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Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arranged COVID-19 Booster Vaccination for the Diplomatic Corps



Ministry of Foreign Affairs in coordination with Sheikh Russel National Gastro Liver

Institute & Hospital arranged for COVID-19 booster vaccination for the Diplomatic Corps in Bangladesh on 09 January 2022. Hon'ble Foreign

Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen inaugurated the program.

Foreign Minister and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Briefed Heads of Bangladesh Missions Abroad about Bangladesh's Foreign Policy Priorities

Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP briefed Heads of Bangladesh Missions abroad on 06 January about Bangladesh's foreign policy priorities in 2022 focusing particularly on economic diplomacy and public diplomacy. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and other senior officials of the Ministry were also present during the briefing session.





Ministry of Foreign Affairs Presented the Findings of Research into the Bay of Bengal

Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the other relevant Ministries/Departments/Agencies and the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands completed research work to determine the potential, presence, nature, and reserves of gas hydrate and marine genetic resources, especially seaweed in the seas of Bangladesh. The findings of the research was presented to the media on 5 January 2022 by Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP. During the briefing, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP was also present. The research found that gas hydrate deposits in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Bangladesh alone are estimated to be equivalent to 17-103 TCF (trillion cubic feet). In addition, the research results show



that some of the many species of seaweed found in Bangladesh have huge commercial potential, which can play a significant role in the Blue Economy of Bangladesh.

The full commercial production of seaweed in Bangladesh will save a lot of foreign exchange as currently the majority of it is imported and will

also enable foreign exchange earnings through export. To commercialize this immense potential, the Maritime Affairs Unit of the Ministry is in the process of determining the next course of action through discussions with the concerned persons in the renowned cosmetics and fish & animal feed industry of Bangladesh.



Foreign Minister Spoke to His Indian Counterpart Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

During a phone call on 06 January, Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Indian External Affairs Minister invited Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP to visit New Delhi to attend India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Commission (JCC). They also exchanged new year greetings and the Indian EAM congratulated Bangladesh Cricket Team on the historic test win against New Zealand.



Foreign Minister Spoke to His Vietnamese Counterpart Bùi Thanh Sơn

During a telephone conversation on 12 January 2022, Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP exchanged New Year greetings with the Foreign Minister of Viet Nam Bùi Thanh Sơn. Both Foreign Ministers discussed the entire gamut of ongoing bilateral cooperation and agreed to further strengthen and boost trade and investment cooperation through enhancing people-to-people ties. Dr. Momen sought more proactive support from Vietnam for a sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis within the ASEAN framework.





Foreign Minister Spoke to His Cambodian Counterpart Prak Sokhonn

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP congratulated Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Prak Sokhonn on Cambodia's assumption of ASEAN Chairmanship on January 19. Dr. Momen also congratulated Mr. Sokhonn on being appointed as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair to Myanmar. Bangladesh Foreign Minister lauded the growing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Cambodia and sought Cambodian Deputy Premier and FM's initiative as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair to Myanmar towards a speedy, safe and dignified repatriation of Rohingya to Myanmar.



Bangladesh and Australia Celebrated 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Australia took place on 31 January 2022. A ceremony was organized for this occasion by the Australian High Commission in Dhaka at the Hotel Purbani. Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, and Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Jeremy Bruer highlighted their respective government's commitment to foster bilateral engagement on COVID-19 recovery, trade and investment, education, technology & innovation, and meaningful partnership to face regional and global challenges such as climate change, forced displacement, and regional security. Hon'ble State Minister expressed gratitude for Australia's bipartisan support for the cause of Bangladesh's independence in 1971. He paid deep respect to the Dutch-Australian Mr. William A S Ouderland, who



► Celebrating 50 years of Friendship

valiantly fought beside freedom fighters in Bangladesh's war of independence and was the lone foreign national decorated with the gallantry award — Bir Protik. He also recalled the contributions of Australians like Dr. Geoffrey Davis, Mr. Herbert Feith, and Mr. Anthony Clifton to Bangladesh's War of

Liberation. Hon'ble State Minister thanked Australia for being the first country in the developed world to recognize Bangladesh as a sovereign and independent state on 31 January 1972. He also stated that Bangladesh looks forward to emerging as a key partner of Australia for the benefit of the people of the two countries



and economies as well as regional security.

Australian High Commissioner Jeremy Bruer stated that Australia looks forward to strengthening cooperation with Bangladesh for shared recovery from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as expanding the business relationship between the two countries.



