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Bilateral Exchanges

Visit of Rt. Hon. Chief Justice

At the invitation of Chief Justice of Bangladesh Hon. Dr. Syed Refaat Ahmed, a high-level delegation led by the Chief Justice of Nepal Rt. Hon. Mr. Prakash Man Singh Raut visited Bangladesh from 1-4 November 2025. The delegation comprised Senior Justice Hon. Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla, Justice Hon. Mr. Binod Sharma and Chief Registrar Mr. Bimal Paudel.



(Chief Justice Rt. Hon. Mr. Raut with Chief Justice of Bangladesh Hon. Dr. Ahmed)

During the visit, Chief Justice Rt. Hon. Mr. Raut had a bilateral meeting with Chief Justice of Bangladesh Hon. Dr. Syed Refaat Ahmed at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 02 November.

The discussion focused on the legal and judicial practices of both Nepal and Bangladesh. Matters pertaining to judicial reforms carried out by both countries including towards facilitating more expeditious services to the people were highlighted in the meeting.

Following the meeting, Rt. Hon. Mr. Raut co-presided over, along with Hon. Dr. Ahmed, the proceedings of a hearing on an appeal regarding the non-party caretaker government system at the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of

Bangladesh. Senior lawyers of the Bangladesh Supreme Court and other advocates of the Appellate Division were present in the courtroom.



(Chief Justices with their delegations)

Chief Justice Hon. Dr. Ahmed emphasized the strong relationship between the Judiciaries of the two countries. Chief Justice Rt. Hon. Raut appreciated the opportunity to observe the hearing and highlighted the connections between the Judiciaries of Nepal and Bangladesh.

The delegation also participated in a discussion on 'Roadmap, Roadshow Legislative Changes, Judicial Integrity and Partnership Building,' led by the Chief Justice of Bangladesh.



(Chief Justice Rt. Hon. Raut handing over copies of the 5th Five-Year Plan to the Chief Justice of Bangladesh)

Chief Justice Hon. Dr. Ahmed shared the progress achieved on judicial reform initiatives in Bangladesh, outlining positive changes recently implemented across various courts. Chief Justice Rt. Hon. Mr. Raut led a discussion on 'Delivering

Justice while Managing Crisis.' Senior Justice Hon. Ms. Malla also provided insights into structural reform efforts undertaken by the Supreme Court of Nepal.



(Chief Justices, Hon. Ms. Malla, Hon. Ms. Mahbub and women Justices from Bangladesh)

In a separate session, Senior Justice Hon. Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla and Justice Hon. Ms. Farah Mahbub of Bangladesh jointly led a discussion on 'Digitalization, Gender Justice, Specialization of Courts, Judicial Independence and Integrity.' A delegation of women Justices from the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh participated in the event.

Senior Justice Hon. Ms. Malla underscored Nepal's efforts towards ensuring gender equality in the judicial sector. She emphasized the shared challenges facing both countries and highlighted the critical importance of women's meaningful representation within the judicial system. Justice Hon. Mahbub provided a detailed overview of the strategic roadmap and judicial reforms implemented in Bangladesh.



(Two Chief Justices and their delegations)

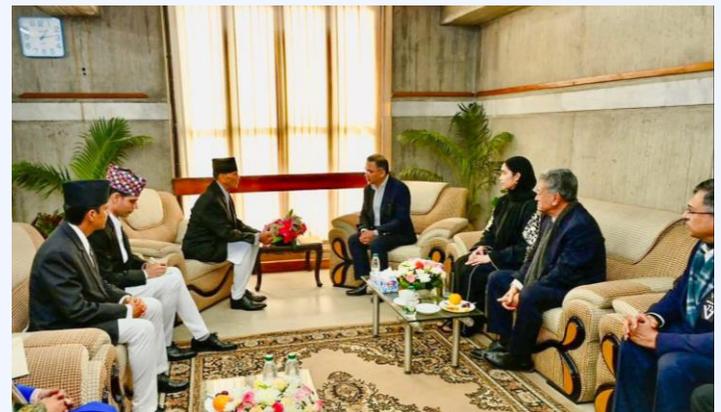
On 03 November, the Rt. Hon. Chief Justice of Nepal and the visiting delegation participated in a workshop titled "Jurisprudence in Transitional Contexts: Exchange."

The two Chief Justices deliberated on the major challenges faced by the judiciary in the aftermath of political transitions in Nepal and Bangladesh. The discussions also focused on sharing experiences, best practices, and institutional responses adopted by the judiciaries of both countries to uphold the rule of law during periods of transition.

