

## Consulate General of Bangladesh Toronto, Canada

## **Press Release**

21 August 2020

## Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto observed "21 August Grenade Attack Day"

Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto observed the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the "21 August Grenade Attack" on Friday, 21 August 2020 in a befitting manner in the Consulate General.

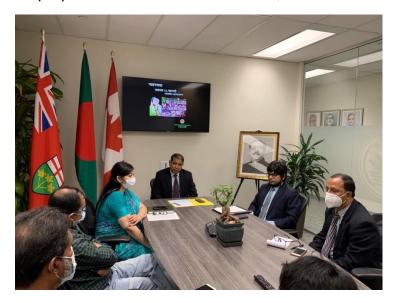
The observance was marked by reading out of messages from Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister by the Mission officials, followed by a discussion session.



In the speech, Consul General Nayem Uddin Ahmed recalled the most horrific attack on this day 16 years ago which was targeted at the then Leader of opposition and incumbent Prime Minister Bangabandhu's daughter Sheikh Hasina, who narrowly escaped the attack with an ear injury, but it killed at least 24 people and injured around 300 other leaders and workers.

Consul General Nayem Ahmed said that such heinous act is unprecedented and was a height of political rivalry carried out by the then government to eliminate

Bangabandhu's daughter Sheikh Hasina. It was a mockery and shame that the then government in 2004 also staged a 'Joj Miah Drama' to protect the masterminds and perpetrators of this heinous crime, Consul General added.



We are fortunate that the then Opposition Leader (current Prime Minister) had survived the attack and could lead us to a new height of development which is now termed as the 'Development Miracle'. Consul general urged all to strengthen her hands by doing their part of job to fulfill vision 2021 and vision 2041 to build a Sonar Bangla, as dreamt by the Father of the Nation.

Officials of the Consulate General attended the discussion program and a special prayer was offered to wrap up the day's program.

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