

# BBC World News: Nicholas Kristof pays tribute to his friend Sir Fazle Hasan Abed

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A pioneer of international development, who founded the world's largest NGO has died. Sir Faz-lay Hasan Abed was eighty-three. He founded the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee also known as BRAC, in 1972, initially in response to the country's bloody independence war and a cyclone that had killed half a million people. It's still centred on helping small businesses, educating children and teaching women about health care. Now operating in eleven Asian and African countries, BRAC is said to have lifted a-hundred and fifty-million people out of poverty. BBC World News presenter Maryam Moshiri spoke to New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof about their friendship with.