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Hon'ble President of India visited Bangladesh



► Meeting between Hon'ble President of Bangladesh Md. Abdul Hamid and Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind at Bangabhaban on 15 December 2021

At the invitation of H.E. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President of Bangladesh, President of India H.E. Shri Ram Nath Kovind paid a State Visit to Bangladesh on 15-17 December 2021. On the

occasion of three epochal events: Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh and establishing diplomatic relations with India, he attended the Victory

Day celebrations as the Guest of Honour. Smt. Savita Kovind, First Lady of India, Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education, Shri Rajdeep Roy, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary were part



of the delegation accompanying the President.

The President of India commenced his visit by paying homage at the National Martyrs' Memorial in Savar and subsequently at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at 32, Dhanmondi. The visiting President held talks with the President of Bangladesh at Bangabhaban. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called on the Indian President and both

sides took stock of the progress in bilateral relations. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP, Hon'ble Foreign Minister also called on the Indian President and discussed ongoing bilateral cooperation.

President of India's State Visit to Bangladesh took place after eight years. For the first time in the history of Bangladesh, any Head of State attended the celebration of Bangladesh's Victory Day. Moreover,

this was President Kovind's maiden visit to Bangladesh and his first overseas visit since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier, the Prime Minister of India paid a landmark State Visit to Bangladesh on 26-27 March 2021. The visits of Prime Minister and President of India to any country in the same year is unprecedented in history. These visits manifest the renewed momentum in Bangladesh-India bilateral ties.



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Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Maldives

On 22 December 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina arrived in the Maldives for a state visit at the invitation of the Hon'ble President of Maldives H.E. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. During the visit, Hon'ble Prime Minister was accompanied by Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Hon'ble

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Hon'ble Minister of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary), Chief of Army Staff, Chairman of National Board of Revenue, Senior Secretary (PMO) and high officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and

Prime Minister's Office. Upon arrival at Velana International Airport, the Hon'ble Prime Minister was received by the Acting Foreign Minister of Maldives H.E. Ahmed Khaleel. She was accorded ceremonial welcome at the airport with guard.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina was received by Acting Foreign Minister of Maldives H.E. Ahmed Khaleel at Velana International Airport on 22 December 2021

The formal reception ceremony for the Prime Minister was held on 23 December 2023 at Male' Republic Square. Upon her arrival at Male' VIP Jetty by the Presidential Boat with her entourage, Bangladesh Prime Minister was received by the President of Maldives, H.E. Ibrahim

Mohamed Solih. She was greeted by the song and dance of school students as she walked to the saluting dais for Guard of Honour and then accorded ceremonial welcome with Guard of Honour in presence of Maldivian President. Gun salutes were made and national anthems of both the

countries were played while the two leaders were on the dais. They were then introduced to the Line of Presentation. Thereafter, Hon'ble Prime Minister proceeded to the President's Office accompanied by a cultural procession.



► Guard of Honour presented to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina at Republic Square, Male' on 23 December 2021

Upon arrival at the President's Office, Hon'ble Prime Minister signed the Visitor's Book. Thereafter, the two leaders attended exclusive talks accompanied by Hon'ble Foreign Ministers and Foreign Secretaries of both countries.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina signed the Visitor's Book on 23 December 2021 at President's Office of the Republic of Maldives. H.E. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, Hon'ble President of Maldives was in attendance



This was followed by the bilateral talks between the two sides. The two leaders elaborately discussed the areas of cooperation between Bangladesh and Maldives including economic

and trade cooperation, consular and community issues, regional and international cooperation in the bilateral talks. After delegation-level talks, dignitaries of two sides witnessed

signing of bilateral instruments in the area of health cooperation, avoidance of double taxation, youth and sports development.



► *Bilateral Discussions between Bangladesh and Maldives*

Bangladesh Government gifted 13 military vehicles to the Defence Forces of Maldives as a gesture of fraternity between the two

countries. The Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh handed over the symbolic key to the Chief of Defence Force of Maldives

in presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Hon'ble President of Maldives.



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Later in the day, Hon'ble Vice President, Chief Justice and Acting Foreign Minister of Maldives called on Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh at the hotel.



► H.E. Faisal Naseem, Hon'ble Vice President of Maldives called on Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh



► H. E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh with H.E. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of Maldives and Madam Fazna Ahmed, spouse of the President



Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed the People's Majlis (National Parliament) of Maldives

On 23 December 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh addressed the People's Majlis (the National Parliament) of Maldives at the invitation of Hon'ble Speaker H.E. Mohamed Nasheed. This

was the manifestation of the high regard of her leadership qualities by her contemporaries, particularly in South Asia. Hon'ble Prime Minister was given standing ovation for her speech as she lauded the role of

parliamentarians in the journey of democracy and her struggles for establishing rule of law and democracy in Bangladesh.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, H. E. Sheikh Hasina addressed the People's Majlis (Parliament of Maldives)- the first ever occasion for any Head of Government of Bangladesh to address the Parliament of Maldives

Hon'ble Prime Minister attended a Virtual Reception organized by the Bangladeshi Expatriate Community in Maldives

On 24 December 2021, Bangladeshi expatriate community arranged a virtual reception in honour of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Around 250 Bangladeshi expatriates were physically present at a local auditorium at Male' for the event.



► H.E. Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Maldives delivered welcome speech at the Virtual Reception



► Attendance of Bangladeshi Expatriates in Maldives at the Virtual Reception arranged in honour of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

Prime Minister of Bangladesh graced the occasion from her official accommodation at another island. High Commission officials,

community leaders and representatives of Bangladeshi expatriate community from all strata were present on the occasion. Hon'ble Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina virtually delivered her valuable speech at the reception.

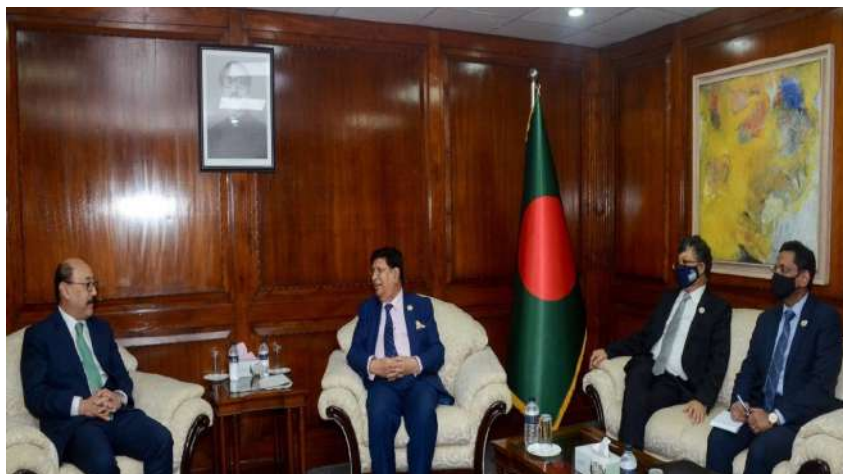


► Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, H. E. Sheikh Hasina virtually delivered her speech



Indian Foreign Secretary visited Bangladesh

Indian Foreign Secretary Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla paid a brief official visit to Dhaka on 07-08 December 2021. Indian Foreign Secretary's visit to Bangladesh provided an opportunity to review the wide-ranging engagement between the two countries. Besides having a bilateral meeting with his counterpart, Indian Foreign Secretary paid courtesy calls on Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Bridges and Hon'ble Prime Minister.



► Indian Foreign Secretary paid a courtesy call on Hon'ble Foreign Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh on 07 December 2021

'Life and Legacy of Bangabandhu and Prime Minister Gough Whitlam' celebrated in Australia

Life and legacy of two contemporary political giants- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam were celebrated at a unique seminar in Sydney on 8 December 2021. A photo and documentary exhibition on Bangabandhu and Prime Minister Whitlam was followed by the seminar. Bangladesh High Commission in Canberra and

Bangladesh Consulate General in Sydney in association with the Whitlam Institute, Western Sydney University organized this at Parramatta South Campus Chancellery, Western Sydney University (WSU). Legacies of Bangabandhu and Whitlam, their political philosophy on emancipation and empowerment of people, multiculturalism, self-determination,

and their commitment to regional and global peace were recollected in the seminar, chaired by Professor Peter Shergold, Chancellor of the WSU. Foreign Minister, Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP virtually addressed the seminar as Chief Guest while the former Australian Foreign Minister Mr. Gareth Evans delivered opening remarks from the Australian side. Dr Imtiaz Ahmed and Professor



► Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh virtually addressed the seminar as Chief Guest

Jennifer Hocking were keynote speakers from Bangladesh and Australia and Vice Chancellor Prof. Glover moderated the panel discussion. Bangladesh High Commissioner Mohammad Sufiur Rahman and Vice Chancellor of Western Sydney University Prof Barney Glover also spoke at the seminar.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister delivered keynote speech at the 2021 Seoul Peacekeeping Ministerial



Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP reiterated Bangladesh's enduring commitment to global peace at the 2021 Seoul Peacekeeping Ministerial (UNPKM) hosted by the Republic of Korea on 08 December 2021. Speaking at a session on "Sustaining Peace" as a keynote speaker, he reflected on the

contribution made by Bangladesh peacekeepers in maintaining global peace and security. He also highlighted Bangladesh's leadership role in advancing a culture of peace and also in mainstreaming women in peace and security agenda through the adoption of the landmark resolution 1325. Hon'ble Foreign Minister

underscored the need for ensuring nationally-owned and inclusive peace-building process for realizing peacebuilding and sustaining peace agenda in conflict-affected countries. He emphasized on programmatic funding for sustaining peace in peacekeeping missions. Welcoming Seoul initiative on technology and medical capacity building in Peacekeeping, he highlighted that COVID-19 challenges reinforced the importance of medical capacity building in peacekeeping missions for enhancement of safety and security of peacekeepers. During the meeting, Bangladesh pledged, among others, to provide two Aero-medical Evacuation Team, Air Transportation Unit, Aviation Security Unit and one Francophone Formed Police Unit. The two-day long conference focused on solidifying global partnership for peace with concrete commitments by Member States.



Hon'ble Foreign Minister delivered keynote speech at the 14th Bali Democracy forum



Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to democracy and development at the 14th Bali Democracy Forum hosted by Indonesia on 09 December 2021. Speaking at a session on "Democracy and Humanity: Addressing inequality" as one of the panellists, he reflected

on the democratic journey and people-centric development model of Bangladesh. "In its response to the pandemic, the Government has remained true to our democratic values. We have placed vulnerable section of our society at the center of our recovery plan so that no one is left behind", Hon'ble Foreign Minister

told the attending dignitaries about Bangladesh's pro-people COVID management approach. He also highlighted the role of Bangladesh's appropriate legal framework, institutional reforms, vibrant civil society, numerous press and media outlets in the flourishing democracy of the country. He underscored the need for equal voice of all nations in all decision making process for a democratic global governance. He reiterated his call for equitable access to vaccine through dose donation as well as through patent waiver, knowledge sharing and capacity-building of the countries of global South. He also highlighted the role of education as an "enabler of democracy". He called for addressing the increasing "digital divide" by focusing on increased collaboration at regional and international level to promote democratic principles by sharing best practices.

