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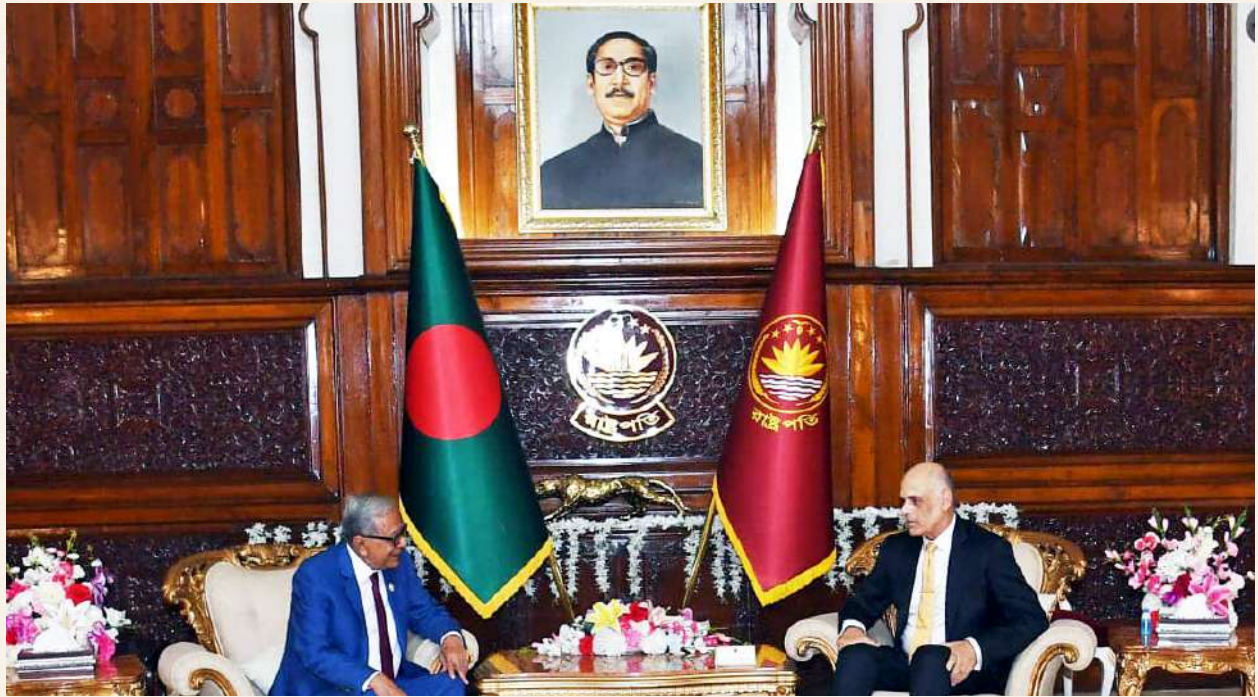
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Hon'ble President received credentials from Ambassadors of Iran and Brazil



Hon'ble President Md. Abdul Hamid received credentials from the new Ambassadors of Iran and Brazil to Bangladesh Mr. Mansour Chavoshi and Mr. Paulo Fernando Dias Feres in two separate ceremonies at Bangabhaban on 29 August 2022. Receiving their credentials, the President appreciated Bangladesh's ties with the two countries and urged them to play an

important role as envoys, particularly to enhance trade and economic relations for the mutual benefits of the two countries. Mentioning the excellent relations between Iran and Bangladesh in various fields and similarities in culture and history, the President thanked Iran for its strong support to the United Nations and OIC over the Rohingya issue. Later, in a meeting with the

Ambassador of Brazil, the President mentioned about the gradually increasing commercial relations between the two countries and emphasized the importance of visit/exchange between the businessmen and investors of the two countries to strengthen the relationship further. He also urged investors of Brazil to invest in Bangladesh.



Hon'ble President received credentials from Ambassadors of Kuwait and Nepal

Hon'ble President Md. Abdul Hamid received credentials from the Ambassadors of Kuwait and Nepal to Bangladesh in two separate ceremonies at Bangabhaban on 30 August 2022. The new resident Ambassador of Kuwait Mr. Faisal Mutlaq Aladwani presented his credentials to the President first followed by the submission by the new ambassador of Nepal Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari. Hon'ble President urged

the Kuwait Government through the new Ambassador to recruit more professionals as well as more skilled and semi-skilled manpower from Bangladesh in different sectors. Thanking the Government of Kuwait for financing in different development projects in Bangladesh, the President also requested for Kuwait's enhanced participation in different development projects in future. During the discussion with

the new Nepalese Ambassador, the Hon'ble President recalled his visit to Nepal in 2019 and Bangladesh visit of the President of Nepal in 2021 and remarked that these visits heralded a new era between two countries. He emphasized on the transport and communication for boosting trade and investment between two countries.





Ministry of Foreign Affairs observed the 47th Anniversary of Martyrdom of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day 2022

Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a discussion session to observe the 47th Anniversary of Martyrdom of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day 2022 at Foreign Service Academy on 15 August 2022. The session was

chaired by Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP. Mr. Sheikh Kabir Hossain, Trustee, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust graced the occasion as Chief Guest. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md Shahriar Alam, MP spoke

at the event as Special Guest. Mr. Md. Abdul Majid Khan, MP and eminent psychiatrist and writer Prof. Anwara Syed Haque also spoke at the event. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen delivered the welcome remarks.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs observed 73rd Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal

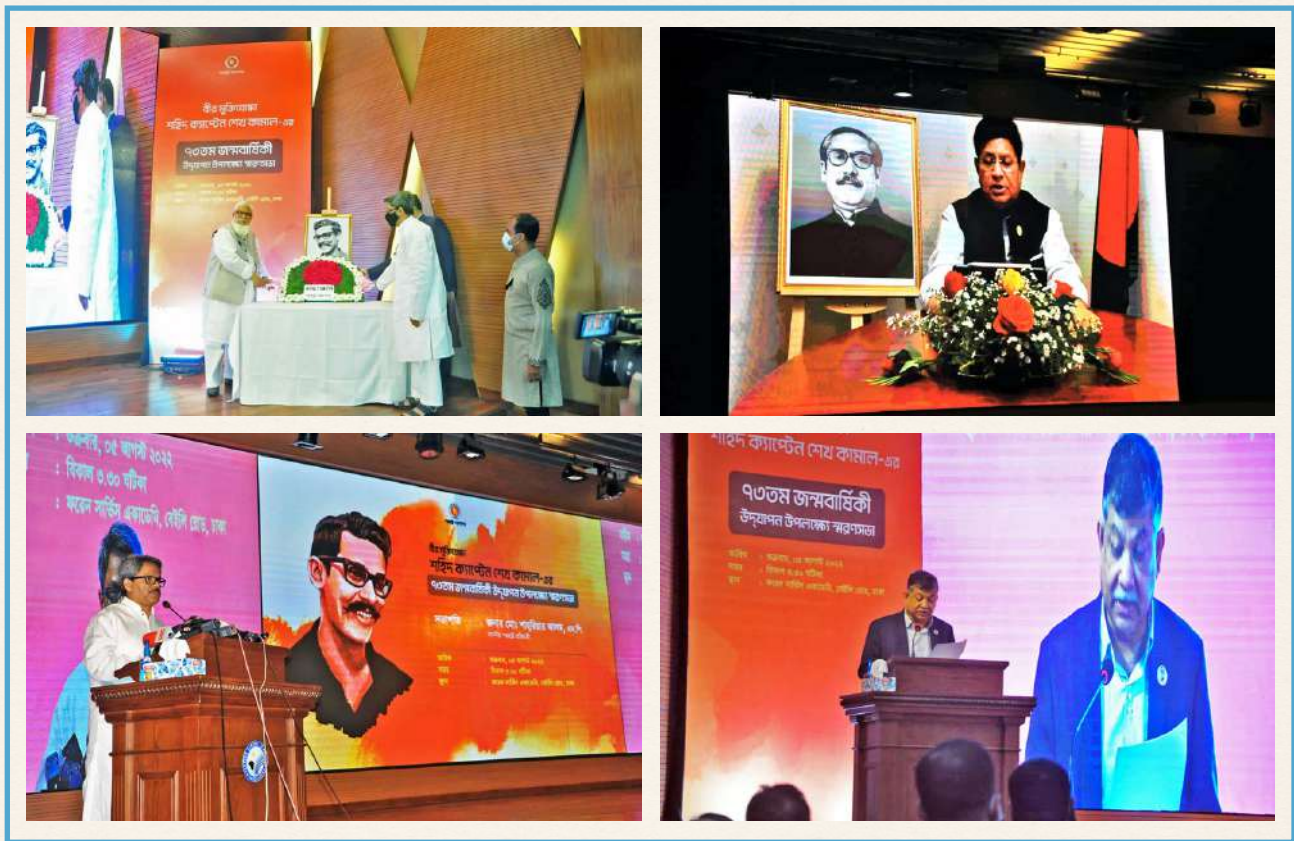
Ministry of Foreign Affairs arranged a discussion session to observe the 73rd Birth Anniversary of valiant freedom fighter Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, at the Foreign Service Academy on 05 August 2022. The Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Prime Minister Mr. Salman F Rahman graced the event as Chief Guest

while the State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP chaired the event. Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP who was in Cambodia on an official visit, sent a video message on this



occasion. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and eminent journalist Kamal, spoke on this event. Shafikul Islam, friend of Sheikh



Ministry of Foreign Affairs observed the 92nd Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Begum Fazilatun Nesa Mujib



Ministry of Foreign Affairs arranged a discussion session to observe the 92nd Birth Anniversary of Bangamata

Begum Fazilatun Nesa Mujib which took place at Foreign Service Academy on 08 August 2022.