► Australia's recognition of Bangladesh

Turkish Minister of Interior H.E. Süleyman Soylu Visited Bangladesh from 8-9 January 2022

H.E. Süleyman Soylu, Turkish Minister of Interior, paid an official visit to Bangladesh on 08 January 2022. During his visit, he inaugurated the Turkish Field Hospital run by the Turkish government agency AFAD at Balukhali camp No 9 in Cox's Bazar which has been rebuilt after the fire last year. The Turkish interior minister said that 700,000 treatments have been done in the hospital so far. Saying that Bangladesh and Turkey are hosting over 1.1 million Rohingya refugees and 4 million refugees respectively, the Turkish Minister assured that Turkey will support Bangladesh in its efforts to tackle the Rohingya crisis.



► H.E. Süleyman Soylu, Turkish Minister of Interior visited Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar



► H.E. Süleyman Soylu, Turkish Interior Minister inaugurated Balukhali camp hospital



► Meeting between Mr. Süleyman Soylu, and Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal



Turkish Minister also held bilateral talks with his counterparts, H.E. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, Minister of Home Affairs, H.E. Enamur Rahman, State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief, and signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on security cooperation, counterterrorism, and tackling drug trafficking. The Turkish interior minister said that Turkey would extend their cooperation.



► H.E. Süleyman Soylu, and H.E. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU)

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Libya Called on the Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation of Libya

H.E. Major General S M Shamim-Uz-Zaman, Ambassador of Bangladesh called on H.E. Mr. Ali Al-Abed Al-Reda, Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Labour and

Rehabilitation of the State of Libya on 10 January 2022. During the meeting, they discussed the employment of Bangladesh manpower and the visit of Bangladesh's Minister of Expatriates'

Welfare and Overseas Employment to Libya. The Libyan Minister expressed optimism to conclude the MOU on manpower employment between Bangladesh and Libya soon.



► Ambassador of Bangladesh to Libya Called on the Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation of the State of Libya

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations elected as the President of the Executive Board of the UN Women

