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Newly appointed envoys of Oman and France presented their credentials



The newly appointed Ambassadors of Oman and France presented their credentials to the Hon'ble President at Bangabhaban on 12 December 2022. Welcoming the new Ambassador

of Oman Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Bin Abdul Karim Al-Bulushi, Hon'ble President H.E. Md. Abdul Hamid observed that Oman could take more skilled manpower including nurses and doctors from Bangladesh.

He also urged Omani investors to invest in Bangladesh's potential sectors. During interaction with the French Ambassador Mrs. Marie Masdupuy, Hon'ble President appreciated France's role as one of



Bangladesh's development partners and an important export destination, pointed out the bright prospects of foreign investment in Bangladesh and urged French investors to invest

in various sectors of Bangladesh. Hon'ble President gratefully recalled France's cooperation in the country's great liberation war. He thanked the Embassy of France in

Dhaka for celebrating 50 years of diplomatic relations between France and Bangladesh.

Newly appointed Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh presented credentials

The new Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Mr. Iwama Kiminori presented his credentials to the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh H.E. Md. Abdul Hamid welcoming on 26 December 2022 at

Bangabhaban. Welcoming the new Ambassador, the President thanked the Government of Japan for providing technical and financial support for the implementation of the Metrorail project. Highlighting

Japan's cooperation in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh, Hon'ble President expressed hope for further expansion of bilateral trade and investment.



Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the Global Hub on Locally Led Adaptation

Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina virtually launched the Global Hub on Locally Led Adaptation on 11 December 2022 Virtually addressing the launch event from Ganabhaban, Hon'ble Prime Minister underscored the need to unlock enhanced community participation for climate adaptation action. She also expressed commitment to extend all possible supports to the Global Hub on

Locally Led Adaptation.

The Global Hub on Locally Led Adaptation has been funded by the Global Center on Adaptation through a grant from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO). The GCA Global Hub on Locally Led Adaptation delivers programs and support to empower local communities to design climate adaptation solutions

that work for them. 'Locally Led Adaptation', is a featured element in Bangladesh's recently approved National Adaptation Plan, particularly in the context of policy, institutions, capacity development, water management, and research and innovation. At the initial stage, the Global Hub aims at supporting one million climate migrants in secondary cities in Bangladesh.



Attending as the Special Guest, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki moon congratulated the Government and GCA at the launch. Speaking from the event venue at the Foreign Service Academy, Foreign

Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP termed the inauguration as a historic milestone towards the global collective action and conveyed the government's readiness to provide full support to GCA to achieve the goal of the Global Hub. The British

High Commissioner to Bangladesh Mr. Robert Chatterton Dickson, speaking at the launch, highlighted the importance of developing and transferring solutions to enable global impact.



Hon'ble Prime Minister named 'Global Ambassador for Diabetes' by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF)



Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina has been named as the 'Global Ambassador for Diabetes' by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) at the Opening Ceremony of the World Diabetes Congress 2022 held in Lisbon on 05 December 2022. Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal Tarik Ahsan received the certificate of the honorary title on behalf of

Hon'ble Prime Minister from the President-elect of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Prof. Akhtar Hussain.

The honorary title of Global Ambassador for Diabetes is bestowed upon one individual in recognition of his/her contribution to improving the lives of people living with diabetes. The Global Ambassador for

Diabetes is expected to represent the voice of people living with diabetes worldwide for two years. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is the first Global Ambassador for Diabetes.

In a video recorded message played at the event, Hon'ble Prime Minister thanked the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) for the honor. Emphasizing the importance of



changing dietary habits and raising public awareness, she said that Bangladesh is giving due importance to diabetes prevention and control through community awareness and

implementation of the pro-people health policy. Bangladesh offers free treatment to diabetes patients in public sector hospitals and started offering insulin for free as well.

More than 18,000 community clinics and union health centers across the country are equipped with trained professionals and diabetes testing facilities.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister attended 'Silchar-Sylhet Festival – 2022'

Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP along with the Bangladesh delegation visited Silchar in Assam, India to attend the "Silchar-Sylhet Festival - 2022" held from 02-03 December 2022. Dr. Momen was invited as the Chief Guest at the events organized on the occasion of the '1st Silchar-Sylhet Festival - 2022'.

On the first day of the Festival Hon'ble Foreign Minister remarked, "Silchar-Sylhet festival will serve as an important platform to discuss our common culture, language, arts and literature, mutual development and progress and celebrate our common achievements." He expressed hope that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and India will be strengthened by organizing this festival regularly. During the festival, panel discussion on trade &

commerce, tribal & culinary festival, panel discussion on "Our Rivers, Our Water, Our Climate," and festival of language & literature etc. were held. Hon'ble Foreign Minister participated in the inaugural session of the Panel Discussion on 'Trade and Commerce' held today at the "1st Silchar-Sylhet Festival" in Silchar, Assam.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister also met with Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Development of North Eastern Region of India during the visit. At the meeting, Hon'ble Foreign Minister emphasized on intensifying the relations with the North Eastern States of India and facilitating economic development for ensuring sustainable peace and prosperity in the region.

Dr. Momen also inaugurated 'Bangabandhu Corner' at APJ Abdul

Kalam Learning and Resource Center and Bangabandhu Garden at Library Premises in National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Silchar. During the speech of the chief guest, Foreign Minister Dr. Momen expressed gratitude to the Government of India and its stakeholders for setting up the Bangabandhu Corner in the Nationally important institution of the Government of India and the largest digital library in South Asia.

Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India met Hon'ble Foreign at the side lines of the Festival. They discussed issues of mutual bilateral interest and appreciated the joint efforts in arranging the maiden Silchar-Sylhet Festival.







US Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration met Hon'ble Foreign Minister

US Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration Ambassador Julieta Valls Noyes called on Hon'ble

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 06 December 2022 and discussed about the

safe return, livelihood and third country resettlement of the Rohingyas.



Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh paid farewell call on Hon'ble Foreign Minister



Mr. Ito Naoki, departing Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh paid a farewell call on Hon'ble Foreign

Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP on 06 December 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the call, Hon'ble Foreign Minister appreciated Ambassador Naoki's efforts and contributions in



further strengthening Bangladesh-Japan bilateral relations. He also appreciated the Japanese Ambassador for his efforts in facilitating enhancement of bilateral trade between the two countries and Japanese investment in Bangladesh.

Both sides also cordially exchanged views on various issues of mutual interest, including Japanese development assistance for the socio-economic advancement of Bangladesh, human resources development in Bangladesh with

Japanese manufacturing skills and work culture, free and open Indo-Pacific, Rohingya repatriation, cooperation in different multilateral fora, including UN, etc.

Departing Chinese Ambassador paid a farewell call on Hon'ble Foreign Minister



Mr. Li Jiming, departing Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh paid a farewell call on Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen,

MP on 07 December 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the call, Hon'ble Foreign Minister expressed deepest condolences and

heartfelt sympathies for the sad demise of the former President of China, Jiang Zemin. Foreign Minister appreciated Ambassador Li Jiming's contributions in strengthening Bangladesh-China bilateral relations. Both sides cordially exchanged views on regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest, including cooperation in different multilateral fora on SDGs, climate change, South-South Cooperation, etc. He expressed the hope that China would continue to extend support towards repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh to Myanmar at an early date for the peace and security in the region.

New Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Bangladesh called on Hon'ble Foreign Minister



New Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Bangladesh Mr. Abdullah Ali Al Hamoudi called on Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP on 11 December 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Foreign Minister congratulated the new Ambassador for his new assignment and assured him all possible cooperation from the Ministry. The Ambassador highly appreciated the development of Bangladesh under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister



of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina. Foreign Minister deeply appreciated the UAE leadership for transforming UAE as the role model for development and prosperity. He thanked the leadership for hosting the spectacular arrangement of

Expo 2020 Dubai. The Ambassador requested the Foreign Minister for support of Bangladesh during COP 28 to be held in Dubai in 2023. He also requested for cooperation of Bangladesh Government for operation of Abu Dhabi based

Wizz Air between Abu Dhabi and Dhaka/Chattogram as budget/ low-cost airline. He further stressed to strengthen cooperation for food security, energy security and climate change issue between Bangladesh and the UAE.

