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AK Party proposes MoU with BNP to strengthen political ties



Türkiye's ruling AK Party has proposed signing a party-to-party Memorandum of Understanding with the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) to deepen bilateral political engagement. The proposal emerged during a meeting held on the

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sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum in Türkiye. Both parties also discussed the possibility of delegation exchanges, with BNP describing it as the first such initiative from the AK Party.

Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan discuss bilateral cooperation at Antalya forum

Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser M Humayun Kabir met Azamat Kadyraliev, Special Envoy of the Kyrgyz President, on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum in Türkiye. The two sides exchanged views on issues of mutual interest and explored avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation between Bangladesh and Kyrgyzstan.

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Bangladesh presents new PPP model at Antalya Diplomacy Forum

Bangladesh has unveiled a new public-private partnership model at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum in Türkiye, advocating a transition from traditional aid dependency towards capacity



building, skills development, and technology transfer. Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir said shrinking global aid flows require countries to strengthen domestic capabilities and pursue greater self-reliance. He identified three priorities: human resource development for sustainable growth, women's education and empowerment, and expanded medical technology transfer to improve healthcare systems. Kabir proposed a new framework centred on "Aid for Capacity Building, Skills Development, and Technology Transfer" during a plenary session attended by representatives from the UN, TIKA, and JICA.

April 19

German firm shows interest in Bangladesh airport calibration services

German company Aerodata has expressed interest in providing airport calibration services in Bangladesh during a meeting between German Ambassador Dr Rüdiger Lotz and Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam. Both sides emphasised strengthening Bangladesh-Germany cooperation in aviation, while Bangladeshi officials expressed interest in collaborating with Germany to support aviation modernisation efforts.

Bangladesh-India cultural ties predate borders, says Indian envoy

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma has said the cultural relationship between Bangladesh and India is older and deeper than modern political boundaries, emphasising that shared heritage continues to reinforce bilateral ties. He made the remarks at a two-day musical programme in Dhaka celebrating Pohela Boishakh and the Bengali New Year, organised by the Indian High Commission at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre. The event featured Bangladeshi Rabindra Sangeet artist Adity Mohsin and Indian singer Srikanta Acharya. Verma said cultural exchanges help build trust, encourage dialogue, and bring people closer together.

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Bangladesh, EU initial Partnership Cooperation Agreement

Bangladesh and the European Union have initialled a Partnership Cooperation Agreement in Brussels, marking a significant advancement in bilateral relations. The agreement is expected to strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, migration, skills development, labour standards, and the Rohingya issue. Officials from both sides described the deal as a forward-looking framework that could pave the way for future negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement and an Investment Protection Agreement. The EU remains Bangladesh's largest export destination, with Bangladeshi exports to the bloc exceeding \$26 billion in 2024.

Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia discuss expanded energy cooperation

Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia have discussed broadening bilateral cooperation, particularly in the energy sector. During a meeting with Saudi Ambassador Dr Abdullah Zafer bin Abiyah, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said relations between the two countries should expand beyond manpower exports to include energy, tourism, and investment. The two sides also reviewed cooperation in law enforcement and security matters. The minister said Bangladesh had already dispatched a special team to accelerate related processes and warned against corruption in passport services. Discussions also included the possibility of an official visit to Saudi Arabia by the minister in July.

Germany expresses interest in Bangladesh water sector cooperation

Germany has shown interest in supporting Bangladesh in water resource management and environmental protection initiatives. During a meeting in Dhaka with Water Resources Minister Md Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee, German Ambassador Dr Rüdiger Lotz discussed cooperation on surface and groundwater management, climate change adaptation, and broader water governance issues. The minister described Germany as an important development partner and sought support in improving water governance, preventing river pollution, and addressing floods and waterlogging. Senior officials from Bangladesh's Ministry of Water Resources and the German Embassy also attended the meeting.