Bangladesh High Commission in Colombo celebrated Birth Centenary of Father of the Nation and Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh

Bangladesh High Commission in Colombo in association with the Palliative Care Trust and Cancer Care Association of Sri Lanka celebrated the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh on 12 December 2021 at the Institute of Palliative Care Medicine in Matara, Sri Lanka. At the event,

Bangladesh High Commission awarded "Bangabandhu Memorial Grant for Palliative Care" to the Palliative Care Trust (PCT) of Sri Lanka and "Golden Jubilee Scholarships for Blooming Flowers" to the Cancer Care Association (CCA) of Sri Lanka. The Bangabandhu Memorial grant was distributed among 100 cancer patients and their family members. The Golden Jubilee scholarships

were given to 50 children of cancer victims from around the country.

Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr. A K Abdul Momen graced the programme as the chief guest through a video message and recognized the programme as a fitting tribute to Bangabandhu and a remarkable demonstration of warmth and depth of Bangladesh-Sri Lanka bilateral relations. Bangladesh High Commissioner to Sri Lanka



Tareq Md Ariful Islam appreciated the noble humanitarian endeavours of Cancer Care Association and

Palliative Care Trust of Sri Lanka. The High Commissioner distributed the grant and scholarship among

the present cancer patients and among scholarship among students from cancer victim families.



Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation visited Turkey

Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP and Hon'ble Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam visited Turkey in December 2021. During this visit, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Turkey Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu hosted a banquet in honour of Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh at the former's residence in Ankara on 12 December 2021.



► Banquet in honour of H.E Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

During the dinner meeting, Foreign Ministers of the two countries discussed issues of mutual interest. At that time, Dr. Momen requested his Turkish counterpart to increase the number of scholarships provided by the Turkish Government for

Bangladeshi students to 100. The Turkish Foreign Minister readily agreed to take necessary steps in this regard. Bangladesh Foreign Minister also highlighted the attractive opportunities for foreign investment in Bangladesh and called for increasing

Turkish investment in Bangladesh. The Foreign Ministers of the two countries also discussed possibilities of the visit of the President of Turkey to Bangladesh in 2022.



► Meeting between Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam, Mayor of DNCC and Mr. Mansur Yavaş, Mayor of Ankara

On 13 December 2021 a meeting between H.E. Md. Atiqul Islam, Hon'ble Mayor for Dhaka North City Corporation and H.E. Mansur Yavaş, Mayor of Ankara Metropolitan Municipality was held at the Ankara Metropolitan Municipality Building. Hon'ble Mayor of DNCC of Bangladesh

invited the Mayor of Ankara to visit Bangladesh on the occasion of the inauguration of the Memorial Park in Dhaka to be named after Kemal Atatürk, the Founder of the Republic of Turkey. In the meeting, detailed discussion took place for having mutual cooperation between the two city corporations to share training

and experiences in various services which are being provided in Dhaka and Ankara. At the same time, the two city mayors agreed to sign a Sister City Agreement at the earliest possible opportunity after fulfilling all the primary conditions.



► Inauguration Ceremony of the Memorial Park named after Bangabandhu

Hon'ble Foreign Minister unveiled the Bust of the Father of the Nation in Turkey

In the morning of 13 December 2021, Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP unveiled the Bust of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the

Bangabandhu Boulevard in Ankara, Turkey. Hon'ble Governor of Ankara Vasip Sahin, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Atiqul Islam, Deputy Mayor of Ankara City and Ambassador of Bangladesh to

Turkey Mosud Mannan, ndc were present on the occasion. In his speech, Ambassador Mosud Mannan mentioned that the Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the greatest Bengali of



all time, the great architect of the independence of Bangladesh, was not only the leader of his country, he was also a great leader of the masses of the developing world. Hon'ble Foreign Minister, in his address, said

that it is really a matter of pride and honour for the nation that a bust of Bangabandhu is being inaugurated at the Capital City of Turkey. DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam said that Bangabandhu and Bangladesh are one

and the same. His ideals are immortal. Therefore, the indestructible ideals of Bangabandhu will always flow from generation to generation.



► Unveiling the bust of Bangabandhu



On the same evening, Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen and Mr. Atiqul Islam, Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) jointly inaugurated the Bangabandhu

Memorial Park at Keçiören District, Ankara. H.E. Mr. Turgut Altınok, Hon'ble Mayor of Keçiören District, Mr. Selim Çirpanoglu, Ankara Deputy Mayor, H.E. Mr. Vasif Şahin, Hon'ble Governor of Ankara, H.E.

Mr. Mosud Mannan, Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey and H.E. Mr. Sanjay Panda, Ambassador of India to Turkey were present on the occasion.



► Cake cutting in front of the Bangabandhu Park, Keçiören



Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, in his speech, thanked the Turkish Government for establishing the 'Bangabandhu Memorial Park' in Keçiören District of Ankara, the Capital City of Turkey. The area of this park is 33000 square meters. This park has been constructed on the occasion of the Birth Centenary of Bangabandhu and the Golden Jubilee

of Bangladesh. Hon'ble Mayor of DNCC informed the audience that a road had already been named after the Father of the Turkish Nation, Kamal Ataturk in the Banani Area of Dhaka City, the capital of Bangladesh and recently, it was decided to name a park adjacent to Kamal Ataturk Avenue after Kamal Ataturk.

In the evening on the same day, H.E. Mosud Mannan ndc, Ambassador of Bangladesh hosted a dinner in honour of H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh and Hon'ble Mayor Mr. Atiqul Islam, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) at Sheraton Ankara where representatives of the Diplomatic Corps were present.



► H.E. Mosud Mannan, ndc hosted a dinner in honour of delegation members

On 14 December 2021, Hon'ble Foreign Minister joined a business meeting with Mr. Guven Sak, President of TEPAV which was held at TEPAV HQ. After that, the Hon'ble Foreign Minister also gave an interview with Anadolu Agency.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister inaugurated new Bangladesh Visa Application Centre in Kolkata

New Bangladesh Visa Application Centre (BDVAC) was inaugurated by Hon'ble Foreign Minister H. E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP on 16 December 2021 on virtual platform. Residents from the six Indian States- West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Sikkim can now submit their applications at the first official visa application centre located at the 1st Floor of Infinium Digispace, CP Block,

Block No 15, Salt Lake Sector V, Kolkata 700091 between 9 am & 3 pm and collect their passport from 1 pm to 6 pm Monday to Friday every week. The new visa application centre (VAC) spread over 13,000 sq ft is the largest single country visa application facility in Kolkata and will ensure applicants' seamless experience in acquiring their visas to travel to Bangladesh. The processing fee for all categories of visas is

Rs 700 + GST per application. No additional visa fee is applicable for Indians applying for the visas to Bangladesh. The new arrangements will ensure an enhanced applicant-friendly experience compared to the earlier system under which applicants had to submit their applications and documents directly at the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission.





Foreign Minister, Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment interacted with Bangladesh Expatriates' Community in Maldives

In the afternoon on 23 December 2021, Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives organized an interaction session with Bangladeshi expatriate

community in presence of Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas

Employment of Bangladesh. Hon'ble Ministers addressed the Expatriate Community Representatives and listened to their issues and concerns.



► Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP addressing the Bangladeshi Expatriates at the High Commission premises



► H.E. Mr. Imran Ahmed, MP, Hon'ble Minister of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment addressing the Bangladeshi Expatriates at the High Commission premises

Bangladesh Embassy in Abu Dhabi & Consulate General of Bangladesh in Dubai celebrated the Victory Day of Bangladesh at Expo-2020

Bangladesh Embassy in Abu Dhabi with active collaboration from Consulate General of Bangladesh in Dubai marked Victory Day of Bangladesh on December 16 with an impressive line-up of cultural and entertainment activities including traditional music and dance attributed to the father of the nation, martyrs and freedom fighters at Expo 2020 venue and the Bangladesh pavilion. Bangladesh

delegation was led by H.E. Tipu Munshi, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce who was welcomed by Reem Al Hashimy, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation and Director-General, Expo 2020 Dubai; and Najeeb Mohammed Al-Ali, Executive Director, Expo 2020 Dubai Commissioner-General Office. Elaborating on the impressive economic development Bangladesh has achieved, Hon'ble

Commerce Minister in his speech said that Bangladesh's economy has transformed from a strong agricultural economy to a strong export economy with many investment opportunities. Thousands of audience from expatriates Bangladeshi citizens as well as visitors from different nationalities at Expo-2020 enjoyed the cultural programme and also visited the Bangladesh Pavilion.



Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Kolkata observed the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman



On the occasion of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh and the 50 years of the India-Bangladesh friendship, the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Kolkata organized the unveiling of two books titled 'Bangladesh @ 50' edited by Major (Retd.) ASM Shamsul Arefin and 'Bangabandhu for you' edited by Mr. Satyam Roychowdhury, Vice-President, Friends of Bangladesh followed by a discussion session at the 'Bangabandhu Mancha' of the

Deputy High Commission premises on 11 December 2021. H.E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and H.E. Mr. Humayun Kabir, Hon'ble State Minister (Independent Charge) for Technical Education, Training and Skill Development, Government of West Bengal was present as the Guest of Honour. Major (Retd) ASM Shamsul Arefin, eminent Freedom Fighter, writer & researcher, Mr. Satyam Roychowdhury, Vice-

president, Friends of Bangladesh, Mr. Snehashis Sur, President, Kolkata Press Club, Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Centre Head and Senior Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation and Mr. Manas Ghosh, Bangladesh Muktijuddha Moitree Awardee eminent Journalist were present as the Special guests and participated at the discussion session. The discussion session was presided by Mr. Goutam Ghose, eminent Film Director and President, Friends of Bangladesh.

MoU signing ceremony took place to launch 'Sheikh Mujib-Bangladesh Room' at the headquarter of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

As a part of ongoing celebration of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, a Memorandum

of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony took place to launch 'Sheikh Mujib-Bangladesh Room' on 13 December 2021 at the

Headquarter of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome. Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador of



Bangladesh to Italy and Permanent Representative to FAO and Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director General of FAO signed the MoU. Organized in a hybrid format, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, joined virtually from Bangladesh and witnessed the ceremony, among others. The signing paves the way for eventual launching of a facilitation room carrying the name of Bangabandhu and the donor country (Bangladesh) at the FAO Headquarters which will be used by the Member States for meeting and other official activities.



