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## Hon'ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina among top five influential dealmakers at the COP26

Hon'ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina led Bangladesh at the COP26 in Glasgow, United Kingdom, and attended the two-day World Leaders Summit of the COP26 on 01-02 November 2021 hosted by the UK. She was acknowledged as “the Voice of the Vulnerable” by the BBC being one of the top five global dealmakers to influence negotiations at the Glasgow COP26 and a strong moral voice who spoke on behalf of countries most threatened by climate change.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina was very warmly received by British Prime Minister Rt Hon Boris Johnson and UN Secretary General António Guterres at the COP26 World Leaders Summit at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow, United Kingdom on 01 November 2021





## Hon'ble Prime Minister Delivers Bangladesh National Statement at the COP26 World Leaders Summit, 01 November 2021



Hon'ble Prime Minister was amongst the first six leaders to deliver National Statement on the first day of the World Leaders Summit on 01 November 2021. In her statement, among others, she highlighted submission of Bangladesh's ambitious and

updated NDCs, the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan, COP26 priorities of the 48-member CVF and V-20, the Global Center on Adaptation South Asia Center in Dhaka, Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund, and climate impact of hosting 1.1 million

Rohingyas in Bangladesh. Hon'ble Prime Minister called upon the major emitters to submit ambitious NDCs, fulfil climate finance pledges, transfer clean and green technology, and address the issue of loss and damage.



► At the plenary of the World Leaders Summit, Hon'ble Prime Minister exchanged greetings with the world leaders including Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, host of the COP26



## The Commonwealth announces the first Commonwealth-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Green Business Award at the COP26 on 01 November 2021



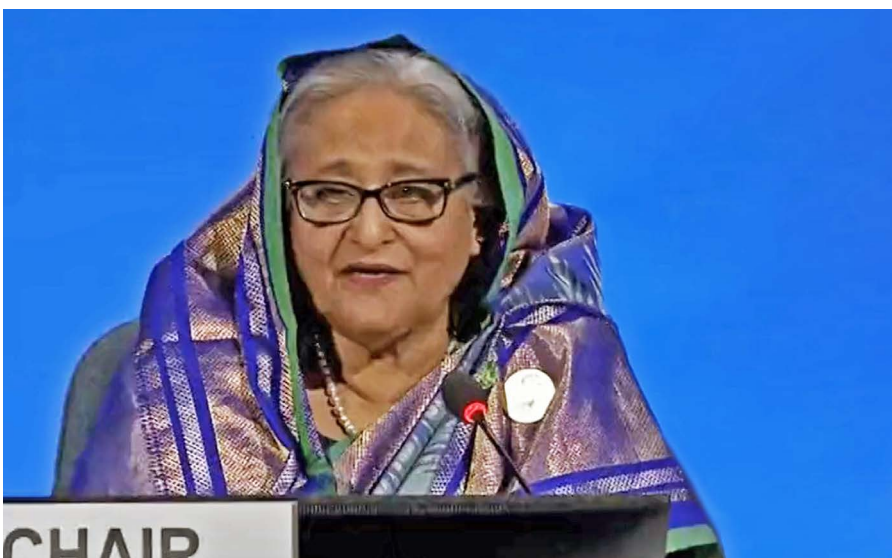
► Commonwealth Secretary General announces the first Commonwealth-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Green Business Award at the Commonwealth Pavilion in the sidelines of the COP26, 01 November 2021

Commonwealth Secretary General Baroness Patricia Scotland and Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) Lord Marland of Odstock jointly announced the

first ‘Commonwealth-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Green Business Award’ at the Commonwealth-CVF High level Dialogue in the sidelines of the COP26 on 01 November 2021.

Speaking at the event as Chief Guest, Hon’ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina recalled Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman’s commitment to the core Commonwealth values, and thanked the Commonwealth Secretariat and the CWEIC for introducing the green business award honouring Father of the Nation of Bangladesh during his Birth Centenary year. The Award is to be conferred on businesses from across the 54 Commonwealth nations in order to promote technology and innovation for sustainable and greener businesses with special focus on SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs. The first award will be presented at the Kigali CHOGM in June 2022.

