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IDRC, Canada Visit to Bangladesh

BIGD-IDRC discuss development challenges



Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain, Jean Lebel, Simeen Mahmud, Anindya Chatterjee, Joanne Charette, Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Dr. Wahid Abdallah and Sarwar Jahan Chowdhury (from left) at the event

BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University organized a breakfast meeting for visiting International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada team on March 3, 2016 at Dhaka. BIGD Executive Director Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman welcomed IDRC team led by IDRC President Mr. Jean Lebel.

The discussion at the meeting included contemporary development issues and challenges of Bangladesh and that of BIGD. President Lebel noted that this was his first visit to Bangladesh and he was very impressed by the 'energy' and vibrancy he felt in exchanging views with different stakeholders. He felt Bangladesh has great potential and seemed confident that it would achieve its development goals. He was committed to keeping IDRC fully engaged in Bangladesh and welcomed any ideas BIGD might have in this regard. While the future of Think Tank Initiative (TTI) beyond the current phase was not yet determined, he said that IDRC is doing its best to shape future thinking about fund raising for think tanks

in an environment of shrinking 'resource space'. He appreciated IDRC's relations with BIGD and was encouraged by its recent accomplishments.

Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman mentioned that for sustaining development, the country needs to address issues related to good governance and institution building. He highlighted and stressed on the importance of IDRC funding which is playing a crucial role in strengthening BIGD's capacity. BIGD researchers explained how BIGD's research is contributing in development and policy advocacy issues.

The visiting team also included Joanne Charette, Vice-President, Corporate Strategy and Communications, and Anindya Chatterjee, Regional Director, Asia. Among others, Simeen Mahmud, Coordinator, CGST and Fellow, Md. Shanawez Hossain, Research Fellow, Wahid Abdallah, Visiting Fellow, and Sarwar Jahan Chowdhury, Head of Operations, from BIGD attended the meeting.

9th Meeting of Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee**Citizens' engagement in public procurement is a demand of time**

Mr. A H M Mostafa Kamal (Centre), delivering his speech at the meeting

It is a demand of time to involve citizens in the public procurement process oversight as public money is used in procurement, says Mr. A H M Mostafa Kamal, Planning Minister and Chairperson of the Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee (PPSC), in its ninth meeting. To ensure transparency and accountability in the procurement process, they should be empowered and made aware of the process, he added.

He also called for proper utilisation of public money through optimal use of resources, saying that penalty should be ensured if there is any breach in contracts.

The Minister was addressing as the Chair of the 9th meeting of PPSC, held on February 4, 2016 at NEC Conference room, Planning Commission Campus, Agargaon, Dhaka. The Minister also launched a newsletter titled 'Public Procurement Watch'. The BIGD, BRAC University is providing the technical assistance to the Central Procurement Training Unit (CPTU), IMED to help design and implement the social accountability mechanism that aims to institutionalize and develop a third party monitoring system in the public procurement process in Bangladesh.

Speakers at the meeting stressed the need for more involvement of people in both the procurement and monitoring process to ensure transparency and accountability in the execution of government's development projects. Information on projects such as nature of project work and duration, expenditure, and starting time should be made public on the website, the meeting recommended. Other recommendations include empowerment of people and formation of project area-based monitoring committee and e-tendering to ensure transparency and accountability in procurement activities.

Earlier, Dr. Mirza M. Hasan, Adjunct Fellow, BIGD delivered

a presentation on mechanism of citizen engagement in government's procurement activities. ent stages of public procurement.

BIGD – Cabinet Division Seminar on Disposal of Audit Objection**Effective use of technology and professionalism needed for quick disposal of audit objections**

Distinguished guests at the seminar

Effective use of technology can help in quick disposal of public sector audit objections, said Mr. M A Mannan MP, State Minister of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Planning. Citing Government Performance Management System (GPMS), a creative tool which helps to measure performance and subsequently reveal what works and what does not, Mr. Mannan said the Audit department is a key player in ensuring that such useful technology-based tools get used for the improvement of the system and establishing of good governance. He also said professional conduct by the audit officials will play a critical role to restrict the climbing number of audit objections. He stressed on further simplification of the public audit system.