Foreign Ministry observed the International Human Rights Day

In observance of the International Human Rights Day, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs arranged a seminar on 11 December 2022 titled Promotion and Protection of Human Rights: Bangladesh Perspective. Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A.K.

Abdul Momen, MP chaired the session while Hon'ble Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Mr. Anisul Huq, MP attended as Chief Guest and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP delivered the

key note speech. The other speakers of the seminar were Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Amb (Retd) Md. Abdul Hannan and Ms. Rokeya Kabir.





High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh called on Hon'ble Foreign Minister

Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, called on Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP at his office on 13 December 2022. During the discussion, Hon'ble Foreign Minister stressed on resuming Guwahati-Dhaka air service and underscored the need to have

direct air connectivity between Guwahati-Sylhet and direct bus service between Sylhet-Silchar for promoting people-to-people contacts, boosting bilateral ties and ensuring collective prosperity in the region. Hon'ble Foreign Minister thanked India for inviting Bangladesh to attend the G20 meetings as a 'Guest Country' for

the tenure of their G20 Presidency. He noted that this would uphold our image in the regional settings. He also called for bolder solidarity to address the issues faced by the Global South to tackle the combined challenges of the COVID-19 crisis, the crisis in Europe, and financing for climate emergency and SDG implementation.



Delegations from Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) called on Hon'ble Foreign Minister



An 11-member Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC)

delegation including Members of Parliaments from Turkiye, Iran,

Uganda and Secretary-General of the PUIC led by Prof. Dr.



Orhan Atalay called on Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP at the State Guest House, Padma on 21 December 2022. During the meeting, Hon'ble Foreign Minister deeply appreciated contribution of the Committee on Muslim Communities and

Minorities for portraying the picture of the persecuted Rohingyas to the members of the OIC. He also urged PUIC delegation members to enhance diplomatic efforts with major powers to keep the issue alive on the global agenda to ensure safe, dignified and sustained repatriation

of the Rohingyas to Myanmar. The visiting PUIC delegation thanked the Government of Bangladesh for hosting persecuted Rohingyas on humanitarian ground, and reaffirmed their continued support for settlement of the Rohingya crisis.

Foreign Ministry organized its flagship program 'Visit Bangladesh 2022'

The 6-day long 'Visit Bangladesh 2022' program under the supervision of the Public Diplomacy Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took place from 15- 20 December 2022. 'Visit Bangladesh' is a regular flagship event by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs aimed at showcasing the history, culture, landscape, progress and development of Bangladesh to foreign media personnel, writers, columnists, intellectuals, bureaucrats, civil society members i.e. the opinion makers and shapers. This is the first post-COVID-19 such event organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after 2019. 13 distinguished personalities from 11 countries-Algeria, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania,

Spain and Vietnam- are participating in 'Visit Bangladesh 2022'.

On the first day of the program, the participants paid separate courtesy calls on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP. Both of them extended the participants a warm welcome and thanked them for their participation. They briefed the participants on the evolution of independent Bangladesh, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, foreign policy priorities, economic progress and development, role of free and fair media and the Rohingya issue. Both of them expressed hope that participants of Visit Bangladesh 2022

will become Bangladesh's goodwill Ambassadors in their respective country.

During this 6-day long program, the participants visited Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Central Shaheed Minar, Liberation War Museum, Bangladesh National Museum and Dhaka University area. They paid tribute to Bangabandhu's Mausoleum in Tungipara and visited the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar. The foreign guests also visited an industrial park. They also paid a courtesy call on Hon'ble Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP. The guests also witnessed the Victory Day parade at the National Parade Ground on 16 December 2022.





Outgoing Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh paid a farewell call on Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. Ito Naoki, outgoing Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh paid a farewell call on Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 06 December 2022, afternoon. During the call, Hon'ble State Minister appreciated Ambassador Naoki's contributions in further deepening Bangladesh-Japan relations. Hon'ble State Minister

also appreciated the support and cooperation of the Government of Japan and the Japanese Ambassador in addressing Covid-19 pandemic in Bangladesh. They exchanged views on different bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest, including socio-economic infrastructure development in Bangladesh under Japanese ODA, bilateral trade, Japanese investment

in Bangladesh particularly in Bangladesh Special Economic Zone at Araihaazar, human resources development, employment of Bangladeshi nationals in Japan under Specified Skilled Workers (SSW) programme, free and open Indo-Pacific, Japanese support to Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char and repatriation of Rohingyas, etc.



New Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Bangladesh called on Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs

The new Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Bangladesh Mr. Abdullah Ali Al Hamoudi called on

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP on 07 December 2022 at the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs. The Ambassador highly appreciated the development of Bangladesh under the leadership



of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina. State Minister for Foreign Affairs

mentioned that the relations between Bangladesh and the UAE becoming bilateral relations would

further expand for mutual interest.



Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs



Mr. Essa Yousef Essa Alduhailan, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to

Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign

Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP on 12 December 2022 at the Ministry



of Foreign Affairs. Hon'ble State Minister and the Saudi Envoy exchanged views on various bilateral issues of mutual interests. The Ambassador expressed satisfaction at the state of bilateral relations which is growing rapidly in various fields including political, economic, defence, manpower, business, trade and investment and expressed readiness to push forward

any issues/proposals from Saudi side in making headways. While reflecting on the current energy/oil crisis in view of the Russia-Ukraine war, the State Minister stated that Bangladesh needed brotherly support from Saudi Arabia in meeting its energy need. During the meeting, the State Minister underlined the need to engage more efforts to scale up bilateral

collaboration beyond the traditional labour market and Hajj and Umrah. The Saudi Ambassador expressed his gratitude to the State Minister for his continuous support to take forward the bilateral engagements to new heights including Bangladesh's valuable support to Saudi Arabia in the multilateral fora.

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs participated in a roundtable discussion on Digital Literacy to Combat Hate Speech and Misinformation

At a roundtable organized on 13 December 2022 on the Importance of Digital Literacy to Combat Hate Speech and Misinformation, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP emphasized on responsible &

accountable journalism, early education at institutional level and personal commitment to follow acceptable online behaviour as essential elements to combat hate speech and misinformation. He also stressed on working together

to fight this increasing trend. The roundtable was a joint collaboration of Women Journalist Network Bangladesh and Canadian High Commission in Bangladesh.



Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs attended a reception to celebrate 50 years of relations between Bangladesh and Sweden

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP attended as the Guest of Honour at a reception hosted by the Swedish

Ambassador to Bangladesh Ms. Alexandra Berg von Linde on the occasion of Lucia, as well as the celebration of 50 years of bilateral

relations between Bangladesh and Sweden on 13 December 2022. The Lucia reception, one of the foremost cultural Swedish traditions, was held



at Edge Gallery at Bay's Edgewater in Gulshan 2 of the capital. Hon'ble State Minister recalled that Sweden was among the first European countries to have recognized an independent Bangladesh in early 1972. The government and people

of Sweden stood by Bangladesh as the country embarked on a difficult reconstruction and rehabilitation journey under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. State Minister reaffirmed the pledge

to work together with Sweden for the collective well-being of shared humanity and hoped that the relations between Bangladesh and Sweden would continue to grow in depth and dimensions in the coming days.



Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs had a telephone call with the US Deputy Secretary of State

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP had a telephone call with the US Deputy Secretary of State Ms. Wendy Sherman on 22 December 2022. They discussed the issues of mutual priorities in the bilateral relations. Among others, they discussed the issues of mutual commitment to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961. State Minister reaffirmed that Bangladesh is fully committed to ensure security and





safety of the diplomatic community in Bangladesh. He said that the Ambassadors would continue

to receive adequate security details, as always. State Minister mentioned that Ambassadors need

to understand the political history of Bangladesh before making any public statement.

2nd Foreign Office Consultations between Bangladesh and Iran held in Dhaka

The 2nd Foreign Office Consultations between Bangladesh and Iran was held in Dhaka on 22 December 2022. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and First Deputy Minister (Political Affairs) of Iran Ali Bagheri Kani led their respective delegations to the Consultations.

