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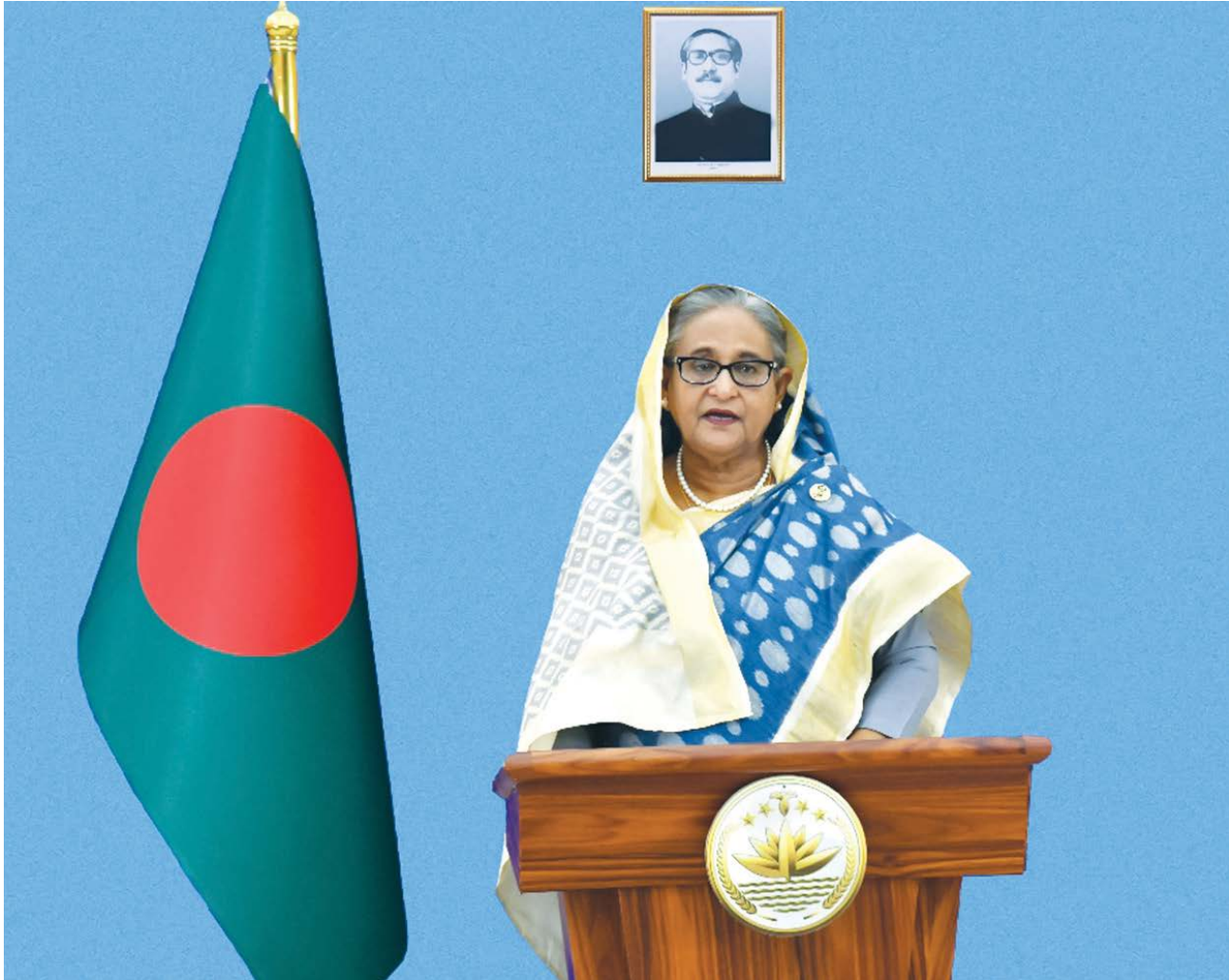
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Addresses the ‘Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate’



► Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the 'Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate' on 17 September, 2021, in Washington, D.C

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged the major world economies to work with all the stakeholders to ensure a sustainable future for the next generation. The Prime Minister delivered her remarks at the “Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate” convened by U.S. President Joe Biden in Washington, D.C., on September 17, 2021. She also placed a six-point proposal for the

Forum's consideration, where she, inter alia, called upon the major carbon-emitting countries to reduce their emissions to keep the global temperature rise at 1.5 degrees Celsius and fulfill the commitment of annual 100 billion dollars climate fund by the developed countries. As the current Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stressed the significant impacts facing vulnerable countries and the importance of moving from

“climate vulnerability to climate resilience to climate prosperity.” Heads of States/Governments from Argentina, Australia, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, as well as the UN Secretary-General, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Mr. John Kerry, and leaders of the European Commission and the European Council participated in the Summit, among others



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Seeks US Investment in ICT, Renewable Energy