Mr. Mannan was addressing a seminar titled Facilitating Disposal of Audit Objections on March 12, 2016, as the Chief Guest. The seminar was co-organized by BIGD and the Cabinet Division of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, in partnership with the World Bank Group under a project titled 'Community of Practice on Performance Management in South Asia.'

Mr. Mahbub Ahmed, Senior Secretary, Finance Division attended the seminar as the Special Guest. Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director, BIGD and Mr. N M Zeaul Alam, Secretary in Charge (Coordination and Reforms), Cabinet Division delivered the opening and concluding remarks respectively. Mr. Mohammad Shafiul Alam, Cabinet Secretary chaired the event.

Mr. Mohammad Shafiul Alam said it is necessary to synchronise audit rules some of which have become obsolete. He stressed on compliance with government

rules and regulations properly to avoid further emergence of audit objections. He also urged the Secretaries to take steps to address (climbing number of) audit objections.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman highlighted BIGD's supportive drive to help strengthen the performance management system of the Government through implementation of a GPMS in Bangladesh since 2014, in cooperation with the World Bank Group and Cabinet Division, the Government of Bangladesh under a project titled "Community of Practice (CoP) on Performance Management in South Asia". He expressed his high hopes that seminars like this will carry forward the dialogue on audit vs accounts management of the Government of Bangladesh and come up with recommendations on how to effectively facilitate Disposal of Audit Objections.

In the seminar, Mr. Rezauddin M Chowdhury, former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) presented the keynote paper. Md. Rafiquzzaman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism; Md. Mohiuddin Khan, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division; Md. Abual Hossain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Land, and Mr. Shish Haider Chowdhury, Deputy Secretary, Finance Division participated in the panel discussion. Amongst others, Mr. N M Zeaul Alam, Secretary in Charge (Coordination & Reforms), Cabinet Division also participated in the discussion.

Workshop in Khulna on Public Procurement

Citizens engagement will improve quality of work, ensure social accountability and best use of public money



Guests at the inaugural session of the workshop

Citizens engagement in public procurement will improve the quality of work, ensure social accountability and facilitate an enabling environment for optimum use of public money. The involvement of citizens in public procurement can also identify the irregularities and errors in procurement. To alert people about the existing rules and regulations of the procurement process, engaging campaigns are required to involve citizens in the process.

Such recommendations emerged from the inaugural session of a workshop titled How to Engage Citizens and Ensure Social Accountability in Public Procurement, organised jointly by BIGD and CPTU, IME Division of Planning Ministry, on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Hotel City Inn, Khulna. BIGD is providing the technical assistance to the CPTU, IMED to help design and implement the social accountability mechanism that aims to institutionalize and develop a third party monitoring system in the public procurement process of the country.

Khulna Divisional Commissioner Md. Abdus Samad graced the workshop as the Chief Guest, while the World Bank Lead Procurement Specialist Dr. Zafrul Islam was present as the Special Guest. Deputy Commissioner of Khulna Nazmul Ahsan presided over the workshop. CPTU Director General Md. Faruk Hossain delivered the welcome speech at the event.

Dr. Mirza Hassan made a presentation on a plan to pilot third-party monitoring (TPM) of public procurement in four upazillas of Rangpur and Sirajganj districts. Dr. Mirza Hassan spoke at the event.

SHARIQUE-BIGD Roundtable on Women's Representation in LG

Declining Women's presence in local government needs increased democratic practices within political parties



Guests and participants at the Roundtable

The number of women contestants for both general and reserved seats in the local government elections has declined over the years, thereby questioning women's political empowerment in local government although the Constitution and the National Women Development Policy 2011 are in favor of women's political participation, says research findings shared at a roundtable discussion titled 'Strengthening Women's Representation in Local Government', organized by BIGD in cooperation with HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (HSI) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) under the Local Governance Program SHARIQUE-III, on March 20, 2016 at the capital's Lake Shore Hotel. The event was held to have informed discussions on how to increase women's

participation in local government elections.

