

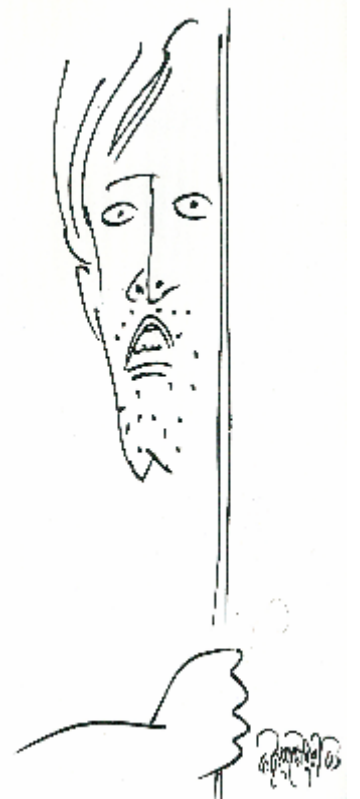


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First Word

Every year in August we mourn for the irreparable loss the Nation has suffered on 15 August 1975 when Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated along with most of his family members and relatives. The rebuilding of the war torn Bangladesh lost its way at the wake of that tragic incident and the country Bangladesh is still struggling to come out of the spiral of underdevelopment. A large number of expatriate Bangladeshis gathered in the Embassy premises on 15 August which is observed as a national mourning day to express their respect and devotion to the Father of the Nation and to renew the determination to build a Golden Bangla dreamt of by Bangabandhu.

Government mediated a new wage structure between the workers and the employers and secured an 82% pay rise for the garments workers which is to be implemented from November 2010. Government is also working on setting up a tripartite permanent wage board consisting government officials, and representatives of workers union and owners to ensure that the workers no more need to come to the street to fulfil their demands. Government has decided to formalize the trade union system in garments sector so that workers can negotiate with the owners to ensure their rights and can no more be manipulated by any vested corner.

Imtiaz Ahmed
Ambassador & Chief Editor

Editor's Note

FDI magazine of the Financial Times, London this year ranked Chittagong Export Processing Zone of Bangladesh as 3rd best cost competitive investment destination of the world and 4th best in economic potentials. The latest World Bank report titled 'Investing Across Borders 2010' surveyed opportunities in 87 countries to boost global investment competitiveness and, as expected, recognized Bangladesh as one of the most convenient destinations for Foreign Direct Investors. We hope the investors across the globe will take due note of the survey report and focus more on investing in Bangladesh to guarantee better value of their money. We have put in this issue an article on the World Bank report which our readers might find interesting and encouraging. Investors from countries like China, Japan, Korea, The Netherlands and many more are now showing increased interest in investing in Bangladesh and the way the government is work-

ing on to tackle the power crisis, investment from abroad is expected to take off at a healthy pace in near future.

Bangladesh has always shown its strong commitment towards global peace and demonstrated its goodwill by contributing heavily in UN peace keeping operations. Bangladesh has been the largest troop contributors in recent times. Now UN has revealed that Bangladesh is also top contributor of women peacekeepers which is a unique example of women empowerment in Bangladesh. We believe that the women empowerment in Bangladesh will guide us to achieving UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by targeted 2015 and to be a middle income country by 2021.

Khandker Masudul Alam
First Secretary

Hon'ble Prime Minister Visits Nigeria to attend D-8 Summit

Early July 2010, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged Nigerian government to import internationally standard quality products like pharmaceuticals, leather, jute goods, ceramic and frozen foods from Bangladesh. She also requested the Nigerian President to recruit IT experts, doctors, engineers and other professionals from Bangladesh. Prime Minister made the request when she met Nigerian President Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan at his residence on 07 July 2010.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister also on 08 July 2010 urged the Developing-8 member states to evolve their own mechanism for establishing a D-8 Free Trade Area to increase trade and businesses. She also called for removing tariff and para-tariff barriers for active trade and economic cooperation



among the countries. She said, the D-8, which was established twelve years ago, is now poised to deliver its goal of economic development through optimizing the synergies of the countries. She said this while addressing the 7th summit of D-8 countries at the State House of Nigeria. The theme of this year D-8 summit is 'Enhancing Investment Cooperation among D-8 Countries'. ■