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP chaired the session. Mr. Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed,



former President of FBCCI graced the event as Chief Guest while State Minister for Foreign Affairs attended as Special Guest. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador

Masud Bin Momen delivered the opening remarks. Ambassador Mashfee Binte Shams, Secretary (East), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Valiant Freedom Fighter Kazi

Rokeya Sultana Raka, Retired Professor and Mr. M Nazrul Islam, President, All European Awami League also spoke at the event.



Screening of ‘Welcome Bangabandhu 1973’ held at the Foreign Service Academy

A documentary titled ‘Welcome Bangabandhu 1973’ on the historic visit of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to Japan on 18-24 October 1973 was screened on 23 August 2022 at the Foreign Service Academy, Dhaka. The Japanese Government-made documentary was screened by the Embassy of Japan in Dhaka in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to pay profound respect to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the 50th anniversary year of Bangladesh-Japan bilateral relations. Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP joined the screening event as the Chief Guest while State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP joined as the Special Guest. Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Mr. Ito Naoki, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges Ms. Rowshan Ara

Mannan, MP, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ms. Waseqa Ayesha Khan, MP, Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and other senior officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representatives from JICA, JETRO and Japanese community living in Bangladesh, students from the Institute of Modern Language and the Department of Japanese Studies of Dhaka University, members from print and electronic media, among others, joined the screening event.

Foreign Minister highlighted the significance of Bangabandhu’s visit to Japan in 1973 in fostering today’s exemplary relations between our two friendly nations. He also credited Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina and former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in forging ever-lasting bonds of friendship between Bangladesh and Japan by elevating the relationship into “Comprehensive Partnership” level. Foreign Minister reiterated Bangladesh Government’s resolve to work closely with the Government of Japan to promote the existing bilateral relations to a new height. State Minister for Foreign Affairs commented that Bangabandhu’s historic visit to Japan initiated the legacy of a steadfast and lasting friendship between our two countries. Highlighting Japan’s footprints in almost all our socio-economic sectors, State Minister hoped that Japan will stand beside Bangladesh in realizing Bangabandhu’s dream of ‘Sonar Bangla’. Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Mr. Ito Naoki echoed the influence of Bangabandhu’s Japan visit towards fostering a time-tested robust



Bangladesh-Japan relations. In his welcome address, Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen shared that during our Liberation War and thereafter, particularly,

following the Bangabandhu's visit, Japan has transited to be a true partner in fulfilling Bangabandhu's vision towards turning Bangladesh into a prosperous country like

Japan. The Ambassador of Japan also handed over a photo album containing 50 memorable photos of Bangabandhu's landmark visit to Japan in 1973.



Bangladesh and UK keen to strengthen collaboration between two Parliaments

Hon'ble Speaker of Bangladesh National Parliament Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP and her British counterpart Sir Lindsay Hoyle in a bilateral meeting at the Westminster 'Speakers House' on 1 August 2022, agreed to strengthen institutional collaboration between Bangladesh and the British parliaments specially on climate change, women empowerment, justice for the Rohingyas, and role of parliament across the Commonwealth. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury informed the British Speaker that it was Bangabandhu's

value-based friendship with the then British politicians that would continue to remain a fundamental tenet and cornerstone of the robust and ever-expanding Bangladesh-UK diplomatic relations of 2022 and beyond. Dr. Chowdhury proposed to form a 'Bangladesh-UK Parliamentary Friendship Group', marking the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries to work together for promoting shared values of democracy, peace, and progress inclusive societies. She called upon the British Parliament to

play a leading role in resolving the Rohingya crisis towards a sustained return.

The British Speaker expressed gratitude to Bangladesh for sheltering and protecting 1.1 million Rohingyas fleeing from Myanmar. Sir Hoyle recalled Bangladesh Speaker's successful tenure as the Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and praised her skilful leadership to promote women empowerment across the CPA. The British Speaker praised the four British-Bangladeshi parliamentarians



for their contribution to British society and acknowledged the entrepreneurship of the Bangladeshi diaspora in the UK. Both the

Speakers emphasised the increased role of parliamentarians in different international forums, including the Commonwealth. Bangladesh High

Commissioner to the UK Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem was present during the meeting.



“Sheikh Kamal would live for generations as a symbol of eternal youth”- said Hon’ble Speaker of the National Parliament

Bangladesh High Commission in London organized a commemorative event at Impression Events Venue, Miller Road, London to mark the 73rd birth anniversary of the Valiant Freedom Fighter Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal. Hon’ble Speaker of

Bangladesh National Parliament Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury attended the event as Chief Guest. She said that Sheikh Kamal would live from generation to generation as a symbol of eternal youth. Hon’ble Speaker paid tributes to Captain

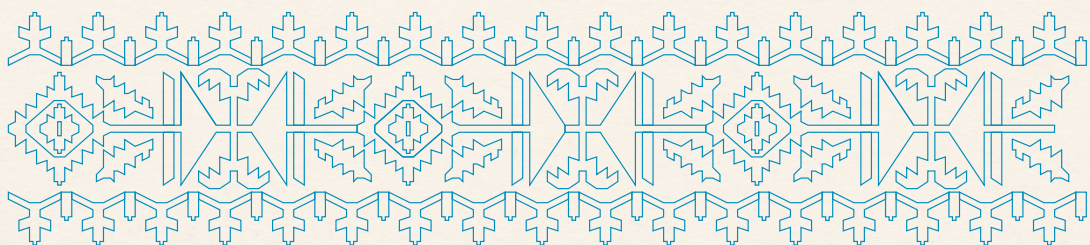
Sheikh Kamal by placing wreaths at his portrait and inaugurated a photo exhibition organized on the martyred freedom fighter Sheikh Kamal. “Bangladesh’s emerging multi-dimensional talent Sheikh Kamal was a shining star in sports, culture



and theater. He was an established dramatist, player and organiser,” the speaker said at the panel discussion

titled “Remembering Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal: Role of Youth and Sports in Promoting

Peace, Tolerance and Nation Building”.





Foreign Minister attended the '10th NPT Review Conference' in UN Headquarters



At the 10th NPT Review Conference held at the UNGA Hall in the UN Headquarters on 1 August 2022, Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP remarked, “We hope that the 10th Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) would produce an outcome that would facilitate the universality and implementation of the Treaty to make the world free from the threat of nuclear weapons.” Referring to the clarion call to emancipate the world from the scourge of nuclear war, made by the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in his historic maiden speech at the UN General Assembly in 1974, Dr. Momen said, “That forms the cornerstone of Bangladesh’s total and unwavering commitment to general and complete disarmament of nuclear weapons which is also a constitutional obligation of Bangladesh”. The Foreign Minister urged the international community to unite against the perpetual holding of nuclear weapons by a handful of states in total disregard of the safety and security of humanity. Dr. Momen reiterated Bangladesh’s support to

the effective implementation of the NPT through its three pillars -nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Foreign Minister called for increased investment and international cooperation in the research of nuclear technology and explore the potentials of its peaceful use for the benefit of human kind. He urged the States to stop senseless investments in destructive nuclear weapons and instead re-direct these resources to promote health, address climate change, achieve the SDGs, and promote peace and stability.

Meeting with UN Secretary General

On the sidelines of the NPT Review Conference, Foreign Minister held a bilateral meeting with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on 01 August 2022. A

range of UN and international issues, including UN peacekeeping operations, climate change and the Rohingya issue were discussed in the meeting. UN Secretary-General

applauded Bangladesh’s significant contribution to UN peacekeeping operations. In response to the Foreign Minister’s request to recruit more Bangladeshi peacekeepers,



the UN Secretary-General said that more peacekeepers, weapons, and ammunition would soon be taken from Bangladesh for various peacekeeping missions in Africa. Foreign Minister requested that the Secretary-General to appoint more

Bangladeshi officials to different political and military positions at the United Nations Headquarters. UN Secretary-General expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for agreeing to join the Global Crisis Response

Group to deal with the challenges of conflict in Ukraine. During this review conference, Foreign Minister also met with his counterparts from Hungary, Slovenia and Argentina.



Meeting with the counterparts from Hungary and Slovenia



Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP met the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary Mr. P  ter Szij  rty on 01

August 2022 during the 10th review conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) in New York and discussed

the entire gamut of bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Hungary.



Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP also met the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia Ms. Tanja

Fajon on 01 August 2022 during the 10th review conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) in New York and

discussed bilateral issues between Bangladesh and Slovenia.



Foreign Minister attended the '29th Meeting of ASEAN Regional Forum' in Cambodia



Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP delivered a speech on 5 August 2022 at the 29th Meeting of ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) under the theme “ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together” during which he emphasized on collective efforts by the ASEAN leaders to tackle challenges faced by the ASEAN region. During his remarks, Momen highlighted some

key challenges including recurring waves of new variants of Covid -19, global turmoil due to conflict in Europe, climate change, economic recession, and food and commodity crises that can only be adequately and effectively addressed through mutual trust and cooperation underpinned by multilateral arrangements like ARF. He presented an overview of Bangladesh's socio-economic

development in the last decade and a half and stated that Bangladesh government is working relentlessly under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to transform Bangabandhu's vision into a reality. Dr. Momen sought more focus and active support from the ARF countries particularly the ASEAN leaders' support for a durable solution to the Rohingya crisis and



requested them to strengthen their ongoing efforts to help create an environment within Myanmar that will encourage the Rohingyas to return. He requested the western leaders to impose strong economic sanction on Myanmar. Foreign Minister stated that Bangladesh is the link between two of the world's most vibrant economic regions,

Southeast Asia and South Asia and she seeks to promote herself as a hub of road, rail, riverine, maritime, and air connectivity for landlocked South Asian countries/regions and continental Southeast Asian countries. He expressed Bangladesh's aspiration to collaborate and cooperate with ASEAN by becoming a Sectoral Dialogue Partner and

sought support from all the ASEAN countries in this process. Dr. Momen concluded his speech with six proposals for ensuring resilient economic cooperation in the region. He reiterated Bangladesh's commitment to work closely with ARF for our collective development and prosperity.

Foreign Minister called on Vietnamese Foreign Minister in Phnom Penh



Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP called on the Foreign Minister of Vietnam Bui Thanh Son on 04 August 2022 in Phnom Penh. During the talks, Dr. Momen invited Vietnam to invest in different sectors of Bangladesh,

particularly in priority sectors in the economic zones, agriculture and ICT sectors. He also suggested the regular exchange of more technical expertise to boost trade, commerce and investment further. Dr. Momen also requested Vietnam to exert its

friendly influence on Myanmar to take its citizens back to Myanmar. He sought Vietnam's support in favour of Bangladesh's candidacy as a Sectoral Dialogue Partner (SDP) of ASEAN.

Foreign Minister called on Foreign Minister of Lao PDR

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP called on the Foreign Minister of Lao PDR Saleumxay Kommasith in Cambodia on 06 August 2022. The meeting reviewed the whole gamut of the existing excellent bilateral relations and the Foreign Ministers renewed their commitment to further cementing them. During the meeting,

Bangladesh Foreign Minister invited Lao PDR to invest in different sectors, particularly in priority sectors in the economic zones, agriculture and ICT sectors of Bangladesh. He also proposed regular exchange of trade delegation and trade related offer in order to create opportunities and potentials for bilateral trade and investment which is essential

for both countries. Highlighting the need to further promote people-to-people contact between the two countries, Dr. Momen expressed happiness that a diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR participated in a short course organized by the Foreign Service Academy of Bangladesh, the first time ever such an exchange took



place. In this connection, Dr. Momen reiterated Bangladesh's offer for short training courses for twelve young diplomats (one from each ASEAN member state and two from the Secretariat) as well as the proposal for exchange of ten youths from Bangladesh to the ASEAN countries and ten youths from the ASEAN countries to Bangladesh under a Youth Exchange Program.

In reply, Mr. Saleumxay admired the proposal of Bangladesh and wished to exchange the best knowledge and practices. Dr. Momen urged the

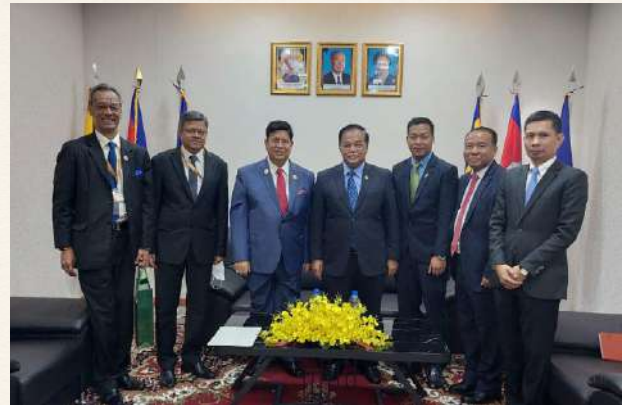
Foreign Minister of Lao PDR to play a more proactive role in bringing a sustainable solution to the protracted Rohingya crisis by initiating a speedy, safe and dignified repatriation of the forcibly displaced people back to their motherland Myanmar. He requested Lao PDR to exert its friendly influence on Myanmar to take its citizens back to Myanmar. Appreciating the tremendous socio-economic growth in Bangladesh in the last decade, the Foreign Minister of Lao PDR demonstrated his strong willingness to strengthen

trade and investment ties with Bangladesh. Dr. Momen took the opportunity to encourage Lao PDR for importing Bangladeshi products including electronic equipment, pharmaceuticals, cements, jute and jute products, ceramic and leather goods to meet the local demand. Both the Ministers discussed the possibility of a high-level visit between the two countries and the Foreign Minister of Lao PDR readily accepted the invitation.





Foreign Minister met Cambodian Senior Minister



Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP paid a courtesy call on Oknha Datuk Dr. Othman Hassan, Senior Minister of Cambodia, in charge of Special Mission (Islamic Affairs) on 05 August 2022 during his three-day visit to Cambodia to attend the 29th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). During the meeting, Dr. Momen apprised the Minister about Bangladesh's long-established tradition of liberal, moderate and

tolerant religious way of life that conditioned an environment of non-communal peaceful coexistence by the followers of different faiths. He also stated that Bangladesh is a bright example of communal harmony. Foreign Minister Momen underscored Bangladesh's active role for promoting the correct image and teachings of the great religion of Islam, both domestically and internationally, as a member of the

OIC, and sponsors and promotes the Culture of Peace under the UN auspices. The two Ministers also discussed on the issues of Rohingya repatriation, trade & investment, agriculture, aquaculture & fisheries, energy, health and pharmaceuticals, connectivity, ICT, tourism, halal trade, human resources development, youth & cultural exchanges etc.

Foreign Minister called on EU High Representative Josep Borrell Fontelles



Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP called on Mr.

Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the European

Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President



of the European Commission (HR/VP) in Phnom Penh on 04 August 2022. Dr. Momen informed the HRVP of the tremendous success of Bangladesh in reducing the poverty level. He also raised the issue of

repatriation of the Rohingyas and strongly sought the EU's support in pressurizing Myanmar to take back their nationals. Dr. Momen also expressed Bangladesh's earnestness to get the global gateway partnership

and sought support from the EU. Foreign Minister invited the HRVP to visit Bangladesh, which he readily accepted.

Foreign Minister met Foreign Minister of Timor-Leste in Cambodia

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP called on the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Cooperation of Timor-Leste Ms. Adaljiza Albertina Reis Magno in Phnom Penh on 04 August 2022. Both the Ministers expressed deep satisfaction at the excellent bilateral relations between

the two countries and pledged to further strengthen the relations in depth and dimensions. During the meeting, the two Ministers shared their views for mutual benefits and they discussed the issues of Rohingya repatriation, Bangladesh peacekeeping force, poverty alleviation, mass

education, women empowerment, agricultural research, fisheries, livestock & poultry industries, digitization, youth development, student exchange program etc. and the need for enhanced cooperation in the areas of trade and investment.



Foreign Minister called on Foreign Minister of Brunei Darussalam in Cambodia

A courtesy meeting took place between the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP and the Minister of Foreign Affairs II of Brunei Darussalam Dato Seri Setia Haji Erywan bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd Yusof in Phnom on 04 August 2022. They discussed the issues of mutual interest, reasserting their commitment for further strengthening the excellent relations between the two friendly countries in the days ahead. Dr.

Momen shared the concerns of Bangladesh on the issue of Forcibly Displaced Myanmar nationals and urged a more coordinated and proactive support of ASEAN countries for persuading Myanmar for creating a congenial situation for an early, safe and dignified repatriation of more than 1.1 million Myanmar nationals from Bangladesh. He also sought the support of Brunei in expediting Bangladesh's bid to be a Sectoral Dialogue Partner (SDP)

of ASEAN. The two countries agreed to accelerate cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, agriculture, aquaculture & Fisheries, energy, health and pharmaceuticals, connectivity, ICT, tourism, halal trade, human resources development, youth & cultural exchanges etc. While discussing the need for having high-level visits for further cementing the bilateral relations, Dato Yusof expressed their keenness on having the visit of His Majesty the Sultan



of Brunei to Bangladesh which got postponed in 2020 due to the

pandemic. Dr. Momen cordially welcomed the proposal and both

the Ministers agreed on taking all necessary preparations in this regard.



