



Suggested writing prompt (~250 words)

This story highlights how Bangladesh's progress in fighting tuberculosis is threatened by the U.S. government's decision to cut USAID funding. In an essay, analyze how this funding halt illustrates the tension between **foreign aid dependency and national self-reliance**. Consider how political decisions in one country can shape public health outcomes in another, and discuss what strategies Bangladesh or similar nations could use to build sustainable health systems that are less vulnerable to foreign policy changes.