Visit of the Hon. Foreign Minister

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal Hon. Mr. Bala Nanda Sharma visited Bangladesh from 30 December 2025 to 01 January 2026 to attend the state funeral of former Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Begum Khaleda Zia.

On 31 December, Hon. Foreign Minister paid his last tributes to Begum Khaleda Zia at the National Parliament Complex. A floral wreath was laid at the burial site of Begum Zia on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal.



(Foreign Minister and his delegation in a meeting with Mr. Rahman and BNP leaders)

During the occasion, Hon. Foreign Minister met with the son of late Begum Zia and Acting Chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party Mr.

Tarique Rahman. He conveyed condolences to Mr. Rahman and his bereaved family as well as the BNP leaders, on behalf of the Government and the people of Nepal.

Hon. Foreign Minister called on the Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh H.E. Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus on 31 December.



(Foreign Minister and Chief Adviser during the meeting)

On the occasion, he handed over to the Chief Adviser a message from the Prime Minister of Nepal Rt. Hon. Sushila Karki, extending her deepest condolences on the demise of Begum Zia. In her message, the Prime Minister noted with gratitude the significant role Begum Zia played in strengthening Nepal-Bangladesh relations, particularly during her three tenures as the Prime Minister. Foreign Minister Mr. Sharma underscored that she would be remembered for her contributions to the growth and development of Bangladesh, and for her strong advocacy of regional cooperation and solidarity.



(Foreign Minister handing over the Letter of Condolences to the Chief Adviser)

The Chief Adviser expressed his gratitude for Nepal's true friendship and its enduring support to the Government and people of Bangladesh ever since the country's independence, including during the difficult times. The two leaders also deliberated on the excellent state of Nepal-Bangladesh relationship and explored ways to further strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including trade, energy, connectivity, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges.

Hon. Foreign Minister Mr. Sharma also held a meeting with Adviser for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain on 31 December and handed over to him a personal letter of condolences. Foreign Adviser Mr. Hossain thanked Foreign Minister Mr. Sharma for attending the funeral and expressed appreciation for the consistent support extended by the Government of Nepal on all occasions.



(Foreign Minister with Foreign Affairs Adviser of Bangladesh)

During the meeting, the two ministers deliberated on the excellent state of Nepal-Bangladesh relationship and explored ways to further strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including trade, energy, connectivity, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges.

On the sidelines, Hon. Foreign Minister also met with the External Affairs Minister of India H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan H.E. Mr. Lyonpo DN Dhungyel, Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan H.E. Mr. Sardar

Ayaz Sadiq, and President's Special Envoy & Education Minister of the Maldives H.E. Mr. Ali Haider Ahmed.



(Foreign Minister interacting with dignitaries from India, Bhutan, Pakistan, and the Maldives)

While in Dhaka, the Hon. Foreign Minister and his delegation also visited the Embassy.



(Foreign Minister and his delegation with the Embassy officials)

Meeting with Adviser for Health and Family Welfare

On 9 October, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari called on Adviser to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh H.E. Ms. Nurjahan Begum.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with Adviser H.E. Ms. Begum)

They exchanged views on various aspects of Nepal-Bangladesh bilateral relations, emphasizing cooperation in education, health and medical tourism between the two countries. The discussion also included ways to address the concerns and interests of Nepali students studying in Bangladesh.

Meeting with Education Adviser

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari called on Adviser to the Ministry of Education of Bangladesh H.E. Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar on 9 October.



(Ambassador with Adviser for Education H.E. Prof. Dr. Abrar)

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari underscored the excellent state of bilateral relations between Nepal

and Bangladesh, underscoring the robust cooperation across various sectors, including education and people-to-people connections.

The Adviser noted that a significant number of Nepali students are pursuing higher studies in Bangladesh in fields such as medicine, agriculture, veterinary science, and engineering and underlined that they serve as goodwill ambassadors, further bringing the two countries closer.

Meeting with Commerce, Jute and Textiles, and Tourism Adviser

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari called on the Adviser to the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Jute and Textiles, and Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Sk. Bashir Uddin at the latter's office on 16 October.



(Ambassador with Adviser H.E. Mr. Sk. Bashir Uddin)

The meeting focused on enhancing trade linkages between Nepal and Bangladesh, with both sides underscoring the potential for deeper economic cooperation. Particular emphasis was placed on strengthening collaboration in the jute and textiles sector.

They also discussed improving air connectivity between Dhaka and Kathmandu, prioritizing affordability and accessibility of Biman Bangladesh flights for travelers.

