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■ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits India



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi heading towards a bilateral meeting in New Delhi

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid a four-day Official visit to India in October 2019 at the invitation of the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This was her first India visit after being elected as the Prime Minister for the third term. During the first two days she

attended India Economic Summit organized by the World Economic Forum (WEF). Addressing a group of WEF business delegation, the Prime Minister invited the business leaders to explore and invest more in Bangladesh indicating the unique geo-strategic and demographic advantages of Bangladesh. Next day in her remarks at the closing plenary, the Prime Minister mooted a four-point connectivity proposal to bring the South Asian countries and their people closer. Emphasizing on peace and stability she urged on enhancing mutual trust and mutual respect as well as to strengthen friendship and cooperation. She focused on reducing inequality and promoting inclusive wealth generation to achieve shared prosperity.

The two Prime Ministers jointly inaugurated three projects through a video link. Also several texts of bilateral MoUs/ Agreements signed were exchanged between the two countries in the presence of the two Prime Ministers. During the bilateral meeting, border security, trade, connectivity, defence, development, energy and cultural issues were discussed. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also sought Indian Government's support in early resolution of the Rohingya crisis. Prime Minister also paid a courtesy call on the Indian President.

During the visit, Asiatic Society, Kolkata, conferred "Tagore Peace Award" on the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for her contribution towards human development and security.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also attended India-Bangladesh Business Forum organized at a local hotel in New Delhi. Prime Minister requested the CEOs of the leading Indian business groups to consider Bangladesh as a potential destination for investment.





■ Prime Minister Attended 18th NAM Summit in Azerbaijan



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with the Heads of Delegations of the 18th Summit of Non-Aligned Movement in Baku

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina led the Bangladesh Delegation to the 18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 25-26 October 2019. Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cultural Affairs accompanied her.

20 Presidents, 4 Vice-presidents, 5 Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers from 80 countries participated in the Summit. The main theme of the Summit was “NAM Baku Summit: Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of contemporary world”.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina delivered her speech during the general debate on 25 October. In line with the stance of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as articulated in the 4th NAM Summit in 1973, she highlighted Bangladesh's voice in favour of the oppressed people. She also mentioned about the existing religious harmony in Bangladesh

and the firm stance of the current government against terrorism, extremism, corruption and trafficking.

Prime Minister mentioned the Rohingya crisis and climate change as the two major challenges for Bangladesh.

She urged the international community to support Bangladesh's initiatives to ensure the return of the Rohingya to their homeland in safety, security and dignity. The issues of resolving conflicts among countries, implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), disarmament of nuclear weapons and freedom of Palestinian people also featured in her speech.

On the sidelines of the NAM Summit, An agreement was signed between Bangladesh and Azerbaijan on cultural cooperation. Palestine's Foreign Minister announced to name a road in Hebron after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman while he met with the Prime Minister.





■ Foreign Minister visits Germany, France, Italy and Greece



Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP and his German counterpart Heiko Maas at a press briefing in Berlin

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP paid his first official visit to Germany from 16-20 October 2019. He addressed the 7th International Conference on Bangladesh organized by the Bangladesh Forum in Germany on 17th October morning. Later, in the afternoon, he held a meeting with Tobias Pflueger, Member of German Federal Parliament and Chairman of the South-Asian Parliamentary Group and then addressed the German Federal Association for Economic Development and Foreign Trade (BWA).

On 18th October, Dr. Momen had meeting with Dr. Gerd Mueller, German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development in the morning and then met his German counterpart Heiko Maas, over a luncheon meeting at the Federal Foreign Office.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP along with State Minister for Cultural Affairs K M Khalid, MP inaugurated the Bangabandhu corner at the Bangladesh Embassy premises on 19th October 2019. This Corner is enriched with books, posters, historical photos etc that gives the visitors an opportunity to know more on the great life and philosophy of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Foreign Minister visited France from 20 to 22 October 2019. He led the Bangladesh delegation to the Bangladesh-France Economic

Forum held in Paris on 21 October 2019 which included Bangladesh Ambassador to France, representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Commerce, BEZA, BIDA, Hi-tech Park Authority, BKMEA, BASIS and private sector entrepreneur. The Forum was attended by members of French business community, representatives of French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and Embassy of France in Dhaka, Business France, MEDEF international and AFD.

During the visit, Dr. Momen had bilateral meetings with the State Secretary (State Minister) of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the President of Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group on Bangladesh in the French National Assembly.