Governor of Yunnan province of China meets Hon'ble Prime Minister

China is keen to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh on road and rail communications between the two countries. The Governor of Yunnan province Mr. Qin Guangrong expressed his government's



desire when he called on the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office on August 29, 2010. About the tri-nation 111 km-long highway connecting Bangladesh-Myanmar-China, Mr. Qin said, the Chinese government will extend all necessary cooperation to establish the highway. The Prime Minister told the Governor that her government decided in principle to open consular office in Kunming. She sought cooperation in the fields of agriculture, education, civil aviation, tourism, power

and energy between Bangladesh and China as well as Yunnan province. She also sought Chinese cooperation in introducing high-yielding varieties of rice in Bangladesh. Bangladesh signed four MoUs with Yunnan province of China

after official talks between Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain and Yunnan province Governor Qin Guangrong. The MoUs were on agricultural cooperation, civil aviation and tourism, energy cooperation and educational exchanges. At the end, the Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina reiterated Bangladesh's One China Policy saying that Bangladesh believes in friendly relations with all her neighbouring countries as its foreign policy is "Friendship to all, malice to none." ■

FM focuses on UN Peace Keeping Operation, Climate Change and Disaster Management



Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni joined a retreat in the 17th ARF (ASEAN Regional Forum) Ministerial Meeting of 27 ARF participating countries on 23 July 2010. She mentioned that ASEAN is moving forward with non-traditional security challenges, including terrorism, transnational crimes, cyber-crime, climate change and maritime security etc.

The Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh emphasized on regional and global efforts to assist the countries are vulnerable due to food security, sea level rise because of climate change. Foreign Minister also told that, in Bangladesh **'we have a constitutional mandate and obligation for maintaining the centrality of the United Nations in the conduct of all our international affairs. Maintenance of peace, amity, stability and progress of the humankind**

are the primary values that we strive to attain in all their manifestations. Bangladesh's pledge to UN peacekeeping and peace building globally lies in her readiness and more importantly, being able to sustain this commitment often under challenging and complex circumstances. **Commensurate with the progress in the UN rapid deployment capacity, Bangladesh has developed a national policy for rapid deployment of well-trained and well-equipped forces'**. She also mentioned the centre of Excellence that Bangladesh establishes to train the UN PKF from home and abroad.

H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni categorically mentioned that as a disaster-prone country, Bangladesh has made considerable advancement in the field of disaster management. Bangladesh believe there is a need to shift emphasis from a relief and response mode to a broader and more encompassing risk management framework with a view to reducing the vulnerability of the people. ■

Bangladesh and Tunisia agree to strengthen economic and bilateral relations

Mr. Mourad Bourehla, Ambassador of Tunisia to Bangladesh called on the Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni at the Foreign Ministry on 21 July 2010. During the meeting they dwelt on bilateral cooperation, trade and investment and duty free access of goods.

The Ambassador told that Tunisia would like to widen the excellent bilateral relations it has with Bangladesh by opening up its Embassy in Dhaka. Both of them agreed to sign a Joint Commission Agreement (JCA) between Bangladesh and Tunisia in order to further strengthen the economic and bilateral relations. Foreign Minister said that the signing ceremony of the agreement may be inked either

in Bangladesh or in Tunisia.