Bangladesh seeks safe passage for vessel through Hormuz Strait

Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman has urged Iran to ensure the safe passage of the Bangladesh-flagged vessel Banglar Joyjatra through the Strait of Hormuz amid rising tensions in the Gulf region. The request was made during his meeting with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum in Türkiye. Iran informed Bangladesh that necessary instructions had already been issued to the relevant authorities. Both sides agreed to remain in close communication. Dhaka also reiterated its balanced position on the crisis, emphasising restraint, dialogue, and diplomacy, while expressing concern over another Bangladesh-bound vessel carrying crude oil.

Bangladesh, Belgium reaffirm cooperation on trade and migration

Bangladesh and Belgium have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation, with discussions focusing on trade, investment, migration, visa and consular matters, and coordination at multilateral forums. The discussions took place during a meeting in Brussels between Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman and Belgium's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot. The two sides also discussed the Rohingya crisis and stressed the importance of deeper engagement to advance shared interests and expand cooperation across key sectors.

Canada and Bangladesh explore agricultural cooperation

Canadian High Commissioner to Dhaka Ajit Singh met Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation in the agriculture and livestock sectors. Bangladesh highlighted the need for technical cooperation and expertise, noting its potential for organic farming and export-oriented agricultural production in char areas. The minister welcomed Canadian participation, including partnerships involving private sector companies. Singh said Canada, with its advanced agricultural sector, is interested in exporting oilseeds such as canola and supporting Bangladesh through cooperation in technology, research, and animal production.

April 21

Bangladesh highlights democracy and global peace at Dakar Forum

Bangladesh has reaffirmed its commitment to democracy, peace, and inclusive development at the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam highlighted Bangladesh's democratic progress and expressed gratitude to Senegal for becoming the first African country to recognise Bangladesh after independence. She stressed the importance of strengthening bilateral ties, expanding economic and social cooperation, and enhancing the role of youth and women in development and peacebuilding initiatives. Bangladesh's contributions to United Nations peacekeeping operations were also highlighted, alongside proposals relating to digital sovereignty and

Iran assures safe passage for Bangladeshi vessels

Iran has reaffirmed its support for Bangladesh by assuring the safe passage of Bangladeshi vessels through the Strait of Hormuz and assisting in the evacuation of 186 Bangladeshi nationals through Azerbaijan. In a statement issued by the Iranian Embassy in Dhaka, Tehran praised Bangladesh's balanced and restrained position on developments in the Middle East and welcomed recent diplomatic engagement between the two countries. Iran also emphasised the importance of expanding bilateral relations, appreciated Bangladesh's humanitarian support and expressions of condolence, and called for responsible journalism to

avoid misunderstandings. The statement underscored the commitment of both countries to mutual respect, dialogue, and stronger diplomatic relations.

China seeks deeper cooperation in agriculture, skills, and environment

Chinese Ambassador Yao Wen met Prime Minister's Adviser Nazrul Islam Khan at the Prime Minister's Office on April 21 to discuss expanding Bangladesh-China cooperation in several priority sectors. The discussions focused on modern agricultural technology, afforestation and environmental protection, and skills development in the education sector. Nazrul Islam Khan sought stronger Chinese support in these areas to support Bangladesh's development priorities. The ambassador assured continued Chinese cooperation in Bangladesh's economic and development efforts. Chinese Cultural Counsellor Li Shaopeng also attended the meeting. The talks reflected the shared interest of both countries in deepening practical collaboration in agriculture, environmental sustainability, and human resource development.