On 11 January 2022, Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent

Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York was

unanimously elected as the President of the UN Women Executive Board

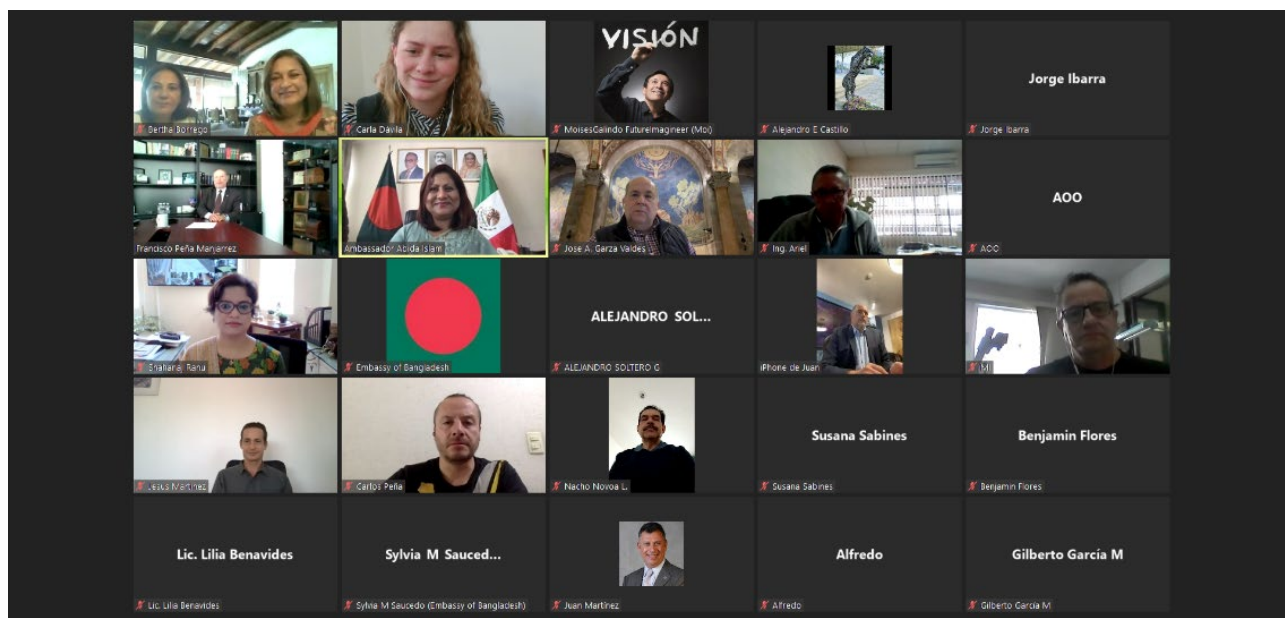


for the year 2022. With this election, Bangladesh takes up the Presidency of the UN Women Executive Board for the first time. The Executive Board provides strategic guidance to UN Women, the UN agency dedicated to gender equality and empowerment of women. As the President of the Board, Bangladesh will be able to contribute further to the work of the UN Women.



► H.E. Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York delivered remarks at the United Nations following her election as the President of the Executive Board of the UN Women.

Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City Organized a Webinar with the Business Leaders on Guadalajara to Strengthen the Business Ties Between the Two Countries



► A webinar with the business leaders of Guadalajara, Mexico

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Mexico City organized a webinar titled “Bangladesh & Mexico: Potentials & Opportunities” on 13 January 2022 with the business leaders of Guadalajara, the third-

largest metropolitan city of Mexico with the assistance of the Honorary Consul-designate Mr. Francisco Pena Manjarrez. The businessmen showed their keen interest in ICT, apparel, furniture, processed

food, and import of decorative lights from Bangladesh during the webinar whereas the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Mexico elaborated on the socio-economic developments of Bangladesh highlighting the potential



of important sectors like RMG, pharmaceuticals, health and medical equipment, IT, jute products, leather and footwear, light engineering,

electronics and electrical equipment, processed agro-based food, automobiles, ceramic, plastic and shipbuilding to the participants. She

also elaborated on the investment-friendly policies of the government including the lucrative investment incentives.

The President of the Macau Scientific & Cultural Centre Called on Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal

The President of the Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre (CCCM) Ms. Caramen Amado Mendes called on Ambassador Tarik Ahsan at the Embassy on 14 January 2021. The Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre is an educational and cultural organization that runs under the supervision of the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology, and Higher education.

The Centre's mission is to produce, promote and disseminate knowledge about Macau as a platform between Portugal and the People's Republic of China, as well as between Europe and Asia. The Centre is also a forum dedicated to studying and teaching the Chinese language and China's culture and history and a center for scientific research and continuous and advanced training on Portugal-China and Europe-Asia international relations.

The President said that her institution facilitates the organization of different



kinds of events in the Macau Center. She also expressed her interest to organize events on Bangladesh in collaboration with the Embassy. The President of the Centre also said that the Center would try to collect books on Bangla literature and dedicate a corner in the Museum under the

category of Bangla literature. She also mentioned that the centre offers 10 scholarships each year to students doing Ph.D. in Portuguese Universities on Asian Affairs. Finally, the President invited the Ambassador for visiting Macau Centre.

Bangladesh Embassy in Beirut Arranged a Free Medical Camp

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Beirut and Bangladesh Navy Ship BNS Sangram deployed in the Maritime unit of UN peacekeeping mission UNIFIL jointly organized a free Medical Camp on 16 January 2022 for the Bangladeshi expatriates in

Lebanon. The camp was arranged in an indoor stadium named Classico stadium, situated in the Lebanese capital Beirut. The Medical camp was inaugurated by H.E. Maj Gen Md Jahangir Al Mustahidur Rahman, psc, Ambassador of Bangladesh to

Lebanon. Commanding Officer of BNS Sangram Mohammad Zahid Hossain and Mr. Abdullah Al Mamun, Counsellor (Labour) of the Embassy also attended the inaugural program. A total of 402 Bangladeshi expatriates took medical treatment



and medicine from the camp. The current economic crisis in Lebanon has led to a stalemate in the health sector. As physically unfit workers cannot attain healthcare facilities due

to the high cost of healthcare facilities and unavailability of medicines, the Ambassador and the captain of the navy ship promised to organize such medical camps regularly. They also

advised the expatriates to be more cautious in this pandemic situation and have encouraged them to take vaccines.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei Attended the Royal Wedding

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei Mrs. Nahida Rahman Shumona joined the Royal ceremonies marking the blessed wedding between Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkiah Binti Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzad din Waddaulah, and Yang Mulia Awang Abdullah Nabil Mahmoud Al-Hashimi. Bangladesh High Commissioner, as a mark of respect, sent a gift to the blessed Royal couple. The wedding ceremony began with the Istiadat Bersuruh

