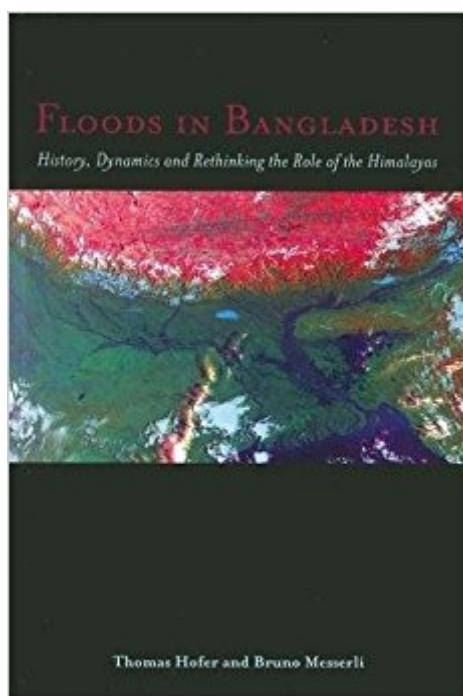


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The reader might despair of Bangladesh after reading this book. It describes the massive overcrowding of > 100 million people on a riverine delta. Subject to annual flooding, as has just happened last week. In this case, due to a cyclone. The book describes how most of the land is at sea level. Actually quite fertile, due to the silt deposited by the rivers, that builds up the delta. Historically, this very fertility led to today's huge population. But the episodic flooding (quite apart

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