Shama describes US as steadfast partner in democracy



State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam has described the United States as a steadfast partner in advancing democracy in Bangladesh. She made the remarks during a meeting with US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Richard Michaels on the sidelines of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa. During the meeting, she highlighted the

long-standing cooperation between Bangladesh and the United States in promoting democratic governance, strengthening institutions, and protecting human rights. She also reflected on her own engagement with US partners in efforts aimed at restoring democratic processes and expanding people's enfranchisement in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh, Ethiopia discuss expanding trade and investment ties



Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman met Ethiopian President Taye Atskeselassie Made to discuss strengthening bilateral relations in trade, investment, education, agriculture, and cultural exchange. The Ethiopian president congratulated Bangladesh on the successful 2026 elections and praised its contributions to UN peacekeeping in Africa. Bangladesh highlighted cooperation opportunities in garments, pharmaceuticals, and jute products, while also requesting Ethiopia to open an embassy in Dhaka. Ethiopia welcomed Bangladeshi investment, particularly in garments and pharmaceuticals. Both countries reaffirmed cooperation in multilateral forums including the UN, NAM, Group of 77, and South-South Cooperation initiatives.

April 22

Bangladesh and Ethiopia pledge to deepen bilateral ties

Bangladesh and Ethiopia have agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation, particularly in trade, investment, and wider sectoral engagement. During a meeting in Addis Ababa, Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and Ethiopian President Taye Atskeselassie Made discussed collaboration in education, agriculture, and cultural exchange,

while also highlighting opportunities in garments, pharmaceuticals, and jute products. Ethiopia welcomed potential Bangladeshi investment, especially in the garments and pharmaceutical sectors. Both countries also reaffirmed their commitment to cooperation in multilateral forums and pledged to further strengthen diplomatic and economic relations.

Bangladesh seeks energy and trade cooperation with Canada's Saskatchewan

Bangladesh has expressed interest in expanding cooperation with the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, with discussions focusing on energy diversification, clean technology, and small modular reactor technology. During meetings with Premier Scott Moe and other provincial leaders, Bangladesh also proposed a formal cooperation framework covering agriculture, agri-food value chains, research collaboration, and technical exchange. The discussions highlighted growing trade in potash fertiliser and agri-food products, as well as opportunities in agricultural technology, canola-based edible oil production, academic partnerships, skills development, and stronger investment and diaspora-linked cooperation.

Yao Wen meets Speaker, proposes Bangladesh-China parliamentary friendship group

Chinese Ambassador Yao Wen met Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad in Dhaka and emphasised the importance of forming a Bangladesh-China parliamentary friendship group. The Speaker described China as one of Bangladesh's oldest and most trusted partners and called for stronger parliamentary exchanges and deeper people-to-people ties. The two sides also discussed China's involvement in the Teesta project, the Rohingya crisis, and broader regional cooperation. Both countries reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and development partnership, while Ambassador Wen also highlighted the significance of Bangladesh's participation in China's Belt and Road Initiative.

April 23

Bangladesh and Oman call for dialogue to resolve Gulf tensions

Bangladesh and Oman have called for sustained dialogue and diplomacy to ensure a peaceful and

lasting resolution to the Gulf conflict. During talks in Muscat, Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman thanked the Sultan of Oman for efforts aimed at easing regional tensions and promoting stability. The two countries also discussed strengthening bilateral ties, with Bangladesh expressing appreciation for Oman's hosting of more than 700,000 Bangladeshi expatriate workers. Discussions also explored wider cooperation in trade and investment, including pharmaceuticals, food and agriculture, and port logistics, while both sides reaffirmed the importance of closer economic partnership.

Bangladesh sends emergency medical assistance to Iran

Bangladesh has dispatched emergency medical relief supplies to Iran under the directive of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The assistance was formally handed over to the Iranian ambassador in Dhaka and will be delivered through the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society as part of humanitarian support efforts.

April 25

Bangladesh secures UN backing for sustainable bioeconomy resolution

Bangladesh achieved a significant diplomatic success after a resolution on sustainable bioeconomy, initiated by Dhaka, was adopted unanimously at the 82nd session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok. Led by Minister Faqir Mahbub Anam, the initiative highlighted Bangladesh's growing role in shaping the regional development agenda. The resolution promotes innovation-driven and inclusive economic growth through circular economy practices, efficient resource management, scientific and technological advancement, and stronger regional cooperation. Several Asian countries co-sponsored the resolution, reflecting broad international support for Bangladesh's call to develop sustainable bioeconomy value chains across the region.