In a virtual roundtable organized by the US-Bangladesh Business Council, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for US investment in Bangladesh's promising sectors such as information and communication technology (ICT), renewable energy, agro-processing,

blue economy, tourism and hi-tech parks. She presented the keynote speech at a business roundtable, joining virtually from the Lotte New York Palace on 21 September 2021. The Prime Minister hoped that the US-Bangladesh Business Council will continue to play a proactive

role in raising the present bilateral trade of US\$ 9 billion to higher figures. She also expressed hope that Bangladesh's trade relations can be further strengthened with duty-free access and other trade privileges in the US market



► Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the Executive Business Roundtable on 21 September 2021 at New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Urges to Declare Covid Vaccines as Global Public Good

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has reiterated her call to global leaders to declare Covid-19 vaccines as 'global public good' and allow the developing countries and LDCs to produce vaccines. Prime Minister made this call on 23 September in her speech for the "White House Global Covid-19 Summit: Ending the pandemic and building back better health security to prepare for the next." She mentioned that Bangladesh has allocated USD 15.4 billion under stimulus packages, disbursed USD 166 million to 4.4 million beneficiaries, including elderly, poor, widows, disabled persons, and informal sector workers.



► Hon'ble Prime Minister attended the "Global Covid-19 Summit: Ending the Pandemic and Building Back Better Health Security to prepare for the Next", High-Level Meeting on "Delivering the UN Common Agenda: Action to Achieve Equality and Inclusion" and the United Nations Food Systems Summit with pre-recorded statements



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Inaugurates 'Bangladesh House' in Maryland

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the newly constructed Bangladesh House in Maryland on 29 September. She planted a fringe tree on the premises of the house and attended

a prayer after the inauguration of the Bangladesh House. The Prime Minister later exchanged pleasantries with the officials in Bangladesh missions in the US and their family members. Foreign Minister Dr.

AK Abdul Momen, MP, Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and Bangladesh Ambassador to the US M Shahidul Islam, among others, were present.



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Bangabandhu-Bapu Digital Exhibition Inaugurated at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Bangabandhu-Bapu Digital Exhibition has been opened for public viewing on 25 September 2021 at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and is expected to run till 11 October 2021. H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni, Hon'ble Minister for Education, H.E. Mr. KM Khalid, Hon'ble State Minister for Cultural Affairs and H.E. Mr. Vikram Kumar Doraiswami, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh graced the Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition. A similar exhibition is expected to

move to different cities of Bangladesh and India in the coming days. The exhibition has gained much accolades for portraying the life, ideology and legacy of the Fathers of each of the nations, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Mahatma Gandhi.

This exhibition was virtually inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Ministers of Bangladesh and India on 16 December 2020 at the Bangladesh-India Virtual Summit.

During the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Bangladesh in March this year, both the leaders visited the exhibition at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

The exhibition has been planned to commemorate the ongoing celebrations of Mujib Borsho, 150 years of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, as well as the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh-India bilateral relations.



► Inaugural Ceremony of Bangabandhu-Bapu Digital Exhibition



‘Bangla Corner’ Established at the Queens Public Library in Jamaica, Queens, New York



► Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP inaugurating the 'Bangla Corner' at the Queens Public Library in Jamaica, Queens, New York

As part of the celebration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh, the Consulate General of Bangladesh in New York in collaboration of the Queens Public Library (QPL) established 'Bangla Corner' at the Queens Public Library in Jamaica, Queens, New York.



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State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP Attended the Celebration of the 200-Year Anniversary of Mexican Independence

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP visited Mexico with the invitation from the Mexican President and

participated in the celebration of the 200th year anniversary of Mexican independence on 27th September 2021. The celebration programme,

also attended by a number of high dignitaries of different countries, was presided over by Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.



Apart from the official delegation led by Hon'ble State Minister Shahriar Alam, a 39-member military contingent from Bangladesh performed celebratory parade in Mexico City on 16 September 2021, and a 14-member cultural troupe also visited Mexico to showcase Bangladesh's rich cultural heritage.

Mexican President, during his speech in the celebration programme, thanked Bangladesh for active participation in the celebration of 200 years of Mexican independence.

At the sideline of the celebration programme, Bangladesh's Hon'ble State Minister had a brief meeting

with Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, who is also visiting Mexico to attend the celebration, and discussed issues of mutual concerns. Hon'ble State Minister Shahriar Alam also met with Serbian, Dutch, French and Greek Ministers attending the event.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP Held Bilateral Meetings with Mexican Deputy Foreign Minister & Mexican Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade, Witnessed the Signing of the MoU and Held Meetings with the Mexican Business Community and press

Hon'ble State Minister Md. Shahriar Alam MP held a bilateral meeting on 27th September with Ambassador Carmen Moreno Toscano, Mexican Deputy Foreign Minister at Mexican Foreign Office (SRE). During the meeting, the Mexican Deputy Foreign Minister informed that a small military contingent from Mexico would participate in the parade of the closing ceremony of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of our Independence and the 100th Birth Anniversary of our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Mexican Deputy Foreign Minister praised Bangladesh for the extraordinary achievements in women empowerment, and in response Hon'ble State Minister Shahriar Alam briefed her on the extraordinary successes Bangladesh has achieved in recent years not only in women empowerment but also in achieving MDGs and SDGs.

