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Formation of the Bangladesh High Commission, London COVID-19 Emergency Repatriation Committee

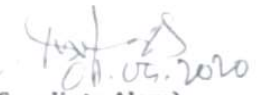
This is to kindly inform that with relentless initiatives and sustained efforts of the Bangladesh High Commission, London with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka, Bangladesh Air Force, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the Bangladesh Air force 10 May 2020 special chartered flight to take back the newly procured C130J aircraft from the UK to Bangladesh, would now be converted into a full-fledged emergency repatriation flight to take back Bangladeshi citizens stranded in the UK amid the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic. The High Commission expresses its deep appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka and Bangladesh Air Force for this initiative.

It may be noted that earlier at the endeavour of H. E. the High Commissioner with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the British High Commission in Dhaka, the British Government agreed to repatriate 100 Bangladeshi students stranded in the UK by a British Government chartered flight on 06 May 2020. However, this has recently been called off by the High Commission in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka. In the meantime, the High Commission has conveyed the deepest gratitude to the FCO and in particular, the FCO Minister Lord Ahmad for extending their friendship and goodwill for the proposed repatriation of the stranded Bangladeshi citizens.

At this point, under kind instruction of H. E. the High Commissioner, it has been decided to form a "Bangladesh High Commission, London COVID-19 Emergency Repatriation Committee" comprising of the following officers who will facilitate the smooth repatriation of the Bangladeshi stranded citizens on the 10 May 2020 chartered flight in consultation with the concerned British and Bangladeshi authorities.

Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem, High Commissioner	Chair
Mr. Muhammad Zulqar Nain, Deputy High Commissioner	Member
Mr. Md. Lutful Hasan, Minister, Consular	Member
Mr. AFM Zahid Ul Islam, Minister (Political)	Member
Mr. Dewan Mahmudul Haque, Counsellor (Political)	Member
Mr. AFM Fazle Rabbi, First Secretary (Passport & Visa)	Member
Mr. Swadipta Alam, Counsellor & Head of Chancery	Member Secretary
Ms. Mahfuza Sultana, First Secretary (Political)	Member
Mr. A.K.M. Monirul Hoque, First Secretary (Political)	Member

The Committee will start working with immediate effect. Member Secretary will make a list of officials and staff members who will provide necessary support to the work of the Committee. Moreover, the Committee may co-opt other officers at any time as and when required.


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Counsellor & Head of Chancery.
Member Secretary of the Committee