April 26

Bangladesh diplomats highlight government vision at the UN

Bangladeshi diplomats at the United Nations, particularly at the mission in Geneva, have been actively promoting the agenda of the newly elected government through proactive

multilateral diplomacy. According to the Bangladesh Mission in Geneva, these efforts are strengthening the country's role in global discussions on peace, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, and international cooperation. The statement was issued as various UN bodies observed International Delegates' Day, recognising the role of delegates in promoting dialogue, negotiation, and collective responses to global challenges.

EU observer meets Speaker to discuss democracy and cooperation

EU Chief Election Observer Ivars Ijabs met Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad at the Parliament complex on April 26 to discuss democratic governance and bilateral cooperation. The Speaker said the 13th parliamentary election had opened a new chapter in Bangladesh's democratic journey and expressed hope that the current Parliament would fulfil public expectations. The discussions covered women's representation, participation of ethnic minorities, post-LDC graduation trade challenges, continued EU market access, and prospects for future free trade negotiations. The Speaker also emphasised the importance of strengthening parliamentary friendship groups and increasing delegation exchanges between Bangladesh and EU member states.

April 27

UNCTAD urges investment reforms ahead of LDC graduation

A new report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) says Bangladesh has made progress in improving its investment climate but requires urgent structural reforms ahead of its graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status in November 2026. According to the report, foreign direct investment declined after peaking at more than \$1.8 billion in 2019, although early indicators in 2025 suggest signs of recovery. The report identified land scarcity, weak infrastructure, a complex taxation system, and institutional fragmentation as major obstacles to investment. It recommended adopting a unified national investment policy, introducing a consolidated investment law, and strengthening digital procedures to attract quality investment and ensure sustainable economic growth.

Bangladesh seeks stronger education cooperation with Turkey and Malaysia

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cooperation with Turkey and Malaysia as part of efforts to improve the quality of higher education. Education Minister Dr A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon made the call during separate meetings in Dhaka with Turkish Ambassador Ramis Sen and Malaysian High Commissioner Mohd Shuhada Othman. The discussions focused on university partnerships, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and learning from international experience. Turkey expressed interest in expanding cooperation between universities and businesses, while Malaysia reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening educational ties with Bangladesh.

Bangladesh and Maldives discuss tourism cooperation

Bangladesh and the Maldives have discussed signing a memorandum of understanding on tourism cooperation, with a focus on developing coastal tourism in Cox's Bazar and Kuakata. The issue was discussed during a meeting between Maldivian High Commissioner Shiuneen Rasheed and Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanom in Dhaka. Both countries emphasised the importance of strengthening bilateral ties and explored ways of using Maldivian expertise to improve Bangladesh's coastal tourism sector. The proposed agreement is expected to support knowledge exchange, skills development, tourism infrastructure, and joint tourism initiatives between the two countries.

EU submits final election observation report

The European Union Election Observation Mission has formally submitted its final report on Bangladesh's 2026 parliamentary elections to the government. Chief Observer Ivars Ijabs handed over the report to State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The report includes 19 recommendations aimed at improving future elections and strengthening democratic processes. The EU mission, which had been stationed in Bangladesh since late 2025, deployed 223 observers across all 64 districts on election day. Earlier, the mission described the elections as credible, competitive, and competently managed.

Bangladesh conveys solidarity to Saudi Arabia amid regional tensions

Foreign Adviser to the Prime Minister Humaiun Kobir met Saudi Vice Foreign Minister Eng. Waleed Abdulkaareem El Khureiji in Riyadh and conveyed a message of solidarity from the prime minister to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Kobir reaffirmed Bangladesh's support for Saudi Arabia during the ongoing Middle East crisis and expressed interest in expanding



cooperation in economy and energy. He also invited the Saudi king and crown prince to visit Bangladesh. Saudi Arabia appreciated Bangladesh's continued support during the critical regional situation.