► MoU signing ceremony at FAO

Foreign Secretary led the Bangladesh delegation to the 17th Extraordinary CFM of the OIC held in Islamabad

Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen led a high-level delegation to the 17th Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC on the situation of Afghanistan held on 19 December 2021 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The delegation included Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to OIC, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan and the Director-General of International Organization, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the Session, Foreign Secretary conveyed that Bangladesh would support Afghan people through humanitarian aid package in the form of food and medicinal assistance. In his statement as the leader of the delegation, he expressed deep concern on economic and humanitarian crisis looming on the larger part of the Afghan population due to acute shortage of food, shelter, and social services. He hoped that inclusive socio-economic



► Foreign Secretary in the 17th Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC

development of Afghanistan will continue uninterrupted, so that all segments of the society can effectively contribute to the rebuilding process of their country and maintain regional harmony. He also remarked that Bangladesh can be a partner in Afghanistan's developmental process as Bangladesh seeks to enhance regional cooperation for attainment

of a vision of shared prosperity for the region.

While appreciating the OIC for calling for this extraordinary Council, he urged the leaders to intensify cooperation within and beyond OIC in support to the Afghan people. Bangladesh also reiterated its support to the Palestinian cause for



an independent and viable state of Palestine with East Jerusalem as the capital.

The Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers was preceded by a Senior Officials Meeting. Earlier,

Foreign Secretary inaugurated the Bangabandhu Corner at the High Commission premises.



► 17th Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC

Foreign Secretaries of Bangladesh and India held Bilateral meeting at Foreign Service Academy



► Bilateral meeting between the Foreign Secretaries of Bangladesh and India held at Foreign Service Academy, Dhaka on 07 December 2021



Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad inaugurated Bangabandhu Corner

The 'Bangabandhu Corner' set up at the Bangladesh High Commission, Islamabad was formally inaugurated by Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) of Bangladesh on 18 December. Bangladesh Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative to OIC, H.E. Dr. Mohammad Javed Patwary, BPM (Bar) and Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Md. Ruhul Alam Siddique were also present at the occasion. Director General, Ms. Wahida Ahmed, Director, Mr. Md. Shakil Sahrior of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, Officers and Officials of Bangladesh High Commission attended the inauguration ceremony. The 'Bangabandhu Corner' has been adorned with timeless inscriptions and photographs and books and publications on the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



► Foreign Secretary inaugurated Bangabandhu corner in Islamabad

High Commissioner Mr. Md. Ruhul Alam Siddique apprised the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh about the activities and programmes organized by the High Commission in connection with the celebration of the 'Mujib Year' and the 'Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh'. He presented the Foreign Secretary and the members of his entourage with

copies of English and Urdu versions of the 'Unfinished Memoirs' of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, which were published in Pakistan respectively in 2012 and 2013.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary was leading a five members' delegation to the 17th Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held then in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Hon'ble Minister for Railway Mr. Md. Nurul Islam Sujan visited Madrid

H. E. Mr. Md. Nurul Islam Sujan, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Railway of Bangladesh led a high-level delegation to Spain to attend the "Rail Live! 2021 Conference & Exhibition" organized by the Spanish Railway Association (MAFEX) held in Madrid on 30 November-01 December 2021. The visit was effectively organized by the Embassy, despite travel restrictions due to the





pandemic. The Hon'ble Minister met with his Spanish counterpart Ms. Raquel Sanchez Jimenez, Minister for Transportation, Mobility and Urban Agenda on 30 November 2021. He was accompanied by Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Spain, Railway Secretary and other senior

officials of the Bangladesh Railway. While Hon'ble Minister Mr. Sujan elaborated the detailed master plan of Bangladesh Railway, the Spanish Railway Minister expressed her immediate interest to engage in cooperation with the Bangladesh Railway for sectoral development. She proposed the signing of a

bilateral MoU soon to activate the cooperation. The draft of the MoU received from the Spanish side has already been shared with the Ministry of Railway of Bangladesh. The meeting also discussed the funding for a 264 km railway line connecting Dhaka to Payra Sea Port.

Bangladesh Delegation participated in the 24th General Assembly of the UNWTO in Madrid on 30 November-03 December 2021

A Bangladesh delegation led by Mr. Javed Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer of Bangladesh Tourism Board participated in the 24th General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in Madrid on 30 November-03 December 2021.

Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Spain and Mr. A. H. M Golam Kibria, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism were in the delegation as well. The event stressed the importance of innovation,

education and rural development in rebuilding tourism, highlighting the urgency of transforming the sector. Representatives of 131 UNWTO Member States, including 59 Ministers and Vice-Ministers of Tourism, attended the Assembly.

Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives arranged a briefing for the journalists from Bangladesh

On 04 December 2021, the High Commission of Bangladesh in Maldives hosted a briefing for the journalists of the print and electronic media from Bangladesh. A total of

50 journalists and electronic media personnel joined the briefing. H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, the High Commissioner briefed the activities of the Mission

and various aspects of the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Maldives. He also answered various questions from the media personnel.



► H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan welcomed all journalist and media personnel from Bangladesh and put his remarks on Mission activities



Bangladesh and Indian Embassies in Doha jointly celebrated Bangladesh-India Friendship Day (Moitree Dibosh)

Bangladesh Embassy and the Indian Embassy jointly organised a reception at the Radisson Blu Hotel on the occasion of Bangladesh-India Friendship Day (Moitree Dibosh) on 6th December 2021. A cultural performance which showcased Bangladeshi art, culture and heritage was presented by a group of Bangladeshi professionals on the occasion. Around 300 guests attended the reception.

Bangladesh Embassy in Doha also organised events to celebrate the golden jubilee of Glorious Victory Day of Bangladesh on 16 December. On the occasion, flag hoisting ceremony and a discussion meeting were held at the Chancery. Bangladeshi community members joined the event. Prior to 16th December, the Mission captured reactions of general people in audio-video messages and those were screened on 16 December after compilation. In the afternoon,

His Excellency the Ambassador along with all officers and officials of the Mission participated in the oath taking conducted from Dhaka by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. His Excellency the Ambassador was chief guest at the final match of the Badminton Tournament which was organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Society in Qatar on the occasion of Glorious Victory Day of Bangladesh and the National Day of Qatar.

Bangladesh presided the ISA's 26th Council Meeting

The 26th Session of the Council of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) was held on 06-10 December 2021 at Kingston, Jamaica under the Presidentship of Bangladesh. All 36 Member States of the Council attended the Session either in-person or virtually. Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam, Secretary (Maritime Affairs Unit) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh presided the Session as the elected President of the Council of ISA. In his opening remarks, Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam highlighted the strength of ISA as an organization in regulating and controlling all mineral-related activities in the international seabed area for the benefit of mankind as a whole and urged all the Member States to abide by the framework provided by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment from harmful effects that may arise from deep-seabed related activities. In his



welcome remarks, Secretary General of ISA highlighted the Authority's achievements and progress amid the pandemic and urged all Member States to remain vigilant to ensure benefits of Oceans shared by all.

In 26th Session, the Council approved applications for extensions of contracts in accordance with the procedures and criteria for the extension of an approved plan of work for exploration; report of the Finance Committee on the issue of

the equitable sharing of benefits and report of the Special Representative for the Enterprise; a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and International Seabed Authority (ISA). The report of the Secretary General on the status of national legislation related to seabed mining and related matters was also approved by the Council.

The Council decided to complete the drafting of regulations for exploitation



of mineral resources in the Area by June 2023 by establishing informal working groups. The Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission presented the report on the work of the Commission. The Member States

took note of the report and provided their suggestions and guidelines especially on measures to preserve marine biodiversity. The Secretary General presented report on the implementation of the strategic plan

and high-level action plan of the ISA for the period of 2029-2023. The Council meeting was followed by the meeting of the Assembly on 13-15 December 2021.

Bangladesh and India jointly celebrated 50 years of Bangladesh – India relations in Tokyo

The Embassies of Bangladesh and India in Tokyo jointly celebrated 50 years of Bangladesh – India Relations by observing ‘Moitree Dibosh’ or ‘Friendship Day’ with due fervour on 06 December 2021 in Tokyo. To mark the day, a reception was organized at a local hotel where H.E. Mr. Honda Taro, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan attended as the chief guest. Ambassador of Bangladesh, H.E. Sahabuddin Ahmed and Ambassador of India, H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma received the distinguished guests.

Ambassadors and representatives of different diplomatic missions, dignitaries, high-officials, renowned businesspersons, academicians, journalists from Japan and expatriates from both Bangladesh and India attended the event. Attendees paid solemn respect to all martyred who sacrificed their lives in the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. A colourful cultural program enthralled the audience.

Chief Guest Honda Taro, in his speech, congratulated the governments and the peoples of Bangladesh and India, on the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh’s Independence and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and India. He expressed satisfaction on maintaining cordial relations with Bangladesh and India during Japan’s long history



► H.E. Mr. Honda Taro, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan with H.E. Sahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh, and H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador of India at reception venue

of exchanges which made bilateral relationships even more solid in recent years through a wide range of cooperation in both the public and private sectors.

Ambassador Sahabuddin Ahmed and Ambassador Sanjay Kumar Verma also gave their remarks. Ambassador Shahabuddin solemnly remembered the supreme sacrifices of all the members of the Indian armed forces and Indian nationals. He pointed out that in recent years, Bangladesh and India have scripted a “Sonali Adhyay” or “Golden Chapter” of bilateral ties and given new dimension and direction to our partnership under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Indian Ambassador Verma paid a respectful tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who dedicated his life for

Bangladesh and its people. He also highlighted the role played by the then Prime Minister of India Mrs. Indira Gandhi and former Prime Minister of India Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee in liberation of Bangladesh. He also remembered the brave soldiers of Indian Armed Forces who stood with their Bangladeshi brothers and sisters and played a significant role in realizing the dream of independent Bangladesh. Ambassador Verma remarked that the spirit of friendship, understanding and mutual respect engendered during the liberation war of Bangladesh will continue to promote values of secularism, pluralism and democracy. Video documentaries and photographs highlighting the deep friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and India were displayed at the reception.



Bangladesh High Commission in Malaysia celebrated Moitree Dibosh

The Bangladesh High Commission and the Indian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, jointly celebrated Moitree Dibosh (Friendship Day) on 7 December 2021 in Kuala Lumpur to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh and 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and India. The event was attended by the Special Envoy of the Government of Malaysia for South Asia Tan Sri

Vigneswaran, Deputy Minister of Human Resources Haji Awan bin Hashim, Teresa Kok MP, Tuan Ahmad Fahmi bin Mohamed Fadzil MP, diplomats, senior government officials, journalists, prominent businessmen, Bangladeshi and Indian expatriates. At the outset, Mr. Md. Golam Sarwar, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Malaysia and Mr. BN Reddy, High Commissioner of India hoisted the national flags of

their respective countries. Then the national anthems of Bangladesh, India and Malaysia were played. After the national anthem, the two high commissioners cut the cake with other distinguished guests and delivered their remarks. A cultural event was held with performances of dance and song by Bangladeshi and Indian artists highlighting the strong ties between the two countries.