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam MP also met Mexican Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade Luz Maria de la Mora Sanchez on 28th September 2021. During the meeting, two Ministers discussed ways and means to further bolster bilateral trade and investment relations between the two friendly countries.

Bangladeshi Hon'ble State Minister briefed his Mexican counterpart about the commendable progress Bangladesh has been making in the socio-economic arena and elaborated on Bangladesh's open and congenial trade and investment environment. Deputy Minister Mora Sanchez opined that both countries may learn from each other's experience especially in the areas of SMEs, agriculture and food security. She offered her assistance for any possible trade-related seminar or exhibition organized by Bangladesh in Mexico City. Two Ministers agreed on maintaining contact for mutual interest, including through Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City.



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Earlier on the day, Hon'ble State Minister Shahriar Alam participated in the MoU signing ceremony between FBCCI and COMCE during a breakfast meeting with Mexican business persons, titled 'Connecting through Business' organized by the Embassy of Bangladesh in Mexico City. Officials of the Mexican Business Council for Foreign Trade, Investment and Technology (COMCE), business leaders from Mexico and Bangladesh, the Ambassador of Bangladesh were present.

Hon'ble State Minister Shahriar Alam also attended a "Meet the Press" session organized by Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City and briefed journalists on the extraordinary socio-economic progress Bangladesh has achieved, as well as the willingness of Bangladesh to engage more with Mexico at all levels. During a question-answer session, he also elaborated on Bangladesh's leadership role in the climate change-related multilateral process, the present situation

related to the Rohingya crisis and the empowerment of women in the country. During the session, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's 75th birthday was celebrated by all present by cutting a cake.

Bangladesh Hon'ble State Minister also gave interviews to four Mexican media outlets namely El Excelsior newspaper, Channel 11 Radio, El Heraldo newspaper and Mundo Ejecutivo television.

Bangladesh is a 'Development Miracle'- Says State Minister Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, to Students of the Ibero-American University in Mexico

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, delivered a lecture on the history and socio-economic development of Bangladesh at an event on 29th September 2021 titled "Meeting the young minds"; organized by the Embassy of Bangladesh in Mexico City in partnership with the Ibero-American University of the city. His deliberation was live-streamed by the University authority and approximately 2700 students of "IBERO" campuses from three different cities of Mexico namely at Torreon, Tijuana, and Santa

Fe were connected to this event virtually.

Stating that Bangladesh has already emerged as an economic powerhouse in Asia during the last decade under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble State Minister Shahriar Alam shared Bangladesh's impressive journey towards prosperity. He also underlined that Bangladesh, at present, is recognized by the international community as a "development miracle" for its remarkable success in poverty reduction, food security, women empowerment, and inclusive

economic growth. He also invited the students to visit and enjoy the touristic attractions of Bangladesh especially the scenic beauty of the largest unbroken sea beach in Cox's Bazar and the biggest mangrove forest in Sundarbans.

In conclusion of the session, he was awarded a 'Certificate of Recognition' for his excellent deliberation by the University authority. Ambassador Abida Islam, members of Bangladesh delegation and officials of the Embassy accompanied Hon'ble State Minister Shahriar Alam in the above event.

Bangabandhu Media Centre Inaugurated at Press Club of India

On the occasion of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the High Commission of Bangladesh in New Delhi in collaboration with the Press Club of India (PCI), New Delhi have established the Bangabandhu Media Centre at the press club premises on 06 September 2021. H.E. Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP; Hon'ble Minister for Information and Broadcasting of

Bangladesh graced the inauguration ceremony of the center as the Chief Guest. A MoU between the High Commission and the PCI was also signed with a view to managing the media centre.

In his speech, the Hon'ble Minister remarked that the media has a great role to play in enhancing the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and

India. H.E. High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India Mr. Muhammad Imran also spoke on the occasion and reiterated his commitment to continuing with the long friendly association between the High Commission and PCI.

The Bangabandhu Media Centre is equipped with IT facilities along with a library and photo gallery. A



life-size portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has also been placed at the press club premises. The media centre

aims to providing a platform for Indian journalists to learn about the legacy of Bangabandhu, history of Bangladesh and the ongoing socioeconomic

developmental efforts of the Government of Bangladesh under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



► MoU signing ceremony between the High Commission and the PCI

Electronic Passport Service Inaugurated at Bangladesh Embassy in Athens

Bangladesh Embassy in Athens, Greece has launched Electronic Passport Service as one of the first few Bangladesh Missions abroad. Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs, H.E. Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan M.P. inaugurated the Electronic Passport System in the Embassy of Bangladesh in Athens on 13 September 2021. H.E. Mr. Ashud

Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Greece, Maj Gen Mohammad Ayub Chowdhury, Director General, DIP and Md. Abdullah Al Masud Chowdhury, Additional Secretary of MoHA were present among others during the inauguration.

Speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony, the Hon'ble

Home Minister said that electronic passport would uplift the image of Bangladesh in the world and would make immigration for Bangladeshi nationals easier and faster. Launching of Electronic passport service is a major step towards building a digital Bangladesh.



► H.E. Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan M.P., Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs inaugurating the electronic passport system in Bangladesh Embassy in Athens



► Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs, H.E. Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan M.P. addressing the invited guests as Chief Guest in the inauguration ceremony of electronic Passport system in Bangladesh Embassy, Athens on 13 September 2021



Bangladesh and Australia Concluded a Trade and Investment Framework

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi and his counterpart Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Dan Tehan signed a framework on trade and investment between Bangladesh and Australia at a virtual signing ceremony on 15 September 2021.

The Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA), the first of this kind between Australia and Bangladesh in the last five decades, is expected to provide a platform for institutionalized economic interactions and to open newer opportunities for trade and investment between the two countries. A Joint Working Group will be formed under TIFA, with due representations from relevant sectors and sub-sectors. The JWG is expected to offer a mechanism to take forward discussion to realize fuller potentials of trade and investment.

While speaking at the signing ceremony, Minister Tipu Munshi said “I am profoundly happy that TIFA has been signed in the year while Bangladesh is celebrating Golden Jubilee of her Independence and the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman”. We would expect the TIFA to address all relevant questions including retention of the DFQF treatment for Bangladesh in the post LDC graduation, trade liberalization, creating conducive atmosphere for greater trade in services and flow of investment, he added. Minister Munshi invited his Australian counterpart to visit Dhaka soon.

Minister Tehan warmly accepted the invitation and promised to visit Bangladesh next year with a trade and Investment delegation. “The Morrison Government is working to energize and expand the trade and investment relationship between

Australia and Bangladesh, to support jobs and business opportunities in both countries,” Mr. Tehan said. He assured Bangladesh of the continuation of DFQF treatment pending next review which is not scheduled in the foreseeable future. “Australian has the potential to meet Bangladesh’s increasing education, training and energy needs. And we offer world class expertise, in agriculture and infrastructure development”, He added.

Bangladesh-Australia bilateral trade has grown six times over the past decade, reaching A\$2.6 billion last year. RMG, agriculture, food and education services were key drivers of this growth. Despite not being an elaborate and legally binding agreement, TIFA can help add new tradable items from both sides and facilitate bilateral trade and investment. Australia proposed to host the inaugural meeting of the JWG in early 2022.



► Virtual signing ceremony between Hon’ble Commerce Minister H.E. Tipu Munshi and his counterpart in Australia Hon’ble Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, H.E. Dan Tehan

Liberation War Affairs Minister Visits Turkey from 24 to 27 September, 2021

A six-member Bangladesh delegation led by H.E. Mr. A K M Mozammel Huq, M.P., Hon’ble

Minister for Liberation War Affairs of the Government of Bangladesh visited Turkey and participated in

different meetings with the Turkish Authorities. During his visit in Turkey, he went to its old capital

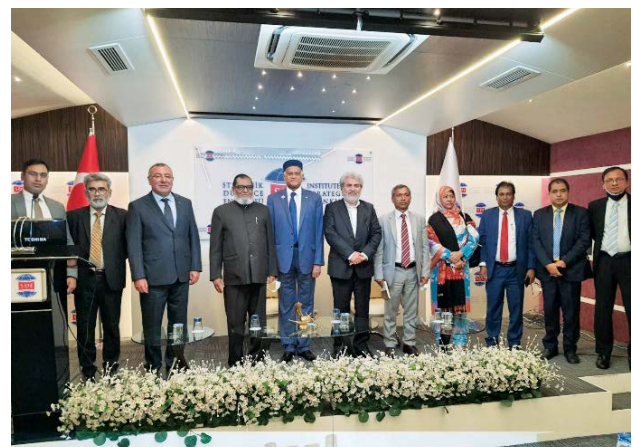


and saw Bursa 1326 Conquest Panorama Museum, which is the biggest panorama museum in Turkey. During the Museum visit he met with Mr. Mustafa Döndar, District Mayor, Osmangazi Municipality and got briefing from the representatives of Ankan Construction Company regarding the architecture and the construction of the Bursa 1326 Conquest Panorama Museum. He

made courtesy call on with H.E. Mr. Alinur Aktaş, Hon'ble Mayor, Bursa Metropolitan Municipality.

Afterwards the delegation visited Afyon, Konya and Ankara. In these cities they visited Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi Mouseleum, Panorama Museum, Kocatepe Monument, Anit Kabir and Ankara Castle. In Istanbul they also visited Panorama Museum, related to the conquest of Byzantine

by Fatih Sultan Mehmet. In Ankara a special luncheon was hosted by the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly in presence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Turkey-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship Group. Finally, the Liberation War Affairs Minister attended a seminar with TV coverage organized by Institute of Strategic Thinking.