April 28

Bangladesh eyes Japan's skilled labour market

Bangladesh is preparing to send a larger number of skilled workers to Japan under the Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) category, as Japan plans to recruit around 820,000 foreign workers across 16 sectors by March 2029. Bangladeshi officials believe the country could meet a significant share of this demand if language and technical training facilities are improved further. The government is currently upgrading training centres, strengthening the Japan Cell, and expanding support for student migration to Japan. Authorities are targeting the migration of around 10,000 Bangladeshi students to Japan in 2026.

Bangladesh and Bhutan seek deeper energy and trade cooperation

Bangladesh and Bhutan have expressed interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in renewable energy, trade, and regional connectivity. The issue was discussed during a meeting between Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir and Bhutanese Ambassador Dasho Karma Hamu Dorji at the Secretariat on April 28. The commerce minister stressed the need to increase intra-regional trade in South Asia and proposed joint initiatives in hydropower and solar energy by utilising Bhutan's energy potential and

geographical proximity. The Bhutanese envoy welcomed the proposals and highlighted the importance of easier trade connectivity through the Buri-mari land port, along with the longstanding educational ties between the two countries.

EU observers describe Bangladesh polls as credible, recommend reforms

The European Union Election Observation Mission submitted its final report on Bangladesh's February 12 parliamentary elections, describing the polls as "credible and competently managed." Based on a two-month nationwide observation process, the report presented 19 recommendations to strengthen future elections and democratic governance. Chief EU Observer Ivars Ijabs said the election represented an important step towards restoring democratic governance and the rule of law in Bangladesh. The mission praised the professionalism of the Election Commission, the enfranchisement of around 770,000 overseas voters, and improvements in civic space. Priority recommendations included legal reforms, campaign finance regulations, increased women's participation, digital safety measures, transparent vote tabulation, and expanded postal voting facilities.

Bangladesh and Belarus discuss labour and trade cooperation

Bangladesh and Belarus have discussed expanding cooperation in skilled and semi-skilled labour migration during a meeting between Belarus' non-resident Ambassador Mikhail Kasko and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam in Dhaka. The two countries also explored collaboration in agriculture, defence, textiles and ready-made garments, information technology, pharmaceuticals, and jute. Both sides emphasised the importance of strengthening people-to-people ties and agreed to hold bilateral mechanisms, including Foreign Office Consultations, more regularly. They also reaffirmed their commitment to deepening friendly relations and expanding cooperation in priority sectors.

Shama reaffirms Bangladesh's commitment to reviving SAARC

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam has reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to revitalising the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) during a courtesy meeting with Sri Lankan High Commissioner Dharmapala Weerakkody at the Foreign Ministry. The two sides discussed bilateral cooperation and issues of mutual interest, while stressing the need for stronger ties in trade, health, education, tourism, connectivity, culture, and

sports. Bangladesh also highlighted its export strengths in sectors such as jute, pharmaceuticals, leather goods, and information technology.

April 29

China keen to expand investment and education cooperation with Bangladesh

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen met Prime Minister's Adviser and Spokesperson Mahdi Amin at the Prime Minister's Office in Dhaka to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation in investment, education, and human resource development. During the meeting, China expressed interest in establishing a Chinese Economic Zone in Bangladesh and expanding collaboration in high-tech industries, solar energy, ICT, electric vehicles, manufacturing, agriculture, textiles, and electronics. The Chinese envoy also pledged support for curriculum development, vocational and technical education, scholarship programmes, SDG-related initiatives, e-bus projects, and broader clean energy cooperation between the two countries.

Belarus envoy discusses security and trade cooperation with home minister

Belarus's non-resident Ambassador Mikhail Kasko met Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed at Jatiya Sangsad on April 29 and discussed a range of bilateral cooperation issues. The discussions covered law and order, security cooperation, defence collaboration, agricultural mechanisation, fertiliser imports, trade expansion, and criminal justice matters. Ambassador Kasko highlighted Belarus's expertise in military equipment and agricultural machinery production, while Bangladesh expressed interest in technical cooperation and the possibility of importing potash fertiliser from Belarus. The envoy also sought legal assistance regarding a case involving a Belarusian national.

