

## Bangladesh Embassy Ankara

### *Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey presents Credentials and attends Wreath Laying Ceremony at Anitkabir*

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The newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey Mosud Mannan ndc, in a formal ceremony, laid a flower wreath at Anitkabir -Atatürk Mausoleum - dedicated to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the Father of modern Turkey and the Turkish War for Independence yesterday. He then signed a Special Visitor's Book. The Ambassador was accompanied by his spouse Prof. Dr. Nuzhat Amin Mannan ndc, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Md. Rais Hasan Sarower, Defence Attache Brig Gen Md. Rahsed Iqbal, First Secretary and HOC Mr. Sabuj Ahmed, all other officials of the Embassy and their family members. It was a formal programme of Turkish authority organized as part of presentation of Credentials. At the mausoleum, the Ambassador was received by Anitkabir service troop commander.

On 15 December 2020, the Ambassador presented his Credentials to the President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan at the Presidential Palace 2020 following a traditional and auspicious ceremony. During ceremony, the Ambassador was accompanied by his spouse Professor Dr. Nuzhat Amin Mannan, the Deputy Chief of Mission Md. Rais Hasan Sarower and the Defence Attaché Brigadier General Md. Rashed Iqbal, ndc, psc, G.

The Credential ceremony was followed by a cordial meeting between the President and the Ambassador, where the Senior Advisor to the President Ibrahim Kalin, Director of the Communication Directorate Fahrettin Altun and Director General of South Asia of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey Riza Hakan Tekin were present.

The Ambassador conveyed to the President Erdoğan the greetings and best wishes of the President and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, to which he warmly reciprocated. The Ambassador reiterated the invitation of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to the Turkish President to visit Dhaka during the Celebration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in March 2021.

Recalling the earlier decisions taken during interactions at the highest political level to further consolidate ties in the areas of mutual interest such as trade, economy, culture, health, tourism and defence, the Ambassador sought support of the Turkish leadership and the authorities. While appreciating encouraging developments in the defence sector, he opined that the two countries might sign an agreement between their Health Ministries on cooperation in the defence sector. He also briefed the Turkish President of the success of the government of Bangladesh in the economic and social sectors under the pragmatic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The President fondly recalled his recent meeting with the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, during his visit to Turkey in September this year to inaugurate the Bangladesh Embassy Complex, terming it very productive. He reiterated his sentiment that both countries hold enormous potentials in the arena of bilateral trade to explore and a USD 2-billion target, which was mutually set earlier, could easily be

achieved. He also reiterated his proposal made earlier to Bangladesh Foreign Minister A K Abdul Momen to establish a hospital in Bangladesh with Turkish support, adding that relevant Turkish authorities are awaiting positive response from Bangladesh. The President reiterated that Turkey would continue its unwavering support to Rohingya issue in all forums while appreciated Bangladesh.

The President assured Ambassador Mosud Mannan of all support in his effort to further deepen bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Turkey. They also exchanged views on the evolving covid situation in both countries.

The Ambassadors of China, Japan, Latvia and Luxemburg also presented their credentials on the same day.