► Celebration of Moitree Dibosh at the High Commission of Bangladesh in Malaysia

Bangladesh and India celebrated ‘Moitree Dibosh’ in Geneva



► Permanent Representative of Bangladesh Ambassador M. Mustafizur Rahman and Permanent Representative of India Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey shared their remarks on the occasions of 50th anniversary of Bangladesh – India Friendship Day

On the occasions of 50th anniversary of Bangladesh – India Friendship Day and the golden jubilee of

independence of Bangladesh, the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and India in Geneva jointly organized

a celebratory event at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on 06 December 2021.



The event was spoken by former Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Ambassador Mr. Tariq A. Karim and the Deputy National Security Adviser of India and former Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ambassador Mr. Pankaj Saran. Ambassador Mr. Karim mentioned that the amicable settlements of land and maritime boundaries by Bangladesh and India attest the mutual trust and

confidence the countries have in each other. Ambassador Mr. Saran said that Bangladesh and India are in a strategic partnership to achieve peace and prosperity together. In their welcome remarks, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh Ambassador M. Mustafizur Rahman and Permanent Representative of India Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey highlighted various aspects and historical roots of bilateral

relations between Bangladesh and India.

The event was concluded through an enthralling cultural performance staged by the artists from Bangladesh and India. Members of Geneva-based diplomatic community as well as Bangladesh and Indian expatriates living in Switzerland attended the event.



► Cultural Performance

Bangladesh Embassy in Abu Dhabi celebrated ‘Moitree Dibosh’

The first India-Bangladesh ‘Moitree Dibosh’ celebration was observed by Bangladesh Embassy in Abu Dhabi in collaboration with the Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi marking the

Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh and the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh & India. Ambassadors of Bangladesh & India, diplomats from

different foreign missions stationed in Abu Dhabi, officials from both embassies, journalists from local and international print and electronic media and eminent personalities



from Bangladeshi and Indian community were present at the program. The event was started with national anthem of Bangladesh and India. Then, Bangladeshi and Indian local artists performed cultural show where they presented folklore and

patriotic songs and traditional dances that were enjoyed by the audience. Ambassadors of Bangladesh & India also spoke on the occasion. Md. Abu Zafar, Bangladesh Ambassador to UAE said, “The holding of Moitree Dibosh is a reflection of the deep

and abiding friendship between the people of India and Bangladesh that has been forged in blood and shared sacrifices.” The program ended with a reception where Bangladeshi cuisine was served.



► Celebration of Moitree Dibosh by Bangladesh embassy in Abu Dhabi in collaboration with Indian Embassy

Bangladesh High Commission and High Commission of India jointly celebrated ‘Moitree Dibosh’ in London

Bangladesh High Commission and High Commission of India jointly celebrated ‘Moitree Dibosh’ in London on 06 December 2021. High Commissioner of India Gaitri Issar Kumar 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 Saida Muna Tasneem paid homage to the martyrs of the liberation war and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, recalled the invaluable support that the Government of India and its people extended to Bangladesh during the liberation war. Rt Hon Oliver Dowden, Co-Chair of the Conservative Party of the UK graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Among other eminent speakers were Professor Dr. Gowher Rizvi, International Relations Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister of



► Celebration of Moitree Dibosh by Bangladesh and Indian High Commission to London

Bangladesh, Lord Swaraj Paul, Lord Gadhia, Lord Dean Godson and Lord Karan Bilimoria. The reception was attended by nearly 400 guests including UK Ministers and Parliamentarians, Heads of Missions, academics, chamber leaders, professionals and eminent members of

the Indian and Bangladeshi diaspora. A colourful cultural programme was performed by renowned artists from India and Bangladesh including the legendary singer Runa Laila. A documentary on Bangladesh-India historic relations and the 1971 War of Liberation was screened.



H.E. Rabab Fatima, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York addressed the United Nations General Assembly

On 09 December 2021, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted Bangladesh's flagship resolution on the 'Culture of Peace'. The Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, H.E. Ambassador Rabab

Fatima introduced the resolution at the UNGA. This year, 109 countries from a cross-regional representation of the UN Member States co-sponsored this resolution, showing the broad-based support for the notion of the culture of peace.

The resolution was first adopted on 13 September 1999, during the first tenure of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Since then, Bangladesh has been facilitating this resolution at the UN General Assembly every year.



▶ H.E. Rabab Fatima, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York addressed the United Nations General Assembly on 09 December 2021 following the adoption of the Resolution on Culture of Peace

Embassy of Bangladesh in Addis Ababa organized art exhibition titled 'Bangabandhu and Bangladesh through the Eyes of Ethiopian Artists'

A day-long art exhibition titled 'Bangabandhu and Bangladesh through the Eyes of Ethiopian Artists' was held at Hyatt regency, Addis Ababa in Ethiopia on 11 December 2021. The Embassy of Bangladesh in Addis Ababa organized this event in collaboration with the Ethiopian

Ministry of Culture and Sports commemorating the golden jubilee of the Independence Day of Bangladesh by remembering the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and highlighting the recent developments under Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina. H.E. Mr. Mesfin Charinet, Hon'ble State Minister of Ethiopian Culture and Sports Ministry graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Besides, Ambassadors of different countries, heads of various International Organizations, senior officials of various government offices,



media personnel, various social organizations' heads, local dignitaries and expatriate Bangladeshis were present at the event.

The venue was lined with beautifully done paintings on Bangladesh painted

by noted Ethiopian artists. Guests from all around took particular interest in the artworks on display. A number of portraits of Bangabandhu, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, paintings on liberation struggle of 1971, socio-economic development

of Bangladesh, spectacular cultural heritage and traditional architecture and several paintings on the scenic beauty of Bangladesh were displayed during the event. This specific 'Cultural Cooperation' event was amply covered in the local media.



► Art exhibition organised by Bangladesh Embassy in Addis Ababa

Bangladesh Consulate General in New York provided services through Mobile Consular Camps

Bangladesh Consulate General in New York organized 3 mobile consular camps in 3 different States within its jurisdiction in December 2021. In addition to its regular

consular and welfare services, the Consulate provided services to 1,314 persons in New Jersey, Boston and Connecticut through these mobile consular camps operated on 04-05

December, 11-12 December and 18 December 2021 respectively. These were highly appreciated by the members of Bangladesh community living in those States.



► Mobile Consular Camps organized by Bangladesh Consulate General in New York

Bangladesh Corner inaugurated in Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta in Indonesia

H. E. Air Vice Marshal Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman, Ambassador of

Bangladesh to Indonesia accompanied by Embassy Officials inaugurated

'Bangladesh Corner' in Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY)



on 13 December 2021 as part of the celebration of 'Mujib Year' and the 50th year of the independence of Bangladesh. Prof. Dr Ir. Sukamta, S.T., M.T., Rector of UMY with good number of Faculty members including Vice-Rectors, Deans of faculties and Heads of Departments, and students of the university was present in that august ceremony.

Books and photographs of life, the political career of the Father of the Nation and the struggle of

Bangabandhu for the independence of Bangladesh, history, culture, nature, tourist attractions, investment potentials, archaeological sites and development of Bangladesh were displayed in the room. The Ambassador in his speech highlighted the development of Bangladesh under the present government and cooperation of the education sector between two countries. The programme was followed by a tree plantation in the UMY premises.

In the afternoon on 13 December 2021, the Embassy team had a meeting with the Rector of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), a top-ranked University in Indonesia situated at Yogyakarta, for collaboration of education and gifted some books of Bangabandhu and Bangladesh for display in 'Windows of the World' section of the library of the university. Later, Embassy team planted some trees as a part of the celebration of 'Mujib Year'.



► Inauguration of "Bangladesh Corner" in Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta in Indonesia



Ambassador Rabab Fatima Presented her Credentials to the Governor-General of Jamaica

H.E. Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York presented her credentials to the Governor-General of Jamaica His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Linton Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt. J



► Presentation of credentials by H.E. Ambassador Rabab Fatima



Ambassador Rabab Fatima participated in the Assembly Meeting of the International Seabed Authority

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York and the concurrently accredited Bangladesh High Commissioner to Jamaica with residence in New York, H.E. Ambassador Rabab Fatima, presented her credentials to the Governor-General of Jamaica His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Linton Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt J on 13th December 2021 in Kingston, the capital of Jamaica. During this visit, Ambassador Fatima also attended the Assembly Meeting of the 26th Session of the International Seabed Authority held from 13-15 December 2021 in Kingston, Jamaica. Ambassador Rabab Fatima is also the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the International Seabed Authority.



► H.E. Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN and International Seabed Authority delivered national statement at the general debate of the Assembly Meeting of the 26th Annual Session of the International Seabed Authority at Kingston, Jamaica on 13 December 2021

Bangladesh handed over a sculpture to Director General of United Nations to mark the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Geneva

To commemorate the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva organized an event titled 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Multilateralism: Launch of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's autobiography 'The Unfinished Memoirs' in official languages of United Nations' on 14 December 2021 in collaboration with the United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG).

Director General of UNOG H.E. Ms. Tatiana Valovaya graced the event as Chief Guest and spoke about



► Handing over of the Eternal Forefinger to the Director General of UNOG by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh



Bangabandhu's heritage in the context of modern day's multilateralism. The event was also addressed by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh Ambassador M. Mustafizur Rahman, the Permanent Representative of India Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey and virtually from Bangladesh by veteran freedom fighter

Col. (Retd.) Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, Bir Pratik.

At the event, the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh handed over a sculpture – the Eternal Forefinger – to the Director General of UNOG on behalf of the Government of Bangladesh to mark the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation. The sculpture was made

by prominent Bangladeshi sculptor Mr. Hamiduzzaman Khan. In addition, The Unfinished Memoirs, in original Bangla version and translated versions in six UN languages was provided for the collection of the UN Library. A good number of Geneva-based Ambassadors, members of Bangladesh community and Mission's officials joined the event.



► Launching the Unfinished Memoirs in six UN official languages



► Sculpture – The Eternal Forefinger

Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives observed the Intellectual Martyr's Day

On 14 December 2021, the High Commission of Bangladesh in Maldives observed the Intellectual Martyr's Day. The program commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The messages of

the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh were read out. H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, the High Commissioner was present on the occasion as Chief Guest.

He delivered a speech on the role of the intellectuals on the Liberation War and Independence of Bangladesh. The program ended with special dua for the country and the nation.