7th Meeting of JSC and JWG on Nepal-Bangladesh Cooperation in Power Sector

The 7th meeting of Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on Nepal-Bangladesh Cooperation in Power Sector was held on 27 November in Dhaka.



(Delegations of Nepal and Bangladesh during the 7th JSC)

While the Nepali delegation was led by Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation Mr. Chiranjeevi Chataut, the Bangladesh side was led by Secretary of Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Mrs. Farzana Mamtaz.

During the meeting, the two sides deliberated on matters such as expansion of bilateral power trade, encouraging private sector investment in hydropower projects in Nepal and enhancing cross border power transmission lines.



(The two secretaries with their respective delegations)

The Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting was held on 26 November. While the Nepali delegation was led by Mr. Sandip Kumar Dev, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, the Bangladesh delegation was led by Mr. K M Ali Reza, Additional Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.



(Delegations of Nepal and Bangladesh in the 7th JWG)

Durga Puja Reception Hosted by the President

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari attended a reception hosted by the President of Bangladesh at his official residence to exchange greetings with the members of the Hindu community on the occasion of Durga Puja on 02 October. The Ambassador had the opportunity to exchange greetings with the President during the reception.

The reception was attended by Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain, Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Dr. Bidhan Ranjan Roy Poddar, heads of diplomatic missions and diplomats, and Hindu religious leaders, among others.

Participation in Victory Day Celebrations

On 16 December, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari attended the Victory Day celebrations organized to mark the 54th Victory Day of Bangladesh.

In the morning, President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief Advisor Prof Dr Muhammad Yunus placed floral wreaths at the National Memorial to pay tribute to the martyrs and freedom fighters who fought for the liberation of Bangladesh. As the Acting Dean, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari placed a floral wreath on behalf of the diplomatic corps based in Dhaka.



(Ambassador during the wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial)

Later that day, the Ambassador attended the reception hosted by the President of Bangladesh Mohammed Shahabuddin to commemorate the 54th Victory Day of Bangladesh. On the occasion, Ambassador Bhandari congratulated President Shahabuddin and conveyed warm greetings and felicitations on behalf of Rt. Hon. President of Nepal Mr. Ram Chandra Paudel.

The Ambassador also attended the fly-past demonstrations by the Bangladesh Army, Navy, and Air Force held to mark Victory Day. Commemorating the 54th Victory Day.

Diplomatic Briefing Organized by the Foreign Ministry

Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal attended a diplomatic briefing organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 18 December 2025 to apprise the diplomatic corps of security arrangements and

measures to maintain law and order ahead of the 13th parliamentary elections.

During the briefing, Foreign Secretary Mr. Asad Alam Siam outlined the preparations undertaken by the Interim Government and emphasized that the country's law enforcement agencies, including the Armed Forces, would remain vigilant and actively engaged in maintaining stability. He also informed that the Election Commission intended to welcome international election observers.

Economic/Public Diplomacy Programmes

Ambassador's Address to the Bay of Bengal Conversation

On 22 November, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari addressed the 'Ambassadorial Reflections' segment of the Bay of Bengal Conversation-2025. He highlighted the key aspects of Nepal-Bangladesh relations, including the spirit of friendship and good neighbourliness, growing economic partnership, civilizational and people-to-people linkages, and engagements in regional and multilateral forums.



(Ambassador speaking at the Bay of Bengal Conversation)

On the occasion, Mr. Bhandari underscored that despite geographical proximity and a long history of close relations between Nepal and Bangladesh, the level of cooperation achieved over the past 54 years does not yet reflect the full potential of the bilateral relationship. While he shed light on the

milestones achieved in the areas of trade, investment, energy, tourism, connectivity, and people-to-people contacts, he also underscored the need to work together, not least in light of both countries graduating from the LDC category in 2026.



(Ambassador addressing the 'Ambassadorial Reflections' segment of the BOBC)

Looking ahead to the next five decades and beyond, the Ambassador emphasized the need to further deepen and diversify cooperation. He described the cooperation as especially critical in the context of ongoing transitional periods, following the student-led uprising in Bangladesh last year and the recent Gen-Z driven political changes in Nepal.

Highlighting the aspirational nature of both societies, the Ambassador underscored the central role of youth as drivers of change and architects of future, calling for their active inclusion at the forefront of efforts to build a just and prosperous future for all.

The Bay of Bengal Conversation 2025 was organized by the Centre for Governance Studies from 22-24 November in Dhaka.

