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## First ever Royal VVIP State Visit of His Majesty Sultan of Brunei to Bangladesh took place



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam paid a State Visit to Bangladesh on 15-17 October 2022. His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Mateen accompanied His Majesty Sultan. His Majesty's first State Visit to Bangladesh was at the invitation of the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh. His Majesty was received at the airport on 15 October 2022 by the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh and was accorded a ceremonial guard of Honour. He paid tribute to the National Martyr's Memorial in Savar on the same day.

During the State visit, His Majesty met with the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh as well as the Foreign

Minister of Bangladesh and discussed matters to strengthen bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Brunei Darussalam, including cooperation in energy, agriculture, food industry, fisheries and connectivity. A welcoming ceremony and a State Banquet were hosted by the Hon'ble President in honour of His Majesty. Three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on labour, shipping and energy and one agreement on air services were signed during the visit. His Majesty paid rich tribute to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman while visiting the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum. He appreciated the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and also received appreciation from the Hon'ble Prime Minister for his extraordinary leadership in preserving the stability, peace and prosperity of Brunei Darussalam, and also for

extending support to Bangladesh expatriates living and working in Brunei Darussalam.

During the State Visit, from Brunei side, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and the Minister of Finance and Economy II Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah as well as Minister of Home Affairs Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ahmaddin bin Haji Abdul Rahman attended several side events. These included a business dialogue focusing on exploring ways to strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and Brunei; the signing of a MoU between Ghanim International Corporation Sdn Bhd and Zes Trading aiming to expand cooperation between the two companies, through the distribution and selling of bruneihalalfoods products in Bangladesh; and the launch of bruneihalalfoods products.





A joint statement was issued at the conclusion of the State visit. Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP bade

farewell to His Majesty at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Also present were Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam

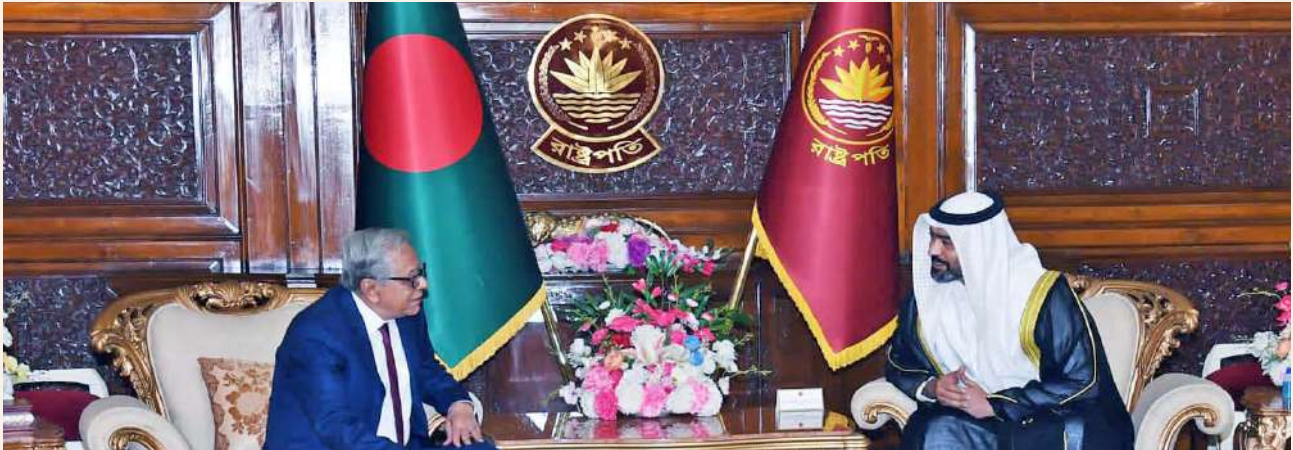
Nahida Rahman Shumona, and High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Bangladesh Haji Haris bin Haji Othman.







## Newly appointed Ambassador of UAE presented credentials



The newly appointed Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates Abdullahi Khaseif Al Hamoudi presented his credentials to the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh on 12 October 2022. During the meeting following presentation of his credentials, Hon'ble President

of Bangladesh congratulated UAE for successfully holding the DUBAI EXPO 2020 and thanked the new Ambassador for providing employment opportunity to about 700,000 Bangladeshi nationals. Mentioning their contribution towards the economic development

of both the countries, Hon'ble President requested the Ambassador to consider employing more skilled and semi-skilled workers from Bangladesh and import world class Bangladeshi products. The new envoy admired the socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

## Newly appointed High Commissioner of India submitted credentials



Newly appointed High Commissioner of India Mr. Pranay Verma submitted his credentials to the Hon'ble President of

Bangladesh on 27 October 2022. Welcoming the new High Commissioner, Hon'ble President H.E. Md. Adbul Hamid remarked

that India is a tested friend of Bangladesh. He thanked India for the cooperation extended during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in





1971. Hon'ble President expressed the hope for mutual cooperation between two countries to overcome

the crisis due to COVID19 and Russia-Ukraine war. Indian High Commissioner conveyed that India

gives importance to development of bilateral relations and increased cooperation.

## Hon'ble Prime Minister gave a keynote speech at the grand opening of the World Food Forum in Rome



Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on a zoom platform, gave a keynote speech at the grand opening of the World Food Forum (WFF) organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome on 17 October 2022 at the FAO Headquarters. In her speech themed on “Agri-food Systems Transformation in Bangladesh”, the Prime Minister called on the international community to stop war and waste of food highlighting how a fraction of what is spent on weapons manufacturing can end world hunger. The Ukraine-Russia war is taking place at a time when countries in

Africa, South Asia and the Middle East are struggling with droughts in the post-pandemic world, she added. The Prime Minister pointedly mentioned that the planet does not lack food and the scarcity is “simply man-made”. She felt that politics and business interests with food, challenges of climate change, and pest and disease attacks were all putting pressure on our agri-food systems. Hon'ble Prime Minister concluded her speech by quoting Bangabandhu's Statement at the UNGA in 1974 which reads as “Let us together create a world that can eradicate poverty, hunger, war and human sufferings

and achieve global peace and security for the well-being of humanity.” The multi-faceted event, hosted by the FAO, is the second of its kind. Presidents of Honduras, Poland and Sao Tome joined in person while heads of state/government of Panama, Peru and Bangladesh joined digitally at the inaugural session. Bangladesh Delegation, comprising six members and led by Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP, Minister for Agriculture attended the inaugural segment of the WFF and the other programs of the WFF's first-ever Investment Forum (17-19 October 2022).

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs observed Sheikh Russel Day 2022

At a program organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 18 October 2022 to mark 'Sheikh Russel Day 2022', as Chief Guest, Foreign

Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP remarked, “We do not want to witness such a brutal assassination in this universe anymore. The pledge of

the day should be - we shall make a world where not a single child needs to sacrifice its life mercilessly like our little Russel”. State Minister for





Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP attended the program as Special Guest and Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen addressed the audience with his welcome note. At the program, a

video message by Kailash Satyarthi, a child right activist and Nobel Laureate was screened as a tribute to Sheikh Russel. The program included placing floral wreath to the portrait of Sheikh Russel, playing of a theme

song and a special Dua Mahfil seeking the eternal peace of the departed souls of the martyrs of 15 August 1975 along with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.







## Foreign Minister paid a courtesy call on His Majesty Sultan of Brunei

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP paid a courtesy call on His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei who arrived on 15 October 2022 on his first ever visit to Bangladesh.

Welcoming His Majesty the Sultan, Foreign Minister expressed gratitude and happiness at the auspicious visit and said that the visit would take the excellent bilateral relations between the two countries to new heights. Highlighting the phenomenal socio-economic development in Bangladesh under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Dr. Momen

explained the successful handling of the pandemic in Bangladesh. He also stressed importance of further enhancing the trade between the two countries tapping into the unutilised potentials for mutual benefit. Lauding the contribution of the Bangladeshi expatriates in Brunei to the economy of both Bangladesh and Brunei, Foreign Minister conveyed the readiness of Bangladesh for providing required workforce to Brunei, including professional and skilled human resources. HM the Sultan admired the Bangladeshi expatriate workers in Brunei as hard working and sincere.

Taking part in the discussions, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Shahriar Alam, MP told HM the Sultan that Bangladesh was ready for attracting FDI and encouraged Bruneian investment in Bangladesh. Pointing to the ongoing inflationary pressures and volatility in the energy sector, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) stressed the importance of a stronger bilateral and regional collaboration to cope with the prevailing challenges. HM the Sultan expressed his happiness for being able to visit Bangladesh and looked forward to his engagements with Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister.







## Foreign Minister met with the Foreign Minister II of Brunei Darussalam

Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof, Foreign Minister II of Brunei Darussalam met Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen MP at the State Guest House Padma on 14 October 2022. Welcoming the Bruneian Foreign Minister, Dr. Momen said that the people of Bangladesh were eagerly waiting to accord their heartiest welcome to His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei, who was scheduled to arrive on 15 October 2022 on his first ever visit to Bangladesh. Dr. Momen expressed optimism that the State Visit by HM the Sultan would usher in a new chapter in the excellent bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Brunei. During their

talks, the two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on important aspects of the bilateral relations and stressed the importance of further strengthening the level of trade & investment for mutual benefit of the two countries. They agreed to explore new areas of cooperation as well as to enhance connectivity for giving trade, investment, tourism, people-to-people contacts, etc. further boost in the days ahead. They also exchanged views on the challenges brought about by the pandemic and the conflicts in Europe, particularly in the form of food and energy insecurity and supply chain disruptions. Dato Erywan Yusof arrived in Dhaka as

a part of the delegation of HM the Sultan of Brunei's State Visit to Bangladesh on 15-16 October 2022. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, Secretary (East) Ambassador Mashfee Binte Shams and Ms. Nahida Rahman Shumona, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei were present during the meeting, while Pengiran Norhashima Md Hassan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei & Haji Haris Bin Othman, High Commissioner of Brunei to Bangladesh accompanied the Bruneian Foreign Minister.