Diraja ceremony on 16 January 2022. The installation of the Royal Regalia and Pemajangan took place on 17 January 2022. It continued with the Istiadat Menerima Tanda Diraja and Pertunangan Diraja ceremony on 18 January 2022, involving the sending of a delegation from the residence of the bridegroom along with royal and engagement gifts to Istana Nurul Iman as a show of affection. The next day 19 January 2022 was given over to the Istiadat Berbedak Pengantin Diraja ceremony or the Royal Powdering ceremony at the Balai Singgahsana

Indera Buana of Istana Nurul Iman. The Bangladesh High Commissioner attended both the engagement ceremony (18 January 2022) and the Royal Powdering ceremony (19 January 2022). She also joined the Royal Wedding Reception on 23 January 2022 and the State Banquet on 24 January 2022. The Royal Wedding celebrations were officially closed with the Istiadat Membaca Doa Selamat and Menutup Gendang Jaga-Jaga ceremony at Istana Nurul Iman and Darussidiq on 25 January 2022.



► Bangladesh High Commissioner Mrs. Nahida Rahman Shumona joined the Royal wedding ceremonies



Chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Visited Maldives

Chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Navy Admiral M Shaheen Iqbal visited the Maldives from 16-18 January 2022. During this visit, he paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Defense Minister of Maldives Mz.

Maria Ahmed Didi and Chief of Defense Force General Ahmed Samal and discussed different areas of cooperation in the naval sector. Navy Chief exchanged views with senior military officials of Maldives

and held bilateral meetings with his counterpart. He also visited the Bangladeshi High Commission and had a meeting with the High Commissioner H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan.



► Chief of Naval Staff met Hon'ble Defense Minister of Maldives.



► Chief of Naval Staff met Chief of Defense Force, Maldives

Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal Visited Porto and Interacted with Important Local Dignitaries and Authorities

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Portugal, H.E. Tarik Ahsan called on the Mayor of Porto, Mr. Rui Moreira. The possibility of a sister or twin city relation between Porto and a city of Bangladesh and the assignment of an outsourcing company (VFS) in Dhaka by the Portuguese Embassy in New Delhi came into the discussion. The Mayor welcomed the proposal to set up a bust or mural of Bangabandhu in a public place. The Ambassador then visited the Porto Chamber of Commerce & Industry and met with the acting President of the Chamber Prof. Álvaro Costa. The Ambassador discussed the possible cooperation

among the chambers of Bangladesh and Portugal. Highlighting the recent economic growth of Bangladesh, the Ambassador opined that its high time to take the Bangladesh-Portugal economic relations to a new height. The Ambassador also met the President of the Leixxes Port Authority. Leixxes port is the second largest port in Portugal. The Ambassador proposed cooperation between Chattagram Port and Leixxes Port and possible technical and research cooperation with Bangabandhu Maritime University. The President told that Leixxes Port Authority could impart practical

training on ship management and operation. The Ambassador visited the West Sea Shipyard in Porto and had a meeting with the Director and Commercial Director. The Directors informed that they could be a source of certain types of ships that Bangladesh does not produce, such as Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) or naval ships. They showed their keen interest in supplying dredger ships to Bangladesh. Ambassador Tarik Ahsan also met the Rector and Head of the International Relations Department of the University of Porto. During the meeting, Ambassador discussed possible cooperation between



the University of Porto and any them welcomed the proposal of exchange program with reputed University in Bangladesh. Both of research cooperation and a student Bangladeshi Universities.



► Meeting with the Mayor of Porto Mr. Rui Moreira



► Ambassador Tarik Ahsan met the President of Port Authority of Leixões Eng. Nuno Araújo



► Ambassador Tarik Ahsan visited the West Sea Shipyard in Porto



► Ambassador Tarik Ahsan met the Rector of the University of Porto Prof. António de Sousa Pereira



► Meeting with the acting President of Porto Chamber of Commerce & Industry Prof. Álvaro Costa

Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq Welcomes the Opening of the Flight Route Between Iraq and Bangladesh

