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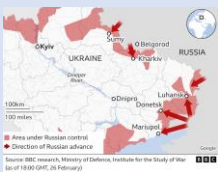
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Key Points:

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- Bangladesh, as the CVF Chair, urged the international community to proactively address the unique challenges of the CVF countries and flagged six points in this regard.
- India will provide Rs 300 crore as financial assistance to Bangladesh in the upcoming 2022-23 financial year.
- The Government of Japan and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) signed an agreement to provide USD 4.4 million in multi-sectoral support assistance for "Rohingya".
- Bangladesh government honored 654 valiant women Freedom Fighters (FFs) for their outstanding contribution to the country's Liberation War.
- The countrywide mass vaccination campaign, which began on February 26, has set a new record.
- Bangladesh government is formulating a roadmap for increasing rice production quickly.
- Mission Activities
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In a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka, Bangladesh said it is closely observing all development in relation to Ukraine and "urges all parties to continue their diplomatic efforts towards resolving this crisis, upholding the spirit of dialogue and cooperation".

Bangladesh, as the CVF Chair, urged the international community to proactively address the unique challenges of the CVF countries and flagged six points in this regard, including, strict implementation of the Paris Agreement, transfer of clean, green, and advanced technology to developing countries at affordable cost. It also called upon the global leaders to share the burden of rehabilitation of the climate migrants and proposed to mobilize 100 billion dollars annually committed by the developed countries for climate finance, adding climate-vulnerable countries' development needs should be addressed.



US-based organizations 'Genocide Watch' and 'Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention' have recognized the mass killing committed by the Pakistani occupation force during Bangladesh's Liberation War as genocide. The organizations also urged the United Nations and international community to declare the mass killing



that was committed in Bangladesh as genocide. These recognitions will further accelerate the international support for the resolution which unanimously adopted by the National Parliament of Bangladesh on March 11, 2017, to recognize March 25 as Genocide Day.

India will provide Rs 300 crore as financial assistance to Bangladesh in the upcoming 2022-23 financial year and intends to improve trade and investment relations with Bangladesh in the areas of logistics, food processing, automobiles, and garments. At the end of the current financial year, Bangladesh's exports to India are expected to reach 2 billion for the first time.



On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Poland, Bangladesh has emerged as one of the most prospective partners of the country in South Asia and seeks deeper cooperation in the economic, political, cultural, and scientific domains with Bangladesh.



Australia will provide the US \$10.2 million to increase engagement on regional economic challenges and tap new opportunities in the digital sector in Bangladesh.



Malaysia is keen to recruit more workers from Bangladesh particularly for



its plantation sector through Government-to-Government (G2G) channel.

The Government of Japan and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) signed an agreement to provide USD 4.4 million in multi-sectoral support assistance for "Rohingya" and host communities in Cox's Bazar.



The World Bank approved US\$300 million to assist Bangladesh in strengthening its urban local government institutions to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and improve preparedness to future shocks benefitting about 40 million urban residents. The Local Government COVID-19

Response and Recovery Project will support urban local



government institutions to effectively respond to and recover from the pandemic. Total 329 municipalities and 10 city corporations will have the provision to receive funds bi-annually from the project to improve critical urban services delivery of facilities and infrastructure, local economic recovery, and preparedness to climate impacts, disaster, and future disease outbreaks.



Bangladeshi entities have received the highest number of awards in SAFA (South Asian Federation of Accountants) Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Awards, and SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Disclosure 2020 competition. Bangladesh received a total of 21 awards out of 58 distributed among the SAARC countries. These awards are considered the most prestigious accolades for financial reporting in the countries of the South Asian region.

Korea International Cooperation Agency-KOICA has completed a pre-survey mission on introducing metro rail in



Chattogram and presented the result of the survey mission to the Road Transport and Highways Division. This survey project is being undertaken under the Road Transport and Highways Division at a cost of around BDT 77 crore where the Korean government would provide BDT 51 crore as a grant.



Bangladesh government honored 654 valiant women Freedom Fighters (FFs) for their outstanding contribution to the country's Liberation War marking Bangladesh's golden jubilee of independence. Women and Children Affairs Ministry organized a program to give honor to the women freedom fighters in the capital and all DC offices across the country.

The countrywide mass vaccination campaign, which began on February 26, has set a new record for administering over 1.20 crore people in a single day. With this, the government has brought 73 percent of people under vaccination coverage with first, second, and booster doses.



Padma Multipurpose Bridge will be opened for vehicular movement next June as 96 percent of the bridge's main works have already been completed and the overall progress of the project is around 90.50 percent.



Bangladesh's GDP growth rate now stands at 6.94 percent and its per capita income is US\$2,591, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.



Expatriate Bangladeshis has sent US\$1.7 billion (BDT 14,720 crore) of remittances to the country in January 2022, which is a four-month high BDT 620 crore higher than that of December.



Patenga Container Terminal-PCT in Chattogram will begin its operational activities in June this year and is expected to handle 145 million TEUs containers per year.



Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited-BSCL has recently signed an MOU to process launching the country's second satellite Bangabandhu-2 with the Russian launch services and satellite company.

Bangladesh has launched the Digital Business

Identification-DBID system for e-commerce businesses in the country. All kinds of online business entities like websites, Facebook pages, and apps from now on have to register to address irregularities and forgery in the e-commerce business.



Bangladesh government is formulating a roadmap for increasing rice production quickly considering the annual demand of the staple food in order to keep the rice price under control.



The tea-producing five northern districts- Panchagarh, Thakurgaon,



Dinajpur, Nilphamari, and Lalmonirhat produced an all-time record 14.54 million kgs of processed tea last year, about 4.24 million kgs higher than the previous 2020 year according to Bangladesh Tea Board.

Bangladesh is launching Virtual Museum in the country, with the aim of presenting the rich history and heritage of



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Mission Activities February 2022

On February 12, 2022, a virtual poetry recital was held between poets from Bangladesh and Mexico “Uniting Through the Universal Language of Poetry” organized by the Embassy of Bangladesh and Poet Mr. Aminur Rahman, renowned poet from Bangladesh.



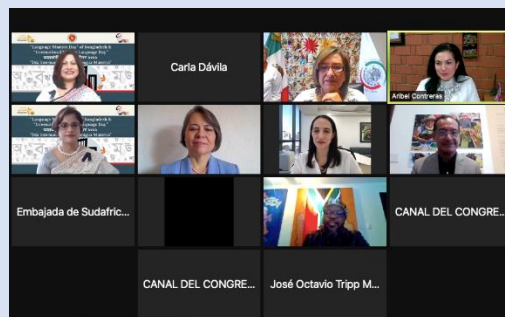
On February 8, 2022 Ambassador Abida Islam met with Mr. Bram Govaerts, Director General of CIMMYT, to discuss the possibilities to deepen bilateral actions regarding food security, climate change & agri-food systems for sustainability & resilience, & agriculture for peace.



On February 17, 2022, The Foreign Service Academies of Bangladesh and Mexico signed the Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen the bilateral diplomatic relations.



On February 21, 2022, Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico observed the International Mother Language Day and Language Martyrs Day in Mexico highlighting linguistic diversity & multilingualism around the world, in collaboration with Senate of the Republic through the Committee on Indigenous Affairs, the University Iberoamericana, Ambassadors from New Zealand and South Africa, the National Institution for Indigenous Languages INALI and the Director-General of Asia Pacific Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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