## Hon’ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina chairs the CVF Leaders Summit, “Forging a CVF-COP26 Climate Emergency Pact” at Glasgow



*...faced with the existential threat of climate change, we, the CVF members, at this COP, demand that developed countries provide a Delivery Plan of the total 500 billion dollar for each of the entire 5-year period with a 50:50 ratio between adaptation and mitigation...*

**-Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina**  
President, Climate Vulnerable Forum at the CVF-COP26 Leaders Summit





The first ever CVF-COP Leaders’ Summit titled “Forging a CVF-COP26 Climate Emergency Pact” was hosted by Hon’ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina on 02 November 2021 in the sidelines

of the COP26 World Leaders Summit. The first global summit of the CVF under Bangladesh Presidency adopted a climate emergency pact with the COP26 under UK Presidency. At the

Summit, Hon’ble Prime Minister articulated global priorities of nations most threatened by the climate emergency, and leveraging utmost ambition in climate action in favour of the CVF.



► Hon’ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina chairs the first CVF-COP Leaders Summit in Glasgow participated by, among others, COP26 President Alok Sharma, UN Secretary General António Guterres and the CVF Leaders

## Hon’ble Prime Minister addresses COP26 Leaders’ meeting on ‘Action and Solidarity – the Critical Decade’ co-hosted by UK and Italy, 01 November 2021

At the COP26 Leaders’ meeting titled ‘Action and Solidarity – the Critical Decade’ co-hosted by British Prime Minister Rt Hon Boris Johnson and Prime Minister of Italy Mario Draghi, Hon’ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina called upon the developed countries to fulfil their commitment of annual 100 billion dollars climate finance with 50:50 allocations for adaptation and mitigation to address effective global adaptation actions. UN Secretary-General António Guterres, President of the European Council Charles Michel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen also spoke, among others, at the COP26 Action and Solidarity session in Glasgow on 01 November 2021.



► Hon’ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina addressed the COP26 Leaders’ Event, “Action and Solidarity: the Critical Decade”. Hon’ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP accompanied the Hon’ble Prime Minister



## Hon'ble Prime Minister speaks at the Commonwealth-Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Leaders Dialogue on Climate Prosperity Partnership, 01 November 2021



► Hon'ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina with Commonwealth and CVF leaders at the Commonwealth-CVF High-level Dialogue, Glasgow 01 November 2021

Hon'ble Prime Minister attended as Chief Guest the first Commonwealth-CVF Leaders Dialogue organized by Bangladesh Presidency of the CVF in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat on 01 November 2021 at the Commonwealth Pavilion on the sidelines of the COP26. In her speech as CVF President, Hon'ble Prime Minister called for creating

a climate prosperity partnership between the Commonwealth and the CVF towards building a climate-resilient and prosperous future for the vulnerable people from both fora. Heads of State/ Government from the Commonwealth and the CVF, including the President of Guyana Irfaan Ali, the President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, the Prime

Minister of Eswatini Cleopas Dlamini, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia Hon. Philip J. Pierre, and Commonwealth Secretary-General Baroness Patricia Scotland attending the leaders dialogue supported the Bangladesh-proposed Commonwealth-CVF climate prosperity partnership.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister addressing the Commonwealth-CVF Leaders Dialogue as Chief Guest, 01 November 2021







## Hon'ble Prime Minister speaks at the COP26 High-Level Panel on Women and Climate Change, 01 November 2021



► Hon'ble Prime Minister with Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu and Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and other distinguished panellists at the COP26 High-Level Panel on Women and Climate Change



► "... We believe recognising the vulnerabilities of women in climate change response is critical. My government is fully committed to ensuring women become part of the solutions to climate change by creating space for them to contribute to all aspects of sustainable development..."

-Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina  
COP26 High-Level Panel on Women and Climate Change





## Hon'ble Prime Minister attends the Commonwealth Leaders Royal Reception at the COP26 hosted by HRH The Prince of Wales

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the Commonwealth Leaders Royal Reception at the COP26 World Leaders Summit hosted by His Royal Highness Prince Charles on 02 November 2021 and exchanged views with the Commonwealth Leaders.