► A K M Mozammel Huq, M.P., Hon'ble Minister for Liberation War Affairs participating in different meetings with the Turkish Authorities

Bangladesh Participated in the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)'s Extra-Ordinary Committee of Senior Officials (CSO)

Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) was held virtually on 14

September 2021. Bangladesh, the current Vice-chair of the IORA, participated in the meeting. In this event, Senior Officials discussed

the issues regarding preparation of Terms of Reference for electing the Secretary General of IORA.



► Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) held virtually on 14 September 2021

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on MoU Signing Ceremony between BSEC and Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) Japan



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Engineering Corporation (BSEC) under Ministry of Industries and Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC), Japan on 2nd September 2021. Under this MoU, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) will conduct a feasibility study for the purpose of establishment of Joint Venture Company for manufacturing of Mitsubishi brand vehicles in Bangladesh by 2025. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, MP, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Industries graced the program as the Chief Guest, while Mr. Kamal Ahmed Mojumder, MP, Hon'ble Hon'ble State Minister was the Special Guest. Other distinguished guests were Mr. Naoki Ito, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Ms. Zakia Sultana, Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Shahidul Hoque Bhuiya, ndc, Chairman, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation (BSEC) and top officials from Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC), representatives from JICA and JETRO etc.

Bangladesh Embassy in Lisbon Participates in Celebratory Event Marking the Independence of Bangladesh and India

Bangladesh Embassy in Lisbon participated in a celebratory event titled "Colours of Independence" to jointly mark the 50th anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh and

75th anniversary of the Independence of India, organized by a local cultural association, on 4th September 2021. Ambassador of Bangladesh to Portugal Mr. Tarik Ahsan and

Ambassador of India to Portugal Mr. Manish Chouhan were the guests of honour at the event held at the auditorium of University of Lusofona in Lisbon.



Highlighting the ongoing celebration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Ambassador Tarik Ahsan paid rich tribute to Bangabandhu as well as to all the martyrs of Liberation War. He also recalled the unparalleled friendship of Indian people manifested during

Bangladesh's War of Liberation. The audience then witnessed a colourful cultural show performed by the artists of both the countries. A Lisbon-based Bangladeshi band "Off Track" delivered the iconic song "Shono Ekti Mujiburur Theke". Solo and group dance performances by Bangladeshi artists enthralled the audience.

Besides, a stall erected by Bangladesh Embassy in the premises of the University exhibited traditional Muslin, Jamdani, Nakshi Kantha, jute goods, terracotta and other handicraft items of Bangladesh, which attracted keen interest of the visitors.



► Bangladesh Embassy in Lisbon participating celebratory event "Colours of Independence"

Webinar on "Bangladesh@50: Emerging Bangladesh Economy: Reflections on the Spain-Bangladesh Relations"

A webinar on "Bangladesh @50: Emerging Bangladesh Economy: Reflections on the Spain-Bangladesh Relations" was organized by the Embassy of Bangladesh, Madrid on 06 September 2021. Apart from H.E. Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, Bangladesh Ambassador to Spain, Lt.

Col. (Retd.) Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, Bir Protik, Swadhinata Padak, Padma Shri, Mr. Arturo Perez Martinez, the first Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh, Professor Santiago Fernandez Mosquera, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, Mr. Chaklader Mahboob-

Ul Alam, the eldest Bangladesh-origin Spanish Writer, Columnist, and Ms. Nuria Lopez, President of Spain-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce were also discussants in the webinar. The discussants paid deep tributes to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur



Rahman and highlighted, inter alia, the legacy of Ekushey February, measures to showcase the flagship product Jamdani and the spectacular achievements made by Bangladesh

in recent years under visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. They also underscored that Spanish and European businessmen are engaging more with Bangladesh

as it is a “textile superpower”. The discussants also appreciated the role of Bangladesh in sheltering of 1.1 million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals.



► Webinar discussion on “Bangladesh @50: Emerging Bangladesh Economy: Reflections on the Spain-Bangladesh Relations”

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Maldives Called on the Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Technology to Discuss Climate Related Issues



► Call on between H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh and H.E. Aminath Shauna, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Technology of Maldives

His Excellency Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, the High Commissioner of the Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on H.E. Aminath Shauna, the Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Technology of Maldives on 08 September 2021.

During the discussion, the Minister stated that Bangladesh and Maldives are among the most vulnerable countries to climate change. Both have long recognized that they must take on climate change adaptation measures to meet their development objectives.

Virtual Political Consultation Between Bangladesh and Jordan Foreign Ministry Held

A virtual political consultation between Bangladesh and Jordanian Foreign Ministry was held on 13 September 2021 at the Director-General level. Mr. F. M. Borhan Uddin, Director General (West

Asia), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka represented Bangladesh and Ambassador Malek Tawal, Director (equivalent to DG), Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates represented Jordan. Her

Excellency Ms. Nahida Sobhan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Jordan moderated the session. This was the first ever DG level/Senior official level political consultation held between Bangladesh and Jordan.