Research findings and field observations also indicate women do not feel motivated to participate in the UP elections as they are often unable to keep the promises to their voters. Women are generally passive as political actors, as economic barriers, lack of proper resource allocation and confusion over their respective responsibilities have drawn back many of them from attempting participation in the election. Moreover, women prefer to participate in the reserve seats because they are less expensive and competitive. However, participation in reserve seats may also put women in the sidelines when it comes to contesting elections in the general seats. Ms. Maheen Sultan, Visiting Fellow, BIGD presented the keynote paper at the event.

Addressing the issue of the small number of female political leaders at the grassroots level of the government, the speakers at the event said in the UP polls, the number of female candidates is relatively fewer than before. In fact, data from the Election Commission shows that female participation in different elections in the government has decreased over the years. From 2008 to 2011, the number of female participants in UP elections went down to 1,000 around the country, according to the Election Commission statistics. To increase women's representation in local government, the speakers stressed on increased democratic practices within the political parties, strict monitoring of EC, pro-active role of civil society organizations and media, and political goodwill.

Earlier Ms. Melina Papageorgiou Trippolini, Programme Manager, SDC delivered the introductory remarks, and followed by the keynote presentation, Mr. Muhammad Jahangir, noted media personality, facilitated the discussion session where participants gave their views and shared experiences on the issue.

Concluding the event on a positive note, Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director, BIGD said though there appears to be lots of constraints with regard to women's progress in Bangladesh's politics, the situation is not frustrating if we look at the history of our democracy and feminist movement. Even industrialised countries have ensured women's political rights after a long struggle only in recent decades. In this respect, Bangladesh has not taken that long. Certainly further mobilising this progress requires collective and aligned actions from all relevant stakeholders, civil society organizations and media.

Increasing Women's Representation in the Local Government

Awareness-raising Discussion held at Sunamganj

— In order to reach a broader audience locally and to engage local government representatives, politicians and local administration in increasing women contestants in

both reserved and general seats in the UP elections, SHARIQUE and BIGD held an awareness-raising discussion on March 10, 2016 at Shaheed Abul Hossain Auditorium, Sunamganj.



Amir Uddin, Rafiqul Islam Talukdar, Syeda Salina Aziz, Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain and Prof. Suchita Sharmin at the event (from left to right)

The event proved to be an interactive platform where some research findings and field observations surrounding women's participation in both reserved and general seats were presented by guest speaker Prof. Suchita Sharmin, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka.

Following the presentation, a discussion under the facilitation of BIGD Senior Researcher Ms. Syeda Salina Aziz was held, where participants gave their views and shared experiences on the issue. Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain, Research Fellow and Team Leader of SHARIQUE, BIGD; Mr. Rafiqul Islam Talukdar, Senior Programme Manager, BIGD, and Mr. Amir Uddin, Field Coordinator, HSI participated in the discussion, among others.

Concluding the discussion and urging local politicians to nominate women for both general and reserved seats, researchers and representatives of BIGD and SHARIQUE said that women can easily get access to the public. commitment to internal democracy.

Seminar on Climate Change

Women can play a central role in adaptation to climate change

— Being the primary victim of climate change impacts, women can play a central role in adaptation to climate change. Therefore, when it comes to decision-making and implementation towards building resilient communities in the face of climate change, the full and meaningful participation of women become essential, said Ms. Amy MacMahon, a PhD candidate from the University of Queensland in a seminar on climate change, organized by BIGD on January 21, 2016 at the BIGD Conference Room.

Chaired by BIGD Research Fellow Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain, Ms. Amy was presenting a paper titled Adaptation, Environmental Change and Gender Relations in Bagerhat: A Sociological Analysis in the seminar.

Seminar on Public Private Partnership

PPP vision 2021 in infrastructure development

---● BIGD organised a seminar on Public Private Partnership (PPP) on January 4, 2016 in the BIGD conference room. Mr. C. Prathapmohan Nair, Sr. PPP Specialist of the Prime Minister's Office of Bangladesh discussed why, what and how - factors of PPP, types of PPP arrangements, case in various sectors, and a snapshot of Bangladesh PPP Program Vision 2021, in his presentation titled PPP in Infrastructure Development at the seminar. Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director of BIGD, BRAC University chaired the seminar.