Mentioning that **Bangladesh adopted a liberal investment policy**, Foreign Minister welcomed Tunisian investors to take advantage of the prevailing congenial investment climate, lucrative economic opportunities and many other incentives for setting up single and joint venture business in Bangladesh. She also mentioned that joint ventures would be in light engineering, such as manufacturing of house-hold appliances, textile and agro-food industries, tourism, and ICT sectors in Bangladesh. ■

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Destination: Saint Martin's Island

- Saint Martin's Island — Pearl in the Sea

St. Martin's Island is a small island in the northeast part of the Bay of Bengal, about nine kms south of the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf peninsular tip in the southernmost part of Bangladesh. The local people call it *Narikel Jinjira*. It is almost flat and is 3.6 metres above sea level. The 9.66 kms wide channel between the mainland and the island is much shallower than the open sea south-west of the island. There are reefs from 10-15 kms to the west-northwest. The island is 7.315 kms. long and is aligned NNW and SSE. Geographically, it is divided into three parts. The northern part is called *Narikel Jinjira* or *Uttarpara* and is 2,134 m long and 1,402 m wide. The southern part is known as *Dakshinpara*, which is 1,929m long, with a narrow tail of 1,890 m towards the south-east. A narrow central belt or *Maddhyapara* connects the two parts. The length and the width of this belt are about 1,524 m and 518 m respectively and the narrowest collar is known as *Golachipa*. In addition to the main island there are a number of tiny islets ranging from 100 to 500 sq.m. which are locally known as *Chheradia* or *Siradia*, which means separated island. People will miss something great if they miss a shallow lagoon in the middle of *Uttarpara* and it is connected to the sea during high tide



by a narrow channel on the western coast. There are two small dead lagoons and a stretch of marshy land in *Dakshinpara*.

Exploring St Martin's Island Off the Mainland:

The small coral island of St Martin's, is located near Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, and a ferry service from Teknaf to the island, is available daily. The island can be explored in a day, as at low tide the island measures approximately eight square kilometers. But don't let the size of the island deter you from exploring its beauty. The white beaches are popular amongst travellers, and they are beautifully lined with tall coconut trees and crystal clear waters that creep onto the sand.

The marine life around the island is unique and very diverse, and at present, the most protected inhabitants of the island, are the sea turtles that swim up onto the western coast of the island, to nest. This part of the island is not very populated and domesticated animals and human egg hunters do not pose a problem to them. In previous years, the adult ▶▶

Saint Martin's Island — Pearl in the Sea

► turtles were also targeted, but authorities soon took note of the falling numbers and have gone to great lengths to establish safe and secure beaches for the female turtles. So far, olive ridley turtles and green turtles have successfully been recorded. St Martin's Island is perfect for visitors who are truly interested in



escaping the holds of a modern world. Do not expect to find taxis, tarred roads or electricity here. Lodges are de-

pendant on generators, as the island is all about sun, sea and palm trees. During the day, the island comes alive with water and beach sports, with beach parties and bonfires lighting up the evening skies. For the use of a phone or a reminder of what a television set looks like, visitors can pop down to the Coast Guard Station.

How to Reach & Where to Stay:

St. Martin's Island is the most beautiful coral island where one will find live corals. It is only 30 kms from Teknaf and one can go there by local boat motorboats, tourist boats or sea truck. One can go to the island either from Dhaka or from Chittagong. Boats commute between the island and Teknaf regularly. At present tourist boats ferry tourists from Teknaf to Saint Martin's. One is Keri Sindabad which takes Tk 300 per person. It starts journey from Teknaf jetty at 9:00 am and returns at 3:00 pm. However, for an exotic journey, many tourists prefer fishing boats to have a first hand experience of sea tides. It is possible to walk around the island in a day because it measures only eight sq km. shrinking to about 5 sq km. during high tide. The most interesting part of St Martin's Island is that one hundred eighty-two species of wildlife are recorded from the island, according to researchers. Of these, four species are amphibians, 28 reptiles, 130 birds and 20 mammals. A huge numbers of migrated



birds come to this island in winter season, enhancing the beauty of this Island.