▶ Hon'ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina with the Commonwealth Chair-in-Office British Prime Minister at the Commonwealth Leaders Royal Reception in Glasgow

## Bangladesh-UK Summit level meetings at the COP26

On the sidelines of the COP26, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina held a highly productive bilateral meeting with her British counterpart Prime Minister Boris Johnson on 02 November 2021 in Glasgow. The two Prime Ministers reflected on the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh-UK diplomatic relations, and reaffirmed the value-based foundation of Bangladesh-UK friendship laid by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the then British Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath. The two leaders agreed to take next 50 years of Bangladesh-UK relations to a strategic partnership harnessing



▶ British Prime Minister the Rt Hon Boris Johnson meets with H.E. Sheikh Hasina in a bilateral meeting on 02 November 2021 in Glasgow

trade, economic, climate change, defence and security cooperation in which the British-Bangladeshi Diaspora will play a key-role.





► Her Excellency Ms. Saima Wazed Hossain, CVF Thematic Ambassador for Vulnerability accompanied Hon'ble Prime Minister at the meeting



▼ His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales held bilateral meeting with Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina at Glasgow on 02 November 2021. Prince Charles praised the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan (MCPP) and expressed interest to work closely with Hon'ble Prime Minister to create collaboration between MCPP and the Prince's Sustainable Market Initiative (SMI)







► COP26 President Alok Sharma called on the Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina in the sidelines of the WLS, Glasgow, 02 November 2021 and discussed Bangladesh-UK climate cooperation



► First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon called on the Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina at Bangladesh Pavilion and discussed trade, investment and climate cooperation between Bangladesh and Scotland

Hon'ble Prime Minister's other bilateral meetings and engagements in Glasgow and London, 01-08 November 2021



► Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi interacting at the COP26 plenary





► *Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau interacting at the COP26 plenary*



► *Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Iceland Katrín Jakob dóttir interacting at the COP26*



► *Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Estonia Kaja Kallas*



► *Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina holding a bilateral meeting with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, 02 November 2021, Glasgow*



► *Hon'ble Prime Minister with Hon'ble Foreign Minister and the British Foreign Secretary Elizabeth Truss MP at the COP26 plenary*



► *Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Director General of the World Trade Organization Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala interacting at the COP26*



► *Mr. Bill Gates called on Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina on the sidelines of COP26 in Glasgow*



## Hon'ble Prime Minister delivers a key-note speech titled “Bangladesh at 50: The Resilient Delta”, at a British parliamentary reception hosted in London, 03 November 2021

Hon'ble Prime Minister delivered a key-note speech titled “Bangladesh at 50: The Resilient Delta” at a British parliamentary reception hosted in her honour by Ms. Rushanara Ali MP, Chair for the APPG for Bangladesh and Conservative life-peer of the House of Lords, Lord Jitesh Gadhia on the occasion of 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence. In her

speech Hon'ble Prime Minister stated that Bangladesh's unprecedented growth and prosperity over the past five decades have been inspired by the Golden Bengal vision of the Father of the Nation. She reaffirmed her government's deep commitment to work with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Government to take the Bangladesh-UK partnership

to strategic levels leveraging trade, investment, security and defence, as well as a vibrant Diaspora connectivity. On behalf of British Parliamentarians, Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt MP, Ms Rushanara Ali MP and Lord Jitesh Gadhia gave welcome remarks at the reception.

*Indeed, it is time for a 'reset' in Bangladesh-UK bilateral relations. We need to change the traditional lens we use to view our partnership. Our engagements should now be truly strategic, and draw on our cooperation in peacekeeping, counter-terrorism, maritime and aviation security.*

-Hon'ble Prime Minister  
Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina  
British Parliamentary Reception, London  
03 November 2021







- ▶ Praising Bangladesh Diaspora in the UK, Hon'ble Prime Minister stated, "The vibrant British-Bangladeshi Diaspora must remain at the centre of our partnership. We take pride in our Diaspora. I am pleased to see their growing representation at the Westminster – all five of them women at the moment! I am confident that there will be more of them in this great parliament of diversity."