The Consultations reviewed the status of the bilateral relations and discussed ways to enhance cooperation and partnership in the field of commerce and trade,

investment in the economic zones, human resource development, people-to-people ties, food security, energy, connectivity, Blue Economy, climate change cooperation and so forth. The two sides underscored the importance of the exchange of high-level visits and stressed the need for timely implementation of the agreements reached between the two countries. Bangladesh side requested a deeper engagement of Iran for a sustainable return of the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals to Myanmar. During the

talks, views were exchanged on global issues and issues of regional cooperation as well. Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation and partnership bilaterally and in various regional and multinational forums on matters of core concern. A roadmap for future cooperation agenda was also agreed on, including the convening of the next Joint Commission meeting in Tehran. Both sides committed to further strengthen the existing cooperation in the days to come.





US Assistant Secretary of State met Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary)

US Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration Ambassador Julieta Valls Noyes met

Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

on 06 December 2022 to discuss various issues including the possible solutions to the Rohingya crisis.



Canadian High Commissioner met Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary)

Canadian High Commissioner Ms. Lilly Nicholls met Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen on

21 December 2022 and briefed him Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategies. Senior officials of the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs were also present at the meeting.





Foreign Secretary attended a seminar on sustainability and climate change

Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen attended a seminar titled 'Transforming Agri-Food Systems in South Asia: Ensuring Sustainability from a Climate Change Perspective' as Chief Guest on 8 December 2022. The event was organized by the SAARC Agriculture Center

at BARC Complex, Dhaka to commemorate the 38th SAARC Charter Day. During his speech, Foreign Secretary thanked the SAARC Agriculture Center for organizing such a seminar to celebrate the Charter Day, which was quite appropriate and timely given the evolving climatic situation

of the region. He praised the SAC for becoming a Center of Excellence in agricultural research and development in South Asia. He later unveiled three publications of SAARC Agriculture Center and also launched the C-SUCSeS Project Website during the event.



Seminar to celebrate Golden Jubilee of diplomatic ties between Bangladesh and Thailand held in Dhaka

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Bangladesh and Thailand, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a seminar on 15 December 2022 titled '50 Years of Bangladesh-Thailand Friendship: Prospects and Way Forward'. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin

Momen graced the seminar as Chief Guest. Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Ms. Makawadee Sumitmor attended the event as Guest of Honor while Secretary (East) Ms. Mashfee Binte Shams chaired the session.

Foreign Secretary recalled with gratitude the early recognition by Thailand to Bangladesh in

1972, immediately following the independence of Bangladesh. While appreciating the existing excellent bilateral relations, he lauded the shared commitment and cooperation of both the countries for development and prosperity, as well as for peace and stability in the region and beyond. He appreciated Thailand's continuous support to the



development journey of Bangladesh in the last fifty years and hoped for the continuation of the same

for transforming Bangladesh into a knowledge-based developed country by 2041 under the visionary and

able leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



Victory Day Table Tennis Tournament organized by Foreign Ministry inaugurated by Foreign Secretary

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized the Victory Day Table Tennis Tournament (Doubles) which was successfully concluded with enthusiastic participation of the MoFA Officers at the Foreign

Service Academy on 16 December 2022. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen inaugurated the tournament. Foreign Secretary, Secretary (West) Ambassador

Shabbir Ahmad Chowdhury, Rector (FSA) Ambassador Asad Alam Siam & a good number of senior and junior officers participated in this tournament.



Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata organized '10th Bangladesh Book Fair 2022'

Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata along with Bangladesh Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) and Bangladesh Pustok Prokasok O Bikreta Somiti

(BAPUS) organized '10th Bangladesh Book Fair 2022' at the historic College Square, College Street of Kolkata. Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Hon'ble Education Minister

of Bangladesh inaugurated the fair on 2 December 2022. Shri Bratya Basu, Hon'ble School and Higher Education Minister of West Bengal graced the inauguration ceremony as



the Guest of Honor. 75 prominent publishers of Bangladesh participated in that fair. Every day the book fair hosted discussion sessions and a range of cultural performances.

Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, MP, the prominent cultural personality of Bangladesh graced the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest on 11 December 2022. The Bangladesh

Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata presided over the closing ceremony where many eminent personalities both from Bangladesh and India attended.



State Minister for Shipping sought support for Bangladesh's greener maritime industry initiatives at IMO

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury called upon the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and major maritime partners on 01 December 2022 to strengthen their support for Bangladesh's initiatives towards a greener maritime industry in the

country by 2050. "To transition to a greener maritime industry, Bangladesh, landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS) require financial, technological, and knowledge support from the IMO and major maritime partners," the

state minister said at the "50 Years of Bangladesh Maritime Industry: The Road to Decarbonization" organized by the Bangladesh High Commission in London during the 128th IMO Council held in IMO headquarters in the same city.





UK expressed interest in eco-friendly shipping sector with Bangladesh



The Minister of State for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury held a bilateral meeting with the UK Minister Baroness Vair at the British

Transport Ministry on 02 December 2022. During the meeting, the British minister expressed her interest to work with Bangladesh in the Green

Shipping Initiatives. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the maritime cooperation between the two countries, the Minister of State for Shipping of Bangladesh referred to the start of the Marine Academy in Bangladesh with the help of British Technical Cooperation Aid at the initiative of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. During the meeting, the British Minister praised Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's strong and innovative leadership in building an environmentally friendly shipping sector in Bangladesh and addressing climate change risks at COP-26.

Bangabandhu Green Investment Award handed over for the first time in the Commonwealth

The First ever 'Commonwealth-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Green Investment Award' for 2021 was handed over to 'Planet Green Africa' from Malawi at the closing ceremony of Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summit 2022 held in

London on 06 December 2022. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Private Industry and Investment adviser Mr. Salman F Rahman handed over the award as a special envoy of Bangladesh premier. Earlier in November 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina,

Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland and Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) Chairman Lord Marland jointly announced the award in a high-level meeting on 'Climate Prosperity Partnership' during the COP-26 held in Glasgow.





First-ever delegation from Mozambique visited Bangladesh focusing trade and investment

A 05-member multi-sectoral technical delegation led by Ambassador Jose Matsinha, Director General for Asia and Oceania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique visited Bangladesh in order to identify potential areas of cooperation in different sectors including trade and investment. The delegation was formed at the advice of the Hon'ble President of Mozambique to whom the delegation would provide feedback on the potential areas of cooperation. The delegation comprised officials of Economic and Finance Authority, Investment and Export Promotion Authority and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It also included Mozambique's High Commissioner based in New Delhi. They had meetings at government Ministries as well as with private sectors. They

also visited some industrial units in Bangladesh. This was the first ever visit of such a government level delegation from Mozambique to Bangladesh.

The visiting delegation met Mr. Shabbir Ahmad Chowdhury, Secretary (West) at his office on 18 December 2022. Secretary (West) mentioned that Bangladesh government has adopted policy to enhance relations with African countries and ready to explore cooperation in different sectors including trade and economy. He underlined that agreements may be concluded in promotion of trade and industries and other areas. The Mozambican side also strongly suggested cooperation in different sector. The Secretary (West) also sought support of Mozambique for the repatriation of the forcibly

displaced Rohingya people to their homeland.

The delegation visited the Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum and paid tribute. The delegation had meetings with Ministries of Commerce, Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock, BIDA, BEZA, EPB and private sector entities like FBCCI and BGMEA. The multi-sectoral delegation visited different pharmaceuticals, textiles, jute, food, light engineering and home appliances industrial units in and around Dhaka. The delegation saw the Padma Bridge as well as activities related to women empowerment and social welfare in Faridpur district. It is expected that based on the findings of the delegation, cooperation of Bangladesh with Mozambique may initiate in different potential sectors.





Cabinet Secretary visited Bangladesh Embassy in Washington



Cabinet Secretary Khandaker Anwarul Islam visited Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC on 7 December 2023 and exchanged views with officials of the Mission.