State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China visited Bangladesh

State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China Mr. Wang Yi arrived in Dhaka on 06 August for a 2-day official visit to Bangladesh. Minister

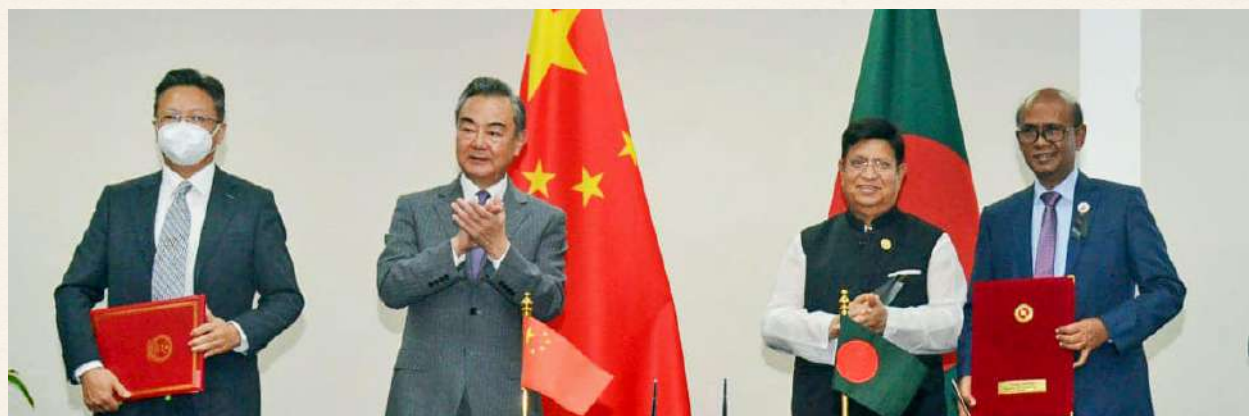
for Agriculture Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP received him at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Foreign Secretary (Senior

Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen was also present at the airport to receive the Foreign Minister of China.





Bangladesh-China bilateral talks



Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP and State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China Mr. Wang Yi held a bilateral meeting on 07 August at a hotel in Dhaka. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, Executive Chairman of BIDA Mr. Md. Sirazul Islam, Senior Secretary of Ministry of Commerce Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Secretary (East) of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Mashfee Binte Shams, Power Division Secretary Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman, ERD Secretary Ms. Sharifa Khan, among others, assisted the Foreign Minister while State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China was assisted by, among

others Mr LI Jiming, Ambassador of China to Bangladesh, Mr WU Jianghao, Assistant Minister of MFA, Mr. LIU Jinsong, Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of MFA of China. The meeting had fruitful discussions on the 'Strategic Partnership of Cooperation' between the two countries and touched upon issues on bilateral trade and investment, development cooperation, Covid-19 pandemic response, renewable energy, science and technology, cultural cooperation, people-to-people connectivity, return of Bangladeshi students to China, Rohingya repatriation and cooperation in international fora, etc. The State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China assured that Chinese government's 98%

DFQF market access of Bangladeshi products to China would be effective from 1 September this year. He also assured that Bangladeshi students would be able to return to China at an early date. Following the bilateral meeting, two Foreign Ministers witnessed signing of four bilateral instruments on the certificate hand-over of the 8th Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge (new), plan of special assistance of disaster prevention and reduction (renewal), cultural and tourism exchange programme for 2023-2027 (renewal), and cooperation on marine science and technology between the University of Dhaka and First Institute of Oceanography of China (new).



Foreign Minister of China visited the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum

State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China Mr. Wang Yi visited the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi 32 on 06

August 2022. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP received the visiting Foreign Minister of China at the museum. Mr. Wang Yi placed a

floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and after a tour of the museum, signed the 'Visitors Book'.



UN High Commissioner for Human Rights met Foreign Minister

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms. Michelle Bachelet met Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP on 14 August 2022 during her visit to Bangladesh. They discussed ways and means to further

strengthen the cooperation between Bangladesh Government and the UN Human Rights Mechanism. While the Foreign Minister briefed the High Commissioner on measures taken by the Government to promote

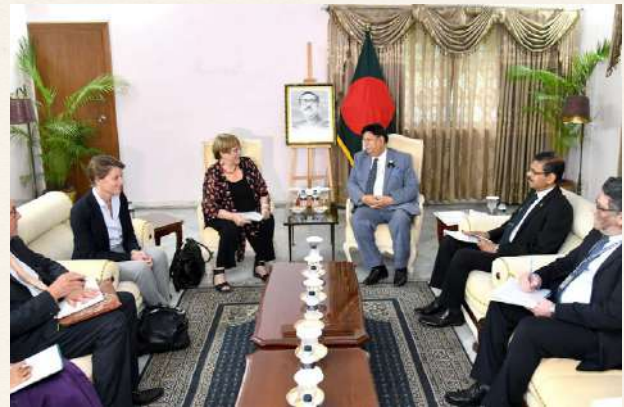
and protect the human rights in the country, both sides also discussed the areas of mutual concern like Rohingya crisis, adverse effect of climate change, the pandemic and ongoing global economic downturn etc., which are



posing challenges in ensuring human rights of the people. They also discussed

some areas of civil and political rights. Her visit was the first-ever visit of any

UN High Commissioner of Human Rights to Bangladesh.



UN High Commissioner of Human Rights attended a Town Hall Meeting at the Foreign Service Academy

A Town Hall Meeting followed by dinner hosted by Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP in honour of Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High

Commissioner for Human Rights took place on 16 August 2022 at the Foreign Service Academy, Dhaka. Eminent human rights/women's rights activists, media personnel, civil

society representatives, academicians and foreign diplomats attended the session and exchanged their views regarding various aspects of human rights activities in Bangladesh.



Foreign Minister received the UN Special Envoy on Myanmar

Foreign Minister received the UN Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Noleen Heyzer at his office on 24 August 2022. During the meeting, he focused on Rohingya crisis and its way out. Foreign Minister

briefed the Special Envoy about the many challenges including socio-economic and environment faced by Bangladesh due to long term hosting of Rohingyas and emphasized on the safe and sustainable repatriation of

the Rohingyas to Myanmar as the only solution. The UN special envoy stressed on the necessity of the support of Myanmar Government, UN and ASEAN, global and regional partners to create an environment



conducive for repatriation in the Rakhine State of Myanmar. She acknowledged the role of Myanmar Government as more important for the repatriation of the Rohingyas to Myanmar. Foreign Minister informed the Special Envoy about bilateral and trilateral effort for safe and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas. He mentioned that political will of Myanmar

Government is more effective to solve the Rohingya issue. He also said that humanitarian assistance with running education and training program for increasing efficiency of Rohingya people will be very helpful for the safe and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas to Myanmar. The UN envoy visited Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar. She highly appreciated the Government

of Bangladesh for the humanitarian support given to Rohingyas in Bangladesh. The Foreign Minister hoped that Ms. Noeleen Heyzer will play an effective role to create an environment conducive to the safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas now sheltered in Bangladesh to Myanmar.

CGS held a seminar at Foreign Service Academy on 'Rohingya Crisis: The Pathways to Repatriation.'

The Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh held a seminar on 25 August 2022 at the Foreign Service Academy on 'Rohingya Crisis: The Pathways to Repatriation.' The session was chaired by Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Professor of International Relations and Director of the Centre for Genocide Studies, University of

Dhaka with Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP as Chief Guest and Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General on Myanmar as Guest of Honour. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Mr. Masud Bin Momen along with the Ambassadors/ Diplomats of Japan, Netherlands and the USA took part as Special Guests.

Professor Imtiaz Ahmed presented the keynote speech. During the panel discussions, the speakers highlighted the root causes of the Rohingya problem, various initiatives taken by the Bangladesh Government and international community in favor of the Rohingyas and the way forward to make a conducive environment in Rakhine state for the safe and



sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas to Myanmar. A good number of foreign diplomats, human

rights activists, academicians, civil society representatives, media personnel, senior officials of the

Foreign Ministry attended the event.



Newly appointed WFP Country Director submitted credentials to Foreign Minister



The newly appointed Country Director of UN World Food Programme (WFP) Mr. Domenico Scalpelli presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 11 August 2022.

Foreign Minister recalled his last meeting with the WFP Executive Director Mr. David M. Beasley, and thanked WFP for commencing work in support of the Rohingya relocated to Bhashan Char. WFP Country Representative informed the Foreign

Minister about his upcoming trip to Bhashan Char, and thanked the government for providing support to WFP staff with accommodation, transportation and other facilities there. Dr. Momen took interest in Mr. Scalpelli's previous experience



of serving in Myanmar and urged WFP and other UN agencies operating in Myanmar's Rakhine State to help create an environment conducive to the safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingya now sheltered in Bangladesh to Myanmar. Foreign

Minister raised concerns over food insecurity around the world, and suggested setting up a Regional Food Bank in South Asia as a strategic reserve for the region. He urged WFP to enhance its focus on the issue of nutrition as part of its various programmes carried out in

collaboration with the Government. WFP Country Representative thanked Bangladesh for providing leadership of its Executive Board at a critical time for the international community.