Bangladesh High Commissioner to Maldives Paid a Courtesy Call to Commissioner of Prisons of Maldives



► Call on between the Commissioner of Prisons and the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Maldives

H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hasan, High Commissioner of Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Mr. Ahmed Mohammad Fulhu, Commissioner of Prisons of Maldives on 16 September

2021. During the meeting, the issues and concerns of Bangladeshi expatriates in Maldives' prison were discussed elaborately. The High Commissioner highlighted some important points such as the rights

and privileges of the detainees in the prison, access to quick judicial disposal, general clemency etc. Mr. Sohel Parvez, First Secretary of this Mission was also present during the meeting.

47 Trees Have Been Planted in Port Louis to Commemorate 47th Anniversary of Bangabandhu's Historical Speech in Bangla at the UNGA

Bangladesh High Commission, Port Louis, Mauritius in collaboration with the City Council of Port Louis has planted 47 trees at Plaine Verte Garden in Port Louis on the occasion of the 47th Anniversary of Bangabandhu's Historical Speech in Bangla at the UN General Assembly in 1974.

Dr. The Honorable Mohammad Anwar Hasnu, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government

and Disaster Management, Mr. Kavidash Ramano, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Mr. Abdur Raouf Bundhun, GOSK, PBSA, former Vice President of Mauritius, Deputy Speaker Mr. Mohammad Zahid Nazurally, Member of Parliament Mr. Mohammad Selim Abbas Mamudi and Ehsan Jumon, Mr. Mahfooz Moussa CADERSAIB, The Lord Mayor of Port Louis, High Commissioner of India, Ambassadors of Madagascar and Egypt to

Mauritius, CDA, a.i. of Pakistan and South African High Commission, members of Civil Society, Bangladesh community and Bangladesh High Commission planted trees in the park, which is located in the center of the capital, Port Louis. In the end, the Chief Guest, Special Guest, Deputy Speaker and Lord Mayor were presented the portrait of Bangabandhu, delivering speech at the United Nations General Assembly in 1974 as a memento.



► Tree planting in Port Louis on the occasion of the 47th Anniversary of Bangabandhu's Historical Speech in Bangla at the UNGA

Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo Arranged a Farewell Seminar with Returning JDS Fellows

Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo arranged a farewell seminar on 17 September 2021 for the returning JDS fellows who completed their

degrees recently in Master and PhD level in various Japanese universities. H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed was the Chief Guest of the

seminar where other officers of the Mission participated and interacted actively.



► H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended JDS seminar as Chief Guest

Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington DC Launches E-Passport Services

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington D.C. has introduced the electronic passport (e-passport) services on 17 September 2021 for catering to the needs of the Bangladeshi diaspora in the USA.

Ambassador of Bangladesh M Shahidul Islam and Secretary of Security Services Division of the Home Ministry Md. Mokabbir Hossain jointly inaugurated this at the Embassy in Washington

DC. Secretary of Security Services Division stated that e-passport being the latest technology, leaves no scope of fraudulence. Bangladesh is the first country in South Asia to implement an



E-Passport system. The Secretary also mentioned that the government has already established e-Gates in the international airports of Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet, which will

ease the immigration procedures of passengers. Bangladesh Ambassador Shahidul Islam underscored the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the

successful implementation of the e-passport service as another landmark in the process of building “Digital Bangladesh.”



► Launching ceremony of E-Passport at the Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington D.C

Repatriation of 37 Bangladeshi Women and Children through Petrapole-Benapole Border

The Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata has repatriated a total of 37 Bangladeshi women and children through Benapole-Petrapole border on 20

September 2021. As part of the continued efforts, this repatriation (second time in this year) was jointly organized by the Mission and the West Bengal Special Task Force &

RRRI of Women & Children under the aegis of the Department of Women & Children Development and Social Welfare.



► Repatriation at Petrapole-Benapole border by The Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata



Bangladesh High Commissioner to Maldives Paid a Call to the Vice President of the Republic of Maldives



► Call on between the Hon'ble Vice President of Maldives H.E. Faisal Naseem and High Commissioner of Bangladesh H.E. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hasan

On 22 September 2021, the High Commissioner called on the Hon'ble Vice President of The Republic of Maldives H.E. Faisal Naseem at his office. The meeting coincided with the 43rd anniversary of Bangladesh-Maldives Diplomatic Relations. During the meeting, the Chief Executive of the Vice President's Office and the First Secretary of the Mission were also present.

