRACU's VC, offered welcoming comments at the inaugural session. Presentations by the visiting speakers - writers, scholars and rights activists - covered a range of subjects, from overlapping and contested ethnic identities across the Burma-Bangladesh border to the predicament of single women in contemporary Myanmar. The seminar provided a space for fresh insights and analysis on issues of mutual significance.

The seminar was co-organised by Dina Siddiqi (BRACU), Meghna Guhathakurta (Research Initiatives Bangladesh), Tharaphi Than (Northern Illinois University) and Willem van Schendel (University of Amsterdam).