



## President Abdul Hamid urges Brunei Sultan to recruit more manpower from Bangladesh



President M Abdul Hamid has called upon the Brunei government to recruit more manpower from Bangladesh for the greater benefit of the two friendly Muslim countries.

The President came up with the call as visiting Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah paid a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban in Dhaka on October 15.

Noting that there is an investment-friendly environment in Bangladesh, President Abdul Hamid also urged the business community of Brunei to come forward for investment.

Welcoming the Brunei Sultan, President Abdul Hamid said Sultan's first visit to Bangladesh would usher a new chapter of the bilateral ties between the two brotherly countries.

Source: <https://www.bssnews.net/news>

## Bangladesh's participation in the UNGA successful: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said Bangladesh's active participation in all important meetings in the UN General Assembly (UNGA) would strengthen Bangladesh's position in multilateral forums along with widening the field of international cooperation on issues relating to the country's interests.

The Prime Minister was addressing a press conference in Dhaka on October 6 about her official visits to the United Kingdom and the United States.

"During the UN assembly, Bangladesh actively participated in all important meetings and I hope that this participation would strengthen Bangladesh's position in multilateral forums and widen the field of international cooperation on issues relating to Bangladesh's interests. Overall, I think Bangladesh's participation in this session was very successful," she said in her speech.

Prime Minister touched a number of important issues, including climate change, the Rohingya crisis and the global crisis erupted from the Russia-Ukraine war. She attended a reception at the invitation of US President Joe Biden where she invited the US President and First Lady to visit Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister said she participated in a high-level side event organized jointly by Bangladesh along with European Union, the USA, the UK, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Indonesia and Gambia jointly on the Rohingya issues on September 22.

In the question-answer session, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina assured the countrymen that there is nothing to be worried as Bangladesh's economy is in a quite strong position.

"Bangladesh's economy, in terms of midterm and long-term aspects, is at no risk. I can assure all of you that there is nothing to worry," she said.

Mentioning that the government has put concentration on making the economy vibrant overcoming all challenges, she said that they've given emphasis on the issue of mitigating people's sufferings of any kind.

Replying to a question, the Prime Minister said her government wants participation of all the political parties in the upcoming general election and believes that countrymen would vote for the Awami League (AL) again if they want continuation of the ongoing development.

"We want all the political parties to take part in the next general election. If any party decides not to participate in the polls, it's their matter. For that reason, we can't stop the operation of our constitution. As part of the constitution, the election will be held to continue the democratic process," she said.

Source: <https://www.bssnews.net/news>



## Efforts on to bring back Bangabandhu's killer Rashed Chowdhury: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said efforts are underway to bring back war criminals and death row fugitive convict Rashed Chowdhury in Bangabandhu murder case from the United States (US) to expose to punishment.

"We are holding talks with the USA time and again and requesting the country to deport Rashed Chowdhury, a convicted killer of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to Bangladesh," she said.

The Prime Minister said this in a view exchange meeting with the leaders and activists of the US chapter of Awami League and its associate bodies and Bangladeshi expatriates at a hotel in Virginia, USA on October 1.

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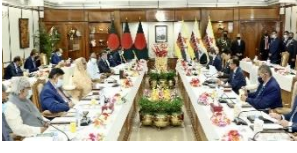
## Bangladesh signs four bilateral instruments with Brunei

Bangladesh and Brunei have signed four instruments, including an air services agreement, to elevate the bilateral relations to a new height.

The instruments were inked in presence of Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Prime Minister's Office on October 16 following the official talks between the two leaders.

The three other bilateral instruments are: 'MoU on the Employment and Recruitment of Bangladeshi Workers,' 'MoU on the Field of Cooperation in the Supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and other Petroleum Products,' and 'MoU on the Recognition of Certificate Issued under the Provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended.'

Source: <https://www.bssnews.net/news>



## PM expresses sadness over attack on Paul Pelosi



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed sympathy and sadness at the break-in at the house of Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and violent attack on her husband Paul Pelosi on October 28.

In a letter to Speaker Nancy, she said, "I was deeply saddened to learn about the break-in at your residence and violent assault on your husband, Mr. Paul Pelosi, on Friday, 28 October 2022."

The Premier reiterated that the Bangladesh government has zero tolerance against terrorism, radicalism, violent extremism, and hate crimes.

She wished Mr. Paul Pelosi's speedy and complete recovery and a safe and secured life for both Paul and Nancy and their family members.

