

Monthly Highlights

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Hon'ble Prime Minister to P4G Summit: Fortify action-oriented approach to attain green growth

The '2021 P4G Seoul Summit' standing for 'Partnering for Green Growth & the Global Goals 2030' was held on 30-31 May 2021 under the banner-'Inclusive Green



Recovery towards Carbon Neutrality". While participating at the event virtually, Hon. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina put

forward three suggestions including strengthening the campaign about its action-oriented approach by engaging more financiers, innovators, policymakers and creative entrepreneurs in its focus areas. The Embassy duly publicized the video-message of the HPM through its website and official Facebook page.

Antimicrobial resistance can even threaten food security: PM Hasina

while addressing the opening session of the first meeting 'one Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance' Hon. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed seven suggestions before the world for their execution to contain the Antimicrobial Resistance-AMR effectively.



UN honours 8 fallen peacekeepers from Bangladesh



The United Nations has awarded eight fallen peacekeepers from Bangladesh posthumously with 'Dag Hammarskjöld

Medal'. At a virtual ceremony on the occasion of the International Day of the UN Peacekeepers, as many as 129 peacekeepers from 44 nations who lost their lives while rendering duties in different peacekeeping missions in 2020 were honoured. Among the 129, eight were Bangladeshi peacekeepers, a figure which is the highest from any single country this year. This medal commemorates the strength, purity and fragility of the lives lost in the cause of peace.

Bangladesh urges the UN Security Council to address the Palestinian issue



Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen while reiterating Bangladesh's position in the open-ended meeting of the OIC Executive Committee held on a virtual platform, said that the country believes in a comprehensive and durable solution to the Palestinian issue in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Quarter Road Map. He said that as the principal organ of the UN charged with ensuring international peace and security, the UN Security Council should take up the issue of violence and breach of security in the Al-Quds Al-Shareef and the entire occupied land of the State of Palestine.

UN issues stamps marking UN Peacekeepers Day, birth centenary of Bangabandhu

On the occasion of the '2021 International Day of the United Nations Peacekeepers (Peacekeepers Day)' the UN Postal Administration on May 29, jointly with the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the UN in New York, issued a set of commemorative stamps. It was a tribute to UN peacekeepers and marking the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The commemorative stamp folio features Bangladesh's flag, logo of MUJIB 100, portrait of Bangabandhu and images of UN Peacekeeping services around the world.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina seeks Commonwealth's focus on minimizing climate vulnerabilities

Hon. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the Commonwealth can play a leading role in pursuing a sustainable and nature-based solution to a prosperous future, calling for a collective fight to save the planet from climate vulnerabilities. The Premier was virtually addressing a roundtable of the Asia Regional Commonwealth Heads of Government convened by the Prince of Wales, Charles



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Philip Arthur-George, joining from Ganabhaban. As the Climate Vulnerable Forum-CVF Chair, however, placed a three-point proposal to fight the vulnerabilities effectively.

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the thematic session on Water-titled "Carbon-Neutral Smart Water Management for Climate Resilience" at P4G



While taking part in this session Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP outlined

Bangladesh's leadership role in steering innovative adaptive solutions towards climate change-induced challenges. He also underlined Bangladesh's initiative of establishing "Climate Change Trust Fund" and expenditure over USD 415 million from its own resources to implement over 800 mitigation and adaptation programs. He also informed the panel about Bangladesh's adoption of a unique 'Delta Plan-2100' that conforms to the five P4G focus areas and that illustrates Bangladesh's commitment to the global goals towards green development.

China assures Bangladesh of vaccine's 'stable supply'

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi during his telephone conversation with His counterpart in Bangladesh Dr. A K Abdul Momen, gave the assurance that it will provide all cooperation for keeping a 'stable supply' of Chinese vaccine to Bangladesh and the country is willing to facilitate the discussion of cooperation in 'vaccine filling' between Bangladesh and Chinese companies.

At the request of Dr. Momen, Wang Yi also announced that China has decided to provide 6 lacs more COVID-19 vaccine doses to Bangladesh as the second batch of gifts.

Bangladesh urges Canada to send 2 million doses of COVID vaccine

Bangladesh urged Canada to send at least two million doses of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to Bangladesh directly to meet up immediate second dose vaccine requirements in the country, when the Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh called on Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen at the

Ministry. He also sought Canadian help in vaccinating the displaced Rohingyas in Bangladesh separately.

Prime Minister donates Tk 10cr privately for Covid-19 affected, homeless people

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina privately donated Taka 10 crore from Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust for the Covid-19 affected and homeless people and urged the affluent section of the society to come up with assistance for the poor and destitute people.



Dhaka to host World Peace Conference in November

Bangladesh will host a two-day world peace conference in November this year, marking the ongoing birth centenary celebrations of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as part of promoting a culture of peace and tolerance. Bangabandhu Peace Award will be introduced and conferred during the conference. A committee has been formed to successfully hold the event he added.

