

Embassy of Bangladesh

Ankara

Press Release

14 February 2023: Bangladesh is shocked at the devastating earthquake of Turkiye and Syria at the early hour of 6 February 2023 in the Richter scale of 7.8 magnitude which leveled everything to ground in 10 provinces in Turkiye - Kahramanmaras, Gaziantep, Hatay, Osmaniye, Adiyaman, Malatya, Sanliurfa, Adana, Diyarbakir, and Kilis provinces. People in Bangladesh came forward to extend their hands and support whole heartedly to support their brotherly people of Turkiye at this critical situation. They crowded at the relief receiving area of the Turkish Embassy in Dhaka and piled up food, clothing and other essential items as much as they can. Those items were brought to Turkiye for distribution to the people of the affected areas.

The Government of Bangladesh sent a Rescue team consisting of 46 Members to conduct rescue operation and provide medical support in the quake-hit area. At present the team is working at Adiyaman Province. The professionalism and determination of the Bangladesh team has captured the attention of the world. Despite the challenges of the weather situation, the Bangladeshi rescue team remains fearless, working tirelessly day and night to bring comfort and hope to those in need in Adiyaman Province. After completion of the schedule duration, the team continues to stay and provide support in the earthquake affected area as Turkish Government requested to extend the duration of support. So far, the team could rescue one live and 20 dead bodies from Adiyaman Province. The team is likely to be redeployed to other area soon.

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Ankara has been in close contact with the expatriate Bangladeshis after the break through of the earthquake. They have taken every possible measure to rescue their nationals and bring them to a safe place. As of today, there have been a total of 56 Bangladeshi national in 5 provinces in the affected areas. Most of them shifted to Ankara and the Embassy has been in touch with them. The Embassy also looks after the health situation of the Bangladeshi student Mr. Mohammad Golam Said (Rinko) who was rescued from the rubble in Kahramanmaras 36 hours after the earthquake and taken to Ankara City Hospital by air ambulance with the support of the Turkish authority. The Embassy has expressed deep gratitude to the Turkish authority for their generous assistance at this critical moment of the nation.