## Foreign Minister visited Kazakhstan to attend 6<sup>th</sup> Summit of CICA

### Speech at the Sixth Summit of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP called for implementation of climate financing pledges commensurate with the principles of loss and damage ahead of the climate conference scheduled

to take place in Sharm El Sheikh in November 2022. He delivered a speech on 13 October 2022 at the Sixth Summit of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) held in

Astana, Kazakhstan. Speaking at the forum of the leaders of 27 member countries of CICA, including twelve heads of state or government and two deputy heads of state, he warned of a grim economic future as the





Russia-Ukraine conflict dragged on and continued to disrupt supply chain, cause fuel shortage and price hike. He called for restraints from all parties and a quick and peaceful resolution of the dispute.

Foreign Minister highlighted Bangladesh's deep attachments to promoting peace and cited the flagship

resolution that Bangladesh introduced at the UN General Assembly on the Culture of Peace. He reaffirmed Bangladesh's complete commitment to disarmament, including the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Seeking support of the CICA leaders in resolving the Rohingya crisis, he stressed that Myanmar must create conducive conditions for the safe,

sustainable, and dignified return of their nationals to Myanmar. At the Summit, the CICA leaders agreed to formally launch the process of upgrading CICA from a forum to an international regional organization and issued a statement titled "Astana Statement on CICA Transformation".







## Bilateral meeting with the Foreign Minister of Kyrgyzstan



Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP held a bilateral meeting with the Foreign Minister of Kyrgyzstan Mr. Kulubaev Zheenbek Moldokanovich on the margin of the Sixth Summit of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) held in Astana, Kazakhstan. In the meeting, Mr. Kulubaev showed keen interest to increase trade and investment ties with Bangladesh, especially in the field of textile and garments. Dr.

Momen agreed that there were scopes to improve the business ties between the two countries. He highlighted the strength of the pharmaceutical industry of Bangladesh and its capacity to be a major trading item between the two countries. He also told that Bangladesh had an abundance of talented IT professionals, which Kyrgyzstan can take benefit of. The two Ministers agreed to facilitate communication and interaction between the businesses as well as

the commerce/trade Ministries of the two countries and to explore the possibilities of exchanging business delegations. Both Ministers congratulated each other for the election of their respective countries into the UN Human Rights Council. They expressed satisfaction that Bangladesh and Kyrgyzstan share common views and cooperate with each other on many international issues as members of UN, OIC and NAM.

## Meeting with the Foreign Minister of Bahrain

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP held a bilateral meeting with the Foreign Minister of Bahrain Dr. Abdullahtif bin Rashid Al-Zayani on the sidelines of the Sixth Summit of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) held in Astana, Kazakhstan. They discussed various opportunities to further enhance the

ties between Bangladesh and Bahrain. Dr. Momen thanked Bahrain for taking positive initiatives to resolve the issues of Bangladesh expatriate workers who were trying to go back to their workplaces in Bahrain but were unable due to COVID outbreak. He hoped that the remaining workers would also be able to return to their workplace soon. He also called upon

his Bahraini counterpart to facilitate the visas for the family members who got separated due to their expiry of visas while visiting Bangladesh prior to the COVID outbreak. He also asked for easing visas for tourists and businesses. Bahraini Minister assured of his cooperation. He acknowledged that there were disruptions in visa issuance due to COVID-19 and





apprised that the matters are being discussed within the concerned departments in Bahrain now. He

thanked Dr. Abdullahtif for inviting him to the 18<sup>th</sup> IISS Manama dialogue and expressed his keenness

to join the dialogue and meet the Minister once again in Bahrain to continue their discussions.



## Meeting with the Russian Foreign Minister

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP held brief discussions with Russian Foreign Minister Mr. Sergey Lavrov in Astana,

Kazakhstan on the margin of the CICA Summit on 13 October 2022. Dr. Momen apprised him about the current situation of the Rohingya

crisis and stressed the need of stronger international support for resolving the matter.







## Foreign Ministry and ILO Bangladesh jointly organized a national seminar on ‘Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work’

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Labour Organization (ILO) Bangladesh jointly organized a national seminar titled “Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work: ILO-Bangladesh 50 Years of Partnership

for Decent Work” at Foreign Service Academy on 19 October 2022. Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Ms. Chihoko Asada, Regional Director and Assistant Director

General for Asia and the Pacific, ILO made the key note presentation. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen gave the opening remarks.



## Event marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thailand-Bangladesh diplomatic relations attended by Foreign Minister

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP attended a reception as Chief Guest

on 06 October 2022 hosted by the Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka on the occasion

of the Golden Jubilee of the diplomatic ties between Bangladesh and Thailand.



## Visiting Permanent Secretary-designate of Thailand paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister

The visiting Permanent Secretary-designate of Thailand Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP at the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs on 30 October 2022. During the call on, both the dignitaries exchanged warm greetings on the milestone occasion of the 50 Years of Diplomatic Ties between

Bangladesh and Thailand, which is being celebrated on both sides with fervor and enthusiasm. In his remarks, Foreign Minister shared that Bangladesh is firmly committed





to maintaining cordial and friendly relations with all the neighboring countries in the spirit of its cardinal foreign policy objective of 'friendship to all, malice towards none.' He stressed the importance of forging a stronger and more effective regional collaboration by facilitating greater connectivity in the region. He requested more Thai support and expertise for improving the tourism sector of Bangladesh and encouraged more Thai investment in the infrastructure development initiatives

of Bangladesh, agro-processing sector, health and pharmaceutical sector, etc. Foreign Minister sought a more pro-active role of Thailand in particular, and of the ASEAN in general, for ensuring an expeditious and sustainable repatriation of the displaced Rohingya people sheltered in Bangladesh on humanitarian grounds, to their homeland in Myanmar. Dr. Momen also requested participation of the Thai Foreign Minister & Deputy Prime Minister at the IORA Ministerial meeting

in Dhaka in November 2022. The Thai Permanent Secretary-designate lauded the high growth and massive developmental efforts going in Bangladesh currently, which is rapidly transforming the country. He also emphasized on holding the Joint Commission Meeting at a mutually convenient time at the earliest. He suggested to seriously look into concluding an FTA for further strengthening the bilateral trade and business.



## Seminar on “Bangladesh’s Journey to SDGs: from Negotiations to Implementation” was held at the Foreign Service Academy

A seminar on “Bangladesh’s Journey to SDGs: from Negotiations to Implementation” was held on 06 October 2022 at Foreign Service Academy (FSA) in Dhaka jointly

organized by the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Multilateral Economic Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the FSA. Foreign Minister Dr. A. K.

Abdul Momen, MP graced the event as Chief Guest and the State Minister for Planning Dr. Shamsul Alam was present as Guest of Honor.







## Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister

Mr. Essa Yousef Essa Alduhailan, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP on 26 October 2022 at his office in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka. Foreign Minister and the Saudi Ambassador exchanged views on various bilateral issues of mutual interests. The Ambassador apprised the Minister about the upcoming Joint Economic Commission to be held on 30-31 October 2022 in Riyadh. He also briefed the Minister about the progress of the upcoming visit of the Deputy Interior Minister of Saudi Arabia to Dhaka in the second week of November 2022. In response, Foreign Minister expressed readiness

and full cooperation from his office in making the visit fruitful. During the meeting, Foreign Minister and Saudi envoy discussed and reviewed various issues of the existing and prospective investment initiatives including power and renewable energy sectors and new proposals under consideration from Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh. Foreign Minister stated that his office was ready to push forward any issues/proposals from Saudi side in making headways. While reflecting on the current energy/oil crisis in view of the Russia- Ukraine war, Foreign Minister stated that Bangladesh needed brotherly gesture from Saudi Arabia in meeting its energy need and urged the Ambassador to look into the possible Saudi investment in the

LNG sector. The Saudi Envoy stated that he would take up the issue with the concerned Saudi stakeholders. Dr. Momen appreciated the progress and development under the present leadership and welcomed the recent appointment of the Saudi Crown Prince HRH Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz as the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Congratulating the new leadership for his dynamic role for the Muslim world, he stated that our people were looking forward to according a warm welcome to the Prime Minister to Bangladesh. Welcoming the proposal, the Saudi Ambassador underlined the need for the Foreign Minister to undertake a visit to Saudi Arabia which is overdue.



## Ambassador of Qatar to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister

Ambassador of Qatar to Bangladesh Mr. Seraya Ali Mahdi Saeed Al Qahtani paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP on 26 October 2022 at his office in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka. Foreign Minister expressed satisfaction at the state

of excellent bilateral engagements between Bangladesh and Qatar in various fields including political, economic, defense, manpower and trade. He thanked Qatar for hosting the Second Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in Doha in September 2022 adding that the FOC

took up for discussion many pertinent issues of our interests including recruitment of manpower including doctors, nurses, engineers, and technicians to Qatar, enhancing the current 'quota of supply' of LNG to Bangladesh, Bangladesh's willingness to contribute to Qatar's food security





through direct supply of food grains and agro-products, enhancing bilateral trade and Qatari investment in SEZs and Hi-tech Parks of Bangladesh and a sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis. The Qatari Ambassador responded that Qatar side was satisfied at the outcome of the FOC and both sides were working on the arrangement of the exchange of high level visit between the two countries' leadership. The Ambassador stated that His Highness the Emir of Qatar was very keen on developing the bilateral relations to new heights and he has accepted the invitation from the President of Bangladesh to undertake a visit to

Dhaka after the FIFA World Cup Tournament. He handed over the official acceptance letter from Qatari Emir to the Foreign Minister for onward transmission to the President.

Foreign Minister appreciated the socio-economic developments that took place in Qatar during the last two decades and Qatar's rapid progress in transforming itself to a modern, developed and forward-looking country. The Minister also expressed gratitude to Qatar for hosting a large number of Bangladesh nationals in Qatar who have been contributing to the socio-economic development of the two countries. He stated that

Bangladesh Government has set up 100 Special Economic Zones where Qatari investors could invest and urged the Ambassador to explore the opportunity to invest in various sectors including the LNG and Power sector. Foreign Minister also appreciated the Qatari leadership for the country's smart preparedness in hosting the World Cup Tournament in Doha in November this year. The Envoy conveyed his eagerness to work more closely with Bangladesh side in the coming days. He handed over a replica of the FIFA World Cup to the Foreign Minister.