Mr. C. Prathapmohan Nair (left) along with other researchers and attendees at the seminar

In the presentation, Dr. Nair mentioned that there are seven characteristics of PPP - these are arrangement between public & private, provision of services for public benefit by private partner, investments in and/or management of public assets by private partner, time period, risk sharing-optimally between contracting parties, focus on quality of service/ performance, payments-linked to performance.

Seminar on Bangladesh Delta Plan-2100

---● The Urban, Climate Change and Environment (UCCE) cluster, organized a seminar on Bangladesh Delta Plan-2100 on February 10, 2016 at BIGD Conference Room. Professor Dr. Jaap de Heer, VU University Amsterdam and Team Leader, Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP) project under General Economic Division, Ministry of Planning, shared his experiences at the event.



Prof. Dr. Jaap de Heer (left) is delivering his speech at the seminar in presence of the BIGD Researchers and Staff

In his presentation, he talked about the background, aim, goals of the Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP) -2100. He discussed the concepts, drivers, and components of the plan with respect to water, food, economic growth and climate change. He further explained the sectors of the delta plan along with the process of how they have conducted a baseline study and how the survey has been merged with the existing study. At the end, he highlighted the strategic issues related to aligning 19 ministries for an

integrated governance arrangement and holistic policy making.

Media Orientation

SHARIQUE's Local Governance Advocacy Issues shared

---● BIGD in cooperation with HSI and SDC hosted an orientation session on March 7, 2016 for the media to keep abreast of key local government reform issues under the Local Governance Program 'SHARIQUE'. The issues that SHARIQUE has identified are functioning of Committees and Standing Committees of Upazila and Union Parishads, building effectiveness of Ward Shobha, increasing women's participation in local government, and encouraging Union Parishads to keep allocations for their capacity-building. While some of these issues require policy reform, others are more about awareness-raising to strengthen existing policy provisions. Given the context and challenges, SHARIQUE consulted with the media to determine how best to raise awareness and deliver more informed coverage of the subject.

The event began with a brief overview of SHARIQUE by Mr. Fazlur Rahman, Research Specialist BIGD. Dr. Mirza M Hassan, Adjunct Fellow, BIGD delivered a presentation on advocacy issues mentioned above and the related policy reform proposals that SHARIQUE has formulated based on its action research and stakeholder consultations. An interesting discussion followed the presentation where journalists expressed interest to know the reasons behind the declining number of women contestants in local government elections, and also shared their views on the pros and cons of the newly introduced party-based election system in local government.

Thanking the participants and concluding the orientation session, Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director, BIGD said that with the kind of eagerness that the media had shown today toward local government reform issues, it was possible to work together and jointly advocate for reform proposals.

Other representatives in the programme included Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain, Research Fellow and Team Leader of Sharique, BIGD and Mr. Rafiqul Islam Talukdar, Senior Programme Manager, BIGD.

Consultation Meeting on the Gender Based Macroeconomic Analysis

---● BIGD hosted a consultation meeting on the Gender Based Macroeconomic Analysis Component of one of its research studies 'Evidence based Foundation of Women's Economic Empowerment' at BIGD Conference Room on March 24, 2016. The study is being conducted for UNDP and UN Women. The meeting was arranged to consult stakeholders in this sector to obtain their feedback on the study methodology, findings and analysis in order to strengthen the analysis.

BIGD Professionals Activities

Researchers attended the Roundtable on Bangladesh Priorities - Smarter Solutions Bangladesh

— Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain, Research Fellow; Dr. Wahid Abdallah, Visiting Fellow; Sumaiya Kabir Talukder, Research Assistant and Nabila Zaman, Research Associate of BIGD attended a roundtable discussion on Bangladesh Priorities-Smarter Solutions Bangladesh at the BRAC Centre Inn on February 16, organised by Copenhagen Consensus Centre. The roundtable was organised to discuss smart solutions covering 20 different topics chosen after a thorough review of 26 different background studies of the 7th Five Year Plan and in-person interviews with leading experts of the country.