Speaking at the meeting, the Cabinet Secretary asked officials of the Embassy to discharge

their responsibilities with utmost sincerity and integrity as well as more coordinated way to further enhance the country's image abroad. He also instructed the officials to work with keeping in mind the issues of ensuring good governance, transparency, proper use of

technology and the 4th Industrial Revolution to advance the country further. Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Muhammad Imran welcomed the Cabinet Secretary at the Mission and briefed him about its various activities. Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Labour Secretary Md. Ehsan-E-Elahi, Agriculture Secretary Md. Sayedul Islam and other members of a Bangladesh delegation which attended the 6th Meeting of the US-Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (TICFA) in Washington DC were present at the meeting. Later, Cabinet Secretary Anwarul Islam paid tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing a floral wreath at the bust of Bangabandhu.

6th TICFA meeting between Bangladesh and USA held



6th TICFA meeting between Bangladesh & USA was held in Washington, DC on 6 December 2022. Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh and Assistant US Trade

Representative for South & Central Asia Mr. Christopher Wilson led Bangladesh & US delegation respectively. The Forum discussed issues of trade & investment, market access, labour, IPR and

IDFC funding. The Bangladesh side also included Labour Secretary Md. Ehsan-E-Elahi, Agriculture Secretary Md. Sayedul Islam, Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Muhammad Imran and high



officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Commerce and the ICT Division.

The major areas discussed at the meeting were market access of Bangladeshi goods to the US, production sharing of US cotton-based RMG, trade & investment climate, Intellectual Property Rights, technical cooperation for quality certification infrastructure, labour issues and IDFC funding. The Bangladesh delegation focused on the preferential market access of the

RMG exports to the United States. Both sides discussed removing fumigation on the imported US cotton. The Bangladesh delegation proposed 'zero' tariffs on the export of finished apparels made of US cotton being exported to the USA. The head of US delegation Assistant USTR Wilson agreed to continue further discussion on the subject. The US side requested to simplify the profit repatriation for the US investment in Bangladesh. The Bangladesh delegation assured

to examine the issue upon return to Dhaka. Among others, both sides discussed the proposed Data Protection Act, biotechnology in agriculture, simplifying registration of Bangladeshi pharmaceuticals with USFDA, tariff reduction on tree nuts export to Bangladesh and simplifying seed act provision for US access to the seed market in Bangladesh. Both sides agreed to hold the 7th TICFA Meeting in October 2023 in Dhaka.

Bangladesh High Commission and High Commission of India jointly celebrated 'Moitree Dibosh' at British Parliament

Bangladesh High Commission and High Commission of India jointly celebrated 'Moitree Dibosh' in London on 06 December 2022. High Commissioner of India Mr. Vikram K Doraiswami paid tribute

to Bangladesh's founding father, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and highlighted the vibrancy and depth of the bilateral relations including the ongoing development partnership assistance.

Bangladesh High Commissioner Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem recalled the invaluable support that the Government of India and its people extended to Bangladesh during the liberation war.



Calls for the UK to recognize the 1971 atrocities as genocide on 'Martyr Intellectual Day' made

High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the United Kingdom Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem called on the United Kingdom to recognize the

brutality of 1971 in Bangladesh, including the killing of martyr intellectuals, as a genocide. She made this call at a special event

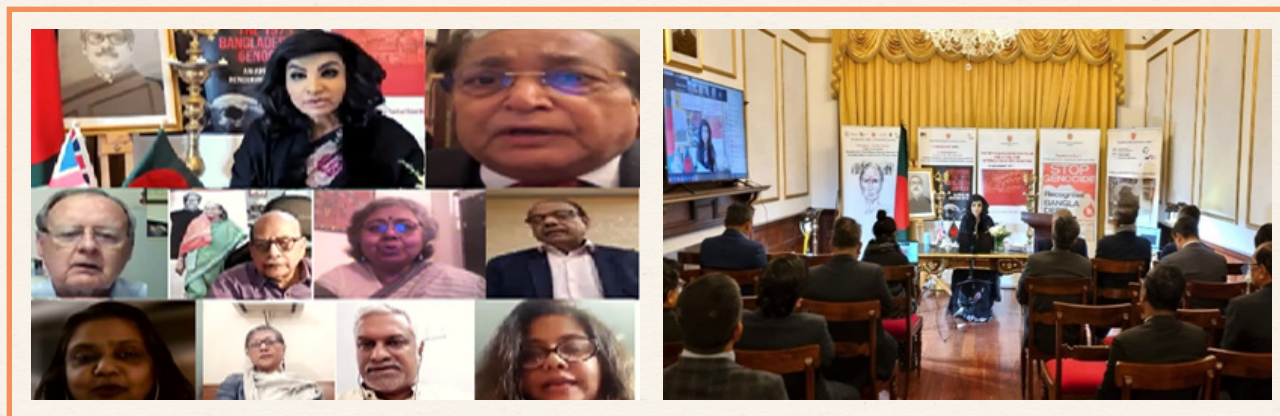
organized on the occasion of 'Martyr Intellectual Day' at the Bangladesh High Commission in London on 14 December 2022. Dr



Meghna Guhathakurta, daughter of slain intellectual Dr Jyotirmoy Guhathakurta, Asif Munier,

son of slain intellectual Munier Chowdhury, and Shomi Kaisar, daughter of Shahidullah Kaisar,

joined the event virtually from Dhaka.



President, Executive Board of WFP presided over 6th informal Joint meeting of Rome-based UN Agencies



Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador to Italy and President of the WFP Executive Board chaired the sixth informal joint meeting of the FAO Council, the IFAD Executive Board and the WFP Executive Board held from 30 November–1 December 2022 in Rome on a zoom platform. Heads of the three Executive Bodies chaired various Segments. WFP hosted the meeting this year. While highlighting the importance of collaboration among the Rome-based UN agencies (RBAs), in achieving the shared objectives in the context

of the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs), Ambassador Ahsan said that his year's meeting was a renewed opportunity for all of the three agencies to hold constructive discussions on some of the most pressing issues that are of mutual concern to WFP, FAO, and IFAD. Apart from the Permanent Representatives accredited to the RBAs, Mr. Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council (ICC), Mr. QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General, Mr. Alvaro Lario, Chairperson of the IFAD Executive Board

and President of IFAD and Mr. David Beasley, the WFP Executive Director, were present. The joint yearly meeting discussed global food security, fuel and fertilizer crisis and related challenges, update on the 2021 Joint Evaluation on the Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-Based Agencies, including the Joint Programme for the Sahel and update on the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, among others. In his concluding remarks, the President of the WFP Executive Board thanked all and expressed hope that the



discussions would certainly increase knowledge-sharing on issues of common concern to the three organizations. He also hoped that

these discussions will contribute to an enhanced collaboration of the three key organizations and help move them one step closer to

achieving the shared objectives of the 2030 Agenda.

Publication featuring one Bangladeshi lady worker unveiled by the Ambassador at Arezzo, Italy

Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy, Montenegro and Serbia, visited Arezzo, Italy from 2-4 December 2022 on invitation. He visited LEM Industries, cited as the world 'reference' for the electroplating of accessories of the most significant brands in international fashion and luxury. He held meetings with owner and CEO of the LEM Industries Mr. Daniele Guldani and the top managers of LEM and interacted with the Bangladeshi employees. The Company officials expressed deep satisfaction about the performance, professionalism and sincerity of the Bangladeshi

workers who comprise the single largest source of foreign workers (around 200). The Ambassador thanked the LEM Industries for employing Bangladeshi workers in big numbers. Mr. Ahsan later attended the unveiling ceremony of a book in Italian entitled LEGAMI E LEGATURE (Bonds & Ties) featuring Ms. Srithi Islam, one of the dedicated Bangladeshi employees at LEM for over 20 years. He lauded LEM leadership for highlighting a Bangladeshi national in the publication, first of its kind in Italy and mentioned it as a rare gesture to the Bangladesh diaspora. The publication is a tale of

the journey of a young Bangladeshi woman to Italy, her becoming a successful entrepreneur and her integration with the country of current nationality- Italy. It has been authored by writer and journalist Mr. Letterio Scopelliti. CEO of the LEM Industries Mr. Daniele Guldani. Eminent persons including Mayor of Bucine, among others, were present. The Ambassador later attended a community event in Arezzo and assured all-out support on the part of the Embassy. Mr. Md. Al Amin, Economic Counsellor of the Embassy accompanied the Ambassador during the visit.