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Vietnam Virtually Joined the Hybrid Meeting of NRB: Bangladesh and United Nations at the Sideline of 76th UNGA



► Ambassador of Bangladesh to Vietnam, H.E. Ms. Samina Naz, attending on a virtual meeting on "New World New Hope: United Nations and Bangladesh"

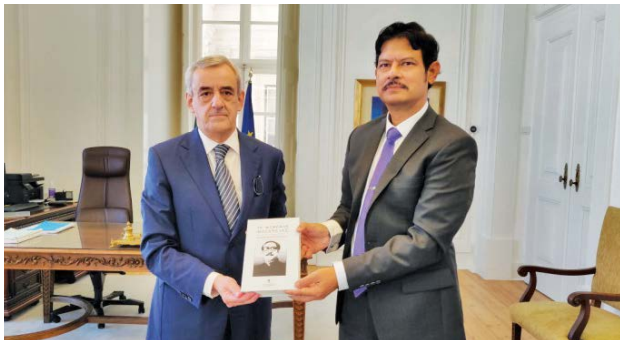
H.E. Ms. Samina Naz, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Vietnam attended virtually to the 76th UNGA sideline conference on "New World New Hope: United Nations and Bangladesh" on 23 September 2021. Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Diplomats, Economists, Business leaders and distinguished personnel from around the world joined and spoke in this sideline conference. Ambassador Samina Naz spoke on Bangladesh & the UN & the remarkable achievements Bangladesh has made, HPM's recent SDG Award from Prof Jeffery Sach's Institute, Bangladesh & Peacekeeping Operations, UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace & Security, Bangladesh's Flagship resolution, UN GA Resolution "Culture of Peace", climate change & contemporary issues.

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Portugal Met With the President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Portugal

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Portugal Mr. Tarik Ahsan paid a courtesy call on the President of the Supreme Court of Justice (Chief Justice) of Portugal Counselor Henrique Araujo on 23 September 2021.

During discussion on the role of Judiciary in protecting the good governance, Ambassador briefed the Portuguese Chief Justice on the landmark rulings of Bangladesh Supreme Court revoking the 5th

and the 7th Amendments to the Constitution, which effectively declared Martial Law illegal. In the context of Bangladesh's hosting of the huge number of 1.1 million forcibly displaced Rohingyas, the Ambassador



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highlighted the judicial avenues being pursued for justice of the persecuted Rohingyas – at ICJ, ICC and Argentine Court. The Chief Justice expressed his support for justice of the Rohingyas and appreciated the act of kindness of Bangladesh in hosting them. Ambassador presented him a copy of “Memorias Incabadas”, the Portuguese translation of “Unfinished Memoirs” by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Rights of Bangladeshi migrants in Portugal also figured in the discussions.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Bahrain Paid Courtesy Call on Secretary General of Higher Education Council of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain, Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam paid a courtesy call on with Her Excellency Dr. Shaikha Rana Bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, Secretary General of Higher Education Council (Ministerial rank), former Undersecretary (Consular Affairs) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



► Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain, H.E. Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam paying a courtesy call-on with the Secretary General of Higher Education Council of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Dr. Shaikha Rana Bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa

Meeting of Bangladesh Ambassador to UAE With Commander of the United Arab Emirates Air Forces and Air Defense

His Excellency Mr. Md. Abu Zafar, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United Arab Emirates and Permanent Representative to IRENA held a bilateral meeting with Air Vice Marshal Ibrahim Nasser Mohammed Al-Alawi, Commander of the UAE Air Forces and Air Defense at the latter's office in Abu Dhabi on 27 September 2021. They discussed

different issues of mutual interest and possible areas of cooperation in the area of Defense. Ambassador of Bangladesh requested the UAE Air Chief for offering training facilities to Bangladesh Air Forces cadets & officers in the UAE and also to avail the courses offered by Bangladesh Armed Forces to the UAE. His Excellency Md. Abu Zafar

invited the UAE Air Chief to visit Bangladesh at a mutually convenient time. The UAE Air Chief accepted the invitation in principle. He also expressed his willingness to send a delegation to Bangladesh for future discussion on coordination in the defense sector. The meeting ended with exchange of memorabilia from both sides.



► H.E. Mr. Md. Abu Zafar, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the UAE, in a bilateral meeting with Commander of the UAE Air Forces and Air Defense in Abu Dhabi



Bangladesh Envoy to Jordan Calls on the Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs

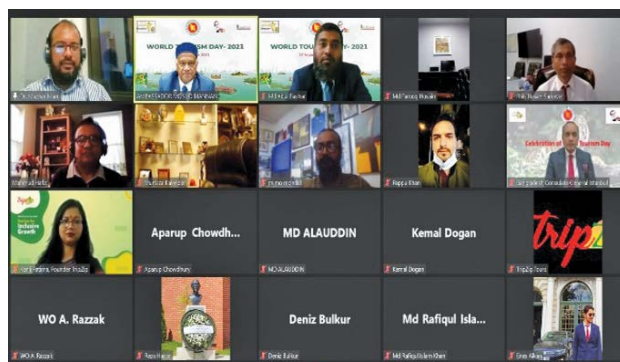


► H.E. Ms. Nahida Sobhan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Jordan met with H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Aljazy, Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs of Jordan at his office

H.E. Ambassador Ms. Nahida Sobhan called on H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Aljazy, Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs of Jordan at his office on 27 September 2021. She discussed the situation of COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh and mentioned that the situation has improved a lot and thanked him on behalf of the government of Bangladesh to lift travel ban from Bangladesh to Jordan. She also stated that Bangladesh is considering contract farming in some countries where it is feasible and proposed that Jordan could be a partner in such arrangement for agricultural cooperation. Dr. Aljazy holds an important portfolio within the governance system of Jordan. He previously served as the Minister of State for Legal Affairs from 2011 to 2012 and Minister of Justice in 2012.

