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Bangladesh — A Historical Survey

Sir,

It is not understood what was the objective of publishing the cover story under the above heading by Dr. M. M. Hassan in the magazine section of your daily of Friday July 16, 1999.

The contents of that cover story can be found in the text book of History even at High School level. Moreover there is one factual mistake in that story.

It has been stated, "Few years before the World War I, Lord Wavell the then Governor of Bengal encouraged Sir Salimullah the Nawab of Dhaka to organise the Muslims of India under the banner of All India Muslim League."

Lord Wavell was not the Governor of Bengal at any time. He was the Viceroy of India when British Labour Government sent a Cabinet Mission to settle the Indo — Pakistan question which is known as Cabinet Mission Plan, 1946. The All India Muslim League was established on 30 December 1906, when Sir Salimullah Nawab Bahadur of Dhaka convened a conference of representative Muslim Leagues from the whole sub-continent, who met in Dhaka. He then moved a resolution to form a political association styled as All India Muslim League to protect and advance the political right and interests of the Muslims of India. Lord Minto was at that time the Viceroy of India.

A glaring printing error, where "Babu" has been printed instead of Babur who in 1526 conquered India and established the Mughal Empire, cannot also escape notice.

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