

**Business leaders congratulated
the Chief Adviser of the new Interim Government
Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus**



Bangladesh at the New Dawn

Transformation needed everywhere, from Trade and Business to Economic Management

From the Desk of the President



Dear Colleagues and Friends of FBCCI

Please accept my warm greetings at the beginning. Likewise previous month, we are publishing the August 2024's E-bulletin. We hope this month's E-bulletin will give you chance to look into various activities and events of FBCCI took place during this month.

This monthly E-bulletin focuses on our activities and participations on various trade, commerce and industry related events. It highlights various business and trade related initiatives undertook by FBCCI & its members.

Unlike other August month of previous years, August, 2024, is more eventful & meaningful to Bangladeshis and to the business community since it heralded a new dawn in the social, political and economic arena of Bangladesh. The upheaval led by students & mass people paved the way for a participatory, anti-discriminatory, democratic people's rule in Bangladesh. Then rent seeking class which has been benefitting from syndication, nepotism and exploitation has been sub-dued and neutralized. Institutions which were politicalized and non-functional, have been activated with new heads, banks which were usurped by crooks have been freed of their clutches. Changes are evidal ensuing from banking sector to education & local government institutions. FBCCI hopes that the changes initiated by the new government will help us to build a better, resilient and sustainable Bangladesh.

FBCCI along with business communities have been buoyed to see Nobel Laureate Professor Dr Muhammad Yunus, an internationally recognised social entrepreneur and economist, has sworn in as the Chief Adviser of the new Interim Government of Bangladesh on August 8, 2024. Business leaders along with FBCCI on August 20, 2024, met and congratulated the Honorable Chief Adviser at his office, the State Guest House Jamuna. They urged the interim government to take measures to restore law and order and to ensure safety & security of industries. During the meeting, they also sought his help to bring reforms in the banking sector and the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

Earlier, on August 20, 2024, FBCCI business delegation led by its President met the newly appointed Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Dr. Ahsan H Mansur at the Governor's Office in Dhaka. During the meeting, the business delegation discussed with the governor on various issues like inflation, interest rate, remittance and reserve. FBCCI president urged Central Bank Governor for taking prudent policy measures taming inflation, increasing remittance, maintaining healthy reserve and reducing interest rate. FBCCI reiterated its commitment to work in close collaboration with the Central Bank and the Interim Government.

Pursuant of FBCCI's strong role of restoring economic activities, easing trade & business processes, FBCCI delegation met the Secretary of the Internal Resources Division (IRD) & Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) Mr. Md. Abdur Rahman Khan on August 24, 2024 at his Office. During the meeting, business leaders talked on various issues on VAT, Tax, and Customs with NBR Chairman and sought his cooperation in

easing business processes and curbing corruptions. They also urged him to stop all kinds of harassment of businessmen and to introduce Single Window at the earliest.

In response to the devastating flood that have severely impacted millions of lives in the eastern region of the country, FBCCI under its CSR programme, provided relief materials to support the flood victims. FBCCI leaders handed over relief materials to the representatives of anti-discrimination student movement on August 27, 2024 at TSC, Dhaka University. It also provided foods for the volunteers who are working day-night for the management and disbursement of the relief materials from TSC, Dhaka University to flood affected parts of the country.

August 2024, would remain as a memorable & eventful month in the calendar of 2024 and in the annals of the country. During this month, the courage, the determination and sacrifice shown by our young generation especially our students and common people will be written in golden letters of our history. It will continue to inspire the future generation to stand against all kinds of tyranny, discrimination and injustice. Business Community especially FBCCI holds our valiant heroes in the very bosom of our heart with respect and deep love. FBCCI promises to lead the path as shown by our young generation and would continue to work hard to build a prosperous and happy Bangladesh.

During this month, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our members, partners, and stakeholders. But I would like to record my deepest respect for the departed souls who fearlessly laid down their lives to uproot facism and injustice & tyranny. With me, my business community is praying to Almighty for earlier recovery of the students and people who are wounded and taking treatment at different hospitals & medical centers of the country. FBCCI hopes, they will recover very soon and will join others in their effort to build the country as a strong, peaceful and prosperous one.

At the end, I shall urge all, let's work together for a brighter and more prosperous future for our great nation. May Almighty protect & help us all.

Warm regards,

Mahbubul Alam
President, FBCCI

Business leaders met the Honorable Chief Adviser Dr. Muhammad Yunus



Business leaders of the country along with President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul Alam met the Chief Adviser of the new Interim Government of Bangladesh Nobel Laureate Professor Dr Muhammad Yunus on August 20, 2024 and congratulated at his office at the State Guest House Jamuna.

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The business delegation, led by the President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Bangladesh Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, includes FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, Former FBCCI President Mr. Mir Nasir Uddin and Mr. AK Azad, Vice President of ICC Bangladesh Mr. Nasser Ejaz Vijay, members Mr. Tapan Chowdhury, Mr. Qutubuddin Ahmed, Mr. Aftab Ul Islam, Simin Rahman, Mr. Fazlul Haque, DCCI President Mr. Ashraf Ahmed, MCCI President Mr. Kamran T Rahman, BTMA President Mr. Showkat Aziz Russell, BCI President Mr. Anwar-ul Alam Chowdhury (Parvez), BKMEA Executive President Mr. Mohammad Hatem, CCCI President Mr. Omar Hazzaz and others.

Coordination meeting with GoC of the 9th Infantry Division and Area Commander (Savar) Major General Md Moin Khan

To strengthen safety & security in trade and industry, FBCCI organized a coordination meeting of Bangladesh Army and Business Leaders on August 13, 2024 at FBCCI Gulshan Office. General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 9th Infantry Division and Area Commander (Savar) Major General Md Moin Khan and Business Leaders from various chambers and

associations were present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul Alam.