- ▶ Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina and H.E. Sheikh Rehana were greeted at the British Parliamentary Reception by British Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt MP, Ms Rushanara Ali MP, Chair of APPG on Bangladesh and Lord Jitesh Gadhia, Conservative peer





## Hon'ble Prime Minister delivers a key-note speech titled "A Bangladesh Vision for Global Climate Prosperity", at the Scottish Parliament, 02 November 2021



Hon'ble Prime Minister delivered a key-note speech at the Scottish Parliament titled "A Bangladesh Vision for Global Climate Prosperity" on the sidelines of the COP26 on 02 November 2021. She was received by the Speaker of the Scottish Parliament Alison Johnstone MSP, Lord Provost Frank Ross, and Chair of the Cross-Party Parliamentary Group for Bangladesh Foysoyl Choudhury MSP. In her speech, Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan and invited greater cooperation between Bangladesh and Scotland on climate resilience and prosperity.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina with Members of the Scottish Parliament, 02 November 2021



► Speaker of the Scottish Parliament Alison Johnstone MSP received Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina at the Scottish Parliament, 02 November 2021





## Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurates 'Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnerships' at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre, London, 04 November 2021

Hon'ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina virtually inaugurated a two-day Summit titled "Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnerships" at London's Queen Elizabeth II Center organized by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)

in collaboration with Bangladesh High Commission London and the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA). The Investment summit was aimed at attracting green financing into Bangladesh Capital and Securities market, as well as in infrastructure and renewable energy

sectors. Praising Bangladesh as one of the fastest growing economies of the world, British Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt spoke at the inaugural session and reaffirmed Britain's keen interest to enhance shared prosperity in trade and investment with a rising Bangladesh.



*The remarkable journey of Bangladesh for over a decade now surely indicates that there lie many more opportunities for fruitful trade deals and profitable economic exchanges in the future. I want to assure you that our government agencies, including the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission and the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, as well as other concerned bodies, will all do their best to ensure a congenial business environment for you and provide you all with ample opportunities for the best possible returns on your investment.*

Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina  
Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021  
London, 04 November 2021



► The participants at the 'Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnerships' at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre, London, 04 November 2021



► Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen MP delivered the concluding statement at the Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021 which was also attended by Hon'ble Land Minister H.E. Mr. Saifuzzaman Chowdhury MP, Hon'ble Private Industry and Investment Adviser to HPM H.E. Mr. Salman F Rahman, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Mohammad Shahrir Alam MP, Hon'ble Minister of State for ICT H.E. Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, SEC Chairman Mr. Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, BIDA Executive Chairman Mr. Md Sirajul Islam, Bangladesh High Commissioner in the UK H.E. Saida Muna Tasneem, and many other dignitaries. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon spoke as Guest of Honour at the concluding session. UK Trade Envoy to Bangladesh Ms Rushanara Ali MP also attended the Investment Summit 2021



► At the initiative of Bangladesh High Commission, London, two bilateral MoUs were signed during the Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021 in London. The first MoU is on mutual certification between the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) and British Computer Society (BCS), and the second on a PwC UK Market Survey between FBCCI and HSBC

Hon'ble Prime Minister launches the international publication, "Secret Documents of Intelligence Branch on Father of the Nation, Bangladesh: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman" and unwraps a book on Bangabandhu, 'Mujib: An Introduction' at the Claridge's London, 04 November 2021

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by Bangladesh High Commission, London at the Ball room of the historic Claridge's hotel where the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivered his first speech as President of independent Bangladesh to the international media, the event was also attended by H.E. Sheikh Rehana, second daughter

of Bangabandhu, H.E. Ms. Saima Wazed Hossain, grand-daughter of Bangabandhu, H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen MP, Hon'ble Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Mohammad Shahriar Alam MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Minister and H.E. Saida Muna Tasneem, Bangladesh High Commissioner in the UK. While

unveiling the Secret Documents, Hon'ble Prime Minister recalled that despite intense surveillance and repeated imprisonments by the Pakistan government, the Bangabandhu never bowed down or compromised on the question of rights and freedom of the Bengali people.



At the Claridge's, Hon'ble Prime Minister also unveiled a new book on the Father of the Nation titled "Mujib: An introduction," co-published by Bangladesh High Commission, London and Nomad publication, UK. The book is targeted to create awareness about life and legacy of Bangabandhu in mainstream British society and younger generation.





## Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurates a Painting Exhibition at the Claridge's, London, 'Bangabandhu and Britain: A Centenary Collection' on 04 November 2021



While in London, Hon'ble Prime Minister also inaugurated a painting exhibition titled 'Bangabandhu and Britain: A Centenary Collection' organized by Bangladesh High Commission, London in partnership with the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka

at the historic Claridge's ballroom. Part of Bangladesh High Commission, London's Bangabandhu Birth Centenary commemorative events, the exhibition showcased hundred paintings by fifty eminent artists from Bangladesh on Bangabandhu's

historic moments in Britain. Her Excellency Sheikh Rehana and Her Excellency Saima Wazed Hossain also joined Hon'ble Prime Minister at the inauguration of the Exhibition.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurating the Bangabandhu Birth Centenary Painting Exhibition organized by Bangladesh High Commission, London in partnership with the Institute of Fine Arts and Chitrak Gallery, 04 November 2021, London





## Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurates Bangladesh High Commission, London's extended Chancery and the Bangabandhu Lounge, unveils the English Heritage "Blue Plaque"

In London, Hon'ble Prime Minister on 07 November 2021 inaugurated Bangladesh High Commission, London's Extended Chancery Bhaban at 27 Queen's Gate and the newly

established Bangabandhu Lounge. She also unveiled the English Heritage "Blue Plaque" at Bangladesh High Commission, London main Chancery Bhaban at 28 Queens Gate, the first

overseas property of independent Bangladesh procured by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed inauguration of the BHC London extended Chancery Bhaban on 07 November 2021. Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen MP and Madam Selina Momen with Hon'ble Information Minister, Prime Minister's Hon'ble Private Industry and Investment Adviser, Hon'ble Members of Parliament and Senior Government Officials were present among others at the inauguration ceremony



▲ Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen MP speaking during the inauguration of the BHC London extended Chancery Bhaban on 07 November 2021





## Hon'ble Prime Minister's Diaspora engagements in the UK



▶ Hon'ble Prime Minister spoke as Chief Guest at a community reception hosted in her honour by Bangladeshi Diaspora in London, 07 November 2021



▶ Hon'ble Prime Minister spoke as Chief Guest at a community reception hosted in her honour by Bangladeshi Diaspora in Scotland, 01 November 2021







## COP26 Photo Gallery



▶ Hon'ble Prime Minister was received at the Glasgow Airport by Her Excellency Saida Muna Tasneem, Bangladesh High Commissioner in the UK, 31 October 2021



▶ Hon'ble Prime Minister was received at the Heathrow Intl Airport London by Her Excellency Saida Muna Tasneem, Bangladesh High Commissioner in the UK, 03 November 2021



▶ Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change H.E. Mr. Md. Shahab Uddin M.P., Deputy Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change H.E. Habibun Nahar M.P., Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Mohammad Shahriar Alam MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Public Administration H.E. Mr. Farhad Hossain with esteemed COP26 high-level members of Bangladesh delegation at Bangladesh Pavilion, COP26, Glasgow



▶ Distinguished participants at the first CVF-COP Leaders' Summit held at the sidelines of the COP26 under Bangladesh's CVF Presidency







## Hon'ble Foreign Minister's engagements at the COP26



► Hon'ble Foreign Minister His Excellency Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen MP co-chaired the CVF Leaders' Summit in the sidelines of the COP26 World Leaders Summit, Glasgow, 02 November 2021



► Hon'ble Foreign Minister His Excellency Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen MP moderated the first Commonwealth-CVF Leaders' Summit in the sidelines of the COP26 World Leaders Summit, Glasgow, 01 November 2021



► Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr A K Abdul Momen MP addressed as Guest of Honour at the Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021 concluding session, 04 November 2021, London



► Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Noel Quinn called on the Hon'ble Foreign Minister in the sidelines of the COP26, Glasgow, 01 November 2021





► Lord Dean Godson, Director of leading British Think-tank 'Policy Exchange' called on the Hon'ble Foreign Minister His Excellency Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen MP in London, 08 November 2021

## Engagement of the Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs at the COP26

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Shahriar Alam MP spoke at a High-level leadership dialogue titled “Catalysing climate investments in developing countries in the context of COVID-19” on

02 November 2021 in the side lines of COP 26 hosted by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) forum. Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley with Ministers from Rwanda and Fiji also participated at the High-level Leadership Dialogue.



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**'Bangabandhu: Unbounded Joy of Freedom'**  
painting by Artist Jamal Uddin Ahmed



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