Ambassador's Address at Independent University Bangladesh

On 23 November, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari addressed, as the Chief Guest, a seminar on

'Building Our Future Together: Hopes and Lessons' held on the occasion of Global Day 2025 celebrations at Independent University, Bangladesh.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari addressing the seminar at IUB)

In his address, the Ambassador noted that Nepal and Bangladesh have long been active and responsible members of the United Nations, consistently advocating for peace, development, and inclusive multilateralism. The Ambassador highlighted that both countries currently rank among the largest contributors of troops and police to United Nations peacekeeping operations, reflecting their strong commitment to global peace and security.



(Ambassador with dignitaries and participants of the seminar)

He further emphasized that Nepal and Bangladesh continue to champion the interests of small and vulnerable countries, particularly Least Developed

Countries (LDCs), and have played significant leadership roles within various multilateral groupings, including the LDC Group, the G77 and China, and the Global South-South Cooperation mechanism.

Addressing the students of the IUB, he encouraged them, as future leaders, to harness their ideas, passion, and commitment to help shape the future of Bangladesh and contribute meaningfully to the global community.

Ambassador's Lecture at Daffodil International University

On 21 October, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivered a lecture on 'Nepal-Bangladesh Relations: Pathways for Enhanced Economic and Educational Cooperation' at Daffodil International University in Dhaka.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering a lecture at DIU)

The lecture centered on Nepal's history and foreign policy; major aspects of Nepal-Bangladesh relations, and significance of regional and sub-regional cooperation under the frameworks of SAARC, BIMSTEC, and BBIN initiative. He emphasized the pathways to deepen bilateral cooperation in areas including trade and investment, energy, education, tourism and people-to-people connections, and LDC graduation.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with participants of lecture at DIU)

During a Q&A session, the Ambassador engaged with participants, addressing their questions and concerns.



(Ambassador with faculty members of DIU)

The Ambassador also had a separate meeting with the Vice Chancellor and senior leadership of the university. During the meeting, views were exchanged on enhancing academic collaboration, including through faculty and student exchange programmes between Daffodil International University and academic institutions in Nepal.

B2B Networking Event during BTTF-2025

On 30 October, the Embassy and the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) in association with Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents (NATTA), jointly hosted a B2B Networking Event on the margins of the 13th Bangladesh Travel and Tourism Fair (BTTF) held in Dhaka from 30 October to 1 November 2025.



(Ambassador delivering his remarks at the B2B Networking Event)

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari highlighted the deep-rooted friendship between Nepal and Bangladesh founded on the shared cultural linkages and underscored the crucial role of tourism in further strengthening the bilateral ties. He urged travel and tour entrepreneurs to forge meaningful partnership to enhance people-to-people bonds between the two countries.



(Participants of the B2B Networking Event)

Mr. Sunil Sharma, Head of Public Relations & Publicity Department at the NTB, delivered a comprehensive presentation showcasing Nepal's diverse tourism products.

Nepali folk cultural performances were presented during the event. Additionally, a raffle draw was held, offering prizes including exclusive holiday packages sponsored by participating tour and travel agencies of Nepal.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with Nepali delegation led by NTB)

Nepal participated in the BTTF 2025, represented by 16-member delegation led by the NTB. The delegation included representatives from the NATTA, Nepali tour operators, travel agencies, and hoteliers.

Programme on ‘Nepal-Bangladesh Economic Cooperation’ Held in Rajshahi

The Embassy organized a programme on ‘Nepal-Bangladesh Economic Cooperation’ in Rajshahi, Bangladesh on 19 December 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari highlighted the steady progress made in diverse areas of bilateral economic cooperation, including the recent achievements in power trade, investment, and tourism.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

Acknowledging the instrumental role of business communities in strengthening relationship between the two countries, he called upon the participants to engage with their Nepali counterparts to further deepen collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

First Secretary Ms. Yojana Bamjan made a comprehensive presentation highlighting key areas of economic cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh.



(First Secretary Ms. Bamjan making a presentation)

Queries and concerns of the participants were addressed in an interactive session following the presentation. The programme also featured remarks by representatives of government agencies and business associations based in Rajshahi.



(Participants during the programme)

Over 120 participants including representatives of various Chambers of Commerce and Industries, prominent business leaders, travel and tour

entrepreneurs, and media persons, among others attended the programme.

Painting Competition and Prize Distribution Ceremony Held in Rajshahi

On 19 December, the Embassy, in collaboration with the Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Society (BNFS), organized a 'Painting Competition' among school-level students at Bangladesh Shishu Academy in Rajshahi. The Competition held under the theme 'Nepal As I See It', was aimed at providing young Bangladeshi students with a platform to creatively express their 'ideas of Nepal' through their art works.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari inaugurating the Competition)

Inaugurating the Competition, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari commended the young students for their participation. He noted that the objective of the Competition was to help young students of Bangladesh enhance their understanding of Nepal, thereby promoting the friendship between the two countries. He also highlighted the historic and deep-rooted ties between Nepal and Bangladesh and expressed hope that the artistic reflections of the participants would further contribute to strengthening cultural and people-to-people connections between the two countries.

