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Change in Bangladesh, the challenges for India

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Recent Events in Bangladesh

- The ousting of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
- Student protests led by the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement
- The army's intervention and appointment of Muhammad Yunus as interim government head

How does the current situation in Bangladesh differ from the 2007 military coup?

- In 2007, the army was needed to control anarchy and violence
- In 2024, the army is seen as facilitating the will of the people
- The army appears more vulnerable and responsive to public opinion

What challenges does the interim government in Bangladesh face?

- Potential hijacking of student agitation by suppressed radicalised groups
- Ongoing violence against Awami League sympathizers
- Attacks on symbols of Bangladesh liberation and the Hindu minority
- Balancing polarized forces in the government.
- Similar to Myanmar, where coup leaders struggle to retain control

What challenges does India face due to this turmoil?

- Balancing relationships:
 - Maintaining ties with the new interim government while not alienating other political factions
 - Avoiding the mistake made in the Maldives, where supporting one side led to backlash
- Regional stability:
 - Ensuring the political transition doesn't lead to increased instability in the region
 - Preventing the rise of anti-India forces or religious extremism in Bangladesh
- Protecting minority interests:
 - Addressing concerns about attacks on the Hindu minority community in Bangladesh
 - Advocating for the protection of religious minorities without appearing interventionist