Qatar's Minister of Labour called on Foreign Minister



Dr. Ali bin Saeed bin Al Samikh Al Marri, Minister of Labour of Qatar paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP on 21 August 2022 at the State Guest House Padma.

Both the Ministers exchanged views on issues of mutual interests in the bilateral and multilateral fields. During the meeting, Qatar Labour Minister expressed his satisfaction regarding the contribution of

Bangladesh community living in Qatar in developing the economy of Qatar as well as Bangladesh. He hinted Qatar's intention to recruit skilled and semi-skilled workers from Bangladesh in the field of health and



medicine, hospitality, driving and IT sector in future. Foreign Minister briefed the visiting Qatari Minister about the initiatives undertaken by the Government of Bangladesh for skill development to meet growing demand of workers in domestic and abroad. He appreciated the cooperation of Qatar Government

in supplying LNG to Bangladesh. Foreign Minister lauded the role of Qatar in its mediation diplomacy in Afghanistan, Palestine, Chad and in Sudan. He requested for Qatar government's political and economic support for solving Rohingya problems. Foreign Minister highlighted the trade and investment

opportunity in Bangladesh and requested for Qatar's investment in Bangladesh especially in Special Economic Zone earmarked for Qatar. The Labor Minister replied that the Government of Qatar would actively explore investment scopes in Bangladesh.

Newly appointed UNDP Resident Representative submitted credentials to Foreign Minister

The newly appointed Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh Mr. Stefan Liller presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP on 30 August 2022. Welcoming the new Resident Representative of UNDP in Bangladesh, the Foreign Minister expressed deep appreciation for the long-standing cooperation between the Government of Bangladesh and UNDP in the

field of capacity building, inclusive and sustainable policy making and development governance which dates back to 1972. Foreign Minister expressed hope that the cooperation between Bangladesh and UNDP in the field of Climate Change adaptation and mitigation and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) will be continued. Bangladesh Foreign Minister sought more proactive support from the UN System to realize early repatriation

of Rohingyas to Myanmar. He urged UNDP to work in Myanmar to create a congenial atmosphere in Rakhine State for their safe and sustainable return. The Representative of UNDP lauded Bangladesh's remarkable achievements in the field of socio-economic development and assured that UNDP will continue to work with the Government of Bangladesh for the overall development of Bangladesh.



Foreign Minister congratulated the leaders and people of ASEAN

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP congratulated the leaders and people of ASEAN on the occasion of its 55th Founding

Anniversary. In a video message, he reiterated Bangladesh's keenness for stronger & deeper relations with the ASEAN. Foreign Minister said that

Bangladesh wants to be a hub for South Asian and South East Asian countries, including landlocked countries, with road, rail, riverine,



maritime, and air connections. He also iterated Bangladesh's intention to interact and cooperate with ASEAN by becoming a Sectoral Dialogue Partner, which can boost Bangladesh's role in connecting these two vibrant regions.



State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives called on Foreign Minister



Mr. Ahmed Khalil, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP

on 29 August 2022 at the Foreign Ministry. The Ministers exchanged views on issues of mutual interests in the bilateral and multilateral

fields. Foreign Minister thanked the Government of Maldives for providing COVID vaccines to Bangladeshi expatriates in Maldives



and urged the State Minister to simplify the remittance process for Bangladeshi expatriates. Dr. Momen also urged Government of Maldives to recruit skilled doctors, nurses, technicians and teachers from Bangladesh. Highlighting the

competency in higher education of Bangladesh, the Minister said there is a huge opportunity in various universities of Bangladesh to study for the students of Maldives. The Ministers also exchanged views on geo-political issues. The Maldivian

State Minister expressed his interest to train the Maldivian diplomats in Bengali language and emphasized on cooperation between two Foreign Service Academies to increase diplomatic efficiency.

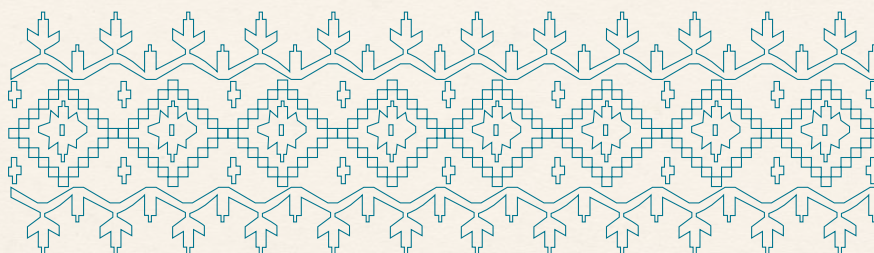
US Department of State's Deputy Coordinator for Global COVID Response and Health Security called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs



US Department of State's Deputy Coordinator for Global COVID Response and Health Security, Ms. Laura Stone called on State Minister

for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP on 02 August 2022 at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka. They discussed global issues of

mutual interest and particularly on the Global Action Plan for Covid-19 Response.





State Minister for Foreign Affairs interacted with the Parliamentary Delegation from Nepal

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP interacted with the Parliamentary Delegation

from Nepal on 04 August 2022. During the meeting, the State Minister emphasized on greater

collaboration with Nepal in sectors like water, hydroelectricity, tourism, connectivity and people to people.



Ambassador of China to Bangladesh called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs

Ambassador of China to Bangladesh Li Jiming called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP at his office on 17 August 2022. They discussed issues of common interests, including promotion of bilateral trade and

Chinese FDI in Bangladesh and early completion of the joint study towards concluding an FTA between Bangladesh and China, Chinese assistance in disaster prevention and reduction in Bangladesh, early return of Bangladeshi students/

researchers pursuing higher studies in Chinese universities, Rohingya repatriation, cooperation in different multilateral fora, supporting each other's candidatures in different multilateral bodies etc.





UN Special Envoy on Myanmar called on Foreign Secretary



UN Special Envoy on Myanmar Noeleen Heyzer called on the Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen at State Guest House Padma on 22 August 2022. Ms. Heyzer acknowledged the exemplary leadership role played by the

Government of Bangladesh by providing humanitarian support for Rohingyas in Bangladesh. She stressed on the necessity of the support of Myanmar Government, global and regional partners to create an environment conducive for repatriation in the Rakhine State

of Myanmar. Foreign Secretary highlighted the importance of keeping focus of the global community on the Rohingya crisis, giving sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas the top priority and creating a conducive environment in Rakhine for repatriation.

US Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs called on Foreign Secretary

US Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs Ambassador Michele J. Sison, called on the Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen on 8 August 2022. Ambassador Michele Sison expressed her felicitations on the 50 years celebration of Bangladesh-USA diplomatic relations. They exchanged views on the priority issues, particularly in the UN and

other international organizations, including peacekeeping operations, food security, global health emergencies, climate resilience, human rights, and the Rohingya issue. Ambassador Sison highly appreciated Bangladesh's humanitarian gesture extended to the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMNs). In this context, Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen said that Bangladesh does not subscribe

to any idea of long-term hosting of the Rohingyas in Bangladesh and urged the international community to focus on their immediate safe return to Myanmar. Ambassador Michele Sison praised Bangladesh's tremendous success in countrywide COVID-19 vaccination, ensuring food security, and Bangladesh's contributions in peacekeeping operations (PKO), particularly women's participation in the PKOs.



They also discussed the upcoming elections in the multilateral fora. After the call on, Ambassador Michele Sison attended a luncheon hosted by the Foreign Secretary in her honour.

Earlier, a discussion session between the senior officials from the different

ministries of the government and the US delegation led by the Assistant Secretary Ambassador Sison was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They exchanged views on peacekeeping operations, food security, global health, climate change, human rights and Rohingya

crisis and possible repatriation, G77 dynamics, and Bangladesh-US partnership in the UNESCAP. The delegation led by Ambassador Sison also attended a roundtable discussion at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS).





The Second Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) between Bangladesh and Brunei Darussalam held in Brunei Darussalam



Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen led the Bangladesh Delegation to the Second Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) held in Brunei Darussalam on 31 August 2022. Agenda for discussions included cooperation in the fields of labour, economy, agriculture, fisheries, livestock, health, connectivity, defence, energy, education, culture, youth, sports, developments in ASEAN and South Asia. The first FOC was held in Dhaka on 09 September 2018. Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen paid a courtesy call on Her Royal Highness Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien on 01 September 2022 at ICC. The

success, enthusiasm and positivity that resulted from the second FOC also resonated in the discussions between Ambassador Momen and Her Royal Highness. They discussed mainly on FOC agenda, Rohingya crisis, and energy cooperation.