## Ambassador of China to Bangladesh called on Foreign Minister



Mr. Li Jiming, Ambassador of China to Bangladesh, called on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen,

MP on 20 October 2022 at the State Guest House Padma. At the meeting, both sides discussed issues of mutual

interests as well as the issue of the repatriation of Rohingyas at an early date.





## Newly appointed Ambassador of Libya to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister

The newly appointed Ambassador of the State of Libya in Bangladesh Mr. Abdulmutalib S M Suliman paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP at his office on assumption of his charges in Bangladesh. During the call, Foreign Minister welcomed the new Ambassador. Foreign Minister referred to the traditional excellent relations between Bangladesh and

Libya. Foreign Minister underlined importance of continued cooperation in different sectors of mutual interest including promotion of trade & investment between the two countries and more contacts between the business persons and chamber officials. He suggested forging collaboration in garments, pharmaceuticals and IT sectors and importing the products from Bangladesh including jute and

other produced goods. The Libyan Ambassador suggested forming a Joint Commission to look after major areas of cooperation. Both sides agreed to enhance institutional cooperation like holding Foreign Office Consultations and signing agreements. Foreign Minister sought Libya's continued cooperation in Rohingya issue.



## Foreign Minister had a meeting with Lord Karan Bilimoria, a crossbench member of the British House of Lords

Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP had a meeting with Lord Karan Bilimoria, a crossbench member of the British House of Lords and the President of the Confederation of British Industry, the apex body of British businesses, at his office on 17 October 2022. Dr. Momen recalled with deep gratitude the valuable contributions of the visiting Lord's father, Lt. Gen. Faridoon Bilimoria, an Indian Army officer who commanded the 2/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force)

in the Rangpur region and fought valiantly during the Bangladesh War of Liberation in 1971. Foreign Minister thanked Lord Bilimoria for promoting the British curry industry, dominated by the British-Bangladesh diaspora. He requested the Lord to use his good offices to address some of the persistent challenges faced by the industry, including for visa in favour of skilled or semi-skilled workers. Foreign Minister Momen also invited new and enhanced investments from the UK, including

in clean energy, ICT and agriculture sectors. Lord Bilimoria briefed the Minister about his proposal for academic and research cooperation between Dhaka University and Birmingham University. Minister Momen commended the Lord's role as the Chancellor of Birmingham University and requested him to explore cooperation with other local Universities, including the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Sylhet. They also exchanged views on the developments





concerning the Ukraine war and the Rohingya situation. Foreign Minister of Bangladesh thanked the UK for its

decision to intervene in the case filed by the Gambia at the International Court of Justice in pursuit of justice

and accountability for the crimes committed against the Rohingya.



## Newly appointed Ambassador of Kuwait to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister

The newly appointed Ambassador of Kuwait to Bangladesh Mr. Faisal Mutlaq ALADWANI paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP at his office on 17 October 2022. Foreign

Minister welcomed the Ambassador. He informed that Bangladesh has acquired excellence in the RMG, shipbuilding and IT areas. Dr. Momen requested the Kuwait government to invest in Bangladesh and undertake

development projects under KDA. He sought the support of Kuwait on the Rohingya issue. He also underlined continued institutional cooperation like Joint Commission Meetings.







## Newly appointed Ambassador of Iran to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister

The newly appointed Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Bangladesh Mr. Mansour Chavoshi paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen,

MP at his office on 17 October 2022. Foreign Minister welcomed the newly appointed Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Bangladesh. He underlined the

importance of enhancing relations in trade and economic areas. Dr. Momen sought the support of Iran on the Rohingya issue.



## Bangladesh bagged a historic win in the UN Human Rights Council election for the term 2023-25



On 11 October 2022 in United Nations General Assembly in New York, Bangladesh bagged a historic win in the election for the membership of the UN Human Rights Council

(UNHRC) for the term 2023-25, by securing 160 votes among 189 casted votes. This prestigious win is significant as this was the most competitive international election

of all candidatures Bangladesh floated since 2018. Bangladesh, as the highest recipient of votes in Asia Pacific Group, secured one of the four seats in the UNHRC competing





with 7 aspirant countries from the Asia Pacific Group. The other three countries from the region elected were the Maldives (154 votes), Vietnam (145 votes) and Kyrgyzstan (126 votes). Bahrain withdrew their candidature few days ago. Republic of Korea (123 votes) and Afghanistan (12 votes) lost the election. This would be the fifth term of Bangladesh

as the member of the 47-member UNHRC. In the previous UNHRC elections, Bangladesh won in 2006, 2009, 2014 and 2018; effectively for all possible terms as per the rules of business of the Council. The result of this election is a clear manifestation of the recognition by the international community of Bangladesh's continued endeavour

and commitment for the promotion and protection of human rights in national as well as international arena. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam MP has led Bangladesh delegation in the UN General Assembly during the UNHRC election.

## State Minister for Foreign Affairs met with his US counterpart Deputy Secretary Wendy R Sherman



State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP held a meeting with his US counterpart Deputy Secretary Wendy R Sherman on 7 October 2022 at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. At the meeting, they discussed various bilateral matters and global issues of common interest. State Minister thanked the US government for extending tremendous support to

Bangladesh by delivering nearly 88 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to fight the pandemic. He also expressed his sincere appreciation for the US humanitarian support to the Rohingyas in Bangladesh and the US efforts to ensure repatriation of Rohingyas to Myanmar. He sought the US support at the WTO on LDC related matters so that countries like Bangladesh could attain a smooth

and sustainable LDC graduation. State Minister Alam expressed his government's willingness to work more closely with the US on the issue of climate change and migration. In this regard, he drew the US attention for an action-oriented discussion on the issue of loss and damage in the upcoming COP-27.





The US Deputy Secretary expressed deep condolences for the loss of three Bangladeshi peacekeepers in the Central African Republic recently. She lauded the contribution of Bangladeshi peacekeepers in global peacekeeping and was also appreciative of Bangladesh's high COVID-19 vaccination rate and measures undertaken by the government to fight and contain the pandemic. The Deputy Secretary appreciated Bangladesh's leadership role in climate change and encouraged Bangladesh to join the Global Methane Pledge prior to COP27.

Referring to the US sanctions on the RAB and its senior officials, the State Minister urged the US government

to withdraw the sanctions as soon as possible. Deputy Secretary Sherman reiterated on continued collaboration with Bangladesh on its fight against terrorism and violent extremism. Noting the progress made in the labour sector in Bangladesh, Deputy Secretary Sherman stressed upon strengthening cooperation between the two countries to increase bilateral trade. The war in Ukraine, the issue of food and energy security and the next parliamentary election in Bangladesh were also discussed at the meeting. The State Minister urged the US government to expedite the deportation of Bangabandhu's killer Rashed Chowdhury to Bangladesh mentioning that the issue was of utmost importance to the people of

Bangladesh and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina herself. State Minister Alam also emphasized the conclusion of an extradition treaty between Bangladesh and the USA as early as possible.

Later on the day, Rear Admiral Eileen Laubacher, Special Assistant to the US President and incoming Senior Director for South Asia at the White House National Security Council, paid a courtesy call on the State Minister at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, D.C. Bangladesh-US cooperation on counterterrorism, RAB sanctions, Rohingya repatriation, Ukraine war and return of killer Rashed Chowdhury were discussed at that meeting.

## State Minister for Foreign Affairs visited the United Kingdom

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP visited the United Kingdom in the last week of November 2022 and attended several important events.

## Speech at the International Symposium in University College London (UCL) on 'The 1971 Bangladesh Genocide and a call for international recognition'

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP spoke as Chief Guest at the International Symposium in University College

London (UCL) on "The 1971 Bangladesh Genocide and a call for international recognition" organized by Bangladesh High Commission

in London in collaboration with UCL Humanitarian Institute and the Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka.







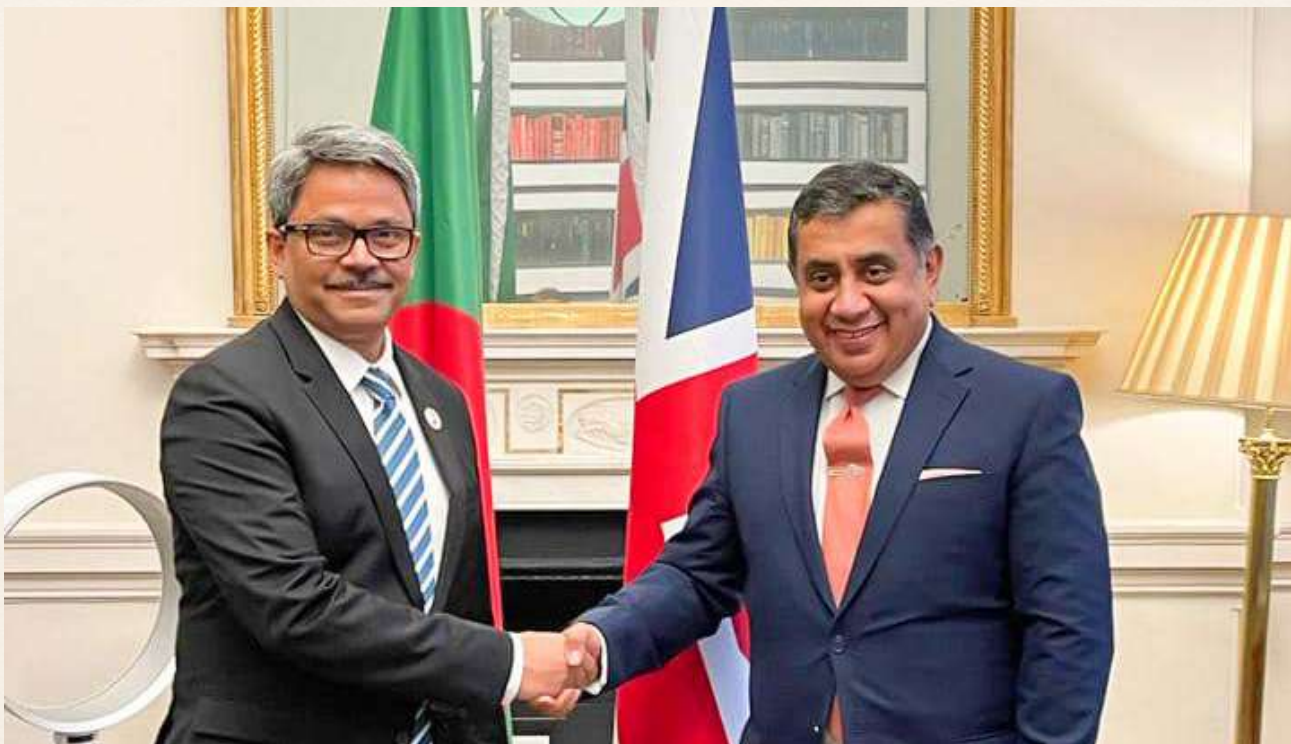
## Speech on “COP27 & expectations from the Climate Vulnerables”

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP spoke on “COP27 & expectations from the Climate Vulnerables” at Chatham House, London, UK on 25 October 2022.