Prime Minister of Italy formally invited Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to visit Italy to further strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries. This message was conveyed to Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP when he held meeting with Manlio De Stefano, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy in Rome on 28 October 2019.

Dr. Momen expressed thanks on behalf of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, conveying that the invitation has been received and accepted.



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Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP and his Greek counterpart Nikolaos Dendias are at a press briefing in Athens

Foreign Minister briefed the Italian Undersecretary of State on the Rohingya crisis and emphasized that the international community needed to put strong pressure on Myanmar for taking back the Rohingyas in a safe, dignified and sustainable manner on an urgent basis. Italian Undersecretary of State assured that Italy, both within the EU and also separately, would keep on pursuing for early resolution of the Rohingya crisis.

Foreign Minister visited the Hellenic Republic (Greece) on 28-29 October 2019. This was the first ever official bilateral visit at the Foreign Minister level since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

During the visit, Dr. Momen had a bilateral talk with his Greek counterpart Nikolaos Dendias. An MoU of Cooperation in Diplomatic Training was signed between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries.

Foreign Minister attended a business Seminar titled 'Bangladesh: Greece, Business Opportunities' hosted by the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and the Bangladesh Embassy in Athens on 29 October 2019. Constantine Michalos, President of the ACCI, Md. Jashim Uddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Greece, Dimitrios Kourkoulas, Member of the Board of Directors of the Enterprise Greece and Anasatasios Memos from the Foreign Ministry of Greece spoke at the seminar.

Foreign Minister calls for UN initiatives for early resolution of Rohingya crisis

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP held a meeting with David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) in Rome on 28 October 2019. Appreciating the longstanding relationship between Bangladesh and WFP, Foreign Minister emphasized that WFP along with the international community needed to take urgent steps to put strong pressure on Myanmar to ensure voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of Rohingyas to their

homeland.

Executive Director of WFP expressed profound appreciation of Bangladesh for the extraordinary humanitarian gesture of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by providing shelter to the 1.1 Million Rohingyas who have fled their homeland in Rakhine State of Myanmar after being persecuted by their own state. He assured that WFP would do everything possible within its mandate for early resolution of the Rohingya crisis.





Foreign Minister hands over compensation cheques to the victims of Makkah crane accident

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP handed over three compensation cheques at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 31 October 2019. The Royal Saudi Government offered the compensation cheques to the Bangladeshi victims of Makkah crane accident which took place during the Holly Hajj in September 2015.

While handing over the cheques, Foreign Minister highlighted the generous contribution of the Royal Saudi Government. The role of Bangladesh Embassy in Riyadh was also appreciated in this regard.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, Foreign Secretary Md. Shahidul Haque, high officials of the Ministry and a large number



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of representatives from print and electronic media were also present at the program.

D8 Secretary General meets the State Minister for Foreign Affairs



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D8 Secretary General briefed the State Minister about the upcoming 10th Summit to be held in Dhaka early next year. He also briefed about the various initiatives undertaken by the D8 – particularly in the field of technology and innovation, universal health care services, in the newly established Chamber of Commerce and Industry and establishing FIZs (D8 Free Industrial Zones).

State Minister reiterated Bangladesh's commitment towards a more effective and functional D8 realising its full potential. He also emphasized on how to better collaborate between the member states by leveraging experiences and skills of one member state for others on complementarily basis, especially in the field of energy, tourism, blue economy, etc.

Bangladesh seeks support of Thailand for early and safe repatriation of Rohingyas

Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Muhammad Faruk Khan, MP

met the President of the National Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives



of Thailand Chuan Leekpai and the First Vice-President of the Senate of Thailand Gen. Singsuk Singpai on 29 October 2019 at the Thai Parliament. He sought their support for an early, safe and sustainable repatriation of Rohingyas. He requested them to discuss the Rohingya issue with due importance during the 35th ASEAN

Summit to be held in Thailand. Different aspects of the Rohingya repatriation were also discussed during this meeting. Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Nurul Islam Nahid, MP and Bangladesh Ambassador of to Thailand Md. Nazmul Quanine were present in the meetings.

The European Union and Bangladesh held the 9th session of the Joint Commission

On 21 October 2019, the 9th Session of the European Union (EU)-Bangladesh Joint Commission was held in Dhaka. Bangladesh provided a comprehensive response to the humanitarian challenge caused by the Rohingya crisis. The EU stressed the need for voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of Rohingyas to Myanmar. Both sides expressed commitment to pursue the accountability mechanisms for the crimes committed against the Rohingyas in Myanmar through various multilateral initiatives.