Accommodation in St. Martin's Island is limited. So it is advisable to book accommodation before traveling to the island. Hotels are one of the best accommodations on St. Martin's Island. Overnight stay in St. Martin's island is really a great experience, feeling and listening to the sounds of the sea. The beauty of the full moon on St. Martin's island cannot be described in words, you have to be there to feel it and enjoy it. ■

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Bangladeshi apparel exports rank fourth in worldwide rankings

Bangladesh has been ranked fourth in global apparel exports and has grabbed a 3 percent market share, according to a recent World Trade Organisation (WTO) report. Bangladesh secured the fourth position in terms of value followed by China, EU-27 countries and Turkey, said the report. According to the report, China exported apparel items worth US\$115 billion, EU-27 countries \$103.40 billion, Turkey US\$14 billion and Bangladesh more than US\$ 10 billion. The report was prepared on the basis of export data of 2007 of the respective countries.

However, according to the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), the latest position of Bangladesh might be third in terms of value and volume, as apparel exports have maintained steep growth over the last few years. Apparel exports of the competing countries increased in some markets but decreased in some others, while Bangladesh's growth was steady in all the markets, Vice President of the BGMEA said. On the basis of BGMEA data, he said volume-wise Bangladesh's position was second in knitwear exports



last year, followed by China.

Bangladesh was the largest exporter of cotton T-shirts and the second largest for cotton pullover and jeans exports to the European countries in 2009. In terms of volume, the country was the second largest exporter of cotton trousers to the US last year, as a statement from BGMEA. The BGMEA data also said Bangladesh exported 127.14 million dozens of woven garments and 206.20 million dozens of knitwear during the July-March period of fiscal 2009-10. The exports were 169.59 million dozens of woven and 290.92 million dozens of knit in fiscal 2008-09.

In line with the above, statistics from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) of Bangladesh revealed that from last fiscal year (2009-10) garment exports was US\$ 12.59 billion, and contributed around 80 percent to national exports. Last year Bangladesh also explored some new export destinations such as Japan, New Zealand, Canada, Australia, and some countries of South America and South Africa. ■

Bangladesh top contributor of women peacekeepers

Bangladesh is currently the top contributor country of women peacekeepers and the second largest contributor of women police in UN peacekeeping missions. The UN Under Secretary General Alen Le Roy and Military



Advisor Abiakor highly praised the performance of the Bangladesh Women Police Formed Unit in Haiti during a discussion on "Integrating a Gender Perspective into the work of the United Nations military in peacekeeping operations" at the UN headquarters

in New York on 03 August 2010.

The Norwegian Permanent Representative Mr. Morten Wetland said Bangladesh is a unique example of women empowerment before other nations of the world. Dr Momen said the women in Bangladesh are giving the leadership of top political posts. Apart from the Prime Minister, women remain in charge of the Ministries of Agriculture, Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Women and Children Affairs. ■

Bangladesh one of the most convenient FDI destinations: World Bank

Bangladesh is one of the most convenient destinations for Foreign Direct Investors as some of the regulations and facilities offered by the country are very much relaxed and attractive. The FDI friendly index in the WB's latest report titled 'Investing Across Borders 2010' surveyed opportunities in 87 countries to boost global investment competitiveness. **The report rated Bangladesh in the top of the list of countries which provide the strongest land or property lease rights to the foreign investors. Canada, Singapore, Costa Rica, Spain, UK, USA and France deliver such full-fledged facility.** Leasing a private land by the foreign investors is easy in Bangladesh while buying private land is easier in the country than that in other South Asian countries.

'Bangladesh offers the strongest lease rights... allowing land to be used as collateral and in a mortgage

contract,' the report said. In South Asia, the time required to lease private land in Bangladesh is around 2 months and in other South Asian country it may up to 10 months, the report said. The report cited that for some form of investment approval or notification, in Bangladesh merely requires declaration. The report also mentioned for starting a foreign business in Bangladesh requires 55 days on an average, completing 9 procedures. 'Bangladesh is one of the most open countries to foreign equity ownership, as measured by the Investing Across Sectors indicators,' the report said. 'All of the 33 sectors covered by the indicators are fully open to foreign capital participation', report stated. This is the first World Bank Group report to offer objective data on laws and regulations affecting foreign direct investment that can be compared across 87 countries. Clear and effective laws and regulations are vital for ensuring best results for host economies, their citizens, and investors, the World Bank said. ■