Students from 40 schools in Rajshahi participated in the Competition. The participants were categorized into two age groups: 6-10 years and 11-16 years. Four winners as well as 10 best artworks

from each category were selected by an eminent panel of judges.



(Participating students during the competition)

A separate Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on 19 December to felicitate the winners and selected participants. Ambassador Mr. Bhandari and the panel of judges present on the occasion felicitated the winners. Ten winners from each category were felicitated with Nepali wooden crests, certificates and cash prizes.



(Ambassador delivering his remarks during the Prize Distribution Ceremony)

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari congratulated the winners of the competition and expressed his appreciation to their parents, schools and teachers for encouraging the students to participate. He urged the students to continue nurturing and exploring their artistic talent and noted that their participation had further deepened the friendship and strengthened the people-to-people ties between the two countries.



(Felicitations of top twenty winners)

World Meditation Day 2025 Observed

The Embassy, in collaboration with the Jeevan Vigyan Foundation, Nepal, organized a programme under the theme “Meditation: Awakening Happiness and Inner Peace” at the Embassy premises on 21 December to mark World Meditation Day 2025.

The programme was held to highlight the significance of meditation in promoting mental well-being, inner peace and happiness. It also aimed at promoting Nepal’s wellness tourism by showcasing the country as the land of yoga, meditation, and penance.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari welcoming the guests)

Welcoming the guests, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari recalled that Nepal was among the core group of six countries that initiated the resolution declaring 21 December as World Meditation Day, which was unanimously adopted by the United Nations

General Assembly in December 2024. He stressed that the theme of the event- “Meditation: Awakening Happiness and Inner Peace” closely aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 3.4 on mental health and well-being.

A brief guided meditation session was conducted by an experienced practitioner Ms. Anima Bhandari from the Jeevan Vigyan Foundation, providing participants with a firsthand experience of mindfulness and relaxation. The event also provided a glimpse of the practical benefits of meditation, including stress reduction, self-discipline, and nurturing inner peace and happiness.



(Participants during the guided meditation session)

The event brought together participants, including ambassadors and high commissioners, members of diplomatic corps, representatives of the Nepali community, business and civil society leaders as well as media personnel of Bangladesh.

Participation at FOSA Charity Bazaar

On 29 November, the Embassy team participated at the International Charity Bazaar 2025 organized by Foreign Office Spouses Association of Bangladesh (FOSA), showcasing a diverse range of Nepali products including pashminas, handicrafts, and traditional artifacts.

The Embassy also set up a separate food stall at the Bazaar featuring Nepali cuisine including *momos*,

selrotis, and *choila*, among others.



(Embassy team participating at FOSA Charity Bazaar)

Hon. Foreign Adviser of Bangladesh Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain and Foreign Secretary Mr. Asad Alam Siam were among the distinguished guests who visited the Embassy's stalls.



(Welcoming Foreign Adviser and his spouse at the 'Nepal Stall')

The charity bazaar was an important opportunity to showcase and promote Nepali products among an audience comprising of diplomatic community of Dhaka, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and FOSA, and private sector leaders.

