



Press release

A gala reception on 54th Independence and National Day of Bangladesh was held in Muscat

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On 21 April 2024, the Embassy of Bangladesh in Muscat held a grand reception to celebrate the 54th Independence and National Day of Bangladesh at Sheraton Oman hotel in Muscat. **H.E. Dr. Saeed bin Mohammed bin Ahmed Al-Saqri Al-Mowafir**, Hon'ble Minister of Economy graced the reception as Guest of Honour along with a government delegation comprising members of State council, Shura council and Senior officials of the Foreign Ministry of the Sultanate of Oman. The reception was attended by Ambassadors and diplomats of various countries and representatives of different multilateral organization accredited to the Sultanate, Omani businessmen, academicians and media personalities, Bangladeshi renowned businessmen, academicians, doctors, engineers and community leaders etc.

The program began with playing the National Anthem of the both countries. Then H.E. the Ambassador Mr. Md. Nazmul Islam delivered his speech. Following that, audio-visuals (AV) were displayed showcasing Bangladesh's remarkable development journey under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to realize the golden Bengal, the lifelong dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the natural beauty of Bangladesh.

In his remark, Ambassador paid deepest respect to father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the greatest Bangali of all times, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, under whose bold and charismatic leadership, we have earned our long-cherished dream, a sovereign and independent Bangladesh. He also paid homage to all martyrs, mother and sisters, and freedom fighters who made supreme sacrifice during the war of liberation. Highlighting the remarkable development of Bangladesh under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he also mentioned that Bangladesh is now poised to implement vision 2041 in aim to build a developed SMART BANGLADESH. The country is even looking further ahead with Delta Plan-2100.

Reflecting the excellent bilateral relations between the two friendly countries, he expressed deepest gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, the Government and the people of the Sultanate of Oman for generously hosting a significant number of Bangladeshi expatriates in Oman. He also mentioned that both countries working together to expand bilateral relations in different sectors particularly in trade and investment, agriculture, food security, IT and blue economy. He reiterated Bangladesh's commitment for peace, non-interference, disarmament and peaceful settlements of disputes which are emanated from the foreign policy of Bangladesh 'Friendship to all, malice towards none'.

To commemorate the ceremony, H.E. the Ambassador and the Guest of Honour cut a celebratory cake together followed by a group photo with the Official delegation of the government of the Sultanate of Oman.

The event was concluded with serving delectable buffet dinner to the guests. As the Great Independence and National Day falls in the holy month of Ramadan this year, the reception was organized on 21 April 2024.

