

BOOK REVIEW:

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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Current Affairs is an anthology of articles on contemporary issues written by former Ambassador *Barrister* Harun ur Rashid in newspaper and newsmagazines, most of them were published in the year 2011 and 2012.

The book consists of 337 pages and published in this month of February by the Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL), Road 6-A, Dhanmondi R.A.Dhaka-1209.

Although such articles have short shelf-period, only those articles which are of relevance to the issues of today are selected for the book. The articles cover a wide range of subjects--political, economic and strategic-- of Bangladesh, and on regional and international issues.

The articles are structured into four themes---Bangladesh, South Asia, Middle East and International Relations. They contain an investigative commentary on current burning issues, affecting all countries.

The article may be read individually or read together subject to subject. Either way a common golden thread of shifting global geo-politics will be evident from the articles.

The author argues that no powerful country can resolve global issues alone as countries are interconnected with each other much more than any other period because of globalization.

Being located between India and China, Bangladesh is able to play an important role not only with its proposed interconnectivity with both India and China but also its access to the high seas of the Indian Ocean.

The book also provides a glimpse on critical issues including the challenges of Bangladesh foreign policy as to how Bangladesh fits into the context of geopolitical shift to Asia Pacific region.

The author is conscious that his views as expressed in the articles may not be unanimous but will be happy if it generates healthy discussion on the issues covered in the book.

The book is a major contribution to the understanding of contemporary issues and constitutes a rich resource for any one who is interested in domestic, regional and international cooperation.

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