Both the EU and Bangladesh committed to further enhance the regular EU-Bangladesh Business Climate Dialogue to address the impediments to the trade and investment from the EU and the EBA (Everything but Arms) exports to the EU under the GSP (Generalized Scheme of Preferences)

The Joint Commission agreed to continue working jointly towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The progress on joint commitments in the context of the EU-Bangladesh Standard Operating Procedures for the Identification and Return of Persons without Authorization to Stay was also discussed.

The Joint Commission was preceded by the meetings of 3 subgroups: Human Rights and Good Governance (on 17 October); Trade and Economic Cooperation (on 20 October) and Development Cooperation (on 20 October). A GSP "Everything but Arms" (EBA) follow-up mission (14 to 16 October) also reported to the Joint Commission.

Bangladesh receives "Best Foreign Exhibitor Country" Award in Abuja International Trade Fair

Bangladesh High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria actively participated in the 2019 Abuja International Trade Fair (21 September-02 October 2019) organized by Abuja Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI) held at the International Conference Centre of the ACCI.

The High Commission put up a large stall of major exportable items which drew huge crowd each day. Pharmaceuticals, ceramic products, jute and leather items, textiles, RMG & knitwear, tea, jute leaf tea, plastic & melamine products, spice & curry powder, pickle, food items, edible





Exportable items were displayed at the Bangladesh stall in the Abuja International Trade Fair 2019, Nigeria

oil, coconut oil, rice, snacks, pearl items, sari (jamdani, maslin, silk), nakshikantha, handicrafts, among others, were exhibited.

Publications on export and investment and tourism potentials were also on display. Documentaries on the development journey of Bangladesh and favourable investment climate were screened simultaneously which was an added attraction. Dignitaries including two Nigerian State Ministers, Nigerian Chief of Army Staff also visited Bangladesh Stall. Bangladesh received 'Best Foreign Exhibitor Country' Award among 45 countries and 1500 exhibitors.

■ Bangladesh participates in the Frankfurt Book Fair 2019

Bangladesh participated in the 'Frankfurt Book Fair 2019', the world's largest trade fair for books held from 16-20 October 2019.

State Minister for Cultural affairs K M Khalid, MP inaugurated the Bangladesh stall on 16 October 2019. A ten-member delegation from Bangladesh attended the Book Fair. Chief Coordinator of National Implementation Committee for the Celebration of Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Curator Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Museum Nazrul Islam Khan, DG of Bangla

Academy and Director of National Book Centre were present in the Fair.

State Minister and Chief Coordinator met the CEO of Frankfurt Book Fair Juergen Boos and other officials to discuss the possibilities of arranging a special program for the celebration of the Birth Centenary of the Father the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in next year's Fair. Later, they met with the officials of the Embassy of Bangladesh in Berlin on 19 October 2019 in presence of Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Chile presents credentials

Bangladesh Ambassador to Brazil Md. Zulfiqur Rahman presented his credentials to the President of Chile Sebastián Piñera Echenique in Santiago on 02 October 2019 — as Bangladesh's concurrently accredited Ambassador to the Republic of Chile with residence in Brasilia. Chilean Foreign Minister Teodoro Ribera Neumann and other high officials of the Government of Chile were in attendance.

Bangladesh Ambassador met the officials of University of Chile for organizing the events in Chile marking the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



Bangladesh Mission, Hanoi proposes for publishing a 'Postal Stamp' on Bangabandhu

Bangladesh Ambassador to Vietnam Samina Naz proposed the Vietnam Government to consider for publishing a 'Postal Stamp' on Bangabandhu as a souvenir to pay tribute to the Founding Father of Bangladesh at his Birth Centenary in 2020. She was attending an International Workshop Programme on "Ho Chi Minh's Legacy for Vietnamese Cultural Diplomacy" arranged by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam at NgheAn Province.

The Ambassador attended the Workshop as a Speaker together with a selected group of Ambassadors from China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Cuba. While speaking on Ho Chi Minh, she highlighted Bangladesh's Independence and Cultural history under the dynamic leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

A discussion titled 'Incentivizing Remittances from the UK: Milestone Initiatives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina' was held in London



Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal, MP addresses a discussion in London

Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal urged the expatriate Bangladeshis to send more remittance through the legal channel saying that, the government provides 2 percent stimulus to boost the inward remittance flow, while addressing a discussion meeting on "Incentivizing Remittances from the UK: Milestone Initiatives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina", organized by the

Bangladesh High Commission in London on 24 October 2019.