Japan and Korea keen to bolster ties with Bangladesh

The influential Asian countries, namely Japan and South Korea - have expressed their intent to enhance relations with Bangladesh in political, economic and social sectors. Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka said on 07 July 2010 that his country 'is ready to extend cooperation in political, economic and social sectors here'. Japanese investors—who have been trying to widen their investment and divert the market vis-à-vis China - are frequently visiting Dhaka to explore potentials in sectors including garment, textile, leather, telecommunication and fishing as they see Bangladesh as a country having both manpower - manual, semi-manual and skilled - and a market. **Japan government has expressed the intent to cooperate in human resource development, construction of multipurpose bridge over the river Padma and easing traffic congestion in Dhaka city.**

On the other hand, Bangladesh Ambassador to Seoul,

Mr. Shahidul Islam, told newsmen that **Korean private sector investors were frequently visiting Dhaka to explore new opportunities for investment here in hi-tech sectors including energy, infrastructure and human resource development.** Mr. Lee Jung-Wook, representative of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) said Bangladesh 'is at the top of the priority list among the South Asian countries to get support from South Korea'. He said South Korea would provide about US\$ 5 million to Bangladesh under its newly conceived Overseas Development Assistance Programme. This fund would be made available under a mid-term strategic plan for developing human resources through technical training, ICT education, income-generating activities in agriculture and rural areas, and projects on renewable energy by 2013. it is mentionable that the KOICA is also planning to implement solar power-run irrigation projects in rural areas and set up a new technical training centre. ■

Qayyum Chowdhury - a distinguished painter of Bangladesh



Qayyum Chowdhury was born in 1932 in Feni, Bangladesh. He graduated from Government Institute of Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) in 1954. He held four solo exhibitions and he has participated in many group exhibitions at home and abroad. His works delve deep into folk, rustic life and traditions. Over the years, his use of colors and geometric forms has been applauded. Fish, flowers, women, birds and greenery are recurring objects on his canvas.

Qayyum Chowdhury is the successor to Zainul Abedin and Qamrul Hasan. He ranges freely through the many-chambered mansion of art. The distinctiveness of his versatile talent can be readily gauged. A glance at any of his artworks shows the essential brilliance of his artistic idiom revealing new aesthetic horizons. The creative power that is revealed in his drawings and watercolors and the sheer technical competence that he manifests in these forms have assured him a place of distinction.

There is an intimate connection between Qayyum's creations and the mainstream of Bengal's folk art. His artistic identity and workmanship have evolved amidst the varied manifestations of this tradition. He has revitalized and modernized our folk heritage with the help of his contemporary outlook and aesthetic sense. Conversely, this tradition has enriched his creative world. Within the compass of this world he is unique. **For our readers, we present some of his great artworks:**





Dutch firms keen to invest in Bangladesh

The Netherlands has aimed at changing its approach towards Bangladesh from a 'traditional development partner' to an active 'trading counterpart' to boost productive sectors, business and knowledge exchange. "Currently we have a rather traditional development programme with a focus on social sectors. We aim to change this to a programme with more emphasis on productive sectors, trade and knowledge exchange," the Netherlands Ambassador to Bangladesh Mr. Alphons Jajmg Hennekens told one of the leading English newspaper in Bangladesh, namely Financial Express. The bilateral relationship will become more diverse and will foster a broader range of partnership, particularly in the private sector, he said. Growing interest from the private sector of Netherlands to do businesses in Bangladesh is acting as a catalyst for changing the outlook.

