



President Shahabuddin seeks urgent global actions to solve Rohingya issue



President Mohammed Shahabuddin has sought urgent global actions to find durable solutions to the Rohingya issue as any delay in safe, voluntary and sustainable repatriation of displaced Myanmar nationals may put the entire region at risk.

"It is the collective responsibility of the international community to find a durable solution to the Rohingya crisis in its place of origin in Myanmar," he said.

The President was speaking at the opening session of the "18th East Asia Summit (EAS)" on the sidelines of 43rd ASEAN Summit at Jakarta Convention Centre (JCC) on September 07.

Chair of the ASEAN summit and Indonesian President Joko Widodo presided over the "East Asia Summit" as heads of state and government of different countries, secretary general of ASEAN, ministers and heads of delegation from member states and dialogue partners were present.

Meanwhile, Dhaka and Jakarta have vowed to work together in energy, agriculture and health sectors as Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin had a bilateral meeting with his Indonesian counterpart Joko Widodo on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit on September 6.

Bangladesh and Indonesia earlier signed three MoUs (memorandum of understanding) on energy and health sectors that created huge opportunity to work for welfare of the two countries, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen said in a media briefing after the meeting.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news/president/146100>

Work for peace & prosperity shunning path of war, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina tells UNGA

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the global leaders to work in unison for peace, welfare of mankind and prosperity by shunning the path of war and confrontation.

"My appeal today is to all of you - to the leaders of the world, to shun the path of war and confrontation, and to work collectively for enduring peace, welfare for humankind and economic prosperity for our people and future generations," she said.

The prime minister was addressing the General Debate of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the General Assembly Hall in New York on September 22.

She said the overall progress towards a peaceful and prosperous common future is faced with threats due to the impacts of the pandemic, the effects of an existential climate crisis, and the wide ramifications of the war in Ukraine affecting global food, financial, and energy securities have greatly impeded the achievement of SDGs in developing countries.

She highlighted the Rohingya crisis, the climate change, food crisis, human rights, women empowerment, healthcare, sustainable development goals (SDGs), terrorism and the government's inclusive economic development and other global and regional issues.

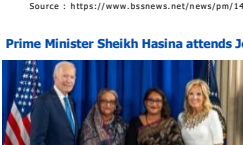
Like the previous years, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed the session of the UNGA in Bangla for the 19th time following the footsteps of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who delivered his address in Bangla in the UNGA on September 25 in 1974.

This year's UNGA theme was: "Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress and sustainability for all".

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news/pm/148836>



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attends Joe Biden's reception



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended a reception hosted by US President Joe Biden in New York on September 19.

Mr. Biden hosted the banquet at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in honor of the heads of state and government who arrived in New York to take part in the 78th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Session.

Prime Minister's daughter and Thematic Ambassador of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Saima Wazed accompanied the premier.

During the banquet, the Prime Minister exchanged pleasantries with the heads of the government and state from various countries.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina seeks world leaders' sincere work for prosperous future

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the world leaders to come up with utmost sincerity to ensure a dignified life and prosperous future for all.

"As equal members of the global family, we must, therefore, resolve to do our utmost for dignified life and prosperous future for all," she said while addressing the "One Family" session in G20 Summit held at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on September 9.

The prime minister also placed five-point recommendations to the G20 leaders eyeing to make a better world in the coming days defying all challenges with united efforts.

Taking the current global economy into account, it is high time to work collectively for a just and fair economic order, she said.

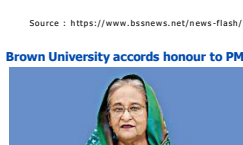
She added: "I believe that G20 would be supportive to the development process of developing countries."

The head of Bangladesh government said Covid-19 pandemic, sanctions and counter-sanctions that have led to worldwide supply chain disruptions, and crises of food, fuel and fertiliser imposing unbearable living conditions on people all over the world.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/146530>



Brown University accords honour to PM for community clinic



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been conferred on a special honour by the Brown University as the United Nations recognised her brainchild community clinic model to reach healthcare services to the Bangladesh people's doorsteps.

Dr. Mukesh K. Jain, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences of The Warren Alpert Medical School of the Brown University handed over a citation to the prime minister in New York on September 19.

The citation conferred on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina read: "Congratulations to her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the recent recognition by the United Nations of the 'Sheikh Hasina Initiative'."