The Senior Foreign Secretary also visited the Bangladesh High Commission in Bandar Seri Begawan on the same day. After placing floral wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Father of the Nation, Ambassador Momen addressed a gathering representing the Civil Society of Brunei, where he highlighted the contribution of Bangladeshi workers in the construction industry in Brunei, and appreciated the Bruneian society for accommodating them in their

developmental pursuit. He also deeply commended His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulahibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, for successfully completing the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2021, and managing the Covid-19 situation in Brunei so effectively. He hoped that the much-awaited visit of His Majesty to Bangladesh in October 2022, would usher in a new era in the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Brunei. Ambassador Momen also visited Bangabandhu Corner at the High Commission, and unveiled 'Imagine Bangladesh' a collaborative artwork guided by renowned artist PG Wahab Hassan and Bangladesh community children.



Ambassador Momen then moved to Pusat Ehsan where he toured almost entire premises and experienced the arrangement and facilities available for individuals with special needs.

Finally, he attended a lunch hosted by Bangladesh community in Brunei at 'Santi Nur' restaurant. He encouraged all to send remittance to Bangladesh through valid and legal

channels, and also assured them of doing the needful in due course for addressing their other problems.

Water Resources Ministers of Bangladesh and India attended the 38th meeting of JRC in New Delhi



Water Resources Ministers of Bangladesh and India attended the 38th meeting of Joint River

Commission (JRC) held in New Delhi on 25 August 2022. The meeting discussed the ways and

means of cooperation in water sector and common rivers.

Parliamentary delegation from Nepal visited the mausoleum of the Father of the Nation

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Tungipara on 05 August 2022. The delegation paid tribute

to Bangabandhu and placed floral wreaths at the mausoleum.





Heads of Mission of ASEAN Dhaka committee visited the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum



Heads of Mission of ASEAN Dhaka Committee paid their homage and profound respect to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman and all the martyrs of 15 August 1975 at the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi-32 on 16 August

2022. The ASEAN Envoys placed a floral wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu and observed a minute's silence in reverence.

Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Conference on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity



Bangladesh delegation led by Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Rear Admiral Md. Khurshed Alam (Retd.) participated in all events of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC-5) on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) held on 22 August 2022 in New York and played pivotal role in the negotiation. Delegates met in various configurations throughout the day addressing marine genetic resources (MGRs), including benefit-sharing questions; environmental impact assessments (EIAs); and cross-cutting issues, including implementation and compliance, and dispute settlement.



Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs called on Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS)



Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Rear Admiral Md Khurshed Alam (Retd.) called on Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) Mr. Adnan Rashid Nasser Al-Azri at his office on 17 August 2022. The Chair and the Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit discussed issues of Bangladesh's

amended submission to the CLCS. Secretary Alam reiterated that the final recommendation of the United Nations would provide a basis for the exploration, conservation and development of living and non-living natural resources that would help ensure our sustainable development, energy needs and the prosperity of our people. Based on the binding

verdicts of the international tribunals, the Government of Bangladesh reviewed its submission and lodged a fresh version to the Commission on 22 October 2020. In the amended submission, delimitation lines prescribed by the Tribunals were used to determine the limits of Bangladesh's Continental Shelf.

The University of Dhaka and Camões, Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua of Portugal virtually signed a cooperation agreement to establish academic links

At a simple ceremony held simultaneously at the two institutions, Treasurer of Dhaka University, Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed in Dhaka and President of the Governing Board of Camões, I.P., Ambassador João Ribeiro de Almeida in Lisbon signed the agreement to establish academic links between the two institutions on 16 August 2022. On the Lisbon side of the ceremony, Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal Mr. Tarik Ahsan, Head of Department of Programming, Training and Certification of Camxes Institute Mr. Rui Vicente de Azevedo and First Secretary of Bangladesh Embassy Mr. Abdullah Al Razi were also present. On the Dhaka side, Director of Institute of Modern Language (IML) Prof. Dr. A B M





Razaul Karim Faquire and Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh Mr. Ashiq Billah attended. This cooperation protocol will focus on the promotion of Portuguese language teaching and

the dissemination of the Portuguese language and culture in Bangladesh. Under the signed protocol, Institute of Modern Language of University of Dhaka and Camões, Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua of Portugal will

collaborate introducing Portuguese language courses and studies in Dhaka University, awarding scholarships to Portuguese language teachers and students, in the promotion of cultural and scientific activities etc.



Bangladesh elected to the Executive Committee and the Accreditation Committee of the Commonwealth

Bangladesh has been unanimously elected a member of the Executive Committee (ExCo) of the Commonwealth Board of Governors for the term 2022-2024. The Commonwealth Executive Committee consists of sixteen members of which eight are the highest contributing member states and the other eight are elected from the four regions. Bangladesh has been elected a member of the Executive Committee (EC) from Asia-Europe region. The Executive Committee is mandated to oversee all matters related to finance, personnel and administration of the Commonwealth Secretariat. The Committee also

makes policy recommendations for the Commonwealth.

Bangladesh has also been unanimously elected as a member of the Commonwealth Accreditation Committee for the term 2022-23. The Committee functions as a subcommittee of the Executive Committee (ExCo) of the Commonwealth Secretariat and comprises eight members. The other members of the Committee include Australia, India, New Zealand, Ghana, Grenada and Fiji. The Committee scrutinizes membership of the new and affiliated body of the Commonwealth.

Unanimous election of Bangladesh to the Executive Committee (ExCo)

and the Accreditation Committee is a reflection of Bangladesh's deep commitment, contribution and leadership at the Commonwealth of Nations which was the first international organization where Bangladesh got membership after its independence under the prudent leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the United Kingdom and Member of the Commonwealth Board of Governors Saida Muna Tasneem will represent Bangladesh in both Committees.





The Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN in New York presented his credentials to the UN Secretary General



Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith presented his credentials to the UN Secretary General António Guterres in the UN Headquarters on 03 August 2022.

Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith is the 16th Permanent Representative (PR) of Bangladesh to the UN since 1974 when Bangladesh became the member of the apex body. After presenting his credentials, Ambassador Muhith had a brief

meeting with the Secretary General. During the meeting, Mr. Guterres termed Bangladesh as a friend of the UN and lauded Bangladesh's socio-economic developments under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy received container ship Cape Flores at Ravenna Port carrying exportables from Chattogram



On 10 August 2022, Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to

Italy, Montenegro and Serbia received the Mother Vessel Cape Flores at the

Ravenna Port, one of the largest sea ports of Italy. The 507-container full



ship departed Chattogram, Bangladesh on 24 July 2022 with Bangladeshi RMG and leather products, among others and docked at the Italian port directly within just 18 days. Terming it as a moment of great joy and pride, Bangladesh Ambassador received the containers from Capt. Mr Leopoldo Jovito Mosca. The Ambassador also had a meeting with the senior officials of the port, local authorities and RifLine Italy

S.p.a., the Italian freight forwarder company. Bangladesh Ambassador expressed his deep satisfaction about launching the direct operation of the vessel particularly when these two friendly countries are celebrating 50 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations. He reiterated his full support and cooperation in the coming days to ensure economic viability of the operation and efficient services for the mutual benefit of

both the countries. The first direct operation of the container ship was established between Chattogram and Port of Ravenna, Italy in February 2022. This marks the opening of a new horizon for Bangladesh-Italy trade relations which will significantly boost export-import trade specially of RMG products not only between Bangladesh and Italy but also to the whole European market.

New Head Office of Janata Exchange Srl Inaugurated in Rome

Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Italy, Serbia and Montenegro inaugurated the new Head Office of Janata Exchange Srl in Rome on 04 August 2022. During the brief inauguration ceremony, the Ambassador expressed

his satisfaction at the dedicated services to the Bangladesh diaspora by the company and also hoped that the new premise with wider space and increased facilities will ensure better services to the valuable clients. He also suggested the management

of the company to increase publicity of the services provided by the company so that the diaspora can be encouraged in sending higher amount of remittances to the country using legal channels.



Awareness campaign for increased inflow of remittance held in Athens

As part of its ongoing awareness campaign for sending hard-earned foreign currency to Bangladesh through proper banking channels, the Bangladesh Embassy in Athens organized a big community gathering on 18 August 2022 which was participated by a good number of

expatriate Bangladeshi nationals living in Greece, who took a fresh vow to get themselves involved in the ongoing economic development of our country through sending their remittance via banking channels and avoiding illegal money transfer by hundi and other illegal means.

During the meeting, the speakers put importance on the benefits of sending money through legal banking channels as well as the harmfulness of using the illegal means like hundi and other unauthorized practices. They also underscored that transaction of money through hundi is one form



of money laundering and punishable offence under law.

Ambassador Ashud Ahmed called upon the community members to strictly adhere to the laws and regulations of the host country, which is important not only for the safety and security of their personal wellbeing but largely for upholding the image of the country. Reminding them of their duties and responsibilities as patriotic citizens of

the country, he pointed out that the money that were being sent in hundi tend to be used in drug trafficking and fueling terrorism that earn bad name for our peace-loving country. The inflow of remittance from Greece has projected a continuous upward trend that started with 52 million USD in 2019 and has now almost touched 100 million USD. Owners of the money remitting agencies were also present in the meeting and shared their experiences about

various problems being faced by the irregular expatriate Bangladeshi nationals in sending their money to Bangladesh through legal channels. The inflow of the remittance is expected to be increased manifold once the irregular Bangladeshi nationals will be regularized through implementation of the MOU signed between Bangladesh and Greece. The Embassy has also introduced remittance award for the highest remitters to boost the inflow up.



