Hon’ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP visited Bangladesh Peacekeeping Contingents deployed in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) on 19-21 August 2021. Hon’ble Foreign Minister exchanged views with the Acting Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for UNMISS among others. During these discussions, Hon’ble Foreign Minister highlighted the exemplary achievements, competence and readiness of Bangladeshi peacekeepers.

Hon’ble Foreign Minister paid a courtesy call on His Excellency the President of South Sudan, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Acting Minister of Defense, the Deputy Foreign Minister of South Sudan and the Governor of the country’s Wau Province. All of them highly appreciated the contribution of Bangladeshi peacekeepers in the development of South Sudan’s infrastructure, health services and social development activities. The South Sudan government named a road as the “Bangladesh Road” in its capital Juba. It was constructed with the help of the Bangladesh UN Peacekeeping Engineering contingent.
Bangladesh Embassy in Beijing Fosters Vaccine Cooperation

A tripartite memorandum of understanding for co-production of the vaccine was signed on 16 August 2021 among the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh, Sinopharm of China, and the Incepta Vaccine Ltd. Stakeholders expect to start the process of inoculating the people of Bangladesh from these co-produced vaccines within one to two months. This is a great achievement for our country, which will lead to the cheaper purchase of vaccines, assure the availability of larger quantities to attain herd immunity through inoculation, and helping Bangladesh pharmaceutical sector to engage in this vital sub-sector that may open the avenues of exporting vaccines from Bangladesh, once our local demand is completely met.

The MoU was signed through a grand ceremony in Dhaka, whereas the Chairman and the top leadership of Sinopharm China and officers of the Foreign Ministry of China attended it online from the Sinopharm conference center. Hon’ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen MP and Hon’ble Health and Family Welfare Minister Mr. Zahid Maleque MP were present in the event. The Ambassador of China to Bangladesh H.E. Li Jiming, and the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, attended the event as special guests and delivered speeches.

Bangladesh Is Elected to the Council of Administration (CA) of the Universal Postal Union

Bangladesh got elected in the Council of Administration (CA) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) for the term 2021-24. The election took place on 26 August 2021 in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. This victory is a testimony of the trust and confidence that Bangladesh enjoys at all the multilateral arena.

Bangladesh first became a member of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) on 8 February 1973. Since then, Bangladesh was elected 7 times in the Council of Administration (CA) of UPU. The Council of Administration (CA) consists of 41 elected member countries and meets annually at UPU headquarters.

Hon’ble Foreign Minister Calls for Strengthened International Support Architecture for the Asia-Pacific LDCs

Hon’ble Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP called for stronger policies and support measures for the LDCs and urged the global community for an international support architecture for the LDCs and also for the graduating LDCs at the High-level opening session of the 4-day Asia-Pacific Regional Review Meeting held on 30 August-2 September 2021 in Geneva. Bangladesh government convened the session jointly with UN-OHRLLS and UN-ESCAP in preparation for the Fifth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UNLDC-5) to be held in Qatar in January 2022.
Hon’ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Holds Bilateral Talks with His Qatari Counterpart

During the meeting, Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam MP raised wide-ranging issues like exchanging high-level visits between the two countries, expansion of trade and investment and increased communication between the two countries’ chambers of commerce and other levels. The State Minister of Qatar referred to the increasing trade specially our import of LNG from Qatar. He praised the Bangladeshi workers for the development work of Qatar. The meeting discussed the recruitment of skilled workers from Bangladesh at various levels.
Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP lauded the success of the Qatari Government in tackling COVID 19. He also appreciated the legal reforms undertaken by Qatar in recent times to improve the quality of life and protect the rights of workers. He thanked Qatar for its support in dealing with the displaced Rohingya people of Myanmar.

Both the Ministers expressed their eagerness to hold the 2nd Foreign Office Consultation (FOC) between Bangladesh and Qatar in Doha at the earliest. H.E Mr. Soltan bin Saad Al Muraikhi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs agreed to the proposal to hold a webinar on trade and investment.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar H.E Md. Jasim Uddin ndc and Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. F M Borhan Uddin.

