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Bangladesh a country of religious harmony: CA

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday said Bangladesh is a country of religious harmony, where people of all religions have been living peacefully for ages with compassion for each other.

"People of all faiths are playing their responsibilities in maintaining the harmony...there is no division here...all are citizens of the country," he said.

The chief adviser made the remarks when representatives of Bangladesh Christian Association made a courtesy call on him at his office yesterday morning.

Conveying greetings of Christmas to the Christian community across the country, Fakhruddin said the government is ready to provide necessary support to the members of Christian community and ensure the rights to which they are entitled as citizens of the country.

He thanked the Christian community for their contributions in the nation building process and maintaining communal harmony.

Fakhruddin exchanged pleasantries and shook hands with the members of Christian community present on the occasion.

The chief adviser, flanked by Religious Affairs Adviser Maj Gen (retd) Dr ASM Matiur Rahman and Power and Energy Adviser Tapan Chowdhury, cut a Christmas cake on the occasion.

Christian Association Secretary General Nirmal Rozario, its adviser Sudhir Adhikari, Father Proshanto Rebeiro, Bishop Philip Adhikari and Birbal Halder were present among others.

## Bangladesh sees UK as friend, partner: Iftekhar

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Affairs Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury yesterday said Bangladesh has always appreciated "our relations with the UK and see the country as a friend and partner."

The adviser made the remark when visiting UK Minister Jim Fitzpatrick called on him at the Foreign Ministry yesterday morning.

Later, speaking to the media, Iftekhar said the ties between the two countries are historical and

involved political, economic, cultural, educational and sporting relations. "We touched upon all those subjects during our talks."

"I understand Fitzpatrick is visiting Sylhet. I thanked him for the British support for the planned

Catering Institute project in Sylhet that will help supply chefs for the thousands of expatriate Bangladeshi restaurants in the UK," he said.

Fitzpatrick's responsibilities include aviation, environment, shipping and road safety.

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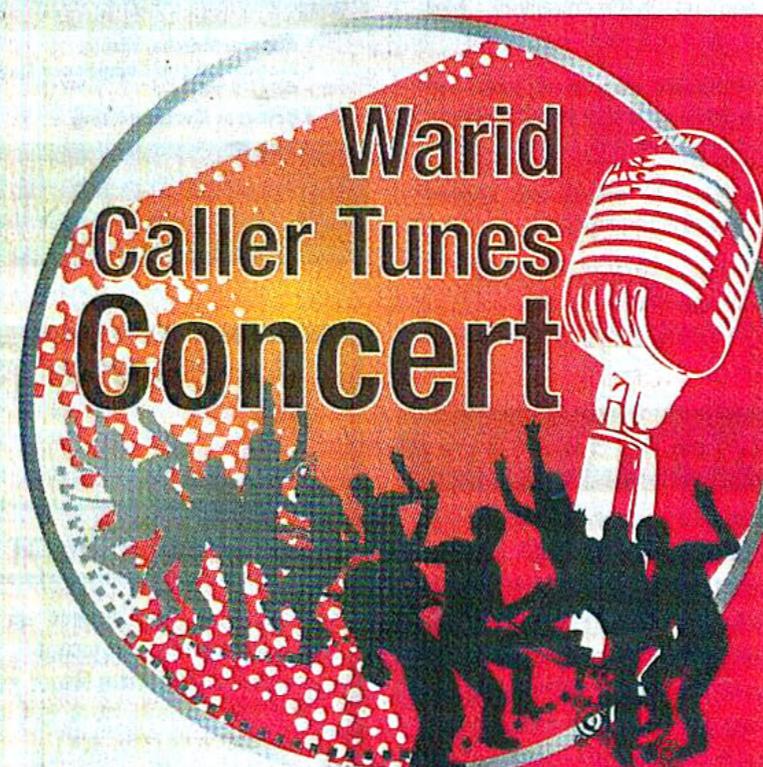
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