



Controversy over Muhammad Yunus's Gift Featuring Distorted Map of Bangladesh

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Bangladesh's interim Chief Advisor and Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has sparked diplomatic tension after gifting a book containing a distorted map of Bangladesh to a Pakistani general.

The book, *Art of Triumph: Bangladesh's New Dawn*, carried on its cover a map depicting India's Assam and other Northeastern states as part of a so-called "Greater Bangladesh."

The depiction aligns with expansionist ideas often promoted by radical groups and has caused unease in India's diplomatic circles, particularly amid the recent warming of Dhaka-Islamabad relations since Yunus assumed office in August 2024.

This is not the first instance of Yunus making controversial remarks regarding India's Northeast. Earlier in March, during a visit to China, he had suggested that Bangladesh could serve as the "gateway to the ocean" for the region, implying Chinese economic integration with India's landlocked northeastern states.