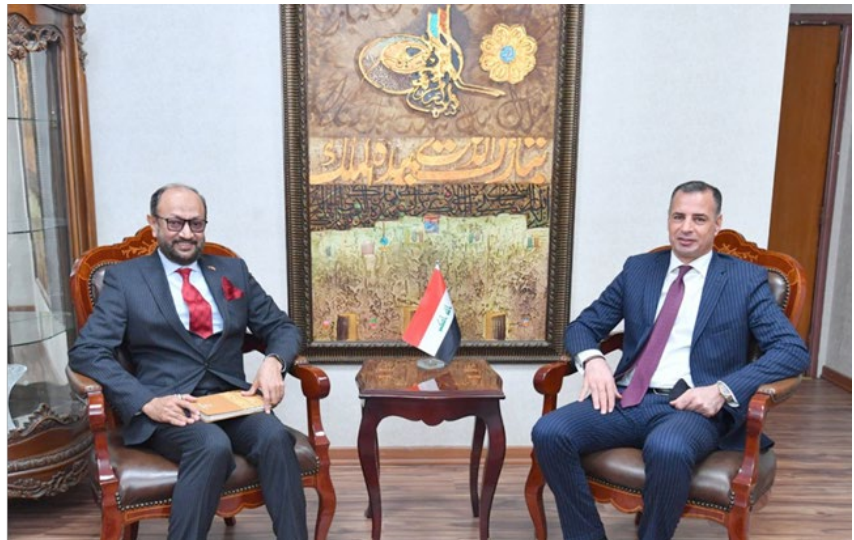
H.E. Md. Fazlul Bari, Bangladesh Ambassador to Iraq called on the

Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of

Iraq H.E. Dr. Ali Shamran Hachem on 24 January 2022 at the Ministry



of Foreign Affairs, Baghdad. During the meeting, they discussed the progress of ongoing initiatives for direct flight communication between Baghdad and Dhaka. The meeting also discussed the ways to promote bilateral trade, and cooperation in the areas of education, agriculture, and culture. The exchange of land for permanent chancery building also came up in the discussion. Dr. Ali Shamran Hachem assured his department's readiness to provide all support to ensure the success of the efforts of the Bangladesh Mission in Iraq.



Bangladesh Ambassador to Uzbekistan Met with Governor of Navoi Region of Uzbekistan

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Zahangir Alam paid an official visit to the Navoi Region of the Republic of Uzbekistan and had a meeting with the Governor of Navoi Region H.E. Mr. Normat Tulkunovich Tursunov on 24 January 2022 at Navoi Regional Governorate. H.E. Ambassador appreciated the developments taking place in Navoi Region which is highly rich in natural resources especially natural gas, petroleum, and the world's purest gold.



Navoi Governor welcomed Bangladesh Ambassador and expressed gratitude for visiting the Navoi Region. He shared information with the Bangladesh Ambassador about the facilities being provided in the free economic zones of the Navoi Region. Both sides discussed possibilities of cooperation in potential fields like RMG, textiles, pharmaceuticals, ICT, and agriculture. Bangladesh Ambassador laid importance on Air Cargo connectivity and requested



Governor to resume direct cargo flights between Navoi and Dhaka which are suspended now. The

Governor assured that his office will explore potential sectors and projects for cooperation between the two

friendly countries. The Governor also assured to examine the possibility of resumption of cargo flights.

Bangladesh Embassy in Rome Responded to a Tragic Accident



On receiving the information of the tragic incident on 25 January 2022 causing the death of seven Bangladesh nationals due to hypothermia, Bangladesh Embassy in Rome kept in constant touch with the relevant Italian authorities including two Honorary Consuls General of Bangladesh to Catania and Palermo to gather actual information and for taking appropriate measures from the Bangladesh side. A

two-member team led by Counsellor (Labour Welfare) accompanied by an Italian-knowing official reached Lampedusa Island, Italy on the next day of the tragedy in which seven would-be Bangladeshi migrants died of hypothermia. Labour Counsellor met Deputy Mayor of Lampedusa Mr. Prestipino Salvatore (as the Mayor was out of town) on 27 January 2022. During the meeting, both sides discussed the

tragic incident and possible strategies/arrangements to prevent such in future and on closer coordination between the Italian side and the Embassy. He also met senior officials of the Coastal Guard on 28 January 2022. The Mission coordinated with the concerned Ministries and relevant authorities in Italy and Bangladesh for the repatriation of the dead bodies to their families.

