

Bangladesh, US to work

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good governance and human rights.
Apart from engagement with Blinken, which could not be held in-person due to Covid-19 restrictions, Momen was scheduled to deliver two speeches on the Rohingya crisis, meet some US Congressmen and give interviews to two US media outlets in response to "negative propaganda" against Bangladesh, especially regarding extrajudicial killings.
Bangladesh's foreign ministry said the visit is meant to reach out to the new US administration to further enhance the level of cooperation between the two countries having bilateral annual trade of about \$9 billion, which could be much higher if potentials are harnessed.
The US suspended GSP facilities of Bangladesh following the Rana Plaza collapse in 2013, and Bangladesh has been seeking reconsideration of the GSP facilities.
On the Rohingya issue, Bangladesh also sought the leading role of the US, which provided the biggest humanitarian assistance for the Rohingyas.
In a statement, the US State Department said the two leaders discussed the situation in Myanmar, a durable solution to the Rohingya refugee crisis, and the importance of respect for labour and human rights.
They also discussed ways of strengthening bilateral economic ties, cooperation on counter terrorism, defence and common challenges like climate change together.
"Good to speak with Foreign Minister @AKAbdulMomen and congratulate him on Bangladesh's 50th anniversary of independence. We affirmed the strong, enduring US-Bangladesh relationship and look forward to working together to address challenges in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific," Blinken tweeted.
In a separate statement, Bangladesh's foreign ministry said Momen congratulated the new US administration for upholding the democratic process with a strong popular mandate, assuming once again America's global leadership role.
He said Bangladesh wants to elevate her relations with the US from partnership to a strategic level through maintaining close and sustained contact with the US leadership,

emphasising on the exchange of visits at the highest political levels between the two countries.
Momen sought early deportation of Rashed Chowdhury, the self-confessed killer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in the spirit of the shared values of establishing good governance, the rule of law and justice.
He urged the US to take the lead and bring the international community together to put enough political pressure on Myanmar to create condition for sustainable return of the Rohingyas, while encouraging more stringent measures like imposing economic sanction and withdrawing GSP facilities of Myanmar.
He also recommended that the US appoint a special envoy on Rohingya.
Momen briefed on Bangladesh's effective handling of the coronavirus pandemic and noted the US donation of high-quality ventilators to Bangladesh, and Bangladesh's supply of 6.5 million PPE to the US.
He said Bangladesh is ready to supply medical instruments, like syringes.
Blinken hoped both the countries would be able to find newer avenues for collaboration in the post Covid-19 era by mutual support and cooperation.
As Momen sought US investment in Special Economic Zones and High-Tech Parks, Blinken sought favourable policy support from Bangladesh to enable a business and investment climate for promoting more trade and investment between the two countries.
Both sides hoped the US companies would take advantage of the competitiveness of Bangladesh and invest in the country in much greater volume, particularly in the areas of ICT, energy, pharmaceuticals and infrastructural development.
Momen invited Blinken to visit Bangladesh soon to attend the celebrations of the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence. He hoped that President Biden would visit Bangladesh soon.
Blinken lauded Bangladesh's economic performance, and noted that the US considers Bangladesh a crucial economic and security partner in the Indo-Pacific region.