## Bilateral meeting with Minister of State for Middle East, South Asia & UN of the UK

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP had a bilateral meeting with Lord Tariq Ahmad, Minister of State for Middle East, South Asia & UN, Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), UK on 24 October 2022 afternoon at FCDO, London.







## Speech at a High-Level Rohingya event at British Parliament

Bangladesh High Commission, London in partnership with APPG on Rohingya at the UK Parliament co-hosted a High-level Panel discussion titled, “5 Years of the Rohingya Crisis:

Renewed Pledges towards Justice and Sustainable Returns” at the British Parliament. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam MP spoke at that event. Minister of State for

the Middle East, South Asia and the United Nations at the UK FCD, Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon, Rushanara Ali MP and Tom Hunt MP also spoke on the occasion.



## State Minister for Foreign Affairs spoke in the meeting between Second Minister of Finance & Economy of Brunei and Business Community of Bangladesh

Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP State Minister for Foreign Affairs spoke in the meeting between Dato (Dr.) Haji

Mohd Amin Liew Abdullah, Second Minister of Finance & Economy of Brunei and Business Community of

Bangladesh at Pan Pacific Sonargaon on 16 October 2022.







## Bangladesh and Thailand celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations

Bangladesh and Thailand celebrated 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations in a befitting manner through a series of events throughout this year. As a part of this celebration, an event to unveil a commemorative stamp and launching of an e-Book was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 30 October 2022. Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and the visiting Thai Permanent Secretary-designate Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan

jointly unveiled the commemorative stamp and launched the e-Book at the simple ceremony. In their remarks, both the Foreign Secretary and Permanent Secretary-designate expressed happiness at the friendly and multidimensional bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Thailand and stressed on the importance of maintaining the momentum of the friendly and constructive bilateral engagements for raising the relations

to a strategic level. They called for further exploring the untapped potentials for mutual benefits of the two neighboring countries. Thailand recognized Bangladesh on 05 October 1972 being one of the few countries that extended recognition to an independent and sovereign Bangladesh very early into her independence.







## Visiting Thai Permanent Secretary-designate called on Foreign Secretary



The visiting Thai Permanent Secretary-designate Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan highly praised the interfaith harmony in Bangladesh that he observed during his offering of the Royal Kathina Robe at a temple in Binajuri in Chattogram on 29 October 2022. He shared these views during his courtesy call on Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 30 October 2022. The visiting Thai dignitary also expressed his very positive impression of the huge development process going on in

the country. Welcoming the Thai Permanent Secretary-designate to Bangladesh on his maiden visit, Foreign Secretary stressed the importance of strengthening a stronger regional approach to cope with the emerging challenges, particularly caused by the pandemic and the raging conflicts in Europe. In view of the crises stemming from the food and energy insecurity, supply chain disruptions, the looming threats of recession etc., Foreign Secretary called for more synergies and fruitful cooperation among the neighbors. Expressing

his satisfaction over the successful holding of the second FOC in Bangkok in March this year, Foreign Secretary emphasized on continuing such mechanisms in order to maintain the desired momentum in the bilateral relations. He invited the Thai Permanent Secretary-designate for the Third FOC to be held in Dhaka at a mutually convenient date. Foreign Secretary also sought a more pro-active Thai support vis-a-vis the issue of the repatriation of the displaced Rohingya people sheltered in Bangladesh on an expeditious basis.





## Foreign Secretary inaugurated workshop on “Understanding the Indian Ocean”



A two-day workshop on “Understanding the Indian Ocean”, jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and the Australian High Commission in Dhaka was held on 23-24 October 2022 at the Foreign Service Academy. The workshop was jointly inaugurated by Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Mr. Jeremy Breuer. Ambassador Mashfee Binte Shams, Secretary (East), Ministry of Foreign Affairs formally concluded the workshop. Dr. David Brewster, Senior Research Fellow, National Security College

of Australian National University; Ambassador (Retd.) Tariq A. Karim, Director, Centre for Bay of Bengal Studies, Independent University, Bangladesh; Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam, Secretary (Maritime Affairs Unit), Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Rear Admiral (Retd.) M Khaled Iqbal, Vice-Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University; Dr. Delwar Hossain, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka; and Professor Saleemul Huq, OBE, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development and Professor at the

Independent University, Bangladesh joined the workshop as distinguished speakers while officers from the relevant ministries, departments, and agencies of the Government of Bangladesh and officers from the Armed Forces, faculty members from different academic and training institutions, researchers from different research organizations, and diplomatic correspondents attended as participants. The workshop is expected to broaden participants’ understanding on geopolitical developments, maritime safety and security, environmental security, blue economy, and regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean region.

## Foreign Office Consultations between Bangladesh and Kosovo held

The first-ever Foreign Office Consultations between Bangladesh and Kosovo was held on 11 October 2022 in Dhaka. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) of Bangladesh Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and the Deputy Foreign Minister of Kosovo Kreshnik Ahmeti led Bangladesh and Kosovo delegation respectively. During the FOC, the entire gamut of bilateral relations was

discussed. After the Consultations, an agreement on Visa Waiver for the holders of Official and Diplomatic passports was signed between the two countries. Earlier, on 10th October 2022, a TALK was organized at Foreign Service Academy where visiting Deputy Foreign Minister of Kosovo presented the key note “Kosovo: Development, State Building and Foreign Policy” and

Secretary (West) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Shabbir Ahmad Chowdhury chaired the session. Deputy Minister Ahmeti also called on the Minister of State of Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh. Delegation from Bangladesh’s apex business chamber FBCCI and DCCI also met the Deputy Minister and discussed trade relations between Bangladesh and Kosovo.





During the political consultations the Deputy Foreign Minister of Kosovo praised the Bangladesh Peacekeepers

who participated in the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and a number of possible agreements/MOUs

were discussed for further strengthening bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries.



## Assistant Minister of the of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs of Japanese Foreign Ministry called on Foreign Secretary



Mr. ARIMA Yutaka, Assistant Minister/Director General of the of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan called on Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin

Momen on 27 October 2022 during his two-day visit to Dhaka to discuss about the strengthening of bilateral relations between the two countries. Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Mr. Ito Naoki and Director

General (East Asia and Pacific) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Kazi Russel Pervez also joined the meeting. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the ever-growing bilateral relations between the two





friendly countries, and particularly highlighted the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Japan in May 2014, when Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the then Prime Minister of Japan

Shinzo Abe elevated the bilateral relations between the countries to 'Comprehensive Partnership' level, and also the visit of the then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Bangladesh in September 2014, when the two

countries forged deeper economic partnership under BIG-B. The two sides also expected to elevate Bangladesh-Japan bilateral relations to a new height in the coming days.

## Brazilian Ambassador to Bangladesh called on Foreign Secretary

Brazilian Ambassador to Bangladesh Paulo Fernando Dias Feres called on Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen at the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs on 19 October 2022. They discussed the issues of mutual interests including strengthening existing bilateral trade

& investments. Foreign Secretary Momen also wished good luck for the Brazilian football team in the upcoming World Cup.







## Bangladesh Missions observed 'Sheikh Russel Day 2022'

Bangladesh Missions abroad observed 'Sheikh Russel Day 2022' on 18 October 2022 in a befitting manner. Events organized by Missions included placement of floral wreath, reading out of messages by the

Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister, one-minute's silence, special prayer, discussion meeting, documentary & video clip screening, drawing competition, general knowledge & essay writing

competition for the expatriate children, cultural event, arranging special lunch at orphanages and celebratory cake cutting.







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► Bangladesh Embassy, Turkey



► Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Kolkata



► Bangladesh Consulate General, New York



► Bangladesh Consulate General, Isatanbul



► Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Karachi



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► Bangladesh Consulat General, Hong Kong





## Agriculture Minister participated at the World Food Forum and the Hand-in-Hand Investment Forum at FAO Headquarters

Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP, Minister for Agriculture of Bangladesh led a 6-member Bangladesh delegation at The World Food Forum (WFF) and the Hand-in-Hand Investment Forum organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) held on 17-20 October 2022 at FAO Headquarters, Rome. In the opening session of the

Hand-in Hand Investment Forum on 18 October 2022, Agriculture Minister gave a presentation on the investment plan of Bangladesh in agriculture, its priorities and prospects which was attended by a large number of foreign participants. Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador & Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD & WFP and Economic Counsellor of the

Embassy also participated as members in the Forums. On the sideline, the Minister met with Director General, FAO and also had multiple engagements with a large number of senior officials representing UN bodies, World Bank, Melinda Gates Foundation and other international organizations and visited the office of Bayer Vegetables Seed, R & D.







## Information Minister inaugurated the 4<sup>th</sup> Bangladesh Film Festival in Kolkata

Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP, Minister for Information and Broadcasting of the Government Bangladesh inaugurated the '4th Bangladesh Film Festival' on 29 October 2022. The film festival held from 29 October to 02 November 2022 was organized by Ministry of Information

and Broadcasting of Bangladesh with the overall coordination by Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Kolkata. Mr. Babul Supriyo, Information, Technology, Electronics & Tourism Minister of the Government of West Bengal and Mr. Goutam Ghosh, eminent Film

Director graced the inauguration event as Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively. Popular movies like 'Chiranjib Mujib', 'Hasina: A Daughter's Tale', 'Hawa', 'Gohin Baluchar', 'Raas Jaga Ful' etc were screened during the Film Festival.