Source : <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/brown-university-accords-honour-pm-community-clinic-3423366>

Bangladesh and Indian Prime Ministers agree to strengthen Dhaka-Delhi relationship further

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi during a bilateral meeting in New Delhi have expressed their satisfaction over the existing deep relationship between the countries and simultaneously agreed to take effective steps to strengthen the relationship further.

Both the prime ministers expressed satisfaction over the existing deep relationship between Bangladesh and India and agreed to take effective steps to strengthen further this relationship, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen told reporters while briefing about the outcome of the bilateral meeting of the two premiers on September 8.

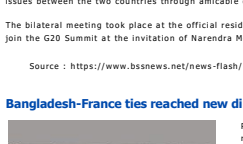
Besides, he said, that Narendra Modi also laid emphasis on resolving the outstanding issues between the two countries through amicable discussion.

The bilateral meeting took place at the official residence of the Indian Prime Minister in New Delhi. The Bangladesh premier visited India to join the G20 Summit at the invitation of Narendra Modi.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/146388>



Bangladesh-France ties reached new dimension: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had said the friendly ties between Bangladesh and France reached a new dimension as she delivered her statement in a joint press briefing after the bilateral meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron.

"The friendly ties that my father, the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, initiated in 1972 have reached a new dimension," she said.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had the bilateral talks with the French president at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) here.

The premier said she had fruitful discussions with President Macron on the entire spectrum bilateral matters in a very cordial setting.

She went on saying that France expressed its reverence and support to Bangladesh's sovereign policy independence, particularly in the context of the ongoing geopolitical instability and economic uncertainty.

Earlier, Bangladesh and France signed €184 million credit facility agreement in the presence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and French President Emmanuel Macron.

French President Macron arrived in Dhaka on September 10 on a two-day official visit to Bangladesh after attending the G-20 Summit in New Delhi, India.

This was his first visit to Bangladesh and second visit of any French President as former President Mitterrand had a tour to Bangladesh on February 20-24 in 1990.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/146798>

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina opens country's first elevated expressway

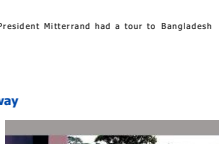
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 2 inaugurated the much-awaited 11.5-km Dhaka Elevated Expressway's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport-Farmgate section for traffic that is expected to significantly reduce the city's traffic congestion.

She unveiled the nameplate of the expressway at Kawla end of the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka.

After the inauguration, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the opening of Dhaka Elevated Expressway is another milestone in the country's communication sector and it would play a significant role in reducing traffic congestion.

The Prime Minister said she has given the expressway as a gift to residents of Dhaka and the people across the country, adding that it would play a great role in developing communication between the capital and the rest of the country.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/145299>



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, DC



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC on September 27. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Chancery Building in 1999, and inaugurated it in 2000.

On her arrival at the embassy on Wednesday, the Prime Minister was received by Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Muhammad Imran with a flower bouquet.

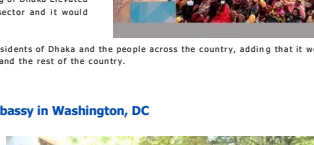
She first paid deep homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing a wreath at his bust at the Bangabandhu Corner of the embassy.

She stood in solemn silence there for sometimes as a mark of profound respect to the memory of the Father of the Nation.

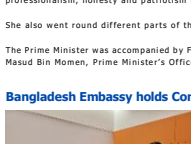
The Prime Minister later exchanged views with the officials of the embassy and asked them to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity, professionalism, honesty and patriotism to further enhance the image of the country.

She also went round different parts of the embassy, including Shaheed Minar and Bangabandhu Corner.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, Ambassador-at-Large Mohammad Ziauddin, Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen, Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Secretary Mohammad Salahuddin and senior officials of the PMO.



Bangladesh Embassy holds Consular Camp in Dallas



The Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington, DC organized a consular camp in Dallas, Texas on 2-3 September 2023 to provide consular services to Bangladeshi diaspora in Texas and the neighbouring states.

During the two-day camp, services were given to over 250 members of Bangladeshi diaspora, while US\$13,278.50 revenue was earned from the camp.

The services delivered in the consular camp included issuance of NVR as well as receiving applications for MRP reissue and Dual Nationality Certificate. The Embassy has been delivering consular services to the people's doorsteps by arranging consular camps in different US cities throughout the year.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/business/144749>

Bangladesh, Hungary sign 3 instruments

Bangladesh and Hungary have signed one agreement and two Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) on economic, education and health cooperation.