Make probe reports

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Days before the bloody mutiny, the rebel BDR jawans had distributed leaflets inside and outside the Pilkhana headquarters in which they raised various demands.
As part of the conspiracy, they held several meetings before the mutiny and decided how they would loot the armouries, an investigation revealed.
But the Rifle Security Unit (RSU) of BDR failed to alert the authorities. It could not be known if there was any probe into the failure of the RSU, and if anyone got punished.
Investigation into the intelligence failure is one of the seven recommendations made by the HC.
The mutiny on February 25-26, 2009 left the nation shocked -- as details of the unthinkable cruelty perpetrated at Pilkhana headquarters of the border force unfolded. Mass graves found afterwards testified to the sheer scale of the savagery.
Seventy-four people, including 57 top and mid-ranking army officials, were massacred during the mutiny. Family members of many officers who got trapped inside were brutally tortured and abused.
BDR was later renamed Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).
Meanwhile, the apex court is yet to begin hearing of appeals filed by death penalty convicts in the BDR carnage case.
The High Court in a verdict on November 27, 2017 confirmed the death sentence of 139 convicts, and around 30 of them later filed the appeals with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.
Attorney General AM Amin Uddin told The Daily Star that the convicts filed the appeals just a few months ago and the top court is yet to fix any date for hearing the appeals.
Their execution depends on the Appellate Division verdicts to be delivered upon hearing of the appeals.
"Cannot be said at this moment when the death sentence of the convicts will be executed," said the attorney general.
However, Aminul Islam, one of the defence lawyers of BDR carnage case, said he does not think that the hearing of the appeals will be completed this year.
"Arround 30 convicts have filed appeals and other convicts still have the scope to file appeals with the application for condonation of delay."
If the chief justice takes steps for early hearing of the appeals, the state and defence will have to submit concise statements to the apex court mentioning the points of arguments. The hearing and delivery of the verdict may be completed next year, he added.
Besides the carnage case, another case filed against 834 persons under the Explosive Substances Act is still under trial at a trial court.
The cases filed over the mutiny have all been disposed off.
ACQUITTED IN CARNAGE CASE, STILL IN JAIL
A total of 256 convicted accused, who have already served their jail sentences, and 200 accused, who were

accused by the HC, could not get out of prison as they are accused in the explosives case and the trial in this case is not finished, said defence lawyer Aminul Islam.
He said the trial court has so far recorded statements from 172 witnesses out of total 1,264 in the case.
It may take another two to three more years to finish the trial if the proceedings continue at the current pace, he said.
Public Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol, however, hoped that the trial will be finished this year after taking statements from 100 to 120 witnesses.
In the meantime, the family members of those detained accused are leading miserable lives.
"We are very helpless," said Abdullah Al Mamun Shakil, son of Abdur Rashid, who got acquitted in the carnage case but remained behind bars as the trial in the explosives case against him is still pending.
"My father joined the BDR headquarters at Pilkhana a couple of days before the bloody mutiny. My mother cries for my father's plight every now and then," he said on February 21.
Shakil said separate petitions were moved for his father's bail three times in the explosive case, but the lower court refused to grant him bail and even did not issue any written order and therefore, bail petition cannot be moved before the HC in the case.
Abdul Matin Mridha, father of sepy Sumon Mridha, said his son has already served 10 years in jail in the carnage case but he could not come out free.
"His mother and I are very worried and passing days in agony," he said.
Mohsin Reza, son of DAD Kader, said his father was awarded seven years' imprisonment in the mutiny case and seven years' in the carnage case. Later, the High Court acquitted him from the charges.
"I pleaded to the judiciary to be kind to us and complete the trial. My father may be proved innocent," he said.
Saquib Rahman, son of slain Col Kuadrat Elahi, thinks it "unfair" that many accused in the carnage case are still in jail for the explosive case despite getting acquitted in the carnage case.
Some have even embraced natural death, he said. "As the family members of the martyred officers, we never want an innocent to be punished."
On November 5, 2013, a Dhaka court awarded death sentence to 150 BDR members and two civilians, and life imprisonment to 160 others for their roles and involvement in the carnage.
The court handed down rigorous imprisonment to 256 people, mostly BDR soldiers. It acquitted 278 others but the government later appealed against the acquittals of 69.
The HC started hearing the death reference and appeals from the convicts in January 2015 and pronounced the verdict on November 27, 2017.
The HC confirmed death penalty of 139 and upheld life sentences of 185 and three to 10 years' imprisonment of 256. It acquitted 200 accused.

Shahadat goes to tribunal

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said Shahadat, also convener of Chattogram city BNP.
In the handwritten result sheets, they changed the figure of casting votes. They changed 5 percent votes to 22.5 percent," he said.
Initially, when the results were declared, it was shown that I did not get any votes in three centres, but after three days, they [EC] said I did not get any votes in 28 centres, which is not only unrealistic but also unbelievable," said Shahadat, adding, "It was shown that I got 10 votes or less than that in 178 polling centres which is also unbelievable."

"Above all, a farce was staged in the name of polls and so we demanded cancellation of the election result and fresh polls to be held under a new and transparent EC," he said.
Shahadat made the same allegations before journalists days after the polls were held. At that time, Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, returning officer of the CCC polls, said the allegations were not true.
"The result sheets show the actual figure of casting votes," he told The Daily Star at that time.
This correspondent yesterday could not reach the returning officer for his comments.