In this roundtable BIGD participants presented their preliminary findings on: (i) The cost benefit analysis of implementing village courts in Bangladesh, and (ii) The Costs and Benefits of Digitization of Land Records. As part of the Bangladesh Priorities Project: Top Ideas for Cost-Benefit Research, BIGD is conducting research on two components.

Among others, Dr. Brad Wong, Senior Manager, Copenhagen Consensus Center; Dr. Tofail Ahmed, Local Government Specialist and Visiting Fellow of BIGD; Dr. Badiul Alam Mazumdar, Country Director, The Hunger Project; Devabrata Chakraborty, Director, Governance Innovation Unit of Prime Minister's Office, were also present at the roundtable.

A ToT at Harvard University

— Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director and Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain, Research Fellow of BIGD attended the International Training of Trainers course on

Building Capacity to Use Research Evidence (BCURE), organized by UK Department for International Development from 8-10 February, at the Harvard Kennedy School, Boston, MA.



Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain (left) receiving the certificates at the ToT

Academics and civil servants from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan came together to learn to use the blended learning model behind BCURE's training modules. The training component of the BCURE-Harvard program aims to equip policy decision makers with practical skills and frameworks for effectively applying data and evidence in their work. The course covers among other methodologies: blended and online learning techniques, bridging the gap between research and policy, and empowering civil servants to access, assess and communicate data and evidence for evidence-based policymaking.

The objectives of the training was to expose participants to cutting-edge pedagogical techniques to be used to complement digital training modules developed by Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD) at the Center for International Development, Harvard University, with funding from the UK Department for International Development's Building Capacity to Use Research Evidence (BCURE) program.

Researcher presented a paper at a Seminar on Masculinity

— Maheen Sultan, Visiting Fellow and Bayazid Hasan, Senior Research Associate of BIGD, presented a paper titled "Migration, Conceptions of Masculinity and Femininity and Changing Gender

Norms" at a Seminar on Masculinity, on February 29, 2016 organized by JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University. The purpose of the seminar was to explore the conceptions and scope of work on masculinity in Bangladesh.

BIGD's Fellow gave a talk at an International Conference

— Dr. Simeen Mahmud, Coordinator, CGST and Fellow, BIGD attended the Conference titled "Gender discrimination in Developing Countries: Causes and Remedies" to give a talk on "Missing women in South Asia: Is son preference declining in Bangladesh?" on March 9 - 13, 2016 at the University of Zurich, Switzerland. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Economics, University of Zurich and UNICEF.

Miscellaneous

* A team of BIGD Researchers participated in a week-long training titled 'Research Methods' from January 11 - 16, 2016 in Kolkata, organized by IFMR LEAD, a nonprofit research organization based in Chennai, India. The training program was interactive in nature, and focused largely on different aspects of research methodologies.

* Kabita Chowdhury, Research Associate; Sanjida Parveen, Sufia Khatun and Towhid Iqram Mahmood, Research Assistants of BIGD attended a workshop titled Qualitative Methodology in Gender and Feminist Research, organized by BRAC University, in collaboration with the Linnaeus-Palme Exchange Program, Sweden, on January 21-26, 2016 at the Department of English and Humanities, BRAC University. The workshop was led by Professor Ann Öhman from Umeå Centre for Gender Studies, Umeå University, Sweden.

* Sadia Mustafa, Research Assistant BIGD attended a Seminar on "Shared learning from Women's Collectives and way forward" organized by ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB) at the Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan, on January 17, 2016.

* Mr. Ashikur Rahman, Research Associate, BIGD attended the fourth round of Speakers' Forum titled Faith and Education: Contestations around the Madrasa in Bangladesh, held on March 12, 2016 organized by Economics and Social Science Department (ESS) of BRAC University, in collaboration with the Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs of Georgetown University and World Faiths Development Dialogue.

* Simeen Mahmud, Coordinator of the Centre for Gender and Social Transformation (CGST) and Fellow of BIGD, attended the round table meeting on "Equality through Dignity" Campaign held on February 28. The discussion was organised by the daily Prothom Alo, in association with Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and Matta, at the newspaper's office in the capital.