## Minister of Health & Family Welfare attended "4<sup>th</sup> Global Mental Health Summit" in Rome



Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP, Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh led a 4-member delegation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Mental Health Summit held in Rome, Italy

from 11-17 October 2022. The theme of the summit was "Skills, Rights and Care" and it was related to the community approach to mental health. The event was organized by

the Ministry of Health of Italy in collaboration with WHO and the Italian National Institute of Health. The event was attended by 52 delegations from different countries





and international organizations. The summit also involved national and international experts, representatives of Associations and Federations and people with lived experiences. During the summit, Health Minister of Bangladesh shared the remarkable

achievements made by Bangladesh in the Health sector including community mental health, among others, during his intervention on 13 October 2022. On the sideline of the event, the Minister also interacted with the senior officials of the

WHO. Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy was present, among others. The Health Minister visited the Embassy and interacted with the Mission officials.

## State Minister for Public Administration inaugurated E-passport system in Bangladesh Embassy in Austria

The much-awaited e-passport system has been inaugurated in Vienna, the capital of Austria. State Minister for Public Administration Mr. Farhad Hossain, MP officially inaugurated the e-passport system at the Bangladesh Embassy and Permanent Mission in Vienna. In the inauguration ceremony, the State Minister said that another dream of Digital Bangladesh has been fulfilled by starting the e-passport system in

the Bangladesh Mission in Vienna. He also said that many developed countries are yet to introduce e-passport system and Bangladesh is the first country in South Asia to introduce e-passport service. The introduction of e-passport will be considered as a milestone in building a technology-based 'Digital Bangladesh', he added. Colonel Md. Nurul Alam, Deputy project director of e-passport project presented the

detailed information of e-passport to the audience of the inauguration ceremony. During the discussion, the speakers hoped that the passport related services will be improved as a result of the inauguration of the e-passport system. Apart from the embassy officials, representatives from the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh were also present in the event.



## State Minister for ICT participated in Launching Ceremony of 'Bangladesh IT Connect Portal-Japan' co-hosted by Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo

On 13 October 2022, the Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo co-hosted with ICT Division, Bangladesh the Launching of 'Bangladesh IT Connect Portal-Japan' (<https://jp.itconnect.gov.bd/>) through an online event to connect investors and partners,

explore business and help attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). State Minister for ICT, Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak inaugurated the virtual desk which will play a role of a catalyst to bring business and investment from Japan by connecting IT companies

of both the countries. Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Mr. ITO Naoki, Senior Secretary of ICT Division N M Zeaul Alam, Managing Director of Startup Bangladesh Limited Sami Ahmed,

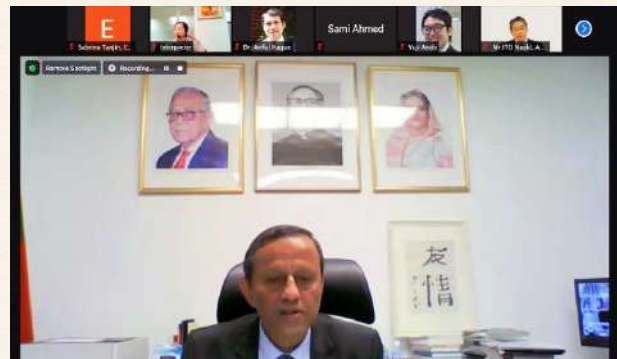




Project Director of Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Dr Mohammed Mehedi Hassan, Country Representative of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Yuji Ando and President of BASIS Russell T. Ahmed, COO of BJIT Limited and Joblab Company, Japan were, among others, addressed the function. The World Bank financed Enhancing Digital

Government and Economy (EDGE) Project of Bangladesh Computer Council under ICT Division and Embassy of Bangladesh in Japan has jointly developed the 'Bangladesh IT Connect Portal-Japan' to establish Business to Business (B2B) IT Connectivity Hub, which will play a role in bringing business connections of Japanese IT market with the country's IT companies, arranging

appointment with the Embassy, bringing investment from Japanese market. Necessary information in this regard can be found on the website <https://jp.itconnect.gov.bd/>. More than 70 IT exporting companies along with 42 startups from Bangladesh have already uploaded their profiles who are working at Japan and considering Japan as their potential market.



## International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh inaugurated 'Bangabandhu Pavilion' at London Bangla Book Fair



Dr. Gauhar Rizvi, International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister inaugurated Bangladesh High Com-

mission, London's 'Bangabandhu Pavillion' in the London Bangla Book Fair on 15-16 October 2022.

Bangabandhu Pavilion showcased books on Bangabandhu, Liberation War and Bangladesh.





## UAE-Bangladesh Economic Cooperation Seminar held in Abu Dhabi



The Embassy of Bangladesh in Abu Dhabi and Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (DED) jointly organized a seminar on UAE-Bangladesh Economic Cooperation on 4 October 2022 at the conference room of DED in Abu Dhabi. Mr. Salman Fazlur Rahman MP, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Prime Minister attended the event as chief guest & key note speaker while Mr. Rashed Abdulkarim Al Blooshi, Undersecretary of the DED chaired the event. Ambassador Abu Zafar made the welcome speech. The Adviser made a brief but concise presentation on the investment opportunities in different sectors

of Bangladesh, especially, Energy Security, Food Security & agro processing, Health care, Economic zone development, Garments and textiles etc. Mr. Nazmul Hasan MP, President of Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI) made a separate presentation on pharmaceutical sector of Bangladesh. Chairman of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) also attended the event and a documentary on BEZA activities was screened. UAE side also made several presentation on business and investment opportunities in different sectors in Abu Dhabi.

Businessmen and Investors from Bangladesh and UAE, high officials

from relevant UAE government bodies, representatives from different Chambers of UAE, Diplomats from different Missions, academia, media personnel attended the event. Representatives from different chambers in Bangladesh as well as officials from relevant government authorities in Dhaka joined the seminar virtually. It was the first time that UAE government authority co-hosted and extended full logistic support for any business event organized by Bangladesh. The event was a part of observance of 'Economic Diplomacy Week 2022' launched Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka.

## Cabinet Secretary visited Consulate General of Bangladesh in New York

Mr. Khandker Anwarul Islam, Cabinet Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh participated as the chief guest at a roundtable discussion titled "Importance of Remittances: The Current Perspective" organized by the Consulate General of Bangladesh in New York on 27 October 2022. Representatives of public and private exchange houses in New York

participated in the meeting. The Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by his spouse Ms. Kamrun Nahar, former Secretary to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. While addressing the round table meeting, the Cabinet Secretary mentioned the expatriate-friendly policies of the Government and requested the expatriates to send more remittances

through legal channels and urged them to invest more in the country. The discussants emphasized the need for creating public awareness among the expatriates living in the United States about the various incentives and benefits offered by the Government, through mass publicity campaigns. In this regard, a host of important issues including increasing the rate





of government incentive in sending remittances, organizing remittance week/fair, making the benefits of Wage Earner Bond available to the

expatriates etc. were discussed in details. The Consul General availed the opportunity of briefing the Cabinet Secretary about the recent

programmes and activities being carried out by the Consulate, with special focus on diaspora diplomacy.



## Renewal of Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between PPP Authority, Bangladesh and MLIT, Japan held in Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo

Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo, in collaboration with Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, (MLIT), Japan organized Renewal Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between Bangladesh Public-Private Partnership Authority and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan on 5 October 2022 at Bangabandhu Auditorium of the Embassy. Bangladesh side was represented by Dr. Ahmed Kaikaus, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh

to Japan and Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim, CEO, Bangladesh Public-Private Partnership Authority. Japanese side was represented by Mr. Ishi Hiroo, State Minister, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, (MLIT), Japan, Mr. Hayashi Toshiyuki, Vice-Minister for Land and Hokkaido Development, MLIT and Mr. Nagahashi Kazuhisa, Director General for Real Estate and Construction Economy Bureau, MLIT. Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan organized the 5th Bangladesh-Japan Joint PPP Platform Meeting on

4 October, 2022 where both sides discussed on progress of existing projects as well as proposed projects. Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim, CEO, PPPA, Bangladesh and Mr. Hayashi Toshiyuki, Vice-Minister, MLIT, Japan, signed the MoC on behalf of PPPA, Bangladesh and MLIT, Japan respectively. With such cooperation between PPPA and MLIT, Japanese companies can transfer their skills and experiences of infrastructure sector for PPP projects in the areas of Urban development, Roads and bridges, railway, airport, and other social and economic infrastructures.







## Secretary of Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment led a delegation to Italy to promote legal channels of remittance

A 3-member delegation led by Dr. Ahmed Munir Saleheen, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment, Government of Bangladesh visited different parts of Italy including Rome, Naples and Milan from 05-10 October 2022 to promote legal channels of remittance. During the visit, the delegation met a good number of stakeholders including CEOs/representatives of Italy based exchange houses, workers, community leaders and businessmen and also interacted with the Embassy Officials during their visit to the

Embassy. During the interactions, the delegation and Embassy officials discussed various challenges impeding increased inward remittance flow to Bangladesh from Italy through legal channels. Dr. Saleheen, accompanied by Mr. Humayun Kabir, Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank and Mr. Jahangir Kabir, Head of International Business, Southeast Bank, discussed possible ways and means to address the challenges in this regard. The Secretary underscored concerted effort required from all quarters to enhance inward remittance flow

through legal means, which is an essential component in macro-economic landscape and development trajectory of Bangladesh. Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador of Bangladesh noted that it was a timely initiative to promote remittance inflow. While expressing satisfaction that Italy ranks 7<sup>th</sup> largest source of remittance globally, he sincerely thanked the visiting Secretary and the team for the visit. He also assured the Italy-based exchange houses of all-out support from the Embassy.



## Bangladesh participated in 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Bangladesh delegation led by Ambassador and PR to IRENA Mr. Abu Zafar participated in the 24th meeting of IRENA Council which was held on 27-28 October 2022 at a local hotel in Abu Dhabi. In his interventions, the Ambassador highlighted the achievement of Bangladesh in renewable energy sector and requested the developed countries to invest in the sector in least developed countries so that







everyone get a fair share of durable and cheap clean energy sources. He also requested the IRENA to focus on Climate Involvement Platform to finance the ongoing and future

projects to develop offshore wind energy structure as well as vertical solar panels. Bangladesh is the Current Vice-Chair of the IRENA General Assembly and working as

facilitator for the Council's election of the Asia Pacific Group for the period 2023-2024.