Hon’ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Inaugurates on a Virtual Platform Bangabandhu-Bangladesh Book Corner at University of Technology of Brunei (UTB)

The Hon’ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh His Excellency Md. Shahriar Alam, MP inaugurated the Bangabandhu-Bangladesh Book Corner through an online program organized jointly by the Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei Darussalam and University Technology Brunei on 30 August 2021. The Bangladesh High Commissioner in Brunei Darussalam Mrs Nahida Rahman Shumona, Vice Chancellor of UTB Yang Mulia Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, dean of diplomatic core, eight ambassadors, civil society and members of Bangladesh community appeared virtually in the program.

Bangabandhu-Bangladesh Book Corner at the University of Technology Brunei inaugurated virtually by the Hon’ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, His Excellency Md. Shahriar Alam, MP

Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Leads Bangladesh Delegation to EXPO 2020 in Dubai

Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen led a Bangladesh delegation for an in-person meeting with the Minister of State for International Cooperation & Director General (EXPO 2020 DUBAI) of UAE Reem Bint Ebrahim AlHashimy on 2 August 2021 in Dubai. The high-level delegation reaffirmed Bangladesh’s commitments for active participation in the EXPO 2020 DUBAI. In response, the UAE EXPO
authority assured support and assistance for observing the “Bangladesh Day” at the EXPO. Bangladesh will join along with more than 200 countries and International Organizations to attend the EXPO, the first such event in that region. The six-month long mega event, starting on 1 October 2021, will help branding Bangladesh in the international arena. The delegation also inspected the under-construction Bangladesh Pavilion at the EXPO 2020 DUBAI during the official visit on 2-4 August 2021.

Foreign Secretary also held meeting with H.E. Mr. Abdul Naser Shaali, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of UAE in Abu Dhabi on 3 August 2021. The whole gamut of bilateral relations that included inter-alia, Bangladesh’s participation in the Expo, joint celebration of 50th anniversary of both the countries, holding of next Foreign Office Consultations and Joint Commission, cooperation in the field of trade and investment, food security, employment opportunities for Bangladeshi nationals in the UAE, wellbeing of Bangladesh nationals working in this country were discussed. They also discussed regional and international issues of mutual interests and cooperation in multilateral forums as well as UAE’s continued support for Rohingya repatriation.

High Commissioner Negotiates for a Street in Abuja to Be Named after Father of the Nation

Mr. Masudur Rahman, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Nigeria called on Mr. Olusade Adesola, Permanent Secretary, Federal Capital Territory on 02 August 2021 at latter’s office. During the meeting, he discussed naming a street in Abuja after Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Permanent Secretary appreciated the idea and proposal for naming a street in Abuja after Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Spain (with concurrent accreditation to Andorra and Equatorial Guinea) called on Ms. Maria Ubach Font, the Hon’ble Foreign Minister of Andorra on 5 August 2021.

In the meeting, they had discussion on Covid-19 situation, bilateral trade and investments, expatriate’s welfare, Bangladesh’s development goal, Rohingya issue and international cooperation. The Ambassador said that since the establishment of bilateral relations in 2007, Bangladesh and Andorra have been going through a friendly relationship based on common ideals and mutual respect. Drawing attention Bangladesh’s investment-friendly environment, affordable labor cost, tax holidays, port facilities and establishment of 100 new special economic zones as attractive investment opportunities for foreign investors, the Ambassador suggested for investment by Andorra in Bangladesh’s power, energy, shipbuilding, housing, industrial waste management, telecommunications, ICT and food processing industries.

The High Commissioner also spoke about the possible areas of cooperation between the two countries in the area of contract-farming and pharmaceutical industry, among others. Prior to this meeting, High Commissioner shared the same issue with H.E. Mr. Mohammed Musa Bello, Honourable Minister for Federal Capital Territory (FCT) while both met at a diplomatic event.

