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“The Real Politics of Bangladesh: The Inside Story of Local Power Brokers”



SPEAKER

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Professor Manzoor Hasan is presently the Executive Director of the South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal & Human Rights Studies, BRAC University. Prior to that he was the Director of the Institute of Governance Studies (2006-2012), BRAC University and the Deputy Executive Director of BRAC (2004-2006). Professor Hasan was the founding Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh (1996 to 2003) and then the Regional Director (Asia-Pacific) of TI in Berlin. In 2003 he was awarded the Honour of the Officer of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II for his service to TIB. Professor Hasan graduated from the London School of Economics and was then called to the English Bar from the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. He practiced civil law in England and Bangladesh. He is currently involved with Bangladesh Youth Employment Advisory Helpdesk (B'Yeah) and Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre (BYLC).

Abstract

Professor Manzoor Hasan's recent book, *The Real Politics of Bangladesh: The Inside Story of Local Power Brokers* is an in-depth investigation of *mastaans*, who are central actors in local politics of Bangladesh. It proposes strategies to neutralise or defeat the deleterious influence of *mastaan*. These include improvements in land management, property rights for the poor and more creative ways to restore the rule of law.

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