Bangladesh foreign minister Dr AK Abdul Momen and Hungarian foreign and commerce minister Peter Szijjarto inked the deals on behalf of their respective side.

The two ministers signed the instruments at a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the 78th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the UN headquarters in New York on September 18.

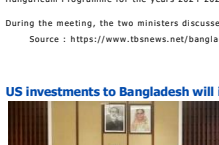
The three instruments are - "Agreement on Economic Cooperation", "MoU on Cooperation within the Framework of Stipendium Hungaricum Programme for the years 2024-2026" and "MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Health for the years 2023-2025".

During the meeting, the two ministers discussed different bilateral issues including food safety, energy security and climate change.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/bangladesh/bangladesh-hungary-sign-3-instruments-702934>



US investments to Bangladesh will increase more, hopes Finance Minister Mustafa Kamal



Finance Minister APM Mustafa Kamal has expressed his hope that the investments from the USA would increase more in the coming days as the US investors are keen to invest further in Bangladesh's various sectors like in agriculture, automobiles, in energy and services sectors.

The finance minister was briefing reporters after a delegation of the US-Bangladesh Business Council met him at the Finance Ministry conference room at Bangladesh Secretariat on August 31.

He said that the delegation comprises of businessmen representing various sectors and industries and all of them want to expand trade and commerce with Bangladesh.

Noting that Bangladesh is an unprecedented land of opportunities, the finance minister said he apprised the US-Bangladesh Business Council delegation that Bangladesh is the place for doing business.

He informed that the delegation expressed their interest to invest in Bangladesh's agriculture, automobile and in gas exploration.

Source : <https://www.daily-sun.com/post/709510>

Bangladesh made strong economic recovery from Covid: World Bank

Bangladesh made a strong economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and progressed in reducing poverty, says the World Bank in its twice-year-update on Bangladesh.

The global lender said reforms to address inflation through monetary and fiscal policies as well as financial sector vulnerabilities will be critical for the country to sustain growth and reduce poverty.

The update titled "Bangladesh Development Update: New Frontiers in Poverty Reduction" was released at the World Bank's Dhaka office.

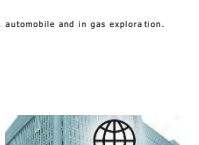
A single market-based exchange rate would help attract foreign currency inflows through formal channels as well as support the balance of payment and reserve accumulation, it said.

Abdoulaye Seck, the World Bank director for Bangladesh and Bhutan, said Bangladesh's strong economic performance over the past decade has helped reduce poverty.

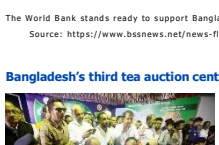
The rural areas witnessed faster poverty reduction than the cities and towns, Seck said, adding that despite the gains, inequality has slightly narrowed in rural areas and widened in urban areas.

The World Bank stands ready to support Bangladesh to take on urgent reforms to accelerate economic growth, he mentioned.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/150620>



Bangladesh's third tea auction centre launched in Panchagarh



A new tea auction centre began operations in Bangladesh's northwest bordering district of Panchagarh on September 2, making it the third establishment of its kind following the country's first in Chattogram and the second in Sreemangal.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi formally inaugurated the centre through a ceremony held at the Panchagarh Government Auditorium. Following the inaugural ceremony, brokers started their bidding activities via a virtual platform.

During the inaugural ceremony, Tipu Munshi said the aim of setting up a new auction centre would be fulfilled only after growers are ensured fair prices for their raw tea leaves.

At least 12,079 acres of land are under tea cultivation across five northern districts, namely Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Dinajpur.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/business/145315>

Bangladesh's education sector makes amazing headway

Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in education over the years and was among the first few developing countries to achieve gender parity in lower secondary school, said Abdoulaye Seck, World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh and Bhutan.

Impressed by the achievements, the World Bank official approved \$300 million to help Bangladesh recover from learning losses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The assistance would also help introduce complementary online learning blended with in-class education to build system resilience, improve learning outcomes and teaching quality, and reduce the dropout rate in secondary education.

With an aim to accelerate learning, the programme will have a focus on core subjects such as mathematics, English and Bangla for grades 6 and 8, as these are foundational for future learning.