London Mission launches ‘Bangabandhu-Edward Heath Friendship Award’ to commemorate Bangabandhu’s historic 8 January UK visit

Bangladesh High Commission, London commemorated the 50th anniversary of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman’s maiden visit to the United Kingdom at a high-profile event titled “Bangabandhu in Britain: The Historic 8 January”

where British ministers, cross-party senior parliamentarians, diplomats, academics and eminent members of the British-Bangladeshi community



paid rich tributes to Bangabandhu and highlighted diplomatic and geopolitical significance of this historic visit.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen graced the hybrid event as the chief guest while UK Conservative Party Chairman and Minister Oliver Dowden was the guest of honour and Minister of State and Economic Secretary to Treasury Department John Glen, MP, was the special guest. Chairman of Labour party Anneliese Dodds, Liberal Democrat Group Leader at the House of Lords

Lord Newby, Vice Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Group on Bangladesh Bob Blackman, MP, and Chair of House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee Tom Tugendhat, MP, spoke, representing Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democratic parties. Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland, Director for India and Indian Ocean Directorate at the UK FCDO Ben Mellor and High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom Gaitri Issar Kumar spoke as special guests. Eminent British-Bangladeshi Community

member Syed Sajidur Rahman Faruk also spoke at the event.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen said: "Bangabandhu's maiden visit to the UK on 8 January 1972 as the President of Bangladesh bears an unparalleled historic, geo-strategic and diplomatic significance in the robust Bangladesh-UK diplomatic relations of 2022 and beyond." The Foreign Minister thanked British Prime Minister Boris Johnson for recognising Bangabandhu's 8 January visit to UK and Downing Street as instrumental in forging a friendship between Bangladesh and the UK.



H.E. Saida Muna Tasneem, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the UK launched 'THE BANGLADESH HIGH COMMISSION BANGABANDHU-EDWARD HEATH FRIENDSHIP AWARD' at Arundells on 26 January 2022

Her Excellency Saida Muna Tasneem, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to

the UK, launched 'The Bangladesh High Commission Bangabandhu-

Edward Heath Friendship Award' at The Sir Edward Heath Charitable



Foundation at Arundells on Wednesday, 26 January 2022.

The event was also attended by Mrs. Sarah Troughton, Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, The Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury, Mr. Peter Batey CMG OBE, Chairman of Trustees of The Sir Edward Heath Charitable Foundation, Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Mayor of Salisbury,

Mr. Andy Rhind-Tutt, President of Salisbury and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Cllr Atiqul Hoque, the only British-Bangladeshi Counsellor in Salisbury, among others.

The award will be presented to those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions in the promotion of Bangladesh-UK friendship and our shared values. The Sir Edward Heath Charitable

Foundation will be an institutional partner to the Award. The Sir Edward Heath Charitable Foundation maintains Arundells in Salisbury, the former home and gardens of Prime Minister Edward Heath, for members of the public to visit, and promotes discussion of events in the history, politics and international relations of the second half of the Twentieth Century.

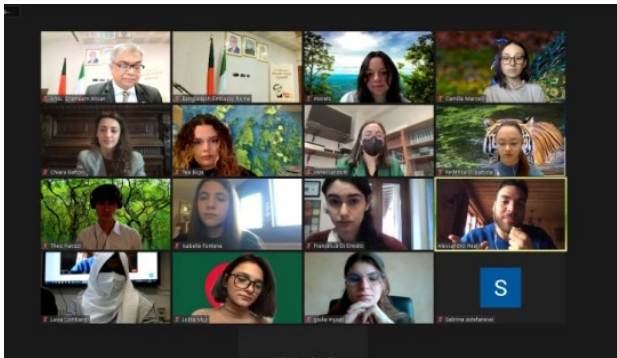


Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy Virtually Interacted with Italian School Students and Faculties

H.E. Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy along with the officers of the Embassy

visited Liceo Statale Marie Curie Giulianova School, Rome digitally on 28 January 2022 and intimately

interacted with 15 students and some faculties of the reputed school. The Ambassador availed the opportunity



to brief the young and inquisitive students on Bangladesh, its history, culture, economy, and stunning achievements. A presentation on

Bangladesh generated quite an interest. The Ambassador specially thanked the organizers of Global Action for arranging this program, which is

aligned with the Mission's ongoing Public Diplomacy drive to project and brand Bangladesh positively to the wider audience in Italy.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan attended an Event on Writing 'Kakizome'

On 27 January 2022, H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended an event on writing 'kakizome' -a type of Japanese calligraphy organized by the Japanese Foreign Ministry in celebration of the 2022 Japan-

Southwest Asia Exchange Year. The event was held at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo. H.E Mr. Honda Taro, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kano Takehiro, Director-General, Southeast and

Southwest Asian Affairs Department, and Mr. Hasebe Jun, Director, Southwest Asia Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan were present at the event.



