

Woman 1: The best news and the most proud moment for the country was when Dr. Yunus received the Nobel Prize [for Peace]. Through his achievement, our country has gained worldwide recognition and for this we feel pride in our hearts. Looking at Bengal's history, Rabindranath Tagore was a Nobel Prize winner, then Dr. Yunus is also a Bengali and he is also a Nobel Prize winner and there is also another individual who is a Nobel Prize winner, whose name I cannot remember at this time. Three Bengalis are Nobel Prize winners and therefore we can see that Bengalis have a rich tradition and history. Bangladesh's past was filled with pride, the future will definitely be filled with pride and the present is obviously a proud moment as a result of Dr. Yunus's achievement. Therefore it is our responsibility, the responsibility of individuals living in Bangladesh to make an effort so that the nation can reach the most respectful position in the world. Every single boy and girl, every single Bengali must focus on how to make Bangladesh an honest, beautiful, peaceful and educated nation. That is everyone's dream and prayer. The children of our country are absolutely right; the country would have gone much further if there were more opportunities and greater financial solvency. Much further. In the age of technology, if there was more financial stability, the country would have advanced much further. It would have been an exceptional nation standing out from the rest. But it will happen. Our country is newly independent. A country being 30 years is not old. The fact is that our country is small and relative to that, the population is very large. The country's best resource is population. The human resource is our solution; other countries have oil mines, gold mines, or coal mines but we have human resources. If we could train, educate and develop our human resources, then "InshAllah"¹ Bangladesh will reach a top position in the world in future. Look at the level of remittances. Bangladesh has significantly improved the economic situation of the country with the amount of remittances that Bengalis abroad are sending back to their families in their home country. Therefore in this way, if our government and the rest of us can put the entire labor force into employment in different career fields, and provide them with full support, within the next 10-15 years, Bangladesh will attain a top world position by availing only human resources.

¹ *Insh.Allāh* or "God willing" is an Arabic term evoked by Indonesian, Arabic, Malay, Wolof, Persian, Bosnian, Turkish, Urdu, Hausa, Bengali and many Muslim English, German, and French speakers to indicate hope for an aforementioned event to occur in the future.

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