



# 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATING THE 247TH AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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## US-BANGLADESH RELATIONS A HISTORICAL TIMELINE

**1972**

U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy and Joan Kennedy meet Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Dhaka



**1974**

» The United States recognized Bangladesh on April 4, 1972, in a press statement from Secretary of State William Rogers

» President Gerald Ford hosts Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the Oval Office, Washington, DC

**1978**

President Ziaur Rahman welcomes Muhammad Ali during his visit in Dhaka, presenting him with a Bangladeshi passport. Ali receives a gift of land in Cox's Bazaar



**1980**

President Jimmy Carter welcomes President Ziaur Rahman to the White House, Washington, DC



**1983**

Lieutenant General Hussain Muhammad Ershad visits President Ronald Reagan, Washington, DC

**1991**

US Marines join Bangladeshi troops in providing relief to thousands of people in southern Bangladesh who suffered as a result of the 1991 Bangladesh Cyclone

**1992**

President George H.W. Bush meets with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, Washington, DC



**2000**

President Bill Clinton visited Bangladesh. He was the first US President to visit the country.



**2009**

President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Freedom to Professor Muhammad Yunus, Washington, DC



**2011**

Bangladesh joins the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) military exercise program organized by the U.S. Navy, which aims to strengthen bilateral partnerships and maritime security

**2013**

Bangladesh and the United States sign the Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (TICFA) in Washington, DC

**2018**

Bangabandhu Satellite-1 was launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida



**2021-22**

Bangladesh is one of the largest recipients of US COVID-19 vaccine donations with over 115 million total doses

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