Source: <https://www.bssnews.net/news>

## US Congress introduces resolution to recognise 1971 atrocities in Bangladesh as genocide

In a move to formally recognise the atrocities committed against Bangladesh by the Pakistani armed forces in 1971 as a "genocide" and "crime against humanity", two US lawmakers have introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Steve Chabot and Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna introduced the resolution in the US House of Representatives on 15 October 2022, calling on Pakistan to offer apologies to the people of Bangladesh for its role in such a genocide.

"Recognising the genocide strengthens the historical record, educates our fellow Americans, and lets would-be perpetrators know such crimes will not be tolerated or forgotten," Chabot tweeted.

This is a major development in earning global recognition of massacres by the Pakistani army on unarmed civilians in 1971 as genocide, observes Professor Imtiaz Ahmed, director of the Centre of Genocide Studies at Dhaka University.

If the resolution is passed in the US senate and approved by the US president, Bangladesh could go to the UN seeking recognition of the 1971 genocide, Prof Imtiaz said.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/declare-pakistan-army-action-1971-genocide-us-congressmen-introduce-legislation-513918>



## SDG remains unachievable without adequate funding: Foreign Minister Momen



Foreign Minister Dr A K Abdul Momen has said implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is at stake globally as currently the development partners are extending only three percent fund out of the proposed requirement.

"Unless adequate financing is available, SDGs will remain an unachievable and unfinished agenda goal," he said.

The Foreign Minister was speaking at a seminar on "Bangladesh's Journey to SDGs: From Negotiations to Implementation" organized by the Dhaka University's Department of International Relations at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka on October 6.

Dr Momen said as per the estimate, it requires 3.5 trillion to 11 trillion US dollars each year for achieving the SDGs worldwide.

Source: <https://www.observerbd.com/news.php?id=387178#:~:text=Foreign%20Minister%20AK%20Abdul%20Momen,out%20of%20the%2020%20required,required>

## Foreign Minister Abdul Momen urges ILO to assist Bangladesh to further improve labour rights

Foreign minister Dr A K Abdul Momen has urged International Labour Organization (ILO) to assist Bangladesh with support of capability building as well as financing to improve further labour rights rather using workers issues for any political interest.

The Foreign Minister made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at a national seminar on "Fundamental principles and rights at work: Bangladesh's 50-years journey with the ILO" at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital on October 19.

Foreign Minister Momen said Bangladesh expects that its relevant international partners including ILO would acknowledge the value of local level knowledge and insights without taking a one-sided prescriptive approach that one model fits all.

Speaking at the function, ILO's Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Chihoko Asada Miyakawa said Bangladesh has made impressive progress in its economic transformation away from least developed country status.

Source: <https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/88927>



## Information Minister Hasan Mahmud emphasizes proper publicity of Islam in global media



Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud has emphasized proper publicity on Islam and Muslim Ummah in the global mass media and social platforms.

The Information Minister stated this while addressing the 12th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) of the OIC at Istanbul in Turkey on behalf of Bangladesh on October 22.

"OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) and its member countries could take different steps to present Islam before the world as a religion of peace and it doesn't support terrorism in the name of religion," he said.

OIC Secretary General Hussein Ibrahim Taha and information ministers of the OIC member countries addressed the conference titled 'Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia' with Directorate of Communications of Turkey President Fahrettin Altun in the chair.

Source: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2022/10/22/hasan-emphasizes-on-proper-publicity-of-islam-in-global-media>

## State Minister for Foreign Affairs meets US Deputy Secretary of State

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, held a meeting with his US counterpart Deputy Secretary Wendy R. Sherman on October 7 at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. At the meeting, they discussed various bilateral matters and global issues of common interest.

The State Minister thanked the US government for extending tremendous support to Bangladesh by delivering nearly 88 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to fight the pandemic. He also expressed his sincere appreciation for the US humanitarian support to the Rohingyas in Bangladesh and the US efforts to ensure repatriation of Rohingyas to Myanmar.

He sought the US support at the WTO on LDC related matters so that countries like Bangladesh could attain a smooth and sustainable LDC graduation.

State Minister Alam expressed his government's willingness to work more closely with the US on the issue of climate change and migration. In this regard, he drew the US attention for an action-oriented discussion on the issue of loss and damage in the upcoming COP-27.

The Deputy Secretary, at the outset of her discussion, expressed deep condolences for the loss of three Bangladeshi peacekeepers in the Central African Republic recently and lauded the contribution of Bangladeshi peacekeepers in global peacekeeping.

The Deputy Secretary appreciated Bangladesh's leadership role in climate change and encouraged Bangladesh to join the Global Methane Pledge prior to COP27.