► Message of Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh were read out

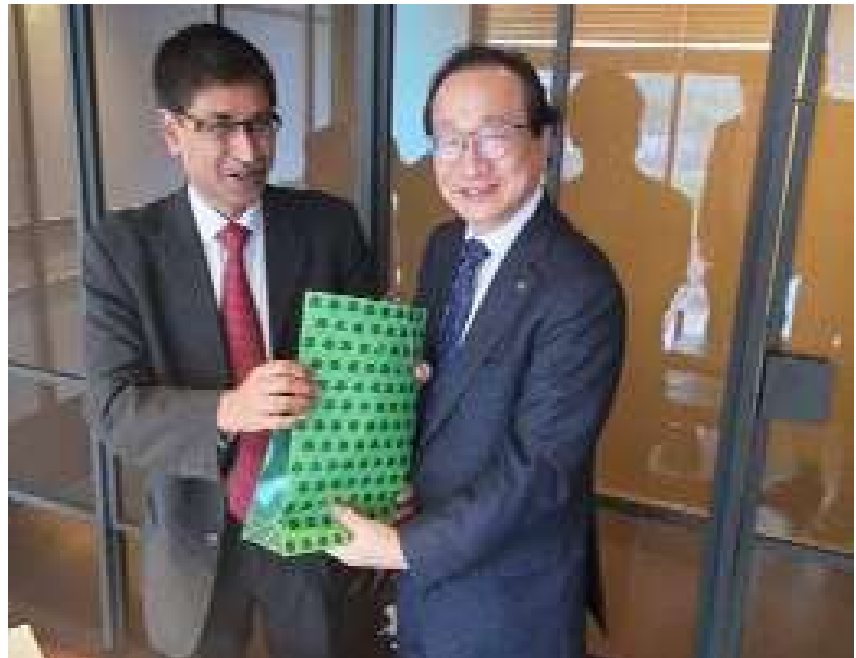


► H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan put his remarks on Intellectual Martyrs' Day



Bangladesh Ambassador to Republic of Korea met with the President of Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation

Ambassador M. Delwar Hossain had a meeting with Mr. Kang Hoon Lee, President and CEO of the KIND on 15 December 2021. They discussed about the ongoing projects in Bangladesh supported by the Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND) under public private partnership.



Bangladesh High Commission in Canberra arranged to decorate thirty-two flag poles on the iconic Commonwealth Bridge of Canberra with National Flags of Bangladesh

Bangladesh High Commission, Canberra arranged to decorate thirty-two flag poles on both sides of the iconic Commonwealth Bridge of Canberra with national flags of Bangladesh and a specially designed banner on the occasion of Golden Jubilee with images of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on 16 December 2021. A morning event was also organised in an open park next to the Commonwealth Bridge on this special occasion which was attended by hundreds of members from the



► Bangladesh flags fluttering proudly in Canberra



Bangladesh family. Members of Bangladesh community cultural groups sang the national anthem and a few other patriotic songs to add colour to the celebration. While addressing the audience, Bangladesh High Commissioner Mohammad Sufiur Rahman underscored the necessity of continued community

participation in country's image building in Australia that has started to value Bangladesh as a key partner country in the region.

This event was a special tribute to mark the birth centenary of Bangabandhu and the Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh

in Australia. It was an initiative to propagate the story of an emerging Bangladesh among the local Australians. It created a source of joy and pride for the Bangladesh community in Canberra. The flags and banners were on display for seven days.

Bangladesh Embassy, Baghdad celebrated the Victory Day 2021

Bangladesh Embassy, Baghdad celebrated the Victory Day 2021 at Chancery premises with due solemnity and fervor. In the beginning, Md. Fazlul Bari, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Iraq hoisted the National Flag of Bangladesh in the Chancery and he paid homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing floral wreaths at his portrait.

The Day's programme included discussions, cultural functions, games and offering special prayers seeking divine blessings for the martyrs of the Liberation War. The Ambassador of India to Iraq Mr. Prashant Pise



was present as the Guest of Honour and spoke on the occasion. At the end, prizes were distributed by the Bangladesh Ambassador among the

winners of various games. Chancery building was decorated with colorful lighting.

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Brussels and Mission to the European Union celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Victory Day

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Brussels and Mission to the European Union celebrated the 50th anniversary of Victory Day with the spontaneous participation of international friends and partners.

Anchored on the theme of 'Realizing Dreams & Embracing

Responsibilities', the day-long programmes paid rich tributes to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, to Bangladesh's achievements in the last 50 years and to the country's aspirations as a responsible nation in the coming days.

A record number of international dignitaries provided messages of felicitations, both in live and pre-recorded format. They included, senior officials from the Belgian Foreign Office and European External Action Service (EEAS), Members of the European Parliament, Academia, think-tanks,



Ambassadors of India, Bhutan and Saudi Arabia in Brussels and EU Ambassador to Bangladesh.

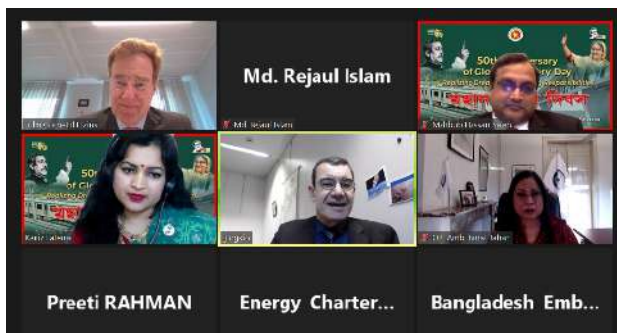
The speakers recalled the inspiring leadership of Bangabandhu to unite people from all walks of life in the struggle for freedom of Bangladesh and to establish equality and justice. They applauded the socio-economic progress and development of the

country in recent years as well as Bangladesh's leadership role in international peacekeeping.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Victory Day, Ambassador Mahbub Hassan Saleh held a detailed conversation with Lt. Col. (Retd.) Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, Bir Protik. The conversation, carried out in English, is available on the

Facebook page of the Embassy.

As part of the celebrations, the inspiration of Bangabandhu and the story and culture of Bangladesh was presented to foreign friends through a dance recital titled 'Eternal Bangabandhu and a Triumphant Nation', performed by the renowned dance troupe Nrityanchal.



► H.E. Ambassador Mahbub Hassan Saleh paying tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei celebrated 50th Anniversary of the Victory Day

Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei Darussalam celebrated with due solemnity the 50th anniversary of the Victory Day in a jubilant manner on 16 December 2021. A day-long program was organized at the chancery which started with the arrival of the invited guests including the Member of Legislative Council YB Khairunnisa Ash'ari, the Bangladesh community members, and some local Bruneians. The program continued with hoisting of the national flag, followed by recital from the Holy Quran, Special Prayer and one minute's silence in commemoration and honour of all martyrs. The Bangladesh High Commissioner Mrs. Nahida Rahman Shumona paid homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing floral wreaths at

his portrait. The High Commissioner and other officials of the High Commission read out messages sent by the Hon'ble President, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Hon'ble Foreign Minister and the Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs on this auspicious occasion. The Bangladesh community members and local Bruneians watched very attentively the documentary on the Bangladesh Liberation War and the history of our independence.

The Bangladesh High Commissioner in her speech recalled with profound respect the remarkable and inimitable contribution of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in directing the destiny of the nation towards independence which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and we all have

joined this celebration, she cheerfully expressed, with unfettered ecstasy and genuine patriotic fervor. She also expressed her sincere gratitude and appreciation for the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who, discounting all odds and setbacks, has shown true mettle, perseverance, prudence and resolve to take the country forward, and to put it on an upward development trajectory. The Bangladesh High Commissioner categorically told that the Golden Jubilee not only means celebration and festivity but also entails commitment and responsibility for all citizens of Bangladesh to uphold the real value, significance and sanctity of the Victory Day by devoting themselves to fulfilling the dream of building 'Sonar Bangla' envisioned by the Father of Nation



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In recognition of the active participation of the differently abled children of a non-profit organization, La Vida Berhad, the Bangladesh HC handed over appreciation certificates to the La Vida representative.

The second part of the program was held online, comprising cultural performances from the participants of ReLA (Reading and Literary Association of Brunei), La Vida Berhad, and Brunei Music Society. The Bangladesh High Commissioner

thanked them all for their tremendous cultural talent and active participation, and suggested them to take inspiration and lessons from the life, works, and ideals of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



► Celebration of Golden jubilee of Victory Day 2022

Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi celebrated the Victory Day

Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi celebrated the Victory Day, golden jubilee of our victory with due solemnity and festivities. The day started with raising the national flag and paying floral respect at the portrait of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Victory day messages from Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister

for Foreign Affairs were read out and a discussion was held on the significance of the day, remembering the great contributions of our Father of the Nation and the supreme sacrifices of millions of martyrs of our War of Liberation. A documentary was also screened followed by a special prayer.

The officials of the High Commission attended virtually the oath to the nation as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations administered by the

Hon'ble Prime Minister.

A cultural evening was also organized to celebrate the Victory Day with the performances of the members of the High Commission including children. Indian journalists, members of Bangladesh community and all the officials and the family members of the High Commission attended the programme.



► Celebration of Victory Day by Bangladesh High Commission, New Delhi



A bronze half bust of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman unveiled in Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo

H.E Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Shahabuddin Ahmed unveiled a bronze half bust of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo. It was inaugurated on the momentous occasion of 50th Victory Day on 16 December 2021. The bust was designed and gifted by

Professor Otsubo. Professor Otsubo presented the same bust to Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Ganobhaban in 2012. The design of the bust has been approved by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust. The bust is placed on the 3rd floor of the Chancery building.

Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, Hon'ble Member of The House of Representatives and Chairperson, House Committee on Foreign Affairs of National Diet was present as Special Guest along with Japanese friends and Bangladeshi community members.



► Inauguration of half bust of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Embassy of Bangladesh in Jordan celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Independence and the Victory Day 2021

The Golden Jubilee of Independence and the Victory Day 2021 were celebrated with due dignity and enthusiasm at the initiative of Bangladesh Embassy in Amman. On

the same day, on the occasion of the golden jubilee of independence, the wrapper of a special supplement published in the local English newspaper "Jordan News" was also

unveiled. In addition, the swearing-in ceremony was organized at the embassy in line with the nationwide swearing-in ceremony led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.



