

Bangladesh's Fourth National Day Was Somewhat Sorrowful

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December 16 was Bangladesh National Day, commemorating the declaration of a free nation here four years ago.

It was only the beginning of sorrows.

Although flags flew from every shop, one could almost sense the feeling of hunger for the "good old days" before.

It follows the observance of Eid-alAzha, the second major Holy Day of the Muslim faith, which recalls the sacrifice of Abraham.

The Muslims are convinced this was the start of Semitic history.

All over the Muslim world, hundreds of thousands of goats and cattle were sacrificed and eaten and enormous feasts were held.

Our companion ate twice that day, being invited to two houses by two of his friends.

I think it would have been no problem for him to make it four or five!