Referring to the US sanctions on the RAB and its senior officials, the State Minister urged the US government to withdraw the sanctions as soon as possible. Deputy Secretary Sherman reiterated on continued collaboration with Bangladesh on its fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

The war in Ukraine, the issue of food and energy security, labour, bilateral trade and the next parliamentary election in Bangladesh were also discussed at the meeting.

The State Minister urged the US government to expedite the deportation of Bangabandhu's killer Rashed Chowdhury to Bangladesh.

Later on the day, Rear Admiral Eileen Laubacher, Special Assistant to the US President and Senior Director for South Asia at the White House National Security Council, paid a courtesy call on the State Minister at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The issues including Bangladesh-US cooperation on counterterrorism, RAB sanctions, Rohingya repatriation, Ukraine war and return of killer Rashed Chowdhury were discussed at that meeting.



## State Minister Shahriar Alam urges more nations to join ICJ case



State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam has urged more countries to join International Court of Justice (ICJ) case filed by the Gambia as international justice and accountability will expedite Rohingya repatriation.

"We (Bangladesh), therefore, call upon more Commonwealth, OIC members and western countries to join the ICJ case filed by the Gambia, which will expedite the justice for Rohingyas and facilitate their early return," he said.

State Minister Alam was speaking at a high-level panel discussion on "5 years of the Rohingya Crisis: Renewed Pledges towards Justice and Sustainable Returns" organized by Bangladesh High Commission in London at the UK Parliament on October 24.

Meanwhile State Minister of Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam has called on the rich nations to finance the most vulnerable countries to deal with the climate change risk.

He made this call as a keynote speaker at a special climate discussion event organized by UK's leading think tank Chatham House in London on October 29.

The State Minister said rich nations should immediately finance the most vulnerable countries to tackle climate change risks, not just make empty promises.

Source: <https://bangladesh.postsen.com/local/76521/Minister-of-State-for-Foreign-Affairs-calls-for-quick-financing-to-deal-with-climate-change-risks.html>

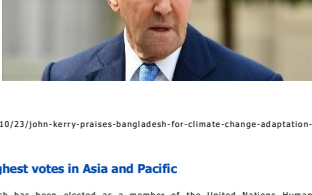
## John Kerry praises Bangladesh for climate change adaptation, mitigation initiatives

US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry has applauded Bangladesh for its ambitious climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives despite being traditionally an insignificant emitter.

His appreciation came in a recent letter to Foreign Minister Dr A K Abdul Momen.

In the letter, John Kerry also highlighted a number of Biden administration's actions in combatting climate change, including the new legislation Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

While praising Bangladesh for its climate actions and goals, John Kerry urged the country to join several US climate initiatives so that Bangladesh can set a positive example for other large emitters and encourage them to meaningfully participate in the global climate process.



Source: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/foreign-affairs/2022/10/23/john-kerry-praises-bangladesh-for-climate-change-adaptation-mitigation-initiatives>

## Bangladesh elected to UN Human Rights Council with highest votes in Asia and Pacific



Bangladesh has been elected as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council for the next three years by securing the highest number of votes among candidates in Asia and the Pacific region.

The UN members took part in the election during the world body's annual general assembly in New York on October 11 where 14 countries, including Bangladesh, were elected new members of the UNHRC.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam, MP, has led Bangladesh delegation in the UN General Assembly during the UNHRC election.

This would be the fifth term of the country as a member of the 47-member UNHRC. Earlier, Bangladesh won in 2006, 2009, 2014 and 2018.

"The result of this extremely competitive election is a clear manifestation of the recognition by the international community of Bangladesh's continued endeavour and commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights in national as well as international arena," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement after Bangladesh's victory.

Source: <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/diplomacy/news/bangladesh-elected-un-human-rights-council-highest-vote-3140256>

## Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC observes 'Sheikh Russel Day'

The Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC on October 18 observed the "Sheikh Russel Day", marking the 59th birthday of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's youngest son Shaheed Sheikh Russel in a befitting manner.

The Embassy arranged different programmes in memory of Sheikh Russel at the Bangabandhu Auditorium in the afternoon.

Sheikh Russel, also the youngest brother of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was born on October 18 in 1964 at the historic Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi Road No. 32 in the capital.

But he was brutally assassinated along with most of his family members, including his father Bangabandhu, on August 15, 1975 when he was a student of class four at University Laboratory School.

The programmes of the Embassy included discussion meeting on the life of Shaheed Sheikh Russel, reading out messages of President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, placing of floral wreaths at the portrait of Sheikh Russel and organising a painting competition for the children and juveniles.

The programmes began with laying of floral wreaths at the portrait of Shaheed Sheikh Russel by Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Muhammad Imran. Officials and employees of the Embassy were present at that time.