Community briefing on the regularization process of the irregular Bangladeshi nationals in Athens held

Bangladesh Ambassador to Greece Mr. Ashud Ahmed briefed the Bangladesh community about the implementation process of the regularization of the irregular Bangladeshi nationals living in Greece in a community gathering held at the Embassy premises on 18 August 2022. A good number of Bangladeshi nationals attended the meeting and participated in the discussion after the opening statement of the Ambassador in the form of question and answer. In his statement, the Ambassador mentioned about the three steps of the process to be followed carefully by the intended Bangladeshi nationals for getting their status legalized

and residence cards for working in different Greek companies. He advised them to get their passports with two years validity attested from the Embassy as the first step of the regularization process. They also need to have an email address and a mobile number of their own. The second step of the regularization process will be started with the opening of the online platform by the Greek Government and the intended Bangladeshi nationals will upload the required documents along with their attested passports, proof of the arrival in Greece before signing of the MOU on 9 February 2022, to be employed certificate issued by their

prospective employers and a fee of 91 euro to be paid online by bank card and complete their registration to get their temporary residence cards. The third and final step of the registration process will be completed with issuance of their permanent residence cards with 5 years' validity upon scrutiny of their submitted documents in the online platform.

Ambassador Ashud Ahmed repeatedly advised the meeting to prepare themselves with all required documents well in time so that they can start their registration after opening of the online platform in the middle of September 2022 and remain cautious not to fall



prey of any unscrupulous brokers in this regard. The community members exchanged their views in a cordial atmosphere and thanked the Embassy for organizing such an important briefing, which clarified

their confusion regarding the long-expected legalization process. The briefing session was organized after having two working committee level meetings with the Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum on the

implementation process of the MOU signed between Bangladesh and Greece on 9 February 2022 regarding migration and mobility.



Embassy of Bangladesh, Bahrain facilitated the participation of the ‘Bangladesh U-20 National Volleyball Team’ for the first time in the ‘21st Asian Men’s U20 Volleyball Championship’ held in Bahrain

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Manama, Bahrain facilitated the ‘Bangladesh U-20 National Volleyball Team’ in making their debut in the ‘21st Asian Men’s U20 Volleyball Championship’ with 16 other participating countries that was held in Bahrain from 22 – 29 August 2022 at the ‘Isa Sports City’ in Riffa, amassing a crowd of avid volleyball fans of different nationalities. The Bangladesh team proved to be a formidable force by defeating Iraq (3:1) and Qatar (3:2) in the qualifying rounds, which gave them a golden ticket to compete in

the quarterfinal. The team managed to secure the 5th place in this year’s Championship by beating the four-time champion China with a score of 3:2 with their talent, determination, and outstanding performance. The Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. of the Embassy, Mr. A.K.M. Mohiuddin Kayes along with Embassy officials and Bangladeshi expatriates were present at the stadium to thoroughly enjoy the Bangladesh team’s performance and for encouraging them with their cheers. Upon his return to Bahrain, Ambassador Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam hosted a

dinner reception at the Bangladesh House in the Bangladesh team’s honour where he awarded gifts and certificates to members of the team as a token of his appreciation to not only commemorate their tremendous accomplishment, but also for stoutly representing Bangladesh in the field of volleyball at an international platform in Bahrain for the first time. Ambassador Dr. Islam also handed over a letter to the team manager that expressed his gratitude and heartiest congratulations to the Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and President



of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, cooperation, contribution, and the Bangladesh team to achieve this Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam, for his support, patronship that ultimately allowed remarkable accomplishment.



Ambassador of Bangladesh presented credentials to the King of Sweden



Mr. Mehdi Hasan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Sweden presented his credentials to the King of Sweden

His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf at Royal Palace on 24 August 2022. The colourful ceremonies began by

courtesy meeting and exchange of greetings with Chief of Protocol, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps



and officials of Swedish Foreign Ministry. Then, the Ambassador was escorted to the Royal Palace by horse drawn couches and received by the King, where he accepted the Letter of Credence of Mr. Mehdi Hasan. The King expressed satisfaction

over the bilateral relations between the two countries and appreciated Bangladesh Government for socio-economic development of Bangladesh. The King appreciated Bangladesh government's initiative in addressing climate change issues

including building cyclone shelters; he appreciated as well the Delta Plan 2100. The Swedish King himself being a Champion in World Scouting, was happy to know about strong Scout Movement in Bangladesh.

4th round of meetings on Cooperation in the Field of Power between Bangladesh and Nepal



The 4th round Bangladesh-Nepal bilateral meetings on power sector cooperation were held on 23-25 August 2022 in Kathmandu. Bangladesh side of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) was led by Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Secretary of Power Division while Additional Secretary of Power Division Mr. Md. Mohsin

Chowdhury led the Bangladesh side of the Joint Working Group (JWG). The meeting discussed various issues including possibility of power trade, cross-border interconnection and cooperation on renewable energy sector and institutional capacity building. The meetings also discussed about the prospects of investment in

hydropower development in Nepal by the government and corporate entities of Bangladesh. Earlier, Secretary Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman called on Mr. Pampha Bhusal, Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation of Nepal. The Bangladesh delegation also visited a hydropower project in the eastern hills of Nepal.

Ambassador of Bangladesh to South Korea stressed the need for further educational cooperation at 2022 Global Friends Night held in Seoul

Ambassador of Bangladesh to South Korea Mr. Delwar Hossain accentuated the need for further cooperation in the education sector

while delivering a speech at the 2022 Global Friends Night hosted by the International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS), University of Seoul

on 22 August 2022. This annual global networking event was attended by around 300 participants including the Ambassadors, diplomats, senior



officers of the Korean govt. agencies and organizations and the teachers and students of the University. As part of the ODA project supported

by the Korean government and development agencies, the ISUS of the University of Seoul invites a good number of government officials from

the KOICA partnering countries including Bangladesh every year for higher studies on territorial and urban development and management.



Ambassador of Bangladesh to South Korea met with the members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group



Ambassador of Bangladesh to South Korea Mr. Delwar Hossain met with Mr. Yoon Youngdeok and Mr. Suh Bumsoo, Vice-Chairmen of the Korea-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship Group on 16 August 2022. During the meeting, the Vice-Chairmen lauded the ongoing robust

socio-economic development of Bangladesh and expressed satisfaction over the current development of the relations between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea. Moreover, both sides discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral and parliamentary ties. Referring to

the forthcoming 50th anniversary of bilateral relations in 2023, the interlocutors accentuated the need for seizing this momentous occasion to take the relationship to a new height as well as exchanging visits of the Parliamentary Friendship Group.



Bangladesh Ambassador to Libya held several meetings to enhance cooperation and resolve the problems of expatriates

On 29 August 2022, Maj Gen S M Shamim-Uz-Zaman, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Libya held meeting with Mr. Ramadhan Aboujanah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health of the State of Libya. They exchanged views on various issues of mutual interest and discussed ways and means to enhance bilateral cooperation particularly in the health sector. Deputy Prime Minister expressed interest in recruiting more doctors, nurses and technicians from Bangladesh. Ambassador of Bangladesh emphasized on importing Bangladeshi pharmaceutical products and medical equipment. The Minister agreed to form a technical committee from the Ministry of Health to visit pharmaceutical industries and medical facilities in Bangladesh and hold meetings with high officials to identify areas of cooperation and

exchange experiences between the two countries.

On 16 August 2022, the Ambassador held meeting with Mr. Saddek Omar Ali Elkaber, Governor of Central Bank of Libya (CBL). During the meeting, the Ambassador sought cooperation and facilitation of the CBL in sending remittance of Bangladeshi expatriates' working in Libya. The Governor assured to extend all possible support in sending remittances through banking channels for those who are working legally in public and private sector. He also fondly remembered his visit to Bangladesh to attend the 35th Council Meeting of the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) hosted by Bangladesh Bank in 2019.

On 10 August 2022, a joint meeting on Bangladeshi expatriates in Libya

was held between the Embassy of Bangladesh in Tripoli, MoFA of Libya and Libyan Passports, Immigration and Foreigners Affairs Authority. The meeting was attended by Mr. Murad Hamaima, Libyan Deputy Foreign Minister, Maj Gen S M Shamim-Uz-Zaman, Ambassador of Bangladesh and Maj Gen Yousuf Abullah Murad, Director General of Libyan Passports, Immigration Foreigners Affairs Authority. They held detailed discussions on all the problems facing Bangladeshi expatriates working in Libya and finding ways to resolve the problems through a certain mechanism. At the meeting, the Libyan side agreed to facilitate the procedures for issuance of exit visas in favour of distressed Bangladeshi nationals for their safe repatriation.