► H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended an event on writing 'kakizome' with H.E. Mr. Honda Taro, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs

Bangladesh Ambassador to Uzbekistan Had a Meeting with the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan

H.E. Mr. Md Zahangir Alam, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Uzbekistan had a meeting with

the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr.

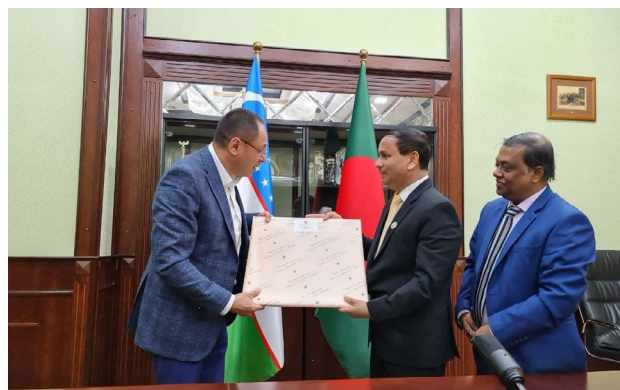
Adkham Ilkhamovich Ikramov (former Health Minister & Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan)



on 28 January 2022 at Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Tashkent. During the meeting, both sides focused on cooperation and sharing of experiences in the fields of textiles, RMG, pharmaceuticals, information technology, leather, ceramics, fruit processing, and agriculture. Bangladesh Ambassador requested the Chairman to explore

the possibility of a joint venture in the industrial sector using natural gas of Uzbekistan. Bangladesh Ambassador also requested the Chairman to provide a list of members to form a Business Council between Bangladesh and Uzbekistan to promote trade and investment, export-import, and entrepreneurship in all possible

sectors. He further requested the Chairman to join the upcoming visit of the Uzbekistan Delegation to Dhaka in April 2022 to be led by Deputy Prime Minister to organize Business Forum, B2B, and G2B meetings. The Chairman expressed his organization's readiness to join the first ever-highest level Uzbek delegation's visit to Bangladesh.



Bangladesh Embassy in Amman Installed e-Passport System at the Embassy

An 8-member delegation led by Ms. Ishrat Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs visited Bangladesh Embassy in Jordan recently and installed the e-Passport system. The Embassy is

now ready to deliver e-Passports to Bangladeshi expatriates in Jordan. It is expected to be officially declared to the expatriates to avail these facilities during the visit of Home Affairs Minister H.E. Mr.

Asauduzzman Khan. He will be accompanied by Mr. Anwarul Islam Khandker, Cabinet Secretary, and Mr. Mohammad Ayub Chowdhury, Director General of the Department of Immigration & Passports.





Bangladeshi Workers Returned Home with the Help of the Bangladesh Embassy in Brunei

On complaints of 42 expatriate workers employed by a Bangladeshi-owned company, Laser View Sdn Bhd, Labour Wing of the Bangladesh Embassy in Brunei negotiated with the employer on the workers' behalf. Responding to the deplorable living conditions of the workers, the Wing officials inspected the staff quarters of the company and found that the employer arranged a dilapidated accommodation for the workers. The staff house lacked basic amenities and scored low in hygiene and other safety issues. However, the employer, on the recommendation of the Labour Wing, agreed to correct the accommodation problems and clear



► Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei helped exploited workers return home

the pending wages of BND 51,231 (equivalent to BDT 3.3 million or 33 lac) to 42 workers. The employer also arranged return tickets for 16 workers who had finished their contract tenure.

Bangladesh Missions Abroad Observed the Homecoming Day of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman returned to Bangladesh on

10 January 1972. It was a historic day for the nation as the architect of the independence of Bangladesh finally

returned home. Bangladesh Missions abroad observed the day with due respect and solemnity.



► Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei Darussalam



► Bangladesh High Commission in the Maldives



► Bangladesh Embassy in Tripoli



► Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi



► Bangladesh Embassy in Amman



► Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo



► Bangladesh Embassy in Hanoi

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