Source : <https://bangladeshpost.net/posts/education-makes-amazing-headway-121562>



Bangladesh elected to IAEA board



Bangladesh has been elected as a member of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the third time since it joined the 177-nation global organization in 1972.

The election was held at the 67th General Conference of the IAEA in Vienna from September 25 to 29.

Science and Technology Minister Architect Yafes Osman led the Bangladesh delegation to this conference.

Bangladesh will be representing the geographic region of Middle East and South Asia, comprising 15 countries, in the 35 members Board of Governors.

The Board is one of the two governance organs of the IAEA which oversees the organization routinely and reports to the General Conference.

Source : <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/foreign-affairs/326735/bangladesh-elected-to-iaea-board>

Bangladesh tops in global ship recycling

Bangladesh has again been placed in the top world position in ship recycling as the country recycled more than one-third of the world's ships, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) new report said.

According to the report, the country recycled 2.8 million tonnage of ships, which was 37.2 percent in the world in 12 months up to January 2023.

In 2022, Bangladesh witnessed a 65 percent fall in ship breaking amounting to 2.8 million from 8.02 million in the previous year, said the report titled "Review of Maritime Transport 2023" published on September 27.

However, among the total ship recycling, oil tankers were 50.4 percent. Others were 41 percent from Bulk carriers, 2 percent from Ferries and passenger ships, 1.9 percent from Chemical tankers and 1.1 percent from General cargo ships, said the report.



Source : <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-again-tops-ship-recycling-despite-65-decline-708262>

Japan provides \$1.5b loan for Matarbari power plant



The bilateral ties with Japan marked a strategic rise with the signing of an agreement between the countries for implementation of Matarbari Ultra Super Critical Coal-fired Power project to supply uninterrupted electricity.

In this regard, the Economic Relations Division (ERD) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed 'Exchange of Notes' and 'Loan Agreement' for the 7th tranche of financial assistances for the project on September 30.

This project is being implemented to meet growing electricity demand and to improve stable power supply by installing 1200 MW (600MWx2 units) Ultra SuperCritical Coal-fired Power Plant at Matarbari Area of Maheshkhali Upazila under Cox's Bazar district.

Source : <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/japan-give-15b-more-matarbari-plant-3431566>

Bangladesh's export earnings witnesses 3.80% growth

The country's export earnings from goods in August witnessed a 3.80 percent growth compared to the same month last year.

The country's export earnings in August totaled \$4,782.19 million which was \$4,607 million in August last year, according to the latest statistics of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) million,

However, the single-month export earnings in August were 1.81 percent less than the strategic export target of \$4,870 million.

The EPB figures revealed that the export earnings of goods during the July-August period of the current fiscal year (FY24) witnessed a healthy growth of 9.12 percent, totaling \$9,375.11 million against \$8,591.82 million fetched during the same period of the last fiscal year (FY23).



This growth was propelled by an acceleration in the shipment of apparel items, which will help the country to boost its foreign currency reserves.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/business/145643>

Bangladesh's RMG exports grows 14.46% in September



Bangladesh's RMG exports witnessed a healthy growth of 14.46% in September this year totaling \$3.61 billion up from \$3.16 billion registered in the same month last year.

According to the latest statistics of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), Bangladesh's apparel export earnings reached \$11.61 billion during this July-September period of FY24 having a growth of 13.07% compared to the same period of FY23.

During this three-month period, the export earnings from the knitwear sector were \$6.76 billion while the export earnings from woven garments reached \$4.85 billion.

The EPB statistics showed that export earnings from both knitwear and woven sectors increased by 19.70% and 4.97% respectively.

Source : <https://www.daily-sun.com/printversion/details/715687/RMG-exports-grows-14.46-in-September>

Number of LEED certified RMG factories in Bangladesh reach 202

Two more factories have been certified by the US Green Building Council with both receiving gold rating and thus taking the total number of LEED factories to 202 in the country.

Out of the number, 73 earned the prestigious platinum rating, 115 gold and 10 silver rating.

In 2022, Bangladesh had the highest number of factories being LEED certified in a single year, said Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association president Faruque Hassan in a statement.

He said that with 30 factories receiving LEED certification 2022, 15 were platinum and 15 gold certified. Fast forward to August 2023, another 20 factories have earned this coveted recognition in eight months of this year, with 13 achieving the esteemed platinum rating and seven attaining the gold rating.



Source : <https://www.newagebd.net/article/212446/number-of-leed-certified-factories-in-rmg-reaches-202>