Then, messages from the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister on this occasion were read out by Defence Attaché Brig Gen Md Shahedul Islam and Minister (Press) AZM Sajjad Hossain respectively.

Taking part in the discussion, Ambassador Imran highlighted Shaheed Sheikh Russel's unique virtues which he demonstrated in his only 10-year life.

He said Sheikh Russel was a decent human being and he used to help people passionately. In spite of being a young boy, Shaheed Sheikh Russel had great love in his heart for general people, Ambassador Imran continued.

The Ambassador also paid deepest homage to the Father of the Nation and other members of his family who were brutally assassinated in the 15 August 1975 carnage. He called upon the new generations to build themselves as good citizens of the nation and work for establishing a developed and prosperous Bangladesh being imbued with the ideology of Bangabandhu.

The programs ended with distribution of prizes by the Ambassador among the winners of the painting competition.

Earlier, a documentary on the life of Shaheed Sheikh Russel was screened and a cake was cut at the event. A special prayer was offered, seeking eternal peace for the departed soul of Shaheed Sheikh Russel and others martyred on the fateful night of 15 August 1975. Counsellor Mohammad Moniruzzaman conducted the program.



## US-Bangladesh Labor Working Group convenes to further shared economic prosperity

The inaugural meeting of the U.S.-Bangladesh Labor Working Group was held virtually On October 27.

US Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose W. Fernandez and Adviser for Private Industry and Investment to the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh Salman F. Rahman, MP, led the US and Bangladeshi delegations respectively.

The objective of the meeting was to support Bangladeshi implementation of commitments to further improve labor rights protections and economic cooperation between the United States and Bangladesh.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed collaboration and assistance to Bangladesh as it takes further steps to implement the requirements developed by Bangladesh for its International Labor Organization roadmap and adhere to

internationally recognized labor rights. Source: <https://www.state.gov/united-states-bangladesh-labor-working-group-convenes-to-further-shared-economic-prosperity/>

## Foreign investment proposals in Bangladesh rise by 809.75% in July-Sept: BIDA

Fully foreign and joint venture investment proposals with Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) rose by 809.75%, Tk17,079.67 crore, during the July-September quarter in 2022 compared to the same period of the preceding year 2021.

According to the latest data of BIDA, the overall investment proposals with BIDA rose by a staggering 54.46% during the July-September quarter compared to the same period of the preceding year 2021.

During this July-September period, BIDA received some 223 investment proposals involving Tk31,610.34 crore, which was Tk20,463.92 crore during the same period at the previous fiscal.

BIDA received 198 proposals involving Tk14,530.67 crore from local investors during this July to September period while there were 09 fully foreign and 16 joint venture proposals of Tk17,079.67 crore.



Source: <https://www.observerbd.com/news.php?id=390639>

## Bangladesh to become 9th largest consumer market by 2030: HSBC

Bangladesh's consumer market will surpass those of the UK and Germany, making it the 9th largest globally, according to HSBC Global Research report.

"Bangladesh is expected to see the fastest growth in its consumer market – that is, the population earning more than USD20 per day in constant PPP terms – in the current decade. It is followed by India, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Indonesia", according to HSBC's latest report titled 'Asia's shoppers in 2030'.

The sectors which reflect considerable growth in Bangladesh are – insurance, photographic and computer equipment, imputed rental and housing.



Source: <https://www.newagebd.net/article/184108/bangladesh-to-become-9th-largest-consumer-market-globally-by-2030-hsbc>

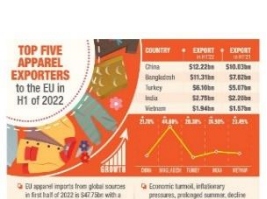
## Bangladesh's RMG exports to EU up by over 43 pc in 7 months

Despite the crisis in the global market, Bangladesh's garments exports to European Union (EU) countries have increased by 43.38 percent in seven months from January to July this year.

The European statistical agency EUROSTAT said in its latest report on October 19.

The 'EUROSTAT' published the latest apparel import statistics of EU for the period of January-July, 2022. As per the statistics, EU's imports from Bangladesh increased by 43.38 percent to USD 13.15 billion during the mentioned period while their global apparel import grew by 24.74 percent.

EU's Apparel import from the world was USD 56.33 billion while import from Bangladesh stood at USD 13.16 billion in Jan-July, 2022. EU's import growth in July 2022 compared to July 2021 was 22.7 percent from world and 36.9 percent from Bangladesh.



Source: <https://bangladeshpost.net/posts/rmg-exports-to-eu-up-by-over-43-pc-in-7-months-97196>