Historic Athens Fountain lit up with Bangladesh national flag colours

In a rare gesture of strengthening friendly relations with Bangladesh, the Greek government illuminated its historic Omonia Square Fountain, the principal traffic hub

of the capital Athens, with the colors of Bangladesh national flag- Red & Green, as a unique way of the commemoration of our great Victory Day on 16 December 2022.

The illumination of the Fountain with the national colors of Bangladesh, first of its kind since the establishment of the diplomatic relations with Greece in 1972, created



a unique environment that brought together hundreds of expatriate Bangladeshi nationals along with the members of their families living in the surrounding area of the downtown, who went through a genuine patriotic feeling. The colorful scenario created a soothing ambience that left a lasting impression in the minds of the expatriate Bangladeshi nationals, especially the young

generation treasured it as a rare opportunity for taking individual and group pictures centering the Fountain as their fond memories. The illumination of the Fountain was the end result of the continuous efforts of Bangladesh Embassy in Athens, which has long been working hard for strengthening the bilateral relations with Greece and this unique way of the commemoration of

Bangladesh's Victory Day symbolizes the heightened bilateral relations. Bangladesh and Greece have signed two landmark legal frameworks this year for further strengthening of their bilateral cooperation in the areas of migration and culture. This year also marked the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic relations.



Bangladesh Delegation participated in the twenty-first session of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court



The twenty-first session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (the Assembly) was held in The Hague from 5th to 9th December

2022. Aside the 123 States Parties, Observer States, international and regional organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) joined the Assembly. Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands

Mr. M Riaz Hamidullah led the Bangladesh delegation as the Permanent Representative to the ICC. In the Assembly, Ambassador stressed that as “a victim of genocide”, Bangladesh opened



her borders to children-women-men from the Northern Rakhine State in Myanmar in August 2017. The Embassy of Bangladesh in the Hague in collaboration with the Gambian delegation and a Brussels-based NGO (No Peace

Without Justice) organized a side event “Justice for the Rohingya: Paths Forward”. It was joined inter alia by ICC Deputy Prosecutor, Nazhat Shameem Khan, a former member of Kofi Annan Advisory Commission on Rakhine State,

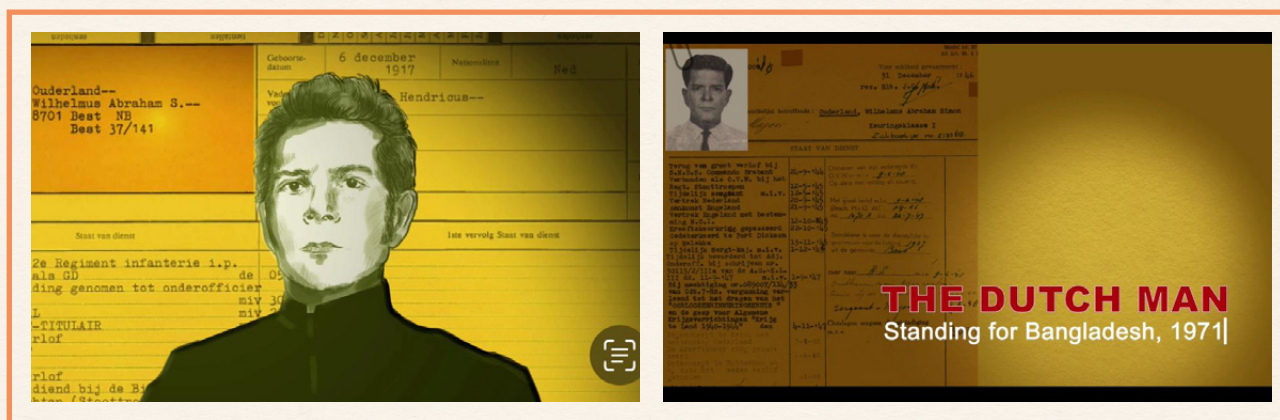
Amb. Laetitia Van Den Assum, the Gambian Solicitor General, Hussein Thomasi, and President of Burma Rohingya Organisation UK, Tun Khin, as panellists.

‘The Dutch Man’- a documentary on freedom fighter William AS Ouderland, BP premiered

Bangladesh Embassy in The Hague produced a documentary on the life and contribution of freedom fighter William Ouderland in the 1971 War retrieving records from the Dutch military archive and premiered it online on Bangladesh Victory Day. Mr. Ouderland, an ex-sergeant of the Royal Dutch Signal Corps, is the only foreigner who was decorated with the highest gallantry award,

Bir Protik, for his outstanding role in Bangladesh Liberation War. The documentary brought up some unknown facts about Ouderland’s role in 1971 from his colleagues and freedom fighters. The documentary is an outcome of the Embassy’s months of research as also a group of young researchers in Dhaka. The seven-minute documentary also features interviews of journalist and

researcher Sohrab Hassan, freedom fighter Zainul Abedin Khan, BP, former Bata Company officials, and Ouderland’s colleagues Nurul Islam and Shahidul Alam Khokon. The documentary received much acclaim from the Dutch government, academia, and friends of Bangladesh. The Dutch Ministry of Defence plans to preserve the documentary in its archive.



Embassy of Bangladesh in Manama participated in the annual “This is Bahrain” fair on the occasion of Bahrain’s National Day

Bangladesh Embassy in Bahrain took part in the annual “This is Bahrain” fair on 16 December 2022 that was held by the ‘16th December Avenue’ near the Bahrain National Stadium under the patronage of His Majesty the King of Bahrain as coincidentally, 16 December also

happens to be the National Day of Bahrain. The fair was comprised of stalls from several diplomatic missions in Bahrain, churches, temples, schools, clubs, disability awareness groups, and various other establishments for promoting Bahrain’s welcoming attitude towards

social and cultural equality of the people of all faiths, nationalities, ethnicities, races, color and culture. The Embassy’s stall featured various Bangladeshi food items, handicraft products made of jute and leather, fine ceramics, and several beautiful photographs of Bangladesh. The stall



amassed a large crowd and caught the eyes of several Ambassadors and other diplomats of participating countries in addition to the hundreds of fairgoers. It was appreciated by all the visitors and was easily among the most visited stalls at the fair.

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam visited the Embassy's stall as well

as the stalls of other participating embassies, where he met with their heads of missions and Embassy officials. He stated that this fair provided yet another opportunity to promote the culture, heritage, natural beauty, development, and tradable commodities of Bangladesh at an international platform. The recently appointed Minister of Social

Development Mr. Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor also paid a visit to the Embassy's stall and was very pleased to learn that 16 December holds a great amount of national significance to both Bangladesh and Bahrain. He conveyed his greetings to the people of Bangladesh on the occasion of our Victory Day.



Ambassador of Bangladesh to Jordan met the newly appointed Board of Directors of Aqaba Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Nahida Sobhan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Jordan had a meeting with the newly elected Board of Directors of the Aqaba Chamber of Commerce in the port city of Aqaba. The Ambassador congratulated

the Board of Directors on their recent election and expressed renewed commitment to work on possible areas of cooperation and developing trade relations between the two friendly countries. The

Ambassador presented an account of Bangladesh's excellent economic growth and opportunities for the partner countries in the areas of trade, investment and human resources. Mr. Shahed Bin Aziz,



Counsellor of the Embassy made a brief presentation mentioning the current economic status and sectors of enormous possibilities

of Bangladesh. The Board of Directors of Aqaba Chamber of Commerce showed keen interest to establish more engagements in

the areas of trade, investment and human resources.



Bangladesh Embassy in Jordan distributed winter clothes at Juwaideh Reform and Rehabilitation Center



The Embassy of Bangladesh in Jordan handed over winter clothes to Jewaideh Reform Rehabilitation Center as aid for female inmates of the center. Ambassador Nahida Sobhan handed over the aid to the Director of the Jewaideh Reform Rehabilitation Center. In addition, IOM also donated clothes, hygiene

items, and mobile SIM cards to the center. The Chief of Mission of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Ms. Tajma Kurt and officers from the Embassy were also present at that time. Total 670 nationals from different countries will be benefited directly from the gift items. Among them there are

71 Bangladeshi detainees. Lt. Col. Aliah Thamer, Director of the Jewaideh Reform Rehabilitation Center, who has received the humanitarian assistances on behalf of the center, thanked the Ambassador and acknowledged the support of Bangladesh for the detainees of different countries.