* Ms. Maheen Sultan, Visiting Fellow of BIGD made a presentation titled "Addressing sexual harassment in the garments sector: good practices and findings" at the National Dialogue on Safe Spaces for Women at Workplace, jointly organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST) and BRAC on March 6, 2016 to mark International Women's Day 2016. The dialogue was organised to start a conversation among private sector organisations to address the issue.

* Dr. Simeen Mahmud, Coordinator, CGST and Fellow, BIGD joined the World Bank's South Asia regional management team retreat as a panel speaker on "Female labor participation." As a leading economist she shared her thoughts on what can be learned by other South Asian countries from Bangladesh and what could be done in Bangladesh itself to help its women become fully included in the labor market and to obtain good quality jobs.

Executive Director's Activities

Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, the Executive Director of BIGD, held several meetings in the first quarter of the year 2016 with a

number of distinguished personalities such as prominent academics and researchers regarding BIGD's research collaboration and other relevant issues. Among others Dr. Rahman had a meeting with Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Donor Liaison Officer, BRAC; Mr. Minne Bosma, Consultant, MDF Training & Consultancy Bangladesh; Mr. Ahmad Ahsan, Lead Economist, the World Bank; Mohammad Nazmul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Ms. Pauline Themesis, Resident Head, UNDP Bangladesh; Dr. Parul Agarwal, Associate Director-Financial Inclusion and Dr. Sitaram Mukherjee, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Microfinance of the Institute; Dr. Atonu Rabbani, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka; Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member, General Economic Division (GED) of Planning Commission; Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relation Division, Ministry of Finance; Dr. Prof. Jaap de Heer, Team Leader, Bangladesh Delta Plan; Prof. S. R. Osmani, Professor of Development Economics at the University of Ulster, United Kingdom; Mr. Stuart Davies, Senior Economics Adviser, DFID; Mr. Siamul Rabbany, Programme Officer - Political Governance, UNDP and Md. Siddiqur Rahman, President, BGMEA; Ms. Sarah Shehabuddin of Anti Corruption Project, UNDP; Mr. Taibur Rahman, Additional Secretary and Prof. Yug, both of General Economic Division (GED), Planning Commission Dr. M. Sayeduzzaman; Mr. Rabbani, Director, Governance Innovation Unit of Prime Minister's Office and Professor M. Adil Khan, University of Queensland.

Besides, Dr Sultan Hafeez Rahman also attended the CPD dialogue on "The Struggle for Bangladesh" at BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium, Dhaka on Saturday 30 January, 2016 where the contemporary issues of the country came under discussion with the light from the newly published

aforementioned memoir by Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman of CPD. Dr. Rahman discussed the author's role in addressing the issue of economic disparity between the then two parts of Pakistan and debates during the Liberation War of Bangladesh at the event.

Dr. Rahman also attended a Seminar on Civil Society Organisations in a globalized world - Rethinking Social Accountability, organized by BRAC University.

Publications By BIGD Staff

The Daily Samakal:

রাজনৈতিক দলের সম্মেলন ও নেতৃত্ব নির্বাচন by Mohammad Sirajul Islam, Research Associate, BIGD on March 28, 2016.

The Daily Star : Political And Electoral Violence In Bangladesh: Trends And Patterns by Syeda Salina Aziz, Senior Research Associate, and Farhana Razzaque, Research Associate, BIGD, on March 24, 2016.

The Daily Star : Media freedom for democratic governance: Where do we stand? by Md. Harun Or Rashid on February 22, 2016.

The Daily Star: Citizens in development by Mohammad Sirajul Islam, on January 31, 2016.

The Daily Star: Wasting Away by Mohammad Sirajul Islam, Gazi Arafat Uz Zaman Markony and Nadir Shah Nadim on January 20, 2016.

The Daily Star: THE YEAR IN REVIEW by Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director, BIGD on January 01, 2016.

Daily Asian Age: Political developments in South Asian Nations: A no easy picture by Sarwar Jahan Chowdhury, Head of Operations, BIGD on January 01, 2016.



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