Bangladesh emphasizes permanent Rohingya solution in launching JRP 2021

Bangladesh has urged the United Nations and the International community to deepen their efforts in finding a permanent solution to the Rohingya crisis. State



Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam made the urge while speaking at the launching ceremony of the 4th Joint Response Plan-JRP for humanitarian assistance for about a million Rohingyas temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh.

SOM of foreign ministry held on virtual platform 'Boithok'



Recently a senior officials' meeting was held on the 'Boithok' virtual platform in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen chaired the meeting. In his remarks, Foreign Secretary appreciated the new and Bangladesh-made virtual

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conferencing platform 'Boithok' for its security and potentials for smooth operability.

US, UK govts co-fund project to reduce river pollution in Dhaka

The USA and the UK have cofounded an advocacy project called "Promoting Democratic Governance and Collective Advocacy for Environmental Protection in Dhaka City," with the Dhaka North and South City Corporations to reduce different rivers pollution in Dhaka district. The new anti-pollution advocacy project was developed by Water-keepers Bangladesh Consortium and in collaboration with Counterpart International, co-funded by the USAID and the UK's Foreign Commonwealth, and Development Office designed to advocate for clean Dhaka Rivers.

ILO lauds Bangladesh's progress in RMG

International Labour Organisation-ILO Country Director in Bangladesh Tuomo Poutiainen has praised the development that the RMG sector has made in the areas of workplace safety and social compliance. A delegation of the ILO led by its Country Director held a meeting with BGMEA President Faruque Hassan at his office and discussed the possible avenues of collaboration, especially on the well-being of the workers'.

Remittance flow and Forex reserves hit a record high

The country's inward remittance flow witnesses 39 percent growth during the first 10 months of the current fiscal 2020-21, with US\$20,672 million remittances. Also, Bangladesh Bank informed that the country's foreign exchange reserves hit a new record with US\$ 45.11 billion.

More than 53,500 homeless and landless to get a new house by June

Another 53,500 homeless and landless people will get new houses by June this year and 1.25 lac more others by next year under the Mujib Borsho Ashrayan Project. The decision came at a recent meeting at the Prime Minister's Office-PMO. Earlier, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced that her government would ensure shelters for all marking the Mujib Borsho.

Activities of the Embassy

Embassy held webinar on smart farming

Bangladesh Embassy in Seoul held a webinar on 'Smart Farming' on 24 May 2021 to discuss the possible application of smart technology in the agriculture, fisheries, and livestock sectors of Bangladesh. Ambassador Abida Islam presided over the session where the senior officials of the respective offices as well as the Bangladeshi students studying in Korea took part in the webinar.



Meeting of Ambassador Abida Islam with the Bangladesh-Korea Friendship Group



Ambassador Abida Islam held a meeting with the Hon'ble Chair and Members of the Korea-Bangladesh Parliamentary

Friendship Group on 25 May 2021. The meeting discussed the bilateral issues including the exchange of the visits of the members of the Parliamentary friendship group of the two countries.

Meeting of Ambassador Abida Islam with the Chief of Korea Financial Investment Association

Ambassador Abida Islam had a meeting with Mr. JC Na, Chief of the Korea Financial Investment Association on 03 May 2021.

Bangladesh Embassy and Indian Embassy Jointly celebrate 160th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore



Embassy of India, Seoul organised the 160th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Nobel Laurette Poet Rabindranath Tagore on 07 May 2021. The Online Celebration was co-hosted by the Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul, Indian Art Museum and Tagore Society of Korea along with Visva Bharati – a University established by Tagore himself.

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Embassy celebrates the 48th Anniversary of Bangabandhu's receipt of Julio Curie Peace Medal



The Embassy of Bangladesh, Seoul celebrated the 48th Anniversary of the Bangabandhu's receipt of Juliot-Curie Medal of Peace on 23 May 2021 with due fervor and festivity. To observe the occasion in a befitting manner, the Embassy held an online discussion programme at 3.30 pm chaired by Ambassador Abida Islam and participated by expatriate Bangladeshis living in South Korea.

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Ambassador Abida Islam visits the National Institute of Fisheries Science



Ambassador Abida Islam visited the National Institute of Fisheries Science of the Republic of Korea in Busan on 18 May 2021. During the visit she visited different labs of the National Institute of Fisheries Science and held a meeting with Mr. Choi, Wan-hyun, President of the National Institute of Fisheries Science.

Labour and Welfare Issues:

The arrival of EPS Workers	00
Dispute settlement	03
Legal Advice	65
Interaction with EPS workers IMO/FB/SMS/Kakao/Phone /others	75
Factory/Jail/Hospital/Morgue/Deportation Centre/Job Centre/Accommodation/Police station visits	07
Coordinate Flight for stranded EPS workers	00
Extended Release and Job searching Period of EPS workers	00

Consular Affairs:

Delivered new Passports	301
Renunciation/Duel	01
Birth Certificate	08
Endorsement	nil
Visas issued	78
NVR issued	05
Travel Permits issued	03
Attestation	154
Consular Service provided	550 nos.

Commercial Affairs:

Meeting with Korean businessmen	07
Trade queries	04

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