Wall Mural in Miguel Hidalgo inaugurated by Ambassador of Bangladesh to Mexico

The Ambassador of Bangladesh to Mexico inaugurated the Wall Mural based on the Women Empowerment of Bangladesh in the International Mural of Urban Art in Miguel Hidalgo Municipality of Mexico City on 15 December 2022, on the

eve of the Great Victory Day in presence of the Mayor of the City. Along with others dignitaries, the Ambassadors of India, France, Italy, Ireland, El Salvador, Ukraine in Mexico City were also present at the event. Local Artist Ms. Monserrat

Tello painted the mural in favour of the progress and achievement of the women of Bangladesh in that mural which is widely applauded by the Mexican people.



Unveiling ceremony of the book Bangabandhu, The People's Hero in Latino American Version held

Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico unveiled the Latino American Version of the Book, Bangabandhu, The People's Hero in Mexico City on 16 December 2022 which was

originally published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. On the day of the 51st Victory Day 2022 the Ambassador unveiled the copy along with the Embassy

officials and the Bangladeshi community. In last 15 months, the Embassy published three books on Bangabandhu, namely the Unfinished Memoirs, the historic



7th March Speech of Bangabandhu in Latino American version. Earlier

the Embassy celebrated the victory day with around 175 students of Don

Benito Juarez Middle School with a colorful cultural presentation.



Bangladesh - Nepal Networking Event held in Biratnagar, Nepal



The Embassy of Bangladesh in Kathmandu in association with the Chamber of Industries of Morang (CIM) organized a networking

event in Biratnagar on 19 December 2023 to connect the business communities of Eastern Nepal and Northern Bangladesh participating

in the Birat Expo 2022. A large number of participants including Bangladeshi businessmen as well as politicians, government officials and leaders of business community of Eastern Nepal were present in the event. The guests were welcomed by Mr. Suyesh Pyakurel, President, Chamber of Industries, Morang. Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury called upon the business communities to explore scopes for increasing trade in order to absorb the multiple shocks in the new economic world order.



2nd Bangabandhu Youth Conference held in Kathmandu

The 2nd Bangabandhu Youth Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Climate Change was held on 25 December 2023 at the Bangladesh Embassy in Kathmandu with participation of 60 youth leaders representing various sectors from Bangladesh and Nepal. Organized in cooperation with the Nepal Bangladesh Youth Conclave (NBYC), the event was inaugurated by Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury. In his remarks, the ambassador paid deep tribute to the memory of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman and mentioned that Bangabandhu's thoughts and visions on nation building were still relevant for the youths of developing countries like Bangladesh and Nepal. He urged upon the youth to take inspiration from the vision of Bangabandhu and contribute in realizing the targets set in the SDGs and integrate climate change and other environmental issues in the post LDC policy formulations. NBYC coordinator Abhinav Choudhary and delegation leaders also spoke in the inaugural session. They stressed on the importance of holding such conferences regularly

in order to build awareness on social development issues and strengthening people to people connect between the two countries. Such conferences also help in creating opportunities for sharing best practices and experiences and in identifying common solutions. Eleven presentations on diversified developmental issues- including impact of climate change on nutrition, sustainable cities, child development, role of ICT in solving social problems, pollution, green business, etc. were presented by participants. Later, the participants adopted a ten-point declaration.



Ambassador of Bangladesh to Spain visited the University of Salamanca to promote Bangladesh's rich culture and socioeconomic development

Bangladesh Ambassador to Spain Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc attended the award giving ceremony of the 20th Photo Contest "People with Disabilities in Everyday Life" held at the University of Salamanca

on 2 December 2022. Mithail Afrige Chowdhury, a Bangladeshi photographer, was awarded a special prize in the ceremony. On the side-line, the Ambassador met with the President of the governing and

administrative body of the Spanish autonomous region of Castilla y Leyn, Mr. Alfonso Fernandez Manueco, Mayor of Salamanca Mr. Carlos Garcia Carballo and Rector of the University of Salamanca, Mr.



Ricardo Rivero Gonzalez. In his speech, the Ambassador highlighted the remarkable socioeconomic achievements of Bangladesh and narrated various steps taken by the Government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to integrate persons with disability and autism

with the mainstreams of the society. During the event, the Ambassador also gave to the university authorities some presents, such as the publications on 'Recognizing 1971 Genocide', souvenirs on the Father of the Nation and several brochures promoting tourism in Bangladesh.

The University of Salamanca highly appreciated the gesture of the Ambassador. It is expected that the visit of the Ambassador would further promote cultural bondage and attachment between Spain and Bangladesh.



BUET delegation from Bangladesh performed highly in the 'World University Debating Championship' hosted in Madrid



A delegation from Bangladesh comprising some brightest students from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) performed highly in the 43rd edition of the 'World University

Debating Championship' held on 27 December 2022-4 January 2023 at Rey Juan Carlos Public University in Madrid. They were able to discuss a multitude of current issues—ranging from economics to

philosophy—and politics, history and culture. It is for the first time that Madrid hosted the world's largest debate tournament, drawing together 800 young talents from the most prestigious universities from 80



countries. Mentionable, the current world champions, Sajid Asbat Khandaker and Sourodip Paul, belong to BRAC University. The

Embassy facilitated the attendance of the Bangladesh team and inspired them during the event. Ambassador Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc

hosted a luncheon for the BUET team at his official residence.

Bangladesh High Commission in Colombo celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relation with Sri Lanka

As a part of the month-long celebration of the Victory Day and 50 years of Bangladesh-Sri Lanka relation, Bangladesh High Commission launched the “Victory Cup” cricket match between two reputed local schools of Kalutara district on 21 December 2022 in

collaboration with Sri Lanka Youth Parliament. The participating schools are Al-Humaisara N.S., Beruwala & Bandaranayake M.V., Payagala. The Mission also sponsored day-long scout activities in southern Sri Lanka (Galle and Matara) in collaboration with the

Sri Lanka Scout Association on the occasion of 110th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Scouting as well as Victory Day and 50 years of Bangladesh-Sri Lanka relations on 23 December 2022.



Consular services provided in Brunei



A good number of consular services were extended to the members of Bangladesh community living in Brunei Darussalam in December

2022. Among those, 419 Machine Readable Passports (MRPs) have been delivered, 14 visas, 01 Birth Registration Certificate, 43 Travel

Permits have been issued along with 8 attestations done. The total consular income earned in December 2022 is BDT 16,21,430.00.



Bangladesh Embassy captured the World Cup craze for strengthening Bangladesh-Argentina bilateral relation

Following the winning of FIFA-World Cup-2022 on 19 December 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh congratulated Hon'ble President of the Republic of Argentina on the glorious victory of Argentine National Soccer team and hoped that Argentina will reopen the Embassy in Dhaka. The congratulatory letter was highly publicized and it impacted highly in Argentina. Argentine President Alberto Fernández tweeted immediately thanking the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the congratulatory letter. In addition, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Brazil concurrently accredited to Argentina Ms. Sadia Faizunnesa

had a zoom meeting with Undersecretary Rozenwaig where the Ambassador proposed strongly that historic ties between our Bangladesh and Argentina demands Lionel Messi and his winning team to visit Bangladesh to receive the enormous love and respect of the people of Bangladesh.

During the FIFA-World Cup-2022, Embassy consciously took initiative to capitalize Bangladesh's football craze for Argentina. Embassy organized the joint viewing of the 2nd match of Argentina at Buenos Aires with Bangladeshi community and the Argentine media on 30 November 2022. Ambassador Sadia Faizunnesa

was connected virtually in that viewing. The Argentine side was so astonished by Bangladesh's love for their football that immediately they created an Argentine Fan's Club for Bangladesh Cricket and started showing Bangladeshi recipes/cuisine in their TV cooking show. Several Argentine press and electronic media contacted with Ambassador Faizunnesa to speak on the spontaneous support of the people of Bangladesh to Argentine National Football team. Telam, the National News Agency of Argentina interviewed her and published articles on 15 and 19 December 2022 which got coverage and circulated vastly through the social media.