H.E. Mr. Md. Abu Zafar Ou bezpośredni reprezentant Bangladeszu w Zjednoczonych Emiratach Arabskich z okazji ambasadora do IRENA zorganizował bilateralny spotkanie z Honorowanym Ministrem Zdrowia i Emiratyzacji Egyptu, His Excellency Sabi Al Suwaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry for Human Resources and Emiratization of the UAE at latter’s office in Dubai on 16 August 2021. They discussed the possible areas of cooperation between the two countries in the area of contract-farming and pharmaceutical industry, among others. Prior to this meeting, High Commissioner shared the same issue with H.E. Mr. Mohammed Musa Bello, Honourable Minister for Federal Capital Territory (FCT) while both met at a diplomatic event.
Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain, Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam paid a courtesy call on His Highness Prince Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the King’s Representative for Humanities and Youth Affairs on 16 August 2021. During the meeting, Prince Nasser welcomed the Ambassador praising the continued development of the friendly relations between Bahrain and Bangladesh, underlining the importance of enhancing relations between the two countries. Ambassador highlighted that the two countries can collaborate on the projects under the Royal Humanitarian Foundation. He also underlined the possibility of enhancing the relationship in the areas of sports.

Mr. Masudur Rahman, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Nigeria called on Senator Adamu Muhammad Bulkachuwa, Chairman, Senate (Upper House) Committee on Foreign Affairs, National Assembly of Nigeria at latter’s office on 17 August 2021. During the meeting, High Commissioner emphasized discussed different issues of bilateral cooperation and engagement in the area of human resources. The UAE undersecretary highly commended the hardworking and adaptive aptitude of Bangladeshi workers and appreciated the remarkable contribution of Bangladeshi nationals for socio-economic development of the UAE during the last four and half decades.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Bahrain Meets the Representative of His Majesty for Charity Works and Youth Affairs

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Nigeria Meets Chairman of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Nigeria to Discuss the Formation of Bangladesh-Nigeria Parliamentary Association in Nigeria
on formation of Bangladesh-Nigeria Parliamentary Association in Nigeria, while the Chairman of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs underlined on the exchange of visits of parliamentarians of the two countries. Among other issues, visa-free arrangements for diplomats and government officials of two countries, joint venture in contract farming, trade and investment opportunities in pharmaceuticals, garments, textiles and other sectors were discussed.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Iraq Calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq

H.E. Mr. Md. Fazlul Bari, the Bangladesh Ambassador to Iraq had a call on with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq H.E. Mr. Fuad Mohammed Hussein at his office on 17 August 2021. The meeting was held in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere with appreciation for each other’s points of view. Discussion centered around presentation of the Ambassador’s credentials to the Hon’be President of Iraq and many issues of bilateral interests. It included enhancing trade and investment cooperation, welfare of Bangladeshi expatriates, job opportunities for Bangladeshi workers, direct air flight between Dhaka to Baghdad, visa exemption for diplomatic and official passport holders, cultural exchange program, etc. and focused on finding the way forward to address concerns of both sides.

H.E. Foreign Minister expressed his willingness to cooperate with Bangladesh Embassy to further improve the bilateral relations in a greater way that serves the national and international interests of the two countries.
Bangladesh High Commission in the Maldives Organizes “Free Friday Clinic” for the Bangladeshi Expatriates Living in the Maldives

Bangladesh High Commission organized Free Friday Clinic in Maldives to provide general medical support to the Bangladeshi expatriates in Maldives. Two clinics were arranged at Dhamana Veshi, Male’ on 20 & 27 August and another one was scheduled on 3 September 2021 (Fridays). Five prominent Bangladeshi doctors provided medical services to the patients on each Friday.

Bangladesh Hosts Workshop on Second IORA Action Plan and Review of the First IORA Action Plan

The 3rd Session of the Workshop to Discuss the Drafting Process, Format and Structure of the Second IORA Action Plan and Review of the First IORA Action Plan (2017-2021) hosted by Bangladesh, the current Vice-chair of the IORA, was held virtually on 23 August 2021. National Focal Points from the 23 Member States of IORA participated in the 3rd Session of the Workshop. Bangladesh will assume the charge of the Chair of IORA from November 2021 for two-year tenure. During the Workshop, guidance and instructions for the new Action Plan (2022-27) was given to the Member States.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Bahrain Meets the President and DG of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA)

Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain, met with Her Excellency Shaikha Mai Bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, at her office on 26 August 2021. During the meeting, he handed a copy of the reprint (2021) of the first edition (2016) of the
book of ‘Mosques of Bangladesh An Expedition of Islamic Architectural Heritage’ printed from Bangladesh. Her Excellency Shaikha Mai wrote the foreword of this reprint version.

