

23 August 2021

**Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto observed
“21 August Grenade Attack Day”**

Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto observed the 17th year of the “21 August Grenade Attack” in a befitting manner at the Consulate General. A discussion session was held presided over by the Consul General followed by special prayer for the departed souls of the martyrs.



In his speech, Consul General Nayem Uddin Ahmed recalled the most horrific attack and heinous crime perpetrated on 21 August 2004 targeting the then Leader of opposition Bangabandhu’s daughter Sheikh Hasina, who narrowly escaped the attack with injury, but it killed at least 24 people and injured around 300 other leaders and workers. He remembered the martyrs with respect and expressed deep condolences on their untimely departure.

Consul General Nayem Ahmed said that such heinous act is unprecedented and was a height of political rivalry. Consul General added, as a nation we are fortunate that the then Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina, the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh had survived the attack and could lead us to a new horizon of development -termed as the ‘Development Miracle’.

Finally, Consul General urged all to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War and strengthen the hands of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina 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.