UNESCO to support police training initiatives in Bangladesh

UNESCO has pledged support for police training programmes in Bangladesh focusing on police reform, media relations, freedom of expression, and journalist safety. A UNESCO delegation led by Country Representative Susan Vize met Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed in Dhaka and discussed plans to launch the training programmes by June, subject to approval from the ministry. The home minister agreed in principle

and suggested including officers at the DIG and SP levels, particularly those working in police media units, in order to strengthen cooperation and communication between the police and journalists.

Bangladesh seeks continued US cooperation to strengthen labour sector

Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury has sought continued cooperation from the United States to improve Bangladesh's global image and further strengthen the country's labour sector. During a meeting with US Ambassador Brent T. Christensen, the minister highlighted opportunities for joint initiatives on labour standards and workers' rights. The ambassador welcomed the Bangladesh Labour (Amendment) Act, 2026, noting that it reflects recommendations from the United States and aligns with International Labour Organization conventions. Both sides emphasised the importance of effective implementation, technical assistance, and stronger bilateral cooperation in labour-related issues.

Dhaka seeks continued preferential market access to the EU

Bangladesh has urged the European Union to ensure continuity of preferential market access through possible arrangements such as a Free Trade Agreement and an Investment Protection Agreement. The issue was discussed during the fifth Bangladesh-EU Diplomatic Consultations held in Dhaka after nearly five years. Both sides reviewed the overall state of bilateral relations, welcomed progress on the proposed Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, and discussed governance, human rights, migration, climate finance, research collaboration, regional developments, and the Rohingya crisis.

April 30

Russian ambassador meets JS Speaker to discuss bilateral cooperation

Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Alexander Grigoryevich Khozin paid a courtesy call on Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad at the Parliament complex and discussed various aspects of bilateral cooperation. The Speaker recalled Russia's support during Bangladesh's Liberation War and Moscow's assistance in clearing mines at Chattogram Port after independence. The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in education, skilled manpower exports, energy, artificial intelligence, parliamentary exchanges, and issues concerning Bangladeshis affected by the Russia-Ukraine war. The ambassador said the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant could begin supplying around 40 percent of its planned capacity by 2027.

US donates TB testing kits and paediatric drugs to Bangladesh

The United States has donated 600,000 tuberculosis testing kits and 11,000 courses of paediatric tuberculosis drugs to Bangladesh to help address critical supply shortages and strengthen bilateral health cooperation. US Ambassador Brent T. Christensen formally handed over the assistance at a ceremony in Dhaka attended by Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md Shakhawat Husain Bokul and Director General of Health Services Prof Dr Pravath Chandra Biswas. The assistance includes GeneXpert tuberculosis testing kits and child-focused TB medicines and forms part of Washington's five-year global health partnership framework with Bangladesh.

May 04

Bangladesh, Egypt discuss expanding bilateral cooperation



Egyptian Ambassador Omar Mohie Eldin Ahmed Fahmy met State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on May 4 to discuss strengthening Bangladesh-Egypt relations. The State Minister thanked Egypt for increasing fully funded scholarships for Bangladeshi students from 12 to 24. Discussions focused on cooperation in trade, energy, infrastructure, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, jute, manpower, culture, and education. Both sides also emphasized people-to-people contacts, cultural exchanges, and regular high-level engagements to deepen bilateral partnership and strengthen longstanding ties.

Outgoing Indian envoy pays farewell call on foreign minister



Outgoing Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma paid a farewell call on the foreign minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The minister congratulated Verma on completing his tenure in Dhaka and reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to a forward-looking relationship with India. Verma thanked Bangladesh for its cooperation and expressed hope for stronger bilateral ties.

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