## Bangladesh Ambassador to Iran urged to explore Indian Ocean Rim opportunities



Bangladesh Ambassador to Iran A F M Gousal Azam Sarker urged the Member States of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) to explore the Ocean Rim opportunities. He attended an International Seminar on 'Iran and IORA: Prospects and Challenges' on 23 October 2022 as Chair and made this urge. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran organized the seminar to mark the Silver Jubilee of the establishment of IORA at the IPIS premises. Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic

Diplomacy of Iran Mahadi Safari, Secretary General of IORA Salman Al Farisi, Secretary General of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Khusrav Noziri, UN resident Coordinator in Iran Stefen Priesher were present and spoke in the seminar. Ambassador of IORA member states to Iran and their representatives participated in the event. Later, Ambassador Chaired the 11th Meeting of Advisory Council of the Tehran based IORA Regional Centre for Science and Technology

(RCSTT) as a special segment of the aforesaid seminar. In his speech, Ambassador sated that assumption of Chairmanship of IORA added immense significance to Bangladesh's journey towards development and prosperity and intention to sharing prosperity with IORA Member States. As IORA Chair, he expressed Bangladesh's keenness to devote in all platforms of IORA to strengthen its organizational framework and add value to the process.

## Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy led the WFP Field Visit to Mozambique

Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy, Montenegro and Serbia, Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP and President, Executive Board,

WFP (World Food Programme), led the Field Visit to Mozambique from 22-29 October 2022 comprising six other members of the Board. The Executive Board delegation comprised

Ambassadors from Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, Canada, Germany, Norway and Hungary as well as the Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina and the Secretary of the





Executive Board. The key objective of the field visit to Mozambique was to observe first-hand the implementation of WFP projects and programmes and the way that they benefit communities through the Country Strategic Plan for Mozambique approved by the Executive Board in

June 2022. This was an incredible opportunity to see the diversity of WFP programmes including emergency response, resilience, climate adaptation, nutrition, school feeding and government capacity building and to discuss WFP's strong partnerships with the Government,

UN agencies and NGO partners. This was also an important occasion for the Board members to see in-person the excellent work that WFP-world's largest humanitarian organization- is doing to support both emergency needs and to promote resilience.



## Farewell call on H.H. the Amir of Qatar by the Ambassador of Bangladesh

The outgoing ambassador of Bangladesh to Qatar Md. Jashim Uddin, ndc had a farewell meeting with H.H. the Amir of Qatar at Amiri Diwan on 27 October 2022. Mr. Yousef bin Sultan Yousef Laram, Director of Asian Affairs Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar was present at the meeting. At the meeting, the Ambassador of Bangladesh conveyed the greetings of Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh to H.H. the Amir of Qatar. The proposed visit of the Amir to Bangladesh featured in the discussions. Bangladesh Ambassador said the visit will add a new dimension in the relationship between the two countries. The Ambassador also pointed out the role of Bangladeshi workers in various construction sectors including the stadiums built in Qatar and expressed Bangladesh's



interest to contribute in other sectors. His Highness the Amir expressed his keenness to visit Bangladesh next year. Referring Bangladesh as an important country for Qatar the Amir said, apart from construction sector, Bangladeshis

have contributed in many fields in Qatar. The Amir also said that there are opportunities for Bangladesh to work with Qatar in some new areas like energy, investment, tourism, business and agriculture.





## Bangladesh and Qatar signed MoU on Defence Cooperation



Bangladesh and Qatar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation on 25 October 2022. The MoU was signed by Lt Gen Waker-uz-Zaman, Principal Staff Office (PSO), Armed Forces Division of Bangladesh and

Lt Gen (Pilot) Salem Hamad Aqeel Al Nabit, Chief of Armed Forces of Qatar on behalf of Bangladesh and Qatar respectively at the headquarters of the Armed Forces of Qatar. Ambassador of Bangladesh to Qatar Md. Jashim Uddin, ndc, Defence

Adviser Brigadier General Md. Sajjad Hossain and Chief of Qatar's International Military Cooperation Brigadier Abdul Aziz Al Sulaiti were present during the signing ceremony.

## Bangladesh Embassy in Doha organized English Language Training Program for Bangladeshi drivers in Qatar



Bangladesh Embassy in Qatar organized a fifteen day long English Language Training Program for Bangladeshi Drivers in Qatar starting from 23 October 2022. The training program was organized to train the drivers for smooth communication with foreign tourists during FIFA World Cup 2022. During the inaugural

ceremony of the training program Ambassador of Bangladesh to Qatar Md. Jashim Uddin, ndc said that the training would provide Bangladeshi drivers working in different Taxi companies in Qatar with the skill to communicate with the football fans coming from all over the world during the FIFA World Cup. He

said Bangladeshi drivers will be able to project Bangladesh briefly. The trainees will also get the opportunity for self-development and to increase their language skill from the training program. Under the program, everyday 30 drivers of a Taxi service company are receiving training.





## Bangladesh Embassy, Athens reached out to the community to urge remittance sending through legal channels



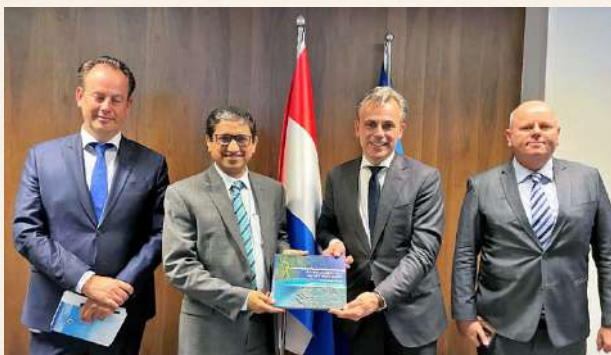
As part of its regular awareness building campaigns, Bangladesh Embassy in Athens observed “Remittance Day” on 20 October 2022. Ambassador Ashud Ahmed accompanied by the Embassy officials paid a visit to two garment factories and one money transfer agency in Athens run by the expatriate Bangladeshi nationals. The factories were found fully compliant and the workers satisfied with their jobs. While inquiring about their working environment and

welfare related matters, Ambassador particularly called upon them to send their hard-earned money through proper banking channels avoiding illegal ‘hundi’ business and remain involved and committed to the economic development of their motherland.

He urged the Bangladesh community to sincerely participate in the country’s ongoing development activities, particularly at a time of the

current global financial instability. He also informed them that the Embassy is working for increasing the number of the money remitting agencies in the far-flung areas of Greece to facilitate the continuous flow of the legal remittance. The community members expressed their appreciation for the important motivational initiative taken by the Embassy with a view to augment the flow of remittance at these critical hours of the country.

## Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands met with the Dutch Infrastructure & Water Management Minister



Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands Mr. Riaz Hamidullah met Dutch Minister of Infrastructure

and Water Management, Mr. Mark Harbers, at the Ministry on 13 October 2022. Amb. Hamidullah

lauded Dutch contribution to Bangladesh water sector over fifty years of bilateral cooperation,





Group for water' leading to the UN Water Conference in 2023. He affirmed the Dutch support for Bangladesh's Delta Plan implementation.





wishes of the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh to His Majesty and their invitation to His Majesty to visit Bangladesh. Ambassador expressed his firm commitment to further enhance bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries during his tenure. His Majesty Sultan Haitham

bin Tarik congratulated Ambassador Mr. Md. Nazmul Islam for his new appointment and reciprocated His greetings to the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh. His Majesty accepted the invitation to visit Bangladesh and wished to undertake it at a convenient time. His Majesty praised the role of

Bangladeshi expatriate workers played in Oman. He also underscored on strengthening bilateral relations in other areas of mutual interest including Trade & Investments and assured the Ambassador his government's full support during his tenure.



## Bangladesh Embassy in Jordan participated in the Annual Diplomatic Bazaar

Bangladesh Embassy in Jordan participated in the Diplomatic Bazaar held under the patronage of HRH Princess Basma Bint Talal in Amman after two years of Corona break

with huge enthusiasm. Bangladesh booth attracted the attention of huge visitors. There was a special demand for Bangladeshi products including spices and food. The proceeds of the

Bazaar were donated to one local orphanage run by the Princess's organization called Mabarrat Um Al Hussein as per the requirement of the Diplomatic Bazaar.







## Bangladesh Ambassador to Jordan met with members of recruiting agents' association

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Jordan Ms. Nahida Sobhan met members of the recruiting agents association and discussed some issues related

to domestic workers. The Embassy discussed about providing post arrival orientation and increase of salaries. From their side, they requested to

provide authentic medical fitness certificates and to provide accurate pre-departure orientation.



## Bangladesh Ambassador to Costa Rica presented credentials

The Ambassador of Bangladesh to Mexico, Ms. Abida Islam, presented her Letter of Credence to H.E. Rodrigo Chaves Robles, the President of the Republic of Costa Rica as the non-resident Ambassador of Bangladesh to Costa Rica at a simple ceremony at the Presidential House on 25 October 2022. During the event, the Minister of the Presidency Ms. Natalia Diaz Quintana, representing the Costa

Rican Foreign Minister, Chief of Protocol, and Director General of Foreign Policy were present. During the courtesy call on, Ambassador of Bangladesh conveyed the warmest felicitations and best regards of the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh and on their behalf, she cordially invited President Robles to pay a visit to Bangladesh. The President then recalled his visit to

Bangladesh as an official of the World Bank almost a decade ago and stated that he would love to visit the country once again. Ambassador Islam also held meetings with the Vice-Minister of Culture and Youth Ms. Vera Vargas as well as the Vice-Minister for Economy, Industry, and Commerce Mr. Christian Rucavado and discussed issues of mutual interests.







## Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico participated in the National Book Fair in Polytechnic Institute

Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico participated in the National Book Fair in the Institute of Polytechnic from 07 to 16 October 2022. About 14 publications from Bangladesh were displayed in the fair including the Latino American version of

the Unfinished Memoirs, People's Hero, 7th March Speech of Bangabandhu including a book titled '100 Poetry in Espanol'.

The Embassy also distributed pamphlets on Bangladesh and its economic potentials among the

students and the visitors. Also, videos, promoting the tourism, culture and the development of Bangladesh were continuously screened during the whole event.