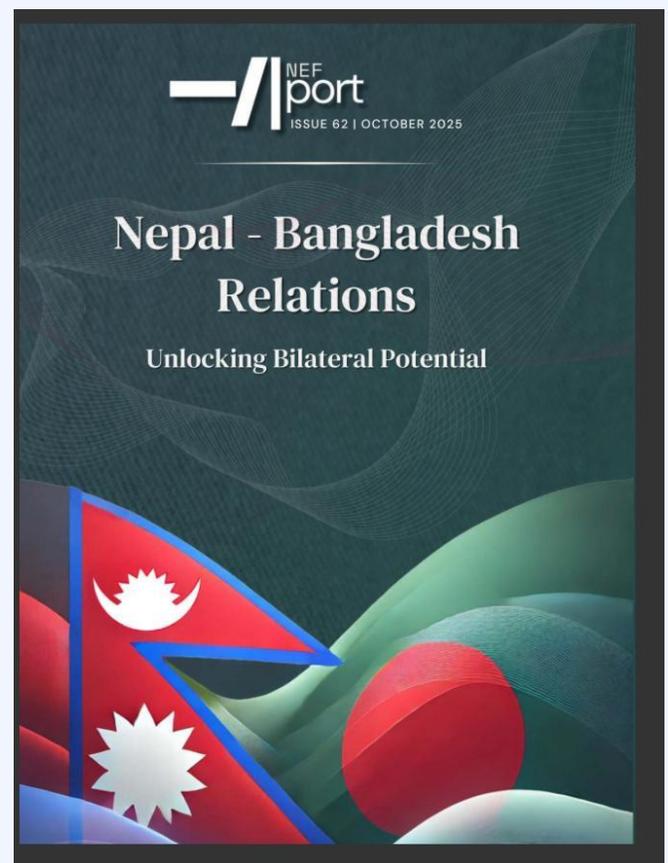


(Heads of Missions and their spouses during the inauguration ceremony of FOSA Charity Bazaar)

Embassies/High Commissions based in Dhaka, participated in the event apart from other local organizations in Dhaka.

Report Published by Nepal Economic Forum

Following the roundtable discussion on 'Bangladesh-Nepal Relations' held on 3 August 2025 in Dhaka, the NEF published its latest edition of NEFport, Issue 62, October 2025, titled 'Nepal-Bangladesh Relations: Unlocking Bilateral Potential'.



(NEF report on Nepal-Bangladesh Relations)

In this recent publication, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari shared his perspectives on the evolving Nepal-Bangladesh relationship. He highlighted that we stood at a pivotal moment to shape the future of Nepal-Bangladesh relations in a manner that is both ambitious and anchored in ground realities.

This is the first time the NEF has dedicated the special edition on 'Nepal-Bangladesh Relations:

Unlocking Bilateral Potential’ to explore opportunities for deeper cooperation between the two countries.

The full report can be accessed via this link:

https://issuu.com/nepaleconomicforum/docs/nepfort_62_nepal-bangladesh_relations_unlocking

Virtual Discussion Organized by the NEF

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari attended a virtual discussion, organized by the Nepal Economic Forum (NEF) in collaboration with the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh, on 11 December. The event provided a timely platform to review the key findings of the report titled “Bangladesh-Nepal Relations: A Renewed Outlook.”

Addressing the virtual session, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari highlighted the progress made in areas of energy trade, tourism and people-to-people interactions between the two countries. He also shed light on the need to continue the momentum in strengthening bilateral relations through deeper cooperation in areas such as trade and investment, cross-border connectivity, regional cooperation and the enhancement of people-to-people ties.

The virtual discussion was also joined by Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal Md. Shafiqur Rahman, who shared perspectives on emerging opportunities and challenges. Throughout the discussion, participants emphasized shared priorities and the need for practical, result-oriented approaches to strengthen bilateral engagement.

Nepal-Bangladesh International Rugby Series

On 23 November, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari attended the inauguration ceremony of the Bangladesh-Nepal International Rugby Series 2025, held at the National Stadium in Dhaka.



(Ambassador addressing the inauguration ceremony at the National Stadium)

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari highlighted the role of sports in strengthening people-to-people ties between the two countries. He pointed out that sporting exchanges not only promote healthy competition and teamwork but also serve as an effective platform for enhancing friendship, youth engagement and cultural connectivity between the two countries.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with Nepali National Rugby Team)

The Nepali National Rugby Team arrived in Dhaka to participate in the two-day Nepal-Bangladesh Rugby series and won both 'sevens side' matches played on the day of inauguration. Likewise, Nepal won the Bangladesh–Nepal International Rugby Series 2025 defeating Bangladesh 26–15 in the second day.

Nepal-Bangladesh Friendly Football Match

On 13 November, FIFA Tier-1 International Football Match was held between the national teams of Nepal and Bangladesh at the National Stadium in Dhaka. The match was organized to celebrate the spirit of friendship and sporting excellence between the two countries.

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari visited the Stadium to watch the match, which concluded in a 2-2 draw.

During the match, the Ambassador met with the President of Bangladesh Football Federation Mr. Tabith Awal as well with the Nepali team. They discussed the possibility of organizing more friendly matches, promoting the competitive spirit and skills of both teams and further enhancing the sporting ties between Nepal and Bangladesh.

Dan Test and Referee Training Seminar

On 24 December 2025, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari attended the Closing Ceremony of the 'Dan Test and Referee Training Seminar' as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed satisfaction over the growing collaboration between Nepal and Bangladesh in the sports sector, particularly in the development of Taekwondo.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with the participants)

He congratulated the participants on successfully completing the test. He highlighted Taekwondo as

a powerful medium for fostering discipline, mutual respect, and friendship among youth and sporting communities.