Representatives from over 20 remittance sender institutions exchanged views with the Finance Minister. Listing various steps taken by the government for the welfare of the expatriate Bangladeshis, Finance Minister told the expatriates to invest in various bonds in the country. In this regard, he informed that Bangla Taka Bond would be launched at the London Stock Exchange in November, which would create a big opportunity for the expatriates in making investment.

Bangladesh High Commissioner Saida Muna Tasneem announced that the highest remittance sending Bangladeshi expatriate and organization from UK would be honoured every year and the Bangladesh High Commission in London would confer this honour from 2020. She also hoped that with the effectiveness of 2 percent stimulus on remittance, the remittance flow to Bangladesh from the UK and other countries would increase to a record number in the next year.

Bangladesh to host the Commonwealth Business-to-Business Connectivity Conference in Dhaka

Bangladesh will be hosting the Commonwealth Business-to-Business (B2B) Connectivity conference during the 'Mujib Barsho' in November 2020, said

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi, MP while attending the Commonwealth Trade Ministers' meeting held from 7-10 October 2019 in London.





Chaired by UK Secretary of State for International Trade Elizabeth Truss, the meeting was attended by 53 commonwealth countries and over 30 Commerce Ministers. Bangladesh High Commissioner Saida Muna Tasneem was also present at the meeting.

Bangladesh has been nominated as the lead country for Commonwealth Business-to-Business connectivity cluster by consensus. Commerce Minister proposed Bangladesh's leadership role in creating a Commonwealth Digital Business-to-Business connectivity hub and digital trade platform with the participation of apex chambers and business associations of the commonwealth countries which would also include women entrepreneurs' network and youth innovation hubs and market place to promote intra-commonwealth trade.



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Bangladesh Ambassador called on the Minister of Economic Development of Maldives

Bangladesh Ambassador to Maldives Rear Admiral Akhtar Habib called on the Minister of Economic Development of Maldives Uz. Fayyaz Ismail on 21 October 2019. He requested for expeditious actions on issues like - legalizing the Undocumented Bangladeshi workers; the difficulties/adversities faced by the Bangladeshi workers living in distant Islands to participate in the legalization process; signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on placement of Manpower and holding regular Joint meeting to determine the problems in

protecting the rights of Bangladeshi migrants in Maldives. He proposed to set up special booths on different Islands in Maldives in collaboration with the Local Council for the smooth implementation of the ongoing legalization program.

The Maldivian Minister sought cooperation of the Bangladesh Embassy in disseminating various information propagated by his Ministry as part of Legalization step. He agreed to set up special booths on different Islands in Maldives and also instructed to hold joint meetings regularly.

India-Bangladesh Stakeholders Meet was held in Guwahati

India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet was held in Guwahati, Assam, India during 22-23 October 2019. The basic focus of the meet was to advance the mutually beneficial partnership with a specific emphasis on collaboration in both conventional and non-conventional areas to ensure enhanced trade and commerce and people to people contact between Bangladesh and north eastern region of India. Commerce Minister, Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister and a large number of Businessmen from Bangladesh attended the meeting. Chief Minister of Assam, Chief Minister of Tripura, a few Ministers from the State Government of Assam and other neighbouring states also attended the event. In addition, a large number of experts, members of Think Tank and stakeholders from both countries participated at the different panel discussions and exchanged their views.



Bangladesh successfully participated in the 207th Executive Board of UNESCO

Bangladesh participated in the 207th Session of the UNESCO Executive Board as one of the 58 Members of the Executive Board for the term 2017-2021. The session was held from 9-23 October 2019 in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. The Executive Board made recommendations to the 40th Session of the UNESCO General Conference on various important issues, such as the programme and budget for 2020 -2021, preparation of the Mid Term Strategy 2022-2029, reform of the Memory of the World Register programme and celebrations of the anniversaries programme.