HC issues rule on govt

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Rangpur and Khulna metropolitan police, superintendents of Rangpur, Khulna, Dinajpur and officers in charge of police stations concerned of the three districts, where the cases were filed for the rape of the children, have been made respondents to the rule.
The HC bench of Justice Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Kamrul Hossain Mollah came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by rights organisation Children Charity Bangladesh Foundation (CCBF) on January 2 this year seeking necessary order to this effect.
During the hearing of the petition, CCBF's lawyer and its Chairman Abdul Halim told the HC bench that around 23,000 women and children have reportedly been the victim of rape and 185 of them were killed after being raped in the last five years.

Around 97 percent accused of such cases got acquitted from the court and therefore the conviction rate in such cases is only three percent, he said, adding that there are Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunals in all 64 districts of the country.
The lawyer questioned how the state and judiciary can be happy with the three percent conviction and 97 percent acquittal in the rape cases.
This is nothing but a sheer unnecessary expense on the part of the revenue, he argued.
Lawyer Abdul Halim said the Supreme Court has supervisory power over all tribunals and lower courts and has a constitutional obligation to see whether the trial and investigations of the cases are properly and fairly held so that the conviction for rape is increased.

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26.73 lakh vaccinated

FROM PAGE 12 as of 2:30pm yesterday.
Meanwhile, the positivity rate of Covid-19 has decreased yesterday compared to the previous day.
Against a total of 16,152 tests in the past 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, the positivity rate was 2.65 percent.
On the previous day, this rate was 3.13 percent against 12,748 tests.
In the same 24 hours yesterday, five people have died from Covid-19, according to another press release from the DGHS.
With this, the total number of deaths has reached 8,379,

and the death rate was 1.54 percent.
At least 428 new infections were recorded in the meantime, taking the total number of people infected to 544,544, added the release.
At least 911 Covid-19 patients have recovered during the 24 hours.
The total number of recoveries rose to 493,798 and the recovery rate at 90.68 percent.
Among the deceased, four were male.
One of the deceased was aged between 51 and 60 years and the rest four were above 60 years old, added the release.

India warns states

FROM PAGE 12 accuracy RT-PCR tests in those places was falling. Cases have also risen in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
In the past week, a third of India's 36 states and union territories have reported an average of more than 100 new cases each day, with Kerala and Maharashtra both reporting more than

4,000, in a trend experts link to the reopening of schools and suburban train services.
The government has also asked states to speed vaccinations for healthcare and frontline workers. Just about 11 million people have received one or two doses in a campaign that began on January 16, versus a target of 300 million by August.

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Invitation for Tenders (IFT)
1 Ministry/Division Ministry of Education.
2 Agency University Grants Commission/National University.
3 Procuring entity name Principal, Bhawal Badre Alam Govt. College, Gazipur-1702.
4 Procuring entity code N/A.
5 Procuring entity district Gazipur.
6 Invitation for Supply of Books & Journals for Libraries and Seminars.
7 Invitation Ref No. CEDP/PMUP/IDG-1037/90/2019-1155
8 Date 09-02-2021
KEY INFORMATION
9 Procurement method Open Tendering Method (National).
FUNDING INFORMATION
10 Budget and source of funds Development Budget (Government & IDA Credit).
11 Development partners International Development Association (IDA) World Bank.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION
12 Project code 224017200
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14 Tender Package No. G-05
15 Tender package name Supply of Books & Journals for Libraries and Seminars.
16 Tender publication date 24/02/2021
17 Tender last selling date 23/03/2021
18 Tender closing date and time 24/03/2021 1.00pm.
19 Tender opening date and time 24/03/2021 1.30pm.
20 Name & address of the office:
Selling tender document: Principal, Bhawal Badre Alam Govt. College, Gazipur-1702
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21 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) Pre-tender meeting will not be held.
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23 Brief description of goods or works Supply of Books & Journals for Libraries and Seminars.
24 Brief description of related services Related service shall be in accordance with Section 4: Particular Conditions of Contract, Section 6: Schedule of Requirements.
25 Tender document price Tk 1,000,000 (one thousand) Treasury Chellan Code No. 1-2501-0001-2366
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27 Name of official inviting tender Professor Sikder.
28 Designation of official inviting tender Principal.
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