Reaffirming Nepal's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties in the field of sports, Ambassador Bhandari emphasized the importance of continued cooperation in training, technical exchange, and future collaborative initiatives.

Flag-in Ceremony of Ascent of Himal Himlung

On 21 November, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal attended the Flag-in Ceremony of the successful ascent of Himal Himlung (7126 metres) in Nepal by Bangladeshi mountaineer Ms. Nurunnaher Nimni, who summited the peak on 3 November 2025 with the banner "Rise for Her" to raise awareness about breast cancer among women.



(DCM Ms. Silwal speaking at the Flag-in Ceremony)

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Silwal highlighted the deep bonds of friendship between Nepal and Bangladesh and underscored the role of mountains and the spirit of mountaineering in bringing the two countries and peoples closer.

Congratulating Ms. Nimni on her successful expedition, Ms. Silwal commended her for dedicating her journey to breast cancer awareness and expressed hope that her achievement will inspire more women to embrace mountaineering

and pursue their dreams with courage and determination.



(DCM Ms. Silwal with Bangladeshi mountaineer Ms. Nimni)

The programme was organized by the Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club (BMTK) in Dhaka.

Glocal Teen Hero Bangladesh 2025

Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Silwal attended the 'Glocal Teen Hero Bangladesh 2025', jointly organized by Glocal Pvt. Ltd. Nepal and Daffodil International University, Bangladesh, on 8 December.



(DCM Ms. Silwal speaking as Chief Guest at DIU)

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Ms. Silwal highlighted the strong people-to-people ties between Nepal and Bangladesh, emphasizing that

initiatives like the Glocal Teen Hero play a vital role in further deepening youth collaboration between the two countries. She also expressed her happiness at witnessing the expansion of Glocal Teen Hero, an initiative that began in Nepal, into a meaningful regional platform.



(DCM Ms. Silwal with participants of 'Glocal Teen Hero Bangladesh 2025')

Congratulating the top six finalists, she commended their efforts in driving positive social change through their creative initiatives. She also joined other dignitaries in presenting the award to the Glocal Teen Hero Bangladesh 2025, Mr. Mahmudul Hasan, in recognition of his SDG-focused initiative.

Embassy's Other Engagements

Inauguration Ceremony of the 17th Meeting of the SAC Governing Board

On 13 October, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal attended the inauguration ceremony of the 17th Meeting of the Governing Board of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) in Dhaka.

The event was attended by senior government officials of Bangladesh, Governing Board members from SAARC countries, High Commissioners and representatives from the Embassies of SAARC member states.



(Inauguration Ceremon of the 17th SAC Governing Board meeting)

Meeting with Delegation of Nepali Professors and Academics

On 14 November, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari welcomed a Nepali delegation consisting of professors and academics from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu University, and Pokhara University. The delegation was on a visit to Bangladesh to participate in the Global Sanitation Graduate School – South and Southeast Asia Hub, an initiative undertaken in collaboration with the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka, and includes different institutes from Nepal, Bangladesh, Thailand and Indonesia.



(Ambassador with the delegation of Nepali professors and academics)

During a brief interaction, they explored ways and means for enhanced collaboration between educational institutions of Nepal and Bangladesh

aimed at strengthening people-to-people ties.

The Ambassador shared that the Embassy maintains close contact with most of the universities in Bangladesh and would be pleased to facilitate connections and the exchange of ideas among experts, faculty members, and students.

Launch of Cookbook of SAARC Countries

On 18 November 2025, DCM Ms. Silwal attended a programme organized by the SAARC Women's Association in Dhaka. She joined Ambassadors and representatives of the Embassies of SAARC Member States to mark the inauguration of the event.



(DCM Ms. Silwal during the candle lighting ceremony)

Ms. Silwal also witnessed the unveiling of a cookbook titled 'Flavours of Unity — A SAARC Culinary Journey', which features recipes from all SAARC Member States, including Nepal.

Meeting with Representatives of DUCSU

On 12 October, First Secretary Ms. Yojana Bamjan had a brief meeting with the newly elected members of the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU), the representative body of students at the University of Dhaka.

During the meeting, International Affairs Secretary Mr. Jasimuddin Khan mentioned that DUCSU, in its capacity as the representative body of the students, highly valued international friendships

and connections between people. They expressed their interest in proposing initiatives like short-term student exchange programmes, cultural visits, academic discussions and fellowship opportunities.



(First Secretary Ms. Bamjan with representatives of DUCSU)

First Secretary Ms. Bamjan assured them of the Embassy's support in coordinating student exchange programmes to enhance educational cooperation and strengthen friendly relations between the two countries.