Bangladesh and Seychelles signed Agreement on Labour Cooperation



Signing of an agreement between Bangladesh and Seychelles on Labour Cooperation

Minister of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment of Bangladesh Imran Ahmad, MP and Minister of Employment, Immigration and Civil Status of Seychelles Mrs. Myriam Telemaque signed an Agreement on Labour Cooperation between Bangladesh and Seychelles on 21 October 2019. The agreement entails that the employers of Seychelles will source for Bangladeshi workers only through the

Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Ltd (BOESL) and the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET). Seychelles, an island country of about 100000 people, is hosting about 2400 Bangladeshi workers who are in construction, hospitality, fishing and farming sectors. Bangladesh is one of the major sources of foreign workers for Seychelles labour market.





Bangladesh participates in the “Itaewon Global Village Festival 2019” and the “1st Asia Cultural Week-2019”

Bangladesh Embassy in Seoul participated in the international festival titled “Itaewon Global Village Festival 2019” from 12 – 13 October 2019 inaugurated by the Mayor of Yongsan Jang Hyun-Song in the presence of the Ambassadors and diplomatic representatives of 37 participating countries.

Bangladesh participated in the “World Handicraft Fair”, the “World Cultural Organization” and the “Global Parade” of the festival.

The Embassy also participated in the ‘1st Asia Cultural Week 2019’ which was inaugurated on 23 October 2019 in Gwangju city, the cultural hub of Korea. Bangladesh, along with 14 other nations, participated in this festival jointly organized by Asia Culture Institute and Gwangju International



Bangladesh participated in the “Global Parade” of the “Itaewon Global Village Festival 2019” in Seoul

Centre at the Asia Culture Plaza of the city. The musical performance of Bangladeshi artists was admired by the audience at the event.

Bangladesh participates in first Tashkent Book Fest at Uzexpocenter



Bangladesh Book Pavilion at the “Tashkent Book Fest”

Bangladesh Embassy in Tashkent along with representatives of Embassies in Tashkent and foreign publishing houses took part in the 1st International Book Exhibition “Tashkent Book Fest” at Uzexpocenter on 2 October 2019. The Agency of Information and Mass Communication under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan organized the Festival. Concerned Minister of Kazakhstan and

President of the National Publishers Association of Russia addressed the inaugural ceremony.

The visitors had a unique opportunity to get acquainted with the books of foreign and domestic publishers. Bangladesh Embassy presented different books on history, culture, biography, development and tourism published by the Embassy itself and various publishers of Bangladesh. The young visitors were welcomed with a quiz contest on the culture and history of Bangladesh.

Daughter of the President of Uzbekistan Ms. Shakhnoza Mirziyoeva visited the Bangladesh Book Pavilion. Bangladesh Ambassador Mosud Mannan, ndc welcomed her at the Pavilion and briefed about Bangladesh Embassy's Publications brought out in English, Russian and Uzbek languages. After the briefing, the Ambassador presented her with three publications - “Kultura Bangladesh” (Russian), “Mustaqillik” (Uzbek) and “An Anthology of Modern Bengali Poetry” (English and Uzbek) brought out by the Embassy.



Bangladesh Embassy in The Hague welcomes new students from Bangladesh

Bangladesh Embassy in The Hague organized a student community networking event on 06 October 2019 at the Chancery premises in association with the Bangladeshi expatriates' networking association. A reception was accorded to the newly arrived students from Bangladesh. The main objective of the event was to provide the students a platform for sharing their ideas, thoughts and problems with the Embassy and alumni as well as professionals to orient themselves with the Dutch academic and professional culture and tips for academic success, guidance on cultural and social adaptation, etc.

Bangladesh Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal welcomed the new students and urged them to do their part through sharing their experiences of 'innovation' and 'creativity' for the



Participants of a student community networking event in The Hague

development of Bangladesh. He suggested the students to remain engaged with the Embassy to build a "Booming Bangladesh".

Bangladesh Under-15 Women's Football Team was congratulated for brilliant performance in Thimphu



Bangladesh Under-15 Women's Football Team members received gifts from Bangladesh Ambassador Jishnu Roy Choudhury in Thimphu

Bangladesh Ambassador to Bhutan, Jishnu Roy Choudhury congratulated the Bangladesh Under-15 Women's Football team at an event on 16 October 2019 for showcasing brilliant performance in the SAFF Under-15 Women's Championship 2019 in Thimphu. Officials of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and visiting sports journalists were present at the occasion. Bangladesh lost to India in tie-breaker in the final (after the match ended 0-0 post 90 minutes), despite their brilliant show. Throughout the tournament, the Bangladesh goalkeeper Rupna Chakma stood firm and snuffed out the chances and bagged the 'Player of the Tournament' award.

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