The Ambassador also handed a copy of ‘The Unfinished Memoirs’ of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Her Excellency Shaikha Mai emphasized the importance for such books to understand the culture and history of Bangladesh. The Ambassador shared his plans to organize film festival and food festival as well as an exhibition of paintings by renowned artists within this year to observe the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation. Following the meeting, the Ambassador presented both the President and the Director General with paintings by Bangladesh artists and souvenirs of Bangladesh leather goods.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands Gives Speech at Leiden University

Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands, M Riaz Hamidullah, and his wife welcomed 37 under-graduate students of prestigious Leiden University at Bangladesh House as part of the Embassy’s outreach in commemoration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Leiden University is regarded the oldest university in Netherlands (450 years old) as also in Europe. It is also acclaimed for the sixteen Nobel Laureates presented to date.

Ambassador Hamidullah shared with the students perspectives on evolving landscape of contemporary diplomacy, inter-State relations. He elaborated on the evolution of nationalism, pluralism, secularism, harmony, democracy that the Father of the Nation envisioned for Bangladesh and that continues to be nurtured over decades.

Reflecting of Bangladesh's observance of the birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation, (2020) and Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh's independence (2021), he shared with the students the aspirations - philosophy - journey of Bangabandhu and Bangladesh as a young nation.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Missions Abroad Observe the 91st Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and the 72nd Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka and Bangladeshi Missions abroad observed the 91st Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and the 72nd Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal. The Ministry held webinars on both days to remember the life of Bangamata and the elder son of Bangabandhu on 05 and 08 August. Missions abroad also undertook similar activities including holding webinars, seminars on the life and legacy of Bangabandhu, placing flower wreaths etc.
Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in Brussels

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in Dubai

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in Kuala Lumpur

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in London
Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in Male

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in New Delhi

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal at NYPM

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in Port Louis
Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and Sheikh Kamal in Tokyo

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and the National Mourning Day in Brunei

Observance of Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and the National Mourning Day in Seoul
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Missions Abroad
Observe the National Mourning Day

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka and Bangladeshi Missions abroad observed the National Mourning Day with solemn respect. The Ministry officials held discussion sessions, Dua Mahfil on 15 and 17 August to remember the Father of the Nation. At the same time, missions undertook diverse activities including food distribution programs, photo exhibition on the life and legacy of Bangabandhu, blood donation programs, opening condolence books, arranging webinars etc. High level dignitaries of foreign governments attended many such programmes.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka observed the National Mourning Day

Bangladesh Foreign Service Academy organized a discussion session on 17 August 2021 at the Academy premises in State Guest House, Sugandha

Mission in Abu Dhabi observed the National Mourning Day
Photo Exhibition on the theme “Bangabandhu as Global Leader” and observance of the month of mourning in Athens Mission

Children’s photo exhibition in observance of National Mourning Day Mujib at Brasilia

Dr. Richard Cash and Dr. William Greenough, ‘Friends of Liberation War Honour’, at the webinar in observance of National Mourning Day in Brussels

Blood donation program in observance of National Mourning Day in Hanoi
Istanbul Consulate General held roundtable discussion titled ‘Vision of the Leader and Aspiration of the People’ in observance of National Mourning Day.

Karachi Mission provided food to the distressed people and presented books on Bangabandhu in observance of National Mourning Day.

Mission in Kuala Lumpur observed the National Mourning Day.

Mission in London observed the National Mourning Day.
Mission in Male opened the condolence book in observance of National Mourning Day

Mission in New Delhi hosted photo exhibition in observance of National Mourning Day

NYPM observed National Mourning Day with deep respect

Mauritian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Land Transport and Light Rail as Chief Guest at observance of National Mourning Day in Port Louis Mission
Photo Exhibition on the life and work of Father of the Nation and Webinar in observance of National Mourning Day in Stockholm Mission

Photo Exhibition on the life and legacy of Bangabandhu in observance of the month of mourning in Seoul Mission