## Bangladesh Ambassador to Mexico visited the State of Sinola in Mexico

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Mexico Abida Islam visited Culiacan (capital) and Mazatlán Port City from 10-12 October 2022 as an effort of the Embassy to reach out to different states of Mexico. During her visit,

she called on the local dignitaries and had productive discussions to pursue the social, cultural, and economic interests of Bangladesh. She met the Governor of Sinaloa, the Secretary of Economy, the Secretary of Sustainable

Development, the Secretary of Women, the Undersecretary of Culture along with the business leaders to discuss the business opportunities both in Bangladesh and Mexico.







## Bangladesh High Commissioner to Sri Lanka presented on business and investment prospects in Bangladesh at Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka Mr. Tareq Md Ariful Islam delivered a presentation on the opportunities for Sri Lankan businesses in Bangladesh at Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. In his presentation, the High Commissioner highlighted the

recent developments in Bangladesh, and prospects of investing in different sectors in Bangladesh. He also discussed several aspects such as incentives for export-oriented industries, setting up businesses in Bangladesh at the session. At the interactive session, he answered the

queries regarding several areas of import-export oriented industries in Bangladesh. The event has created enthusiasm among the business entities of Sri Lanka for extending their business and investment in Bangladesh.



## Overseas study tour of the Defence Services Command And Staff College (DSCSC), Bangladesh to Nepal

A 41-member team from the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC), Bangladesh visited Nepal from 8-13 October 2022 as part of Overseas Study Tour. Bangladesh Embassy in Nepal extended cooperation to the team during the visit which included interaction with local training institutes and field visit to different installations. A briefing session was organized for the team at the Embassy on 12 October 2022 where Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury briefed on Bangladesh-Nepal Relations and Nepal's Foreign Policy.







## Bangladesh Ambassador to Spain requested Spanish support against Myanmar at the ICJ



Ambassador of Bangladesh to Spain Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc held a bilateral meeting with Spanish Secretary of State for International Cooperation Pilar Cancela Rodriguez on 4 October 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation in Madrid. During the meeting, he called upon Spain to lend proactive support to Bangladesh's stance on the repatriation of the Rohingya people of Myanmar and urged the

country to join the USA, the UK, the Netherlands and Germany in extending support to Gambia in the case against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice (ICJ). He also requested Spanish support to Bangladesh's bid for the recognition of 25 March as the International Genocide Day. The Ambassador proposed close engagement between Bangladesh and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID). Secretary

Rodriguez commended Bangladesh's national position on the Rohingya issue and said, "The issue calls for concerted international efforts. As for supporting Gambia at the ICJ, Spain will examine the facts in detail and then decide. Both Bangladesh and Spain are rich in cultural heritage. Besides strengthening cultural relations, enhancing scientific and technical cooperation merits due attention."

## Bangladesh Embassy in Madrid organized painting exhibition "Global Peace and Bangabandhu's Bangladesh"

A month-long art exhibition entitled "World Peace and Bangabandhu's Bangladesh", with the paintings of eminent Spanish painter Francisca Blázquez, was inaugurated by Ambassador Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc at the Embassy of Bangladesh in Madrid on 24 October 2022, the United Nations Day. The exhibition showcases 33 paintings by artist Francisca Blázquez, besides displaying some

iconic photographs of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's noble life and legacy, his delivery of the historic speech in Bangla at the UN in 1974, his meetings with world leaders and also some pictures of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina embracing the Rohingyas with profound kindness and warmth after they had made their perilous journey to Bangladesh. Ambassadors and

diplomats of different countries, art connoisseurs, representatives of the press and civil society, expatriate Bangladeshis and Spanish citizens of various professions attended the inauguration of the exhibition. In his welcome remarks, the Ambassador said, "Bangabandhu's foreign policy—friendship with all and malice towards none—still remains a guiding principle in maintaining ideal foreign relations. Bangladesh





will continue its stance of upholding and advancing global peace in line with the UN Charters. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina showed her unparalleled magnanimity, as she

let the hapless Rohingyas come in, for which the UK-based Channel 4 News termed her as the Mother of Humanity.” He called upon guests attending the exhibition to come

forward to influence public opinion, so that the Rohingyas could return to their homeland in full safety and dignity.



## Bangladesh Embassy in Madrid undertook efforts to enhance bilateral relations with the Spanish Province of Castilla Y Leon



Ambassador of Bangladesh to Spain Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc paid an official visit to Salamanca on 13-15 October 2022. During the

visit, he attended various programs co-organized by the Salamanca City Council, the Presidency of Castilla y Leon and the University of Salamanca.

In the meeting with the Salamanca City Council and the Presidency of Castilla y Leon, he discussed issues to strengthen bilateral relations.



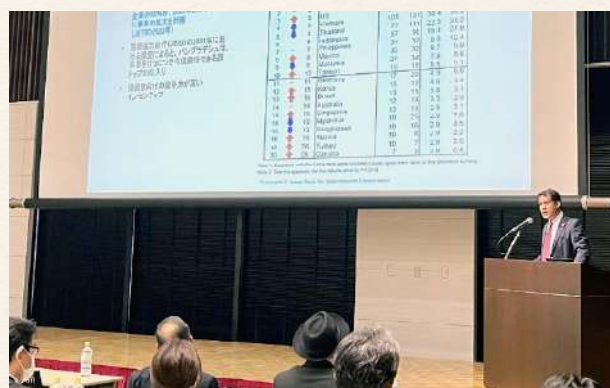


## Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan urged Japanese Investors to explore business and investment opportunities in Bangladesh

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed requested Japanese Investors to explore business and investment opportunities in Bangladesh while giving welcome remarks at Bangladesh Investment Seminar held on 17 October 2022 at Tokyo Convention Hall, in joint

collaboration with Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo, BEZA, JICA, JETRO, Sumitomo Corporation and HSBC, Japan. Almost 200 prospective Japanese investors attended the program. Minister (Commerce) of the embassy Dr. Ariful Haque delivered a short

presentation on “How does Embassy provide support to the investors”. The other speakers included, speakers form JICA, JETRO, Japanese companies operating in Bangladesh etc.



## Ambassador of Bangladesh to Uzbekistan visited Tajikistan

Mr. Md Zahangir Alam, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Tajikistan with residence in Tashkent paid an official visit to Dushanbe, Tajikistan to attend the High-level International Conference on “International and Regional Border Security and Management Cooperation to Counter Terrorism and Prevent the Movement of Terrorists” held on 18-19 October 2022 in Dushanbe on behalf of Foreign Minister of Bangladesh and also held bilateral meetings with Ministries and Committees of the Republic of Tajikistan to discuss the issues of mutual interest for two friendly countries. On 17 October 2022, he had a bilateral meeting with Tajik Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Farhod Salim during which the two sides

discussed signing MoU/agreement on holding of the Intergovernmental Joint Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, holding Foreign Office Consultation, and the signing of an Agreement on Visa-free Travel for Diplomatic and Official passport holders. On 17 October 2022, he met the Minister of Industry and New Technologies Mr. Sherali Kabir and discussed further cooperation in the sphere of textile, leather, pharmaceutical and other industries. On 18-19 October 2022, Ambassador of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Md Zahangir Alam led Bangladesh Delegation in the High-level International Conference on “International and Regional Border Security and Management Cooperation to Counter Terrorism

and Prevent the Movement of Terrorists” which was held in the Kokhi Somon Congress Hall, Governmental Palace of the Republic of Tajikistan. Foreign Ministers, Ministers of Internal Affairs, Heads and Chairmen of Associations/Organizations, Ambassadors and other high positioned dignitaries and specialists from almost 20 countries were present during the said conference. Ambassador delivered a speech on the Border security topic paying special attention to the issue of Rohingya refugees and emphasized that Bangladesh firmly believes that a safe, sustainable, secured and dignified return of this displaced Myanmar citizens is the only solution and proposed that international community should

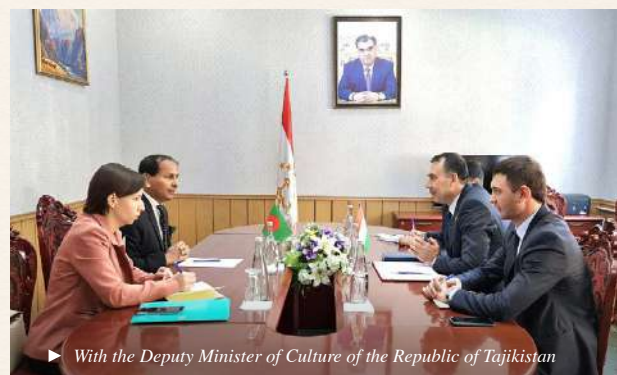




actively come forward to facilitate Rohingya repatriation to ensure the security of Myanmar Rohingyas as well as the whole region before it is too late. On 19 October 2022, Bangladesh Ambassador visited the Committee on Tourism Development under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan where he held a bilateral meeting with the Chairman of the said Committee Mr. Tojiddin Jurazoda and discussed the

possibility of signing an agreement for cooperation on tourism. The Ambassador also had a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Culture of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr. Sharifzoda Manuchehr Murtazo on 21 October 2022 during which the issue of signing a cultural cooperation agreement was discussed. The Ambassador also had meetings with the Chairman of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the

Republic of Tajikistan Mr. Jamshed Jumakhonzoda, First Deputy Chairman of the State Committee on Investments and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr. Khurshed Mirzo, Deputy Chairman of Orienbank of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr. Rajabbek Sulaymonbekov, and the Acting Chairman of "Uzkimyosanoat" JSC (Uz Chemical Industry) Mr. Evgeny Korzhikov.







## 143 Bangladeshi nationals successfully repatriated from Libya

On 19 October 2022, 143 Bangladeshi nationals, including a number of sick and distressed expatriates, were successfully repatriated to Bangladesh by the efforts of the Embassy along with the help of IOM. A Libyan Buraq Airlines flight chartered by IOM

reached Dhaka on 20 October 2022. The Embassy took every necessary effort to make the flight successful. Major General S M Shamim-Uz-Zaman, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Libya personally met several Libyan officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of

Interior for the approval of the flight and exit visas for the returnees. The Embassy also provided IOM necessary facilities for the health checkup and check-in of the returnees. The Ambassador bid the returnees farewell at the embassy premises.