Embassy of Bangladesh in Ankara Observes World Tourism day 2021

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Ankara celebrated World Tourism Day on the theme of this year “Tourism for Inclusive Growth”. The messages delivered by the Hon’ble President, the Hon’ble Prime Minister, the Hon’ble UN Secretary General and Hon’ble Secretary General of the UNWTO on this occasion were read out followed by the screening of 02 (two) video documentaries on the significance of the day.



► Embassy of Bangladesh in Ankara celebrating World Tourism Day virtually on the theme of this year “Tourism for Inclusive Growth”



Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal Meets with the State Secretary (State Minister) for Foreign Affairs of Portugal



► Ambassador of Bangladesh to Portugal paying a courtesy call on the State Secretary (State Minister) for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Portugal Mr. Tarik Ahsan paid a courtesy call on the State Secretary (State Minister) for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal Dr. Francisco Andri at Foreign Office on 29 September 2021.

Ambassador requested that Portuguese government to consider Dhaka as a possible new station, when it will review its diplomatic presence in Asia. Until that happens, he also requested that Portuguese Ministry of Foreign to assign an outsourcing agency in Dhaka for forwarding Portuguese visa applications to Portuguese Embassy in New Delhi so that applicants will not need to travel all the way to New

Delhi. The State Secretary assured that both these suggestions would be given careful consideration.

Referring to the clean record of Bangladeshi migrants in Portugal in terms of hard-working and law-abiding nature, the Ambassador proposed that the two countries consider concluding an MOU on recruitment of skilled workers from Bangladesh for Portugal. The State Secretary acknowledged the positive role played by Bangladeshi migrants in the Portuguese economy and responded positively to the idea of signing an instrument on mobility of human resources between Bangladesh and Portugal.

Bangladesh Embassy in Doha Presented ‘Certificates of Appreciation’ to 137 Bangladesh Community Members



► H.E. Md. Jashim Uddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Qatar, presenting the certificate of appreciation to the awardees

Bangladesh Embassy in Doha presented ‘certificates of appreciation’ to 137 Bangladesh community members including Bangladeshi frontline health workers, Bangladeshi professional

groups and community organisations for their invaluable service and support rendered to the members of the Bangladesh community during the COVID pandemic in Qatar. The community volunteers distributed food packets among those who needed the support during the pandemic. The ceremony was held at the Embassy premises on 30 September 2021.

H.E Md. Jashim Uddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Qatar lauded the humanitarian undertaking by the volunteers and the frontline health workers who stood beside their compatriots at the risk of their own lives. The awardees expressed their satisfaction for being part of the humanitarian work and thanked the Embassy for taking the initiative.



Ambassador in Nepal Met with Local Business Community to Explore Possible Trade Promotion of Both Countries

On 30 September 2021, Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury met the office bearers of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FNCCI) at their headquarters

in Kathmandu. The President of FNCCI Mr. Shekhar Golchha, two Vice Presidents Mr. Ram Chandra Sanghai and Mr. Anjan Shrestha and other officials were present at the meeting. During the meeting,

Ambassador Chowdhury stressed the need for the early conclusion of agreements on preferential trade and investment protection in order to boost the volume of trade between two countries.



► Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal H.E. Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury met the office bearers of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FNCCI) at their headquarters in Kathmandu



► On 31 August 2021, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal H.E. Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury met the office bearers

Virtual Meeting Between Members of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Brunei Darussalam (NCCIBD) and Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam



► Virtual meeting between members of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Brunei Darussalam (NCCIBD) and Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam H.E. Mrs Nahida Rahman Shumona

A virtual meeting between members of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Brunei Darussalam (NCCIBD) and Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam Mrs Nahida Rahman Shumona was held to seek business expansion in the food and beverages industry. NCCIBD President Haji Mohammad Hanafi bin Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Abdul Rahman was present. NCCIBD Deputy Secretary General Haji Halim Saim said the

virtual meeting was a follow up on the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed by NCCIBD and its counterparts from Bangladesh during the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh to Brunei Darussalam on 21-23 April 2019. Three MoUs were signed during the visit to enhance industry cooperation in a number of sectors, including energy, construction, hotel and tourism, agriculture and fishing, food and beverages, as well as import and export.

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