Meeting with Student Wing of NCP

On 14 December, First Secretary Ms. Bamjan had a meeting with representatives of the student wing of the National Citizen Party (NCP). During the meeting, the members of the NCP briefed her on the objectives of the student body and expressed their interest in establishing formal engagement with foreign missions based in Dhaka. They also outlined various academic, social and civic activities planned by the student committee as part of their ongoing initiatives.

The student representatives further conveyed their desire to engage with student bodies of universities in Nepal with a view to strengthening people-to-people connections between the two countries and sought the Embassy's support in facilitating such interactions.



(First Secretary Ms. Bamjan with student wing leaders of NCP)

Ms. Bamjan assured them of the Embassy's readiness to engage and assist in connecting them with relevant student organizations and universities in Nepal.

Participation in SAARC Charter Day Celebration

On 8 December, First Secretary Ms. Bamjan participated in the 41st SAARC Charter Day celebration hosted by the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) in Dhaka.

The event was attended by diplomats, and representatives of all SAARC member countries. To mark the occasion, Ms. Bamjan joined representatives of fellow member states in hoisting the flags of their respective countries.



(First Secretary Ms. Bamjan participating in the 41st SAARC Charter Day Celebration)

Speaking briefly on the occasion, First Secretary Ms. Bamjan extended congratulations to the SAARC member states on the occasion of the 41st SAARC Charter Day and underscored the significance of SAARC as a vital regional platform for promoting cooperation and solidarity among its members. As the host country of the SAARC Secretariat, she also reaffirmed Nepal's role and continued commitment to contributing constructively to the SAARC process.

Education/Student Affairs

Visit to TMSS College

On 18 December, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari, accompanied by First Secretary Ms. Bamjan, visited TMSS Medical College in Bogura district.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari welcomed by the Principal)

The Ambassador had a brief interaction with the faculty members, during which he expressed appreciation to TMSS for the care extended to Nepali students studying at the college.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with Nepali students)

The Ambassador also had a separate interaction with Nepali students studying there. During the interaction, the concerns and queries of the students were addressed.

Interaction Programme with Nepali Students

On 17 October, the Embassy organized an interaction programme to exchange greetings and best wishes with Nepali students currently studying in Bangladesh on the auspicious occasion of Deepawali, Nepal Sambat and Chhath festivals of 2082 BS.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari speaking during interaction programme)

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari emphasized the significant role played by Nepali students in strengthening people-to-people relations between Nepal and Bangladesh. He assured the students of the Embassy's commitment to addressing the concerns and challenges faced by Nepali students during their studies in Bangladesh.



(Nepali students during the interaction programme)

Interaction with Nepali Students in Rajshahi

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari met with Nepali students studying in Rajshahi University and Rajshahi Medical College on 20 December 2025.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with Nepali students)

During a brief interaction, the Ambassador addressed their concerns and queries. He also encouraged the students to remain in close contact with the Embassy and to stay updated by following its activities through official social media pages.

Virtual Interaction with Nepali Students

On 6 October, the Embassy organized a virtual interaction session with Nepali students studying in government medical colleges under the SAARC scholarship program offered by the Government of Bangladesh.

During the virtual interaction, Nepali students raised various concerns and challenges encountered during their studies in Bangladesh and requested that the Embassy prioritize regular visits to government medical colleges.

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari outlined the Embassy's ongoing efforts to address students' concerns by coordinating and facilitating their resolution in close cooperation with the Bangladesh authorities.

Nepali students from various government colleges participated in the virtual interaction.

Media Links to the Events

Press Release- Visit of the Rt. Hon. Chief Justice



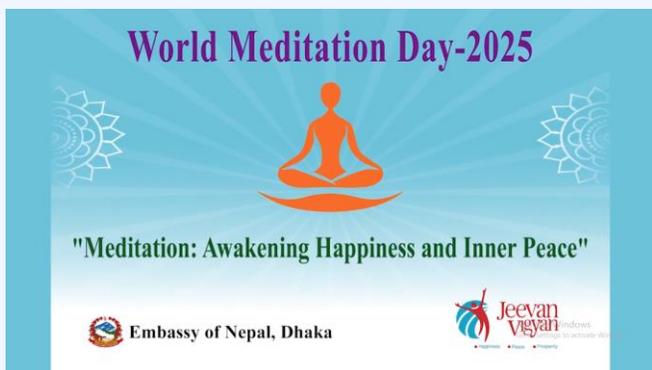
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Visit of the Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Mr. Bala Nanda Sharma to Bangladesh



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