"We want to bring Messi to play in Bangladesh," said the ambassador for Latin America

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Sadia Faizunnesa, Bangladesh's ambassador to Brazil and who acts as diplomatic authority for Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Chile, told Télam her government's intention to bring the Argentine star to her country for the first time.

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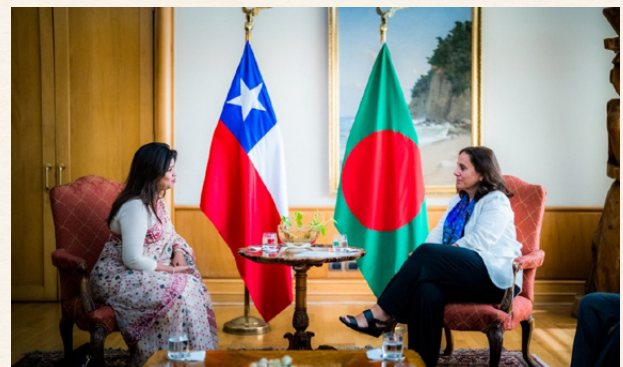


Ambassador of Bangladesh handed over the Spanish version of “The Unfinished Memoirs” for the President of Chile

Ambassador Sadia Faizunnesa, concurrent Ambassador of Bangladesh to Chile, handed over the Spanish version of the autobiography of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman “MEMORIAS INACABADAS” to Antonia Urrejola, Foreign Minister of Chile on 13 December 2022 in Santiago, Chile for further transmission to His Excellency Mr. Gabriel Boric

Font, Hon’ble President of the Republic of Chile. During the presentation of Ambassador’s Letters of Credence, President Borich was highly impressed and expressed his keen interest to visit Bangladesh to know more about the glorious history of Bangladesh and also to learn about the miracles of the present socio-economic development of Bangladesh. The Ambassador of Bangladesh met the

Foreign Minister of Chile to discuss the opportunities for strengthening Bangladesh-Chile bilateral relations. During the meeting, Ambassador Faizunnesa shared the initiatives of the Government of Bangladesh to empower women through education and the Chilean foreign Minister Foreign Minister wanted to cooperate in this field.



Bangladesh High Commissioner to Maldives met former President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom



High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the Maldives Rear Admiral SM Abul Kalam Azad met former President of Maldives Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom on 19th December 2022. At the meeting, the former President mentioned about the long and deep friendly relationship between Bangladesh and Maldives and praised about continuous economic development of Bangladesh. He emphasized on increasing cooperation in trade, education and tourism sectors between Bangladesh and Maldives and increasing connectivity between the people of two countries.



Bangladesh Ambassador to Uzbekistan had a meeting with ERIELL Group Oil & Gas Company

On 01 December 2022, Bangladesh Ambassador to Uzbekistan Mr. Md Zahangir Alam had a meeting with Mr. Ilkhom Akramov, Advisor to the Board Chairman of ERIELL Group for the Middle East and Mr. Laziz Allanazarov, Director of Contract Management Department

of ERIELL Group at Bangladesh Embassy Chancery in Tashkent. During the discussion, Bangladesh Ambassador raised the issue of hiring the Bangladeshi work force in Uzbekistan Oil and Gas projects. Ambassador requested ERIELL Group Company representatives to

arrange a meeting with the CEO of Enter Engineering to discuss the prospects of further cooperation on the said matter. ERIELL Group assured the Ambassador that they are always ready to cooperate and welcome Bangladeshi authorities and business entities in Uzbekistan.



The new Iraqi Industry Minister expressed his eagerness in exploring joint investment possibilities



Bangladesh Ambassador to Iraq Mr. Md. Fazlul Bari called on the new Industry Minister of the

Republic of Iraq Dr. Khaled Battal Najm Abdullah Al-Jaghifi on 13 December 2022 in the latter's

office in Baghdad. Referring to the Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA)



proposed by Bangladesh, the Ambassador expressed Bangladesh's keenness to conclude the agreement at the earliest possible. Explaining about the investment scope in

Bangladesh, he mentioned that potential investors can explore the possibilities of making joint venture project in areas like textile, leather and pharmaceuticals. Welcoming

the ideas, the Iraqi Minister added that similar scope for these sectors is also available in Iraq which can also be explored.

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended an event organized by Japan Bangladesh Society (JBS) in Tokyo

On 14 December 2022, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended a reception organized by Japan Bangladesh Society (JBS) to commemorate the 50th anniversary

of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Japan. JBS, formed in 2014, has been working with the embassy in promoting bilateral relations and providing a platform to individual

and business houses of Japanese and Bangladeshi origin to come together. It has more than 100 individual and 70 corporate members, many of whom attended the event together with the Board of Directors of JBS.



A delegation from Bangladesh Embassy in Cairo met the Head of Cultural Affairs of Egyptian Education Ministry



A 3-Member delegation from the Embassy of Bangladesh in Cairo called-on Mrs. Fatema Harun,

Director of Wafeden on 27 December and Prof. Dr. Ashraf Elazzazi, Head of Cultural Affairs and Missions

Sector of Egyptian Education Ministry on 28 December 2022. Bangladesh Embassy requested the



Egyptian Ministry to consider the problems faced by the Bangladeshi students who have already got admitted into the Egyptian

Universities, especially in Medical Faculties. Both the Wafeden and Ministry of Education agreed to exempt from the rule of 25%


scholarships for the top faculties for Bangladeshi students.

Group for Portugal-Bangladesh Friendship formed

Recently, the Group for Portugal-Bangladesh Friendship has been formed. This Group would be presided over by Deputy Speaker of Portuguese Parliament Dr. Adro Silva from centre-right Social Democratic Party (PSD). Of the remaining nine members, four members including two Vice-Presidents of the Group are from the ruling, centre-left Socialist Party (PS); while four other members represent opposition, centre-right PSD. One member is from right-wing Chega Party. Parliamentary

Groups for Friendship of Portugal are mandated to engage in dialogue and cooperation with the parliaments of countries that are friends of Portugal. They are responsible for promoting the actions needed to intensify relations with the parliaments and parliamentarians of other states, particularly regarding the exchange of knowledge and experiences, the exchange of information and mutual consultations, and the publicizing and promotion of common interests in the political, economic, social

and cultural fields. The formation of this Friendship Group is the fruition of an idea of Parliamentary cooperation that was floated during a meeting between Bangladesh State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahariar Alam, MP and Deputy Speaker Dr. Adro Silva held in Lisbon in May 2022. Formation of this Parliamentary Friendship Group is a friendly gesture of the people of Portugal toward Bangladesh. This will strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries.

				
Mr. Adão Silva, MP (PSD) President	Mr. Pedro Anastácio, MP (PS) Vice-President	Ms. Maria Begonha, MP (PS) Vice-President	Ms. Palmira Maciel, MP (PS)	Ms. Lúcia Araújo Silva, MP (PS)
				
Ms. Mónica Quintela, MP (PSD)	Mr. José Silvano, MP (PSD)	Ms. Isabel Meirelles, MP (PSD)	Ms. Catarina Rocha Ferreira, MP, (PSD)	Mr. Pedro Pessanha, MP (CH)

Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata repatriated 23 Bangladeshi fishermen through Haridaspur-Benapole checkposts



Deputy High Commission for Bangladesh in Kolkata repatriated 23 Bangladeshi fishermen through Benapole check post on 30 December 2022 who had been rescued from the sea by the Indian Coast Guard and local fishermen of West Bengal United Fishermen Association. Deputy High Commission handed



over these fishermen to concerned Local Administration of Bangladesh Government. This was the third

phase of the repatriation of the 90 fishermen whose boat capsized in a cyclone in late August 2022. In the

previous two phases, 66 fishermen were repatriated.

Governor of Sindh received Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi



Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi Mr. S. M. Mahbubul Alam called on the Speaker of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh Mr. Agha Siraj Durrani

at his office at the Assembly House in Karachi. Speaker of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh very warmly received the Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh.