► Celebration of Victory Day by Bangladesh Embassy in Jordan



Bangladesh High Commission in Malaysia celebrated the Victory Day

The High Commission of Bangladesh in Kuala Lumpur celebrated the 51st Victory Day with due fervor and festivity on 16 December 2021. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the presence was limited in compliance with the health guidelines of the Malaysian Government. The expatriate Bangladeshis joined

the event via Facebook live. The High Commissioner hoisted the national flag in the beginning of the programme. A special prayer was offered for the salvation of the departed souls of the martyrs as well as for the overall peace and prosperity of the nation. One-minute silence in remembrance of the martyred

was observed thereafter. Also, a documentary on Bangabandhu titled 'Immortal Bangabandhu' was screened. Then the High Commission officers read out the messages by the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives celebrated Victory Day 2021

On 16 December 2021, Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives observed Victory Day with festive mood. The morning session started

with hoisting of national flag and playing of national anthem. Later on, the message of the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble

Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs were read out.



► Hoisting of National Flag of Bangladesh by the High Commissioner and officials of High Commission



► H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, the High Commissioner, put his remarks on Victory Day

The evening session started with playing of the national anthem. H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, the High Commissioner was present in the program as Chief Guest. The welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Md Sohel Parvez, First Secretary of the Mission. A video depicting the various aspects of

the liberation war was screened. The activities of the previous one year of the Mission were also presented before the audience. The Chief Guest emphasized the contribution of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for the Bengali nation and urged upon all to work hard to build the nation

following his moral and teachings. Later, the High Commissioner conducted the oath on the occasion of Mujib Borsho and Golden Jubilee of Independence. All High Commission official and the expatriate Bangladeshi guests participated in the event. The program concluded with a spectacular cultural show and dinner.



► Bangladeshi Expatriates living in Maldives attended the Victory Day program



► Cultural Program was performed by local NilDoria Shilpogoshthi

Bangladesh High Commission in Mauritius celebrated the Victory Day

Bangladesh High Commission in Mauritius celebrated the Victory Day, 2021, paying deep homage to the martyrs with due fervour and festivity. The program included the hoisting of the National Flag, placing wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, special prayer, reading out of the messages, discussion session,

distribution of the coat-pin imprinted with the Mujib Year logo, cultural program and cutting a cake on this occasion. The High Commissioner paid her deepest tribute to the greatest Bangali of all time, the Father of the nation, Bangbandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and cited various developments of Bangladesh by saying that over the years, the nation

has been working tirelessly under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to improve the quality of life of people and thus Bangladesh has become a role model of development in the world. The High Commissioner along with the guests attended the 'Swearing Ceremony', conducted by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh.



► Flag hosting



► Placing wreath



► Cultural Program

Bangladesh Embassy in Kathmandu celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Victory Day

On 16 December 2021, Bangladesh Embassy in Kathmandu celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Victory Day with due solemnity and festivity. In the morning, the day began with the hoisting of the National Flag in the Embassy premises by Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury in presence of officials of the Embassy, members of the Bangladesh community, members of Nepal-Bangladesh Friendship Association (NBFA) and Nepal-Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (NBCCI). A special prayer was offered for the salvation of the departed soul of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, his martyred family members, all the valiant freedom fighters and martyrs of the war of liberation. In the discussion session organized on the significance of the day, messages given by Hon'ble President, Hon'ble



► H.E. Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury presented his remarks on the occasion of Victory Day

Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs were read out and a documentary was screened. In the afternoon, officials of the Embassy and members of the Bangladesh

community, virtually participated in the oath taking ceremony, administered by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh from South Plaza of the National Parliament of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Victory Day of Bangladesh

Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad celebrated the 50th anniversary of Victory Day of

Bangladesh on 16 December 2021 with great enthusiasm and festivity.

A day-long programme was organized at the Chancery lawn with the participation of the Embassy



officials, their family members as well as the expatriate Bangladeshis. The Chancery building and lawn were nicely adorned with banners, posters, drapery in red & green theme and other decorative items. The programme began with the ceremonial hoisting of the National Flag of Bangladesh by High

Commissioner H.E. Mr. Ruhul Alam Siddique at the Chancery premises. After the discussion, a special prayer was offered seeking eternal peace of the souls of Bangabandhu and the martyrs of the Liberation War as well as the continued peace, progress and prosperity of Bangladesh. Later, a cultural segment, participated by the

officials of the High Commission, Bangladeshi children and expatriate Bangladeshis living in Islamabad, was presented in which patriotic songs were sung, poetry on independence was recited and a dance number was performed. Some game events were also organized for the kids.



► Celebration of Victory Day by Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad



Then, all attendees of the event joined the oath-taking ceremony administered by the Hon'ble

Prime Minister following the live telecast from Dhaka. The day-long programme was rounded off

with a buffet lunch where various Bangladeshi delicacies were served.

Bangladesh Embassy in Doha celebrated the golden jubilee of Victory Day

Bangladesh Embassy in Doha organised events to celebrate the golden jubilee of Victory Day of Bangladesh on 16 December. On the occasion, flag hoisting ceremony and a discussion meeting were held at the Chancery. Bangladeshi community members joined the event. Prior to 16th December, the Mission captured reactions of general people in audio-video messages and those were screened on 16 December after compilation. In the afternoon, His Excellency the Ambassador along with all officers and officials of the Mission participated in the oath taking conducted from Dhaka by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. His Excellency the Ambassador was



► Prize giving ceremony of Badminton Tournament 2021 organized by Bangladesh Embassy in Doha

chief guest at the final match of the badminton tournament which was organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Society in Qatar on

the occasion of Victory Day of Bangladesh and the National Day of Qatar.



Bangladesh Embassy in Ankara celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Victory Day

Bangladesh Embassy in Ankara celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Victory Day of Bangladesh in festive

and joyful manner on 16 December 2021 at the Chancery, Victory 1971 Auditorium with participation of

more than 100 guests, of whom a substantial number were foreigners.



► Flag hoisting ceremony in front of the Chancery Building led by H.E. Mosud Mannan ndc, Ambassador of Bangladesh



The day started with the hoisting of the National Flag at the Mission premises. It was followed by presentation of a floral wreath at the Bust of Bangabandhu. Reading out of messages delivered on the occasion by the Hon'ble President, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Hon'ble Foreign Minister and the Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs were conducted by H.E. the Ambassador

and the Deputy Chief of Mission. A discussion meeting highlighting the significance of the day was also held where Prof. Dr. Merthan Dündar, Professor of Ankara University, Faculty of Languages, History and Geography, Eastern Languages and Literatures Dept. and Professor Dr. Haluk Karadag, University of Baskent participated.

In the second phase, a colorful cultural programme was organized at the Victory 1971 Auditorium of the Embassy. The program started with observance of one-minute silence to pay homage to the martyrs of the War of Liberation of 1971 and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman & his family members who were assassinated on 15 August 1975.



► Embassy Officials with the guests and young artists



Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey, Mosud Mannan, ndc in his remarks recalled with deep gratitude the indomitable leadership of the

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman leading his people to an independent and sovereign nation in 1971. He briefly

outlined the major events of the War of Liberation. He also highlighted the cordial friendship that exists between Bangladesh and Turkey.



A good number of Bangladeshi & Turkish students, Mission Officials and Media Representatives attended

the event. The cultural performances included songs, dances and recital of poetry which enthralled the

audience. The programme was rounded off by hosting the guests with tasty Bangladeshi foods.

Bangladesh High Commission in London observed 50th Anniversary of Victory Day



► Flag hoisting ceremony on the Victory Day 16 December 2021 and discussion in Bangladesh High Commission, London

Bangladesh High Commission in London celebrated 50th anniversary of victory day on 16 December 2021. Chief Guest Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP paid deep tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the valiant freedom fighters and martyrs

of 1971 by a video message. Eminent British parliamentarians, senior UK Foreign Office officials, Ambassadors and representatives from British Bangladesh community paid their profound homage to the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh expressing solidarity with Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina's commitment to upholding Bangabandhu's secular, progressive and pluralistic values in sustaining Bangladesh's growth and prosperity at Bangladesh High Commission London's high-profile Mujib Year Victory Day Event.

Bangladesh Consulate General in Dubai celebrated Victory Day

Bangladesh Consulate General in Dubai and Northern Emirates celebrated Bijoy Dibosh on 16

December in a befitting manner at its premises and at EXPO 2020 Dubai main venue. The programs

included flag hoisting, laying flower wreath to the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh



Mujibur Rahman, reading out messages of Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs. The ceremonial part of the program was held in the morning at the Consulate premises. Consul General Mr. B M

Jamal Hossain led the flag hoisting and flower wreath laying program at the Consulate. The second part of the celebration was held at Dubai Expo 2020 main venue. Hon'ble Commerce Minister Mr. Tipu Munshi represented Bangladesh at the celebration in Dubai Expo 2020

venue. From the UAE, Hon'ble State Minister and Director General of Dubai Expo 2020 Her Excellency Reem Ebrahim Al-Hashimi and other Expo high officials attended the program.



► Victory Day events at the Consulate and Dubai Expo 2020

Bangladesh Consulate General in New York celebrated Victory Day



Bangladesh Consulate General in New York celebrated the 'Victory Day-2021 and 50 Years of Victory of Bangladesh' with due fervor and great enthusiasm at the chancery premises on 16 December 2021.

The highlights of the programme were-singing of the national anthem of Bangladesh, laying of floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, one-minute's silence

in remembrance of the martyrs of 1971 and 1975, oath taking on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee and Mujib Borsho, reading out of the messages from Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble



Foreign Minister and the Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs, offering of special prayers, screening of a documentary on the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and an open discussion meeting on the historical context and significance of the Day.

New York State Senator John Liu, Georgia State Senator Sheikh Rahman, Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz, Consul General of India Randhir Jaiswal, valiant Freedom Fighters, children of Martyred intellectuals, journalists, political and cultural personalities and members of

the civil society virtually joined the program and sent video messages on the occasion. Also, a cultural event was performed by the artistes from Bangladesh community. The programme was live broadcast through the official Facebook page of the Consulate General.

Bangladesh Embassy in Vietnam celebrated Victory Day

Bangladesh Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam celebrated 50 Years of Victory of Bangladesh in a befitting manner with inauguration of a Photo Exhibition on Bangabandhu and Liberation war. Due to Covid restrictions in Hanoi, the programme was hosted by H.E. Samina Naz, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Vietnam at the Chancery with kind presence of Special Guest Ambassador Tao Thanh Huong, Senior Representative from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam and dignitaries from the Diplomatic corps, Bangladesh community and Vietnamese friends.



► Ambassador with others on Victory Day

Bangladesh Embassy in Seoul celebrated Victory Day 2021

The Embassy celebrated the Victory Day with due fervour and festivity. On this occasion, the chancery building was decorated with lightings. The day's programme included hoisting of the national flag, paying homage to the Father of the Nation

by placing floral wreaths, singing of the national anthem, offering of special prayer, reading out of the messages of the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs.

