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I arrived in Dhaka Bangladesh in August 2009 to begin my research. Over the course of the research term I have conducted oral interviews with former activists in Dhaka. I recorded all of these interviews and will also be compiling a transcript to leave with the Liberation War Museum as part of their research resources collection. I was also fortunate to be able to travel to Khulna with the Liberation War Museum and interview a student participant that was a leader in the Awami League, yet often left out of analysis due to his current location outside of Dhaka. In these interviews, I have attempted (with varying levels of effectiveness) to delve into issues beyond a mere narrative account of the events and get a sense of how the students imagined themselves as part of what was happening both locally and globally. I have also conducted a few interviews with students that attended Dhaka University in the years after my subject period and asked about their sense of relationship to the historical movements and how it is remembered by subsequent generations.

I have taken advantage of the research collection at the Liberation War Museum and have been able to draw from materials they have collected such as newspapers and memoirs. I have consulted, and continue to work in, the Bangladesh National Archives for similar materials. In addition, I have made contact with several local journalists, and a particularly helpful journalist has led my research in very interesting and fruitful directions regarding the way that the student movements are remembered and reported today.

In the course of conducting my research, I found that it was going so well that I wanted to stay even longer and explore some new questions in further detail. I applied for, and was granted, a research grant from the American Institute of Pakistan Studies for the period immediately following this grant and will stay to explore the issue of Pakistani nationalism in greater detail until December 2010.

I have been accepted to present a paper on some of my findings from the research at the International Association of Historians of Asia annual conference in June 2010 at National University Singapore. I am looking forward to sharing the ideas and soliciting feedback from scholars in the region and expect even more interesting questions to arise.

All of this research is ultimately shaping up into my dissertation, which I intend to defend in the Spring of 2012.

All in all, my research time here in Dhaka has been an excellent opportunity and continues to excite me everyday. I am grateful to the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies for the opportunity to conduct this research and I am hopeful that the resulting work will aid in furthering knowledge about, and appreciation for, Bangladesh's rich tradition of student protest.