During the meeting, the Speaker of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh recalled his visit to Bangladesh few years back to attend the “Speakers Conference” in Dhaka. He very thankfully remembered the warm hospitality extended towards him during his visit to Bangladesh. The Governor Sindh highly appreciated the socio-economic developments in Bangladesh. The Deputy High Commissioner also extended sincere thanks and gratitude to the Speaker of Sindh Provincial Assembly and presented the Speaker Sindh two books titled: Unfinished Memoirs of the Father of the Nation and Bangabandhu: The People’s Hero.

Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Guwahati participated in trade fairs in Assam

Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Guwahati participated at the ATPO International Winter Expo organized by Assam Trade Promotion Organization (ATPO) held on 23 December 2022-05 January 2023 at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre, Guwahati.

The Mission promoted Bangladeshi saree, handicrafts, books etc. at its stall. Sri Chandra Mohan Patowary, Minister of Environment & Forests, Act East Policy Affairs and Welfare of Minorities, Government of Assam was the Chief Guest while Assistant

High Commissioner of Bangladesh was the Guest of Honor at the inaugural session. The Mission also participated at Asomi SARAS Mela organized by Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM) on 22 December-04 January 2023 in Guwahati.





6th Digital Bangladesh Day observed by Bangladesh Missions abroad

Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the 6th Digital Bangladesh Day in a befitting manner on 12 December 2022. During the discussion meetings organized to mark the day, Bangladesh envoys highlighted

the visible progress in respect of digitalization in Bangladesh under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina since the government launched the epoch-making "Digital-Bangladesh"

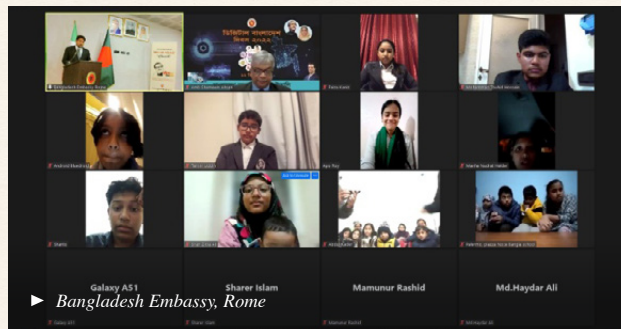
campaign. Special documentary and presentations were screened on the glorious journey of digitalization in Bangladesh.



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► Bangladesh High Commission, Male



► Bangladesh Embassy, Thimphu



► Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Mumbai





The Great Victory Day 2022 celebrated by Bangladesh Missions abroad

The Great Victory Day 2022 was celebrated by Bangladesh Missions abroad with due festivity and fervor. Special programs were arranged to celebrate the day. In some missions, important members of the host government, heroic freedom fighters, war veterans, eminent political and cultural personalities participated whereas in countries, where a good

number of expatriate Bangladeshis live, missions arranged program keeping their participation in view. Programs included hoisting of the national flag, placement of floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation, reading out of messages of the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs,

celebratory cake cutting, cultural program, discussion meeting, photo exhibition etc. Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata organized a 3-day long celebration 'Bijoy Utsob' at the Chancery premises. Bangladesh Embassy in Manama collaborated with Bangladesh School in Bahrain in organizing a three-day 'Bijoy Mela 2022'.



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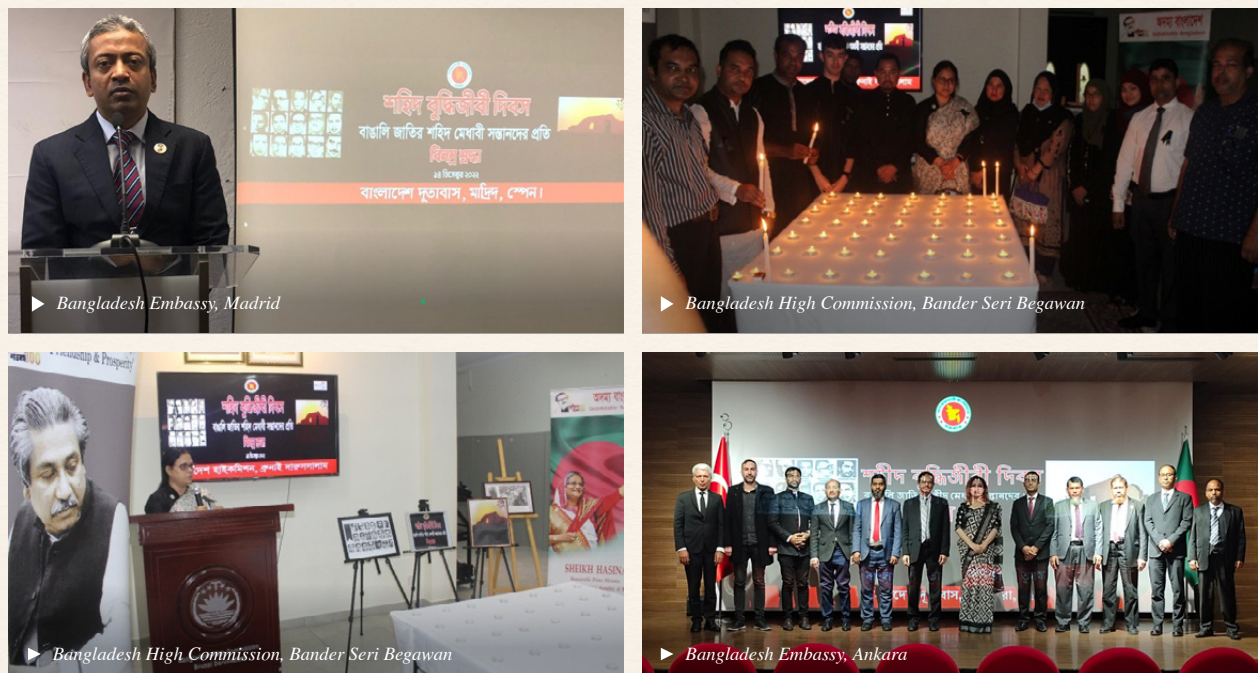


► Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Karachi



Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the Martyred Intellectuals Day

Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the Martyred Intellectuals Day on 14 December 2022 with due solemnity. The missions organized discussion meetings and recalled how the great and enlightened souls of the country were brutally killed in 1971.





► Bangladesh High Commission, Male



► Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Mumbai



► Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Karachi

International Migrants Day 2022 celebrated by Bangladesh Missions abroad

Bangladesh Missions abroad observed International Migrants Day, which falls on 18 December, in a befitting manner. Missions organized several programs in this regard that included discussion meeting, views exchange sessions, reading out of the messages, promoting sending remittance through legal channel etc. Some Missions also presented Remittance Award 2022. Bangladesh High Commission in Port Louis, Bangladesh Embassy in Rome, Bangladesh Embassy in Athens and Bangladesh High Commission in Bander Seri Begawan continued their

past tradition of handing over this award while Bangladesh Embassy in Madrid and Bangladesh Consulate General in Hong Kong gave this award for the first time. Bangladesh High Commission in Male organized Migrants Week.

During the discussions, Bangladesh envoys thanked the migrants and expatriate community for sending their hard-earned remittances to Bangladesh which helps their family directly and critical for advancing the country. They urged them to maintain

discipline and abide by the laws of the land and to work with more patriotism, devotion and honesty in upholding the reputation of the country. They also urged them to send remittances through legal channels. Bangladeshi expatriates expressed the feeling of satisfaction that expatriates had been playing a role in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh through their remittance. The speakers also acknowledged the importance of sending their remittance through banking channels.



► Bangladesh Embassy, Rome- Remittance Award ceremony





► Bangladesh High Commission in Port Louis- Remittance Award



► Bangladesh Embassy, Athens – Remittance Award and discussion meeting



► Bangladesh Embassy, Lisbon- Views exchange session



► Bangladesh Embassy, Madrid- Remittance Award ceremony



► Bangladesh High Commission, Bander Seri Begawan- Remittance Award Ceremony



► Bangladesh High Commission, Male- Migrants Week



► Bangladesh Consulate General, New York- discussion meeting



► Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Karachi- Discussion meeting



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