A discussion session was held to discuss the significance of the day followed by joining the oath-taking ceremony administered by the Hon'ble Prime Minister following the live telecast from Dhaka and cultural programme.





Consulate General of Bangladesh in Istanbul celebrated Bangladesh Night



► Celebration of Bangladesh Night by Consulate General of Bangladesh in Istanbul

Consulate General of Bangladesh in Istanbul hosted a celebratory event titled ‘Bangladesh Night’ on 17 December 2021 at the Diamond Grand Ball Room of Point Hotel Barbaros, in connection with the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Independence and the ‘Mujib Year’. The event was attended by more than 250 guests, comprising the leading figures of Turkish political, business, academia, media, and cultural circles as well as members of Bangladesh expatriates living in Istanbul.

Consul General Dr. Mohammad Monirul Islam, in his welcome speech, paid rich tribute to the greatest Bangali of all time Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He underscored that Bangabandhu not only gave the people of Bangladesh an independent country but also gave a dream -Sonar Bangla- a poverty and hunger free, prosperous Bangladesh. Dr. Islam remarked that the country is now on its way to realise the dream of “Sonar Bangla” under the leadership of the able daughter of Bangabandhu,

Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Dr. Islam also highlighted the recent growth and success achieved in the realm of bilateral cooperation between Bangladesh and Turkey.

A colorful cultural performance was staged with the participation of artists from Bangladesh and Turkey that enthralled the audience with patriotic as well as traditional dance highlighting the historical evolution and cultural richness of Bangladesh. The event was preceded by a photo exhibition on the glorious life and works of Bangabandhu.

Bangladesh Embassy, Baghdad celebrated the International Migrants Day 2021





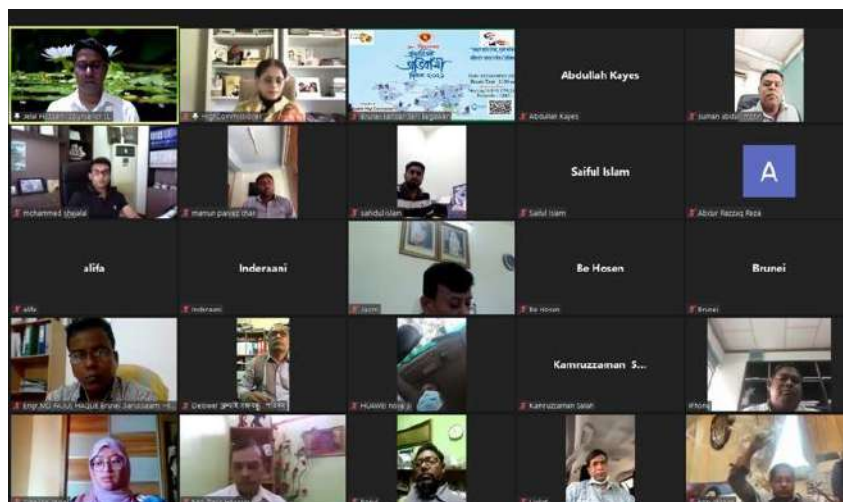
On 18 December 2021, the International Migrants Day 2021 was celebrated by the Bangladesh Embassy, Baghdad in collaboration with International Organization of Migrants (IOM), Iraq. In addition

to the senior management of IOM, representatives of the International Committee of Red Cross, NGOs and civil society attended the event. The day-long programs included consultation with various stakeholders

and focus group discussions with Bangladeshi expatriates. It may be mentioned that around 60 expats took part in the programme.

High Commission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Brunei virtually observed International Migrants Day

Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei observed International Migrants Day 2021 on 18 December 2021. With the High Commissioner in the chair, the program began with a recitation from Holy Quran followed by a brief prayer. The High Commissioner set the perspective of the program with a brief welcome speech followed by reading out messages of the President and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh sent on the occasion. The celebratory program participated by the Bangladeshi diasporas in Brunei Darussalam, migration experts, and the Youth Against Slavery (YAS) proceeded with a presentation by the social media outreach internee of the mission, a local student, who shed light on the whole gamut of the laws of Brunei concerning migrant workers and their employers. Speaking on the occasion as the chair of the program the High Commission urged her fellow citizens in Brunei to always abide by the local laws and norms. Expressing gratitude to His Majesty's government for covering Bangladeshi nationals in Brunei under the COVID-19 vaccination program, the mission head advised



► International Migrants Day 2021 observed virtually on 18 December 2021

her countrymen to follow the COVID-19 protocols at all time and stay safe. Commenting on the hardworking nature of Bangladeshi people, the High Commissioner said that on the auspicious year, 2021, when Bangladesh is concurrently celebrating the golden jubilee of our independence and the continued celebration of the 100th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the people of Bangladesh all over the world made a solemn oath to work harder and go forward in all spheres of

development in order to materialize Bangabandhu's dream of Sonar Bangla- a Golden Bengali. Before ending her speech, the mission head remarked that labour migration is a two-way traffic: it helps both the host and sending nations. But to realize the full potential of overseas workforces, a viable migration framework and efficient enforcement of the laws concerned are very crucial. The program ended with the naming of five Bangladeshi nationals who sent a significant amount of remittances to Bangladesh.



Embassy of Bangladesh in Jordan celebrated International Migrants Day

On the occasion of International Migrants Day 2021, the Embassy of Bangladesh in Jordan organized

a discussion program and a colorful cultural program in collaboration with Classic Fashions Apparels with

the participation of immigrants from different countries.



Embassy of Bangladesh in Republic of Korea observed the International Migrants Day

Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul observed the International Migrants Day-2021 on 19 December 2021 at the Embassy premises. On this occasion, seventeen Bangladeshi EPS workers in various categories and ten Korean employers employing the highest number of Bangladeshi EPS workers were honored with mementos and certificates of appreciation. The awardees received awards and certificates of appreciation from the Ambassador.



► Ambassador with others on Victory Day

Bangladesh High Commission in Mauritius celebrated International Migrants Day

Bangladesh High Commission in Port Louis, Mauritius celebrated the International Migrants Day 2021, inviting 40 expatriate workers,

respecting the sanitary protocol of the host country. First of all, the Mission paid deep tribute to Bangabandhu, followed by reading out of the

messages. The High Commissioner, in her speech, mentioned that the Government of Bangladesh promotes safe, orderly and regular migration.



She elaborated the initiatives of the Government for the migrant workers, who returned to Bangladesh from around the world due to Covid-19, the policy of the Government's 2% cash incentive against the inward

remittances directly to the bank account of senders etc. For the fourth time, the Mission presented the 'Remittance Award 2020' to 10 Bangladeshis, who sent the highest remittance through the legal channel

to Bangladesh. Mission organized an indoor game for the workers, which was thoroughly enjoyed by them. In the end, a cake was cut for the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh.



► Price giving



► Indoor game

Bangladesh Consulate General in Dubai celebrated 'Bangladesh Bijoy Utshob' at Sharjah Cricket Stadium

Bangladesh Consulate General in Dubai and Northern Emirates organized 'Bangladesh Bijoy Utshob' on 18 December 2021 at Sharjah Cricket Stadium. Hon'ble Minister of Commerce Mr. Tipu Munshi graced the program as Chief Guest. It may be mentioned that distinguished members of Dubai ruling family Her Highness Princess Futtaim bint Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,

Member of Bahrain ruling family H.H Sheikh Khalifa Bin Mobarak Al Khalifa and Governor of Malacca State of Malaysia H.E. Dr. Haji Muhammad Ali Muhammad Rustam were present Among others, H.E. Bangladesh Ambassador to the UAE Mr. Md. Abu Zafar, Commerce Secretary Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Bangladesh Consul General to Dubai and Northern Emirates

Mr. B M Jamal Hossian, Embassy and Consulate officers, high officials from different Ministries from Bangladesh were present at the program. A colourful cultural programme with the participation of renowned artists from Bangladesh and India was arranged to entertain more than 20 thousand audiences at the stadium.



► 'Bangladesh Bijoy Utshob' 2021 at Sharjah Cricket Stadium



Embassy of Bangladesh in Italy organized Bangabandhu Gold Cup Football Tournament

On 19 December 2021, Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Italy, Serbia and Montenegro distributed prizes among the champion and runner up teams of the final match of Bangabandhu Gold Cup Football Tournament-2021 organized to mark Birth Centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Ambassador congratulated the winners and thanked Bangladesh Sports Association, Italy for successfully organizing the tournament. The Embassy sponsored the jerseys for the four semifinalist teams. During the closing ceremony, senior community leaders and officials of the Mission were present, among others.



Ambassador of Bangladesh to Republic of Korea met the Secretary-General of Korea National Commission for UNESCO

H.E. M. Delwar Hossain, Bangladesh Ambassador to South Korea had a meeting with Mr. Hun, Kyung Koo, the Secretary General of the Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU) on 21 December 2021 to discuss the possible cooperation between the two countries in the promotion of culture and education. Two sides agreed to jointly celebrate the forthcoming International Mother Language Day and to organize joint events in the coming days.





Bangladesh adopted the Draft Doha Program of Action

On 21 December 2021, the draft Doha Programme of Action (DPoA) for Least Developed Countries was adopted by the UN Member States in the General Assembly Hall. This draft Program of Action will be formally adopted at the Fifth UN Conference on LDC scheduled to be held in Qatar in 2022. H.E. Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh served as the Co-chair of this inter-governmental negotiations for the DPoA.



► H.E. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh with H.E. Mr. Robert Keith Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN, H.E. Mr. Perks Master Ligoya, Permanent Representative of Malawi to the UN and other UN high officials at the UN General Assembly Hall following the adoption of Draft Doha Program of Action on 21 December 2022

H.E. Ms. Samina Naz attended as a Panellist at the 'Halal Conference - potentials of Vietnam in South Asia & South-East Asian Countries'

At the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam H.E. Ms. Samina Naz, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Vietnam attended as a Panellist at the 'Halal Conference - potentials of Vietnam in South Asia & South-East Asian Countries' hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam on 20 December 2021. Vietnam News-the National English daily reported on the suggestion put forward by Bangladesh Ambassador.





Bangladesh Embassy in Kathmandu organized ‘Bangabandhu Youth Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Climate Change’

On 26-27 December 2021, Bangladesh Embassy in Kathmandu organized ‘Bangabandhu Youth Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Climate Change’ at the embassy premises. Around eighty students from various universities of Bangladesh and Nepal participated in the Conference. During the conference, the speakers recalled Bangabandhu’s life-long struggle to ensure a happy and prosperous future for his countrymen and to build a society free from poverty and exploitation. Since Bangladesh-Nepal relations were based on the strong foundations of mutual trust and confidence and both the countries were facing similar developmental challenges and will graduate from the LDC category at the same time, there were immense potentials for cooperation in different areas including trade and investment. The demographic dividends enjoyed by both the countries could boost economic growth substantially, if utilized properly. As future leaders



and decision-makers, the youths pledged to carry forward the vision of Bangabandhu and study the various aspects of the sustainable development goals, climate change issues, and post-LDC graduation challenges. The conference discussed how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) could positively

impact economic growth and at the same time maintain balance in society. The two-day conference concluded with a fourteen-point declaration with various pledges and commitments to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals and to tackle the adverse impacts of climate change.

Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei Darussalam organized webinar on ‘Issues Related to Migrant Workers in Brunei’

A webinar titled ‘Issues Related to Migrant Workers in Brunei’ was organized by the Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei Darussalam. Brunei, being a potential destination for migrant workers, invites a good number of migrant workers from Bangladesh, Indonesia, the

Philippines and other Asian nations. To elucidate the issue of migrant workers from Bangladesh working in Brunei, experts and analysts from

Bangladesh and Brunei joined the webinar and shared their experience, expertise and policy recommendations on the issue. Organized and hosted by

the Bangladesh High Commissioner, Mrs. Nahida Rahman Shumona, the event was moderated by Mr. Jelal Hossain, Counsellor (Labour) and Head of Chancery. Mrs Mahjabeen Khaled, Secretary General, Parliamentarians’ Caucus on Migration & Development,



Bangladesh National Parliament graced the occasion as 'The Guest of Honour'. Apart from her, Bangladesh was represented by Mr. Md Mazadul Hoque, Economic Affairs Analyst, and Mr. Aminul Haque, migration activist. On the other hand, Mr. Yusuf Halim, legal expert on migration affairs, Mr. Abdul Haziq Rudiman, Mr. Yong Hong Jun, and Ms Nurul Amalina Shakinah Binti Haji Jainal spoke on behalf of Brunei.

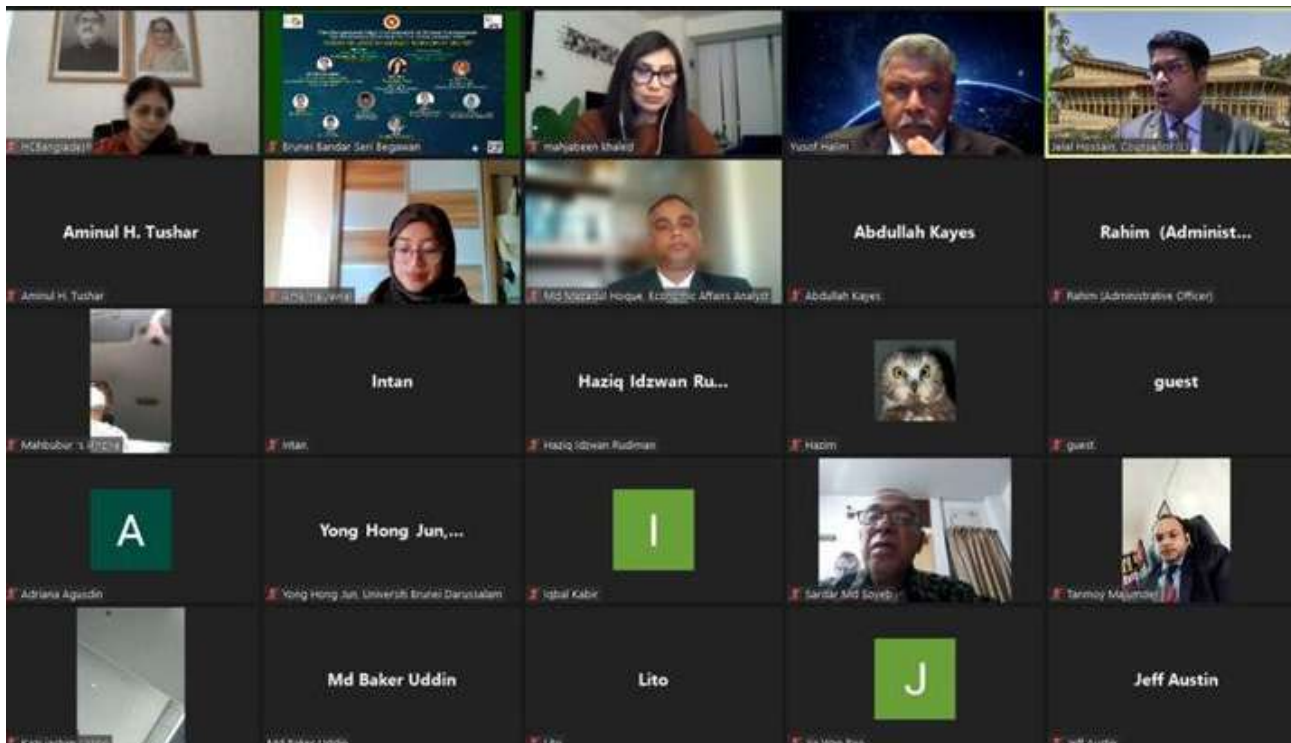
Mrs Mahjabeen Khaled highlighted the conditions and incentives which drive the migrant workers to come and work in Brunei Darussalam. She touched upon the history of the formation of Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration & Development. She also talked about budget shortage, policy loopholes, and the problems of going through middlemen. Ms

Nurul Amalina Shakinah Binti Haji Jainal, Social Media and Outreach Programme Assistant of Bangladesh High Commission delivered a presentation on 'Relevant Labour Laws of Brunei'.

Acknowledging the trials and tribulations of the lives of migrant workers, Mr. Yusuf Halim expounded his views on the legal dimension of the problems faced by migrant workers. He identified the lack of proper language and communication skills, and the over-reliance on authorities as two major problems suffered by the Bangladeshi workers. Mr. Md Mazadul Hoque gave a brief account of the labour market of Brunei and the history and present status of Bangladesh's migrant workers in Brunei. He also put forward some policy recommendations.

Mr. Aminul Haque focused on the welfare of migrant workers in Brunei and stressed the need for their proper reintegration into the society once they return to Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh High Commissioner underscored the necessity and importance of addressing the migrant workers' issue. She proudly conveyed that all the Bangladeshi workers had been vaccinated. She also informed about her own initiative of developing a database of all migrant workers in Brunei, which is progressing slowly and steadily. The High Commissioner expressed her steadfast support and commitment towards improving the conditions of the Bangladeshi workers in Brunei who have learned to live with weal and woe.



► Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei Darussalam organized webinar on 'Issues Related to Migrant Workers in Brunei' on 27 December



Consulate General of Bangladesh in Istanbul launched Bangladesh Language Course at Istanbul University

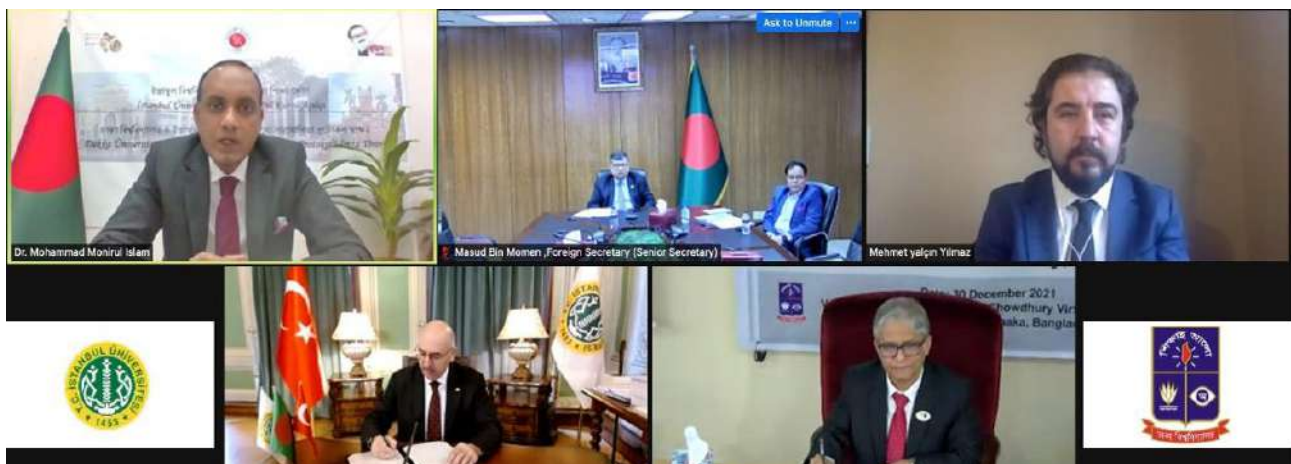
Consulate General of Bangladesh in Istanbul organized a signing ceremony on 30 December 2021 for concluding a cooperation protocol in order to launch a Bangla language course at Istanbul University, one of the largest and most prestigious universities in Turkey. The cooperation protocol was signed by Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman and the Rector of Istanbul University Professor Dr. Mahmut Ak, in presence of Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary), Ambassador Masud Bin Momen.

Foreign Secretary, in his opening remarks, paying rich tribute to the greatest Bengali of all time Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, underlined that

Bangabandhu was the first person who introduced Bangla to the world stage by delivering his speech in Bangla at the UN General Assembly on 25 September 1974. He recalled with deep reverence all the great martyrs who sacrificed their lives to protect the honor and status of our mother tongue. He voiced his optimism that Bangla language course at Istanbul University would further strengthen and deepen relations in all areas of cooperation between Bangladesh and Turkey, especially broadening collaborations in language, literature, and culture. Noting the extremely positive and long-term impacts of this language course, he further expressed his hope that scholarly works on Bangla

Language and Literature would be carried out in future at Istanbul University that would ultimately lead to exploring the opportunity for opening a full-fledged department on Bangla Language and Literature at Istanbul University.

Moderated by the Consul General Dr. Mohammad Monirul Islam, the event was spoken by, among others, Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman and Professor Dr. Mahmut Ak. They all underscored that launching of Bangla language is a milestone development for Bangladesh-Turkey cooperation, adding that this would consolidate mutual connectivity, understanding and friendship between the people of two brotherly countries.



► Signing ceremony of launching Bangladesh Language Course at Istanbul University

Bangladesh Embassy in Jordan donated winter clothes for Bangladeshis, Jordanians and other nationalities in prison

H.E. Ambassador Nahida Sobhan handed over 600 pieces of winter clothes to Lt Colonel Alia Thamer Obid, Director of Juweideh Prison to distribute among

Bangladeshis, Jordanians and other nationalities in prison.



► Handing over of winter cloths by Bangladesh Embassy in Jordan



Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei repatriated Bangladeshi Migrant Workers

Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei repatriated to Bangladesh four stranded Bangladesh workers.

The Labour Wing of the Bangladesh High Commission bore the expenses for their repatriation. The workers

had been held back in Brunei Darussalam for over two years under exploitative labour conditions.



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