## Ambassador of Bangladesh to Libya visited the Islamic Dawah College in Tripoli

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Libya Maj Gen S M Shamim-Uz-Zaman visited the Islamic Dawah College in Tripoli and met Dr. Abubaker M. Abuswer, Dean of the college on 10 October 2022. The Dean welcomed the Ambassador and informed that there were more

than 40 Bangladeshi students in the college at one time. However, there are no Bangladeshi students at present. During the meeting, both sides discussed various issues of mutual cooperation including return of Bangladeshi students to the college as well as exchange of

training, research and experiences of the college with the institutions in Bangladesh. In this connection, the Dean agreed to offer scholarships to 20 Bangladeshi students for the next academic session and Arabic language training facilities for the government officials of Bangladesh.







## The Great Sufi Saint Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Quader Gilani's (RA) Shrine in Baghdad decorated with Bangladesh's Gift

The Shrine of saint Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Quader Gilani (RA) in Bagdad, Iraq, has been decorated with an eye-catching Gilaf gifted by Bangladesh government. The Bangladesh Ambassador to Iraq Mr. Md. Fazlul Bari and Chief Mutawalli of the holy Shrine and

descendant of the saint Syed Khaled Abdul Quader Al-Gilani jointly laid the Gilaf over the grave on 22 October 2022. Known as the Boropeer to Bangladeshi people, the saint has enormous disciples across the muslim world including Bangladesh. It was put as part of

Mission's effort to enhance bilateral relations and demonstrate respect to the Pious Saint on behalf of the People of Bangladesh. Earlier, as part of Bangladesh government's goodwill gesture, the Embassy also donated carpets to the Shrine complex mosque.



## Bangladesh Embassy in Iraq engaged in province-level economic diplomacy

On invitation from Bangladesh Ambassador to Iraq Mr. Md. Fazlul Bari, two provincial business leaders visited the Embassy in Baghdad on 30 October 2022. The delegates included

Mr. Muqbal Al-Dabagh, Chairman of Mosul Chamber of Commerce from Ninewa Province and Mr. Sabahuddin El-Salihi Chairman of Kirkuk Chamber of Commerce

from Kirkuk Province. Expressing satisfaction on the outcome of the discussion, both sides agreed to work closely to promote the businesses between the two friendly nations.







## Bangladesh High Commission in Maldives arranged reception for the Captain of National Women Football Team of Bangladesh

On 19th October 2022 a reception was organized in the hall room of the High Commission of Bangladesh in Maldives in honor of the captain of Bangladesh National Women Football Team Sabina Khatun. High Commissioner Rear Admiral S M Abul Kalam Azad, and his spouse

Mrs. Naomi Nahrin were present as the chief guests. Embassy officials and expatriate Bangladeshi nationals were also present on the occasion. Ms. Matsushima Sumaiya, a Bangladeshi footballer and Ms. Fatema Tuj Johra, Bangladeshi coach of Maldives cricket team also joined the event. At the

event, High Commissioner remarked that the sports infrastructure has been gradually developed in Bangladesh under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He hopes that Sabina Khatun and her successors will win even bigger tournaments in the future.



## Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata flagged off a campaign to walk from Kolkata to Dhaka



Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh in Kolkata along with Mr. Hermanprit Singh (IPS), Director General of Police, Coastal Security flagged off a campaign to walk from Kolkata to Dhaka undertaken by

Ms. Gita Balakrishnan, a prominent Indian Architect on 22nd October 2022 at the premises of Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Kolkata. The objective of this walk campaign is to reinforce the need for greater

collaboration between architects across borders to make collective larger impact and to forge unity through design. Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh in Kolkata said that the walk starting





from the historic building of the first Bangladesh Diplomatic Mission abroad and completion at the Bangladesh Parliament building, a

modern architectural wonder will bring closer the architects of the two countries and infuse a greater sense of unity and bonding among

the peoples. Architects, designers, students, fitness enthusiasts were invited at this flagging off program.

## Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi met with eminent industrialists, investors, entrepreneurs, exporters and importers, academics in Pakistan

Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi Mr. S. M. Mahbubul Alam had over 50 (Fifty) separate business meetings and interactions with the eminent exporters & importers, industrialists, entrepreneurs, investors, business elites, investment bankers, cultural activists, newspaper column writers and academics based in Karachi in October 2022. Deputy High Commissioner met with Chairman, Osaka Electric and Industrial Companies, Vice-Chairman, Pakistan Yarn Merchants Association (PYMA) and Director, U.T. International, Executive Director, Artistic Towel Mills Ltd, Chief Executive Officer, Venus Group of Companies, General Manager (Export Marketing) and Senior Marketing Manager, Mustaqim Dying and Printing Ltd, Proprietor, Star Enterprise, Proprietor, Farhan Trading, Executive Director, Kohinoor Group of Companies, Chief Executive Officer, Adplus Ltd, Chief Executive Officer, Thai Airways in Pakistan, CEO and Managing Director, Arif Habib

Commodities Ltd, Vice-Chancellor, Khadim Ali Shah Bukhari Institute of Technology (KASBIT), Director, ZAKI Industrial Corporation, Managing Director and other senior executives of YKK Pakistan (Private) Ltd, Director, DALCO Building Systems, Chairman, Rabbi Steel Ltd, and CEO, Goodluck Group of Companies. He also had a host of other meetings with prominent business executives in various sectors including apparel, cement, steel, light, banking and insurance and ICT.

During the meeting and interactions, Deputy High Commissioner highlighted on various development initiatives and sectoral achievements and success stories of Bangladesh and showcased that Bangladesh has become a 'Role Model' of socio-economic development in the world. They discussed issues related to investment opportunities in Bangladesh and export and import of different items such as tea, jute and Jute products, RMG, textiles, fibers and yarn, woven garments,

leather and leather products, footwear, pharmaceuticals, cement and minerals, plastic items, paper board (corrugated cartons), ceramic tableware, chemical products, fertilizer, engineering goods, shrimp, soap, and cosmetics. They also discussed about the cooperation in art and culture and education and research in the meetings. He further elaborated on the potential of trade and commerce and investment in Bangladesh and invited for investment in Bangladesh and for enhanced trade, commerce and economic cooperation for mutual benefits of the two countries. The dignitaries of Pakistan highly appreciated the impressive and encouraging socio-economic developments in Bangladesh. They expressed their interests for wider trade and commerce and investment in Bangladesh. Deputy High Commission in Karachi assured them of all possible cooperation from the Bangladesh Mission in Karachi.







Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi highlighted trade and investment potentials of Bangladesh at an event at the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industries



Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi Mr. S. M. Mahbubul Alam attended as the Guest of Honour at an event on ease of business and customs clearance issues arranged by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FPCCI). President of the FPCCI Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, Director General of Pakistan Customs Mr. Wajid Ali and representatives of

UNDP Pakistan, Consuls General of different countries, and eminent businesspersons from different chambers including the Karachi Chambers of Commerce and Industries (KCCI) were present at the program held on 20 October 2022 at the FPCCI Headquarters. At the event Deputy High Commissioner S. M. Mahbubul Alam highlighted different aspects of trade, commerce and investment in Bangladesh. He

briefed on the potential and ease of doing business in Bangladesh. He invited the potential business groups in Pakistan for more import of goods and products from Bangladesh. Highlighting the exclusive facilities and incentives Bangladesh offers for foreign investment, he further invited the potential investors and entrepreneurs from Pakistan to invest in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Consulate General in Hong Kong participated an event titled “InnoPreneur MeetUp: Belt and Road Live: Mapping Your Road for Business in Bangladesh”

At the initiatives of Hong Kong Productivity Council and Hong Kong Small and Medium Enterprises Association, a good number of prospective investors and business persons of Hong Kong participated in a very interactive and interesting gathering to learn about the investment opportunities

of Bangladesh on 21 October 2022. At the first part of the event titled “InnoPreneur MeetUp: Belt and Road Live: Mapping Your Road for Business in Bangladesh”, Consul General of Bangladesh, Ms. Israt Ara was invited as guest speaker. She presented the economic and social performances of Bangladesh,

different business incentives offered by Bangladesh and the business opportunities for Hong Kong investors in various sectors which the audience found very informative and useful. At the second part, three reputed Hong Kong residents joined a panel discussion on various aspects of business opportunities

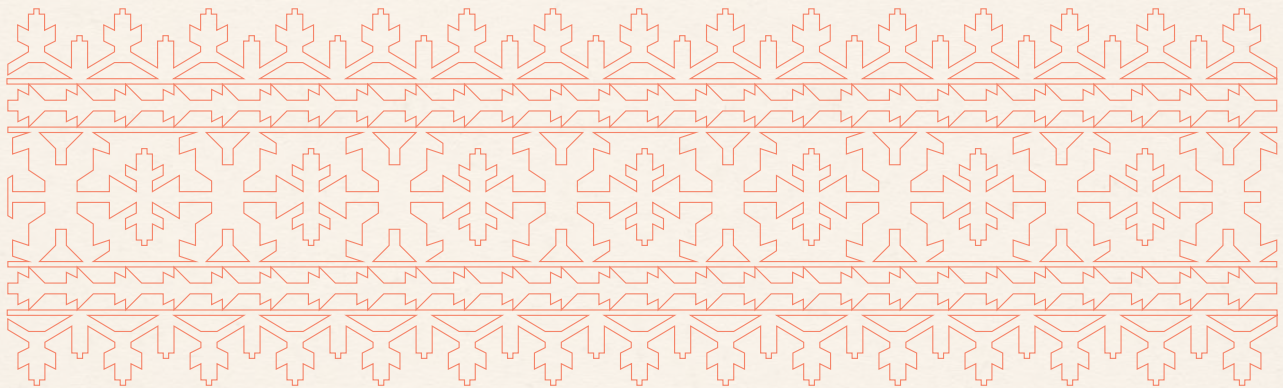




in Bangladesh as well as shared their practical experiences in doing business. The enthusiasm and interest showed by the audience

to learn about Bangladesh's investment opportunities was highly encouraging. They spontaneously expressed their desire to be in

contact with the Consulate General of Bangladesh to explore more information.



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