Private firms of the Netherlands are keen to get involved in businesses of shipbuilding, infrastructure development, river dredging and in the ailing energy sector in Bangladesh. They already showed interests to involve themselves in construction of the

country's largest US\$ 2.4 billion multipurpose Padma Bridge, especially in river training and relevant dredging works. The Netherlands' energy companies, that include world's leading infrastructure builders, are also closely monitoring developments in Bangladesh's energy sector and are looking forward to business opportunities here, he added.

Currently trade links between the two countries are relatively modest and mainly skewed towards Bangladeshi exports than that of the Netherlands. Bangladesh exported goods worth 381 million Euro in 2009, while the import value was 70 million Euro. "It is evident that the Netherlands has a structural trade deficit with Bangladesh, which is common for Bangladesh with most Western markets," he said. The Netherlands mainly imports readymade garments, and exports machinery, transportation products and chemicals. "The more positive side of Bangladesh, namely its considerable economic growth over the past decade, is not the first thing which comes to mind when people think of Bangladesh," he said. ■

Bangladesh goes for first ever bamboo shoot export

Bangladesh is going to first ever export of bamboo shoot, especially in the South East Asian countries from the first week of August this year. The export of bamboo shoot is on the card as successful trial production has started since June 1 following setting up a Treatment and Scientific Processing Plant (TSPL), at a cost

of Taka 85 lakh. The project director said the export growth rate is increasing to 20 percent every year. Bangladesh has a huge potential to utilize the Chinese technology and earn huge foreign currency from the sector like readymade garments and shrimp sectors, he added. ■

BATEXPO-2010

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGMEA) is going to organize the 21st Bangladesh Apparel and Textile Exhibition 'BATEXPO-2010' from 25-27 November, 2010 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh. **BATEXPO** is one of the largest exhibitions in the Asia-Pacific region organized by **BGMEA** since 1989 as per its trade promotion.

This is a unique opportunity for apparel and other buyers to mingle around the same roof and choose their business partners. Business forums, associations, companies, trade bodies and investors of the Nordic countries are welcome to take part in the BATEXPO-2010 in Bangladesh. More information about the event will be found www.bgmea.com.bd ■

Embassy Activities



Observance of National Mourning Day

The Mission observed 15 August 2010, the National Mourning Day and the 35th Martyrdom Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, with due solemnity. A commemorative function that included special prayer, displaying documentary video, and discussion meeting was held at the Mission on 15 August 2010. The National flag was hoisted at half-mast at the Embassy premises. A special prayer was offered for the salvation of the departed souls of the Father of the Nation and those who were killed along with him on 15 August 1975. In the morning of the day, messages from Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, and Hon'ble Foreign Minister were posted on the Embassy website. Number of articles on Bangabandhu and 15 August were also published on the web at the same time.



In the beginning of the discussion meeting the audience stood in silence for one minute to pay tribute to the departed souls of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and those who were killed along with him on 15 August 1975. Messages from the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, and Hon'ble Foreign Minister were read out before the audience. The documentary titled 'Bangabandhu in our Hearts' was displayed by projector. This was fol-

lowed by a discussion meeting which was chaired by H.E. the Ambassador and was attended by Embassy officials and a large cross-section of expatriate Bangladeshis living in Stockholm and other Swedish cities. Speakers paid respect to the memory of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and all others who were brutally killed with him on 15 August 1975. They also discussed Bangabandhu's life and his role as Father of the Nation. Speakers expressed satisfaction on the fact that the some of the killers were tried and brought to justice and hoped that the rest convicts will also be brought to justice soon.

In his speech, H.E. the Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed paid rich tribute to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's memories. He mentioned that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's name could not be separated from the history of Bangladesh because of his intensive and unique role in the struggle of our people for an independent and sovereign country. He expressed hope that the dreams that Bangabandhu had for his nation will be fulfilled and urged the audience to work together towards that goal. Mentioning that the present government is continuously working towards materializing a digital Bangladesh in order to bring prosperity to the lives of people and to realize a Shonar Bangla as dreamt of by Bangabandhu, he has urged expatriates to extend their all out support to this endeavour. ■



IMPORTANT LINKS

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