

Modi and Yunus set aside differences, discuss minorities, situation at border

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Context

- Setting aside the tensions of the past eight months in their first meeting since the regime change in Dhaka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh's Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus held talks on the sidelines of the **BIMSTEC regional summit in Bangkok** on Friday.
- While both leaders raised contentious issues including India's call for the protection of minorities in Bangladesh, Dhaka's demand for the extradition of former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, and border security issues during the meeting that lasted about 40 minutes, they met on cordial terms and exchanged commitments to bilateral ties.
- Bangladesh will host the BIMSTEC summit next year, and Mr. Modi congratulated Mr. Yunus for assuming its chairmanship.

BIMSTEC

Founded in 1997 by Bangkok Declaration

The BIMSTEC Secretariat is located in **Dhaka**, **Bangladesh**.

Initially it was BIST – EC.

After some time, it became BIMSTEC by addition of Myanmar, Nepal & Bhutan.

First Summit held in Bangkok (Thailand). Current summit is also held in Bangkok

Next year, it will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh

BIMSTEC

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and E











Bhutan

Bangladesh

India

Thailand

Objectives

7 MEMBER COUNTRIES



To enable environment for



To collaborate and mutua of common interest.



To maintain close and ben existing international and



To endeavour to eradicate Bengal region.



To establish multidimens synergy among connectiv

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