High Commissioner of Bangladesh met the Speaker of Maldives



High Commissioner of Bangladesh Rear Admiral SM Abul Kalam Azad met Hon'ble Speaker of People's Majlis and former President Mr. Mohammad Nashid at the Majlis office on 23rd August 2022. They

mentioned the wonderful relationship between both countries and brotherly people. The Speaker praised the extensive development of Bangladesh under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina and specially appreciated her government for making Bangladesh stand as a role model of economic development around the world.

Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives organized motivational program to increase remittance through proper channel



On 11th August 2022, Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives organized motivational program for the

expatriates to encourage them send remittance through proper channel. Bangladesh High Commissioner

Rear Admiral SM Abul Kalam Azad was present as the chief guest in the event. First secretary of the

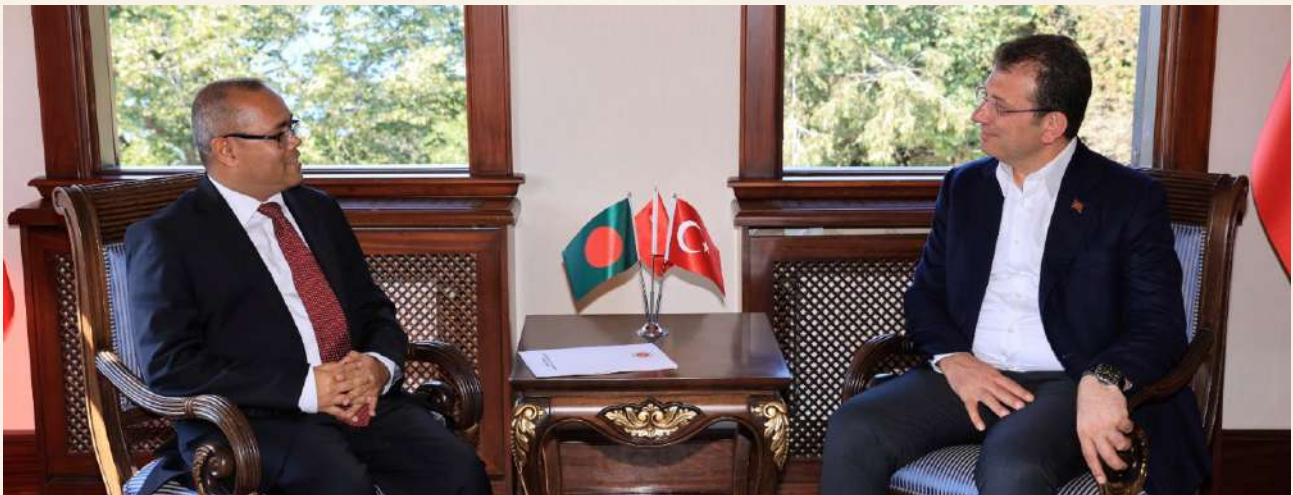


High Commission Mr. Md. Sohail Parvez. Mr. Masudur Rahman, CEO of National Bank Money Exchange and representative of Islami Bank Mr. Masum Billah and renowned doctor Mr. Moktar Ali Laskar delivered speeches highlighting the facilities of remitting money through

legal channel. Maldives' renowned businessman Mr. Ahmed Mottaki delivered a powerpoint presentation on the facility of sending remittance and to discourage Hundi. The High Commissioner urged the remittance warriors to mitigate the economic scare emanated by the global

crisis by sending remittances to Bangladesh through proper channel. Representatives from expatriate doctors, bankers, businessmen and other professions attended this important event.

Bangladesh Consul General met Mayor of Istanbul



Consul General of Bangladesh in Istanbul Mr. Mohammed Nore-Alam paid a courtesy call on the Mayor of Istanbul Mr. Ekrem Imamoglu. During the meeting, both highlighted the existing brotherly relations between Bangladesh and Turkiye. The Consul General proposed for establishing institutional cooperation and partnership between Dhaka City Corporation and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality on issues

of city planning and development, civic facilities, public transport system, waste-management, and beautification. Mayor Imamoglu invited the Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation to visit Istanbul. In response, Consul General invited Mayor Imamolu to visit Dhaka at a convenient time. Consul General sought the Mayor's cooperation in portraying the glorious life, struggle and works of the Father of

the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in a larger scale in Istanbul. Mayor Imamoglu reiterated his full support and cooperation to Bangladesh Consulate General in extending services to expatriate Bangladeshis living in Istanbul. Consul General Nore-Alam presented a traditional Bangladeshi tapestry to the Mayor of Istanbul.

Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi met prominent entrepreneurs, investors, industrialists and businessmen in Karachi

Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi, S. M. Mahbubul Alam had several business meetings and interactions with the prominent investors, industrialists, entrepreneurs and businessmen in

Karachi during August 2022. The Deputy High Commissioner had separate meetings and interactions, which included meetings with Mr. Mujeebullah Khan, Chief Executive Officer of iTextiles, Mr. Nasir H.

Schon, Chief Executive of Schon Group of Industries, Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Chairman of Baig Group of Industries, Mr. Mirza Ishtiaq Baig, Vice-Chairman of Baig Group of Industries, Dr. Javed



Mushtaq, Chief Executive Officer of Dreamland International, Mr. Gulrez Shoaib, Managing Director of Kreation Korporation Ltd, Senior Representative from Thal Limited (including Thal Jute), Senior Management of the Indigo Textiles Limited, Mr. Byram Avari, Chairman of Avari Group, Mr. Humza Tabani, Chief Executive Officer of Tabani Group of Industries, Mr. Jehangir Shah, Deputy Managing Director of Pak Oman Investment Company Limited, Mr. Shoaib Ismail, Chief Executive Officer of Premier Cables Limited, Mr. Waqar Ahmed Malik, Chairman, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Fauji Group of Companies, Mr. M Alam Mazhari, Chief Operating Officer of Soorty, and Mr. Nauman Vohra, Managing Director of Gentraco Bangladesh Private Limited.

During the separate meetings and interactions, the Deputy High Commissioner S. M. Mahbubul Alam briefed the leading industrialists, investors, entrepreneurs and businesspersons in Karachi about various development initiatives and sectoral achievements in Bangladesh. He said that Bangladesh has become a 'Role Model' of socio-economic development in the world. He shared the success stories of socio-economic progress in Bangladesh and the vision that the present government of Bangladesh has been striving hard to turn Bangladesh into a developed country by 2041. He categorically elaborated on the potential of trade and commerce and investment in Bangladesh and briefed them on the exclusive facilities and incentives Bangladesh offers for foreign investment in Bangladesh. Deputy High Commissioner invited the

potential investors, entrepreneurs, industrialists and businesspersons from Pakistan to avail Bangladesh's offers and enjoy opportunity to further enhance economic cooperation for mutual benefits. During the meeting and interactions, the entrepreneurs, industrialists, investors and businesspersons of Pakistan highly appreciated the socio-economic developments in Bangladesh and expressed their interests for wider trade and commerce and investment with Bangladesh. Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner thanked them for their candid appreciation of Bangladesh's impressive socio-economic achievements and interests for wider trade and commerce and investments in Bangladesh. Deputy High Commissioner assured them for all possible cooperation for greater trade and commerce and economic relations between the two counties.

Interactive meeting with Bangladeshi students on "Branding Bangladesh: Role of our students" organized by the Consulate General of Bangladesh held in Hong Kong

With the participation of around fifty (50) new Bangladeshi students who have been admitted in different universities of Hong Kong in the academic year of 2022-23 and some

young Bangladeshi graduates who have just started their career in various reputed private institutions, the Consulate General of Bangladesh in Hong Kong organized an

interactive meeting on 'Branding Bangladesh: Role of our students'. The participants shared their different ideas and thoughts with the Consul General, Ms. Israt Ara and



other officers on how they would like to promote Bangladesh in Hong Kong, Asia's World City. While the second generation Bangladeshi youth shared their experiences about the previous image of Bangladesh in Hong Kong and suggested necessary guidance to new students, some new students expressed their interest to host cultural events, some would like to participate in performing arts or

arrange screening of a Bangladeshi movie to portray a positive image of Bangladesh in their respective universities. The Consul General highly encouraged the students to play their role and assured all possible support from the Consulate in this regard. She also urged the students to be committed to increase the reputation of the country. It has been decided that a Student Association

of Bangladesh would be formed and also a WhatsApp group so that all participants would be connected with the officials of the Consulate. The Consul General thanked them for their participation and wished them success in the future. At the end of the programme, the students were given a souvenir mask with a logo of Bangladesh.



Bangladesh Missions abroad observed 73rd Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal

Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the 73rd Birth Anniversary of valiant freedom fighter Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



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Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the 92nd birth anniversary of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib in a befitting manner

Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the 92nd birth anniversary of Bangamata Begum Fazilatun Nesa Mujib, wife of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with due solemnity and dignity.



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Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the National Mourning Day 2022

Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the 47th Martyrdom Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the National Mourning Day 2022 with due dignity and solemnity on 15 August 2022.



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