During the meeting, business leaders sought cooperation of the law enforcement agencies to strengthen security in trade and industrial zones of the country.



Among others, Former FBCCI President Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo, Mir Nasir Hossain, Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Former Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice

President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, DIG of the Dhaka Industrial Police Mr. Md. Azad Mia, High Officials of the Bangladesh Army were present at the meeting.

FBCCI President met the Governor of Bangladesh Bank



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Among others, FBCCI Former President Mr. M A Kashem, Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo, Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr.

Md. Amin Helaly, Vice-President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, representatives of DCCI, MCCI, BGMEA, BKMEA were present at the meeting.

Earlier, FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, on behalf of the business delegation, congratulated Dr. Ahsan H Mansur on his appointment as the 13rd Governor of Bangladesh Bank.

FBCCI Delegation met NBR Chairman



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FBCCI Delegation includes among others, Vice President Mr. Munir Hossain, Director Mr. M.A Razzak Khan, Mr. Md. Amir Hossain Noorani, Mr. Mohammad Fayazur Rahman Bhuiyan, Mr. Tapan Kumer Majumder, Mr. Abu Murshed Chowdhury, Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, Ms. Priti Chakraborty, President of Bangladesh Shop Owners Association Mr. Helal Uddin.

FBCCI Leaders met Army Chief



Business leaders, led by FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, met the Chief of Army Staff

General Waker-Uz-Zaman, OSP, SGP, psc on August 22, 2024 at Army Headquarters, Dhaka.

During the meeting, they talked on issues regarding Industrial safety & security and

restoring economic activities in the country.

The Business delegation includes Former FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo,

Mr. Mir Nasir Uddin, Mr. AK Azad, Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, DCCI President Mr. Ashraf Ahmed, Acting President of BGMEA Mr. Khandakar Rafikul Islam, Managing Director of the Square Phar

maceuticals Limited Mr. Tapan Chowdhury, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Mr. Nasser Ejaz Vijay and others.

FBCCI provides Relief Assistance for the Flood Victims

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FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam said that it is the moral responsibility of businessmen to stand by the



flood-affected people of the country. As a representative of the private sector, FBCCI will stand by the country's vulnerable people in the future as it has been doing, he added.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Director

Mr. Mir Nizam Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Nizamuddin Rajesh, Mr. Khandaker Ruhul Amin, Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque Molla, Mr. Mohd. Ishaqul Hossain Sweet and business leaders were present while handing over the relief to the students at TSC.

Meeting with Bangladesh Army on Safety & Security issues in Industrial Zones



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, along with business leaders, met Brig. Gen. Nazim Ud Doula on August 8, 2024 at the Army Headquarters, Dhaka.

FBCCI President urges to ensure the safety and security in industrial zones and restoring economic activities by establishing business friendly environment in the country.

Among others, representatives of BGMEA, BKMEA, Bangladesh Shop Owners Association, Army Officials were present at the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice President attended South Asia Trade Fair 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka



Haider, President of FCCISL Mr. Keerthi Gunawardane, Secretary General of SAARC H.E Ambassador Golam Sarwar, representatives from the member countries of SAARC Chamber and dignitaries were also present.

Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, as a panel discussant, joined the session titled "Inter-Regional Commercial Cooperation for SAARC: Transformation and Integration". Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Mr. Ali Sabry graced the conference as the chief guest. The conference was organized by Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL).

The Senior Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, along with FBCCI business delegation, visited Sri Lanka to attend the South Asia Trade Fair 2024, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on August 02-04, 2024. During the visit, he joined a conference on Investment

Cooperation & Trade Facilitation, Advancing the SAARC Agenda on August 03, 2024.

Among others, President of the SAARC Chamber and Former President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Vice President of SAARC Chamber Mr. Shafquat

FBCCI President attended a coordination meeting on Industrial safety and security hosted by BGMEA

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended a coordination meeting on Industrial safety and security held on BGMEA Board room on August 11, 2024. Major General Md Moin Khan, 9th Infantry Division (Bangladesh), GOC, Army joined the meeting as the Chief Guest. The meeting was presided over by the Senior Vice President of BGMEA Mr. Khandoker Rafiqul Islam.



During the meeting, Mr. Mahbubul Alam thanked students and Bangladesh Army for standing by the people in this crisis. He requested Bangladesh

Army to ensure safety and security in industrial area to protect the economy.

Among others, Former President of FBCCI Mr. Jashim Uddin,

Bangladesh Shop Owners Association President Mr. Helal Uddin, Business Leaders, Army high officials were present at the meeting.

FBCCI President met newly appointed Home Adviser to the Interim Government

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on August 17, 2024, met the newly appointed Home Adviser to the interim government of Bangladesh Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury at the adviser's residence in Baridhara of the capital.

During the meeting, FBCCI President discussed on various economic activities including country's trade and business, keeping supply chain stable, ensuring safety in industrial hubs, stopping extortion on Roads & highways etc. with the adviser and sought his cooperation.

The Hon'ble Adviser Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury assured to provide safety of all the citizens



as well as the business community of the country as his assigned responsibility.

An official meeting of the business representatives with the Hon'ble Adviser will be held soon, FBCCI President informed.

First meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Iron, Carbon Steel, Stainless Steel and Re-rolling Industries



The 1st Meeting of FBCCI Standing Committee on Iron, Carbon Steel, Stainless Steel and Re-rolling Industries was held on August 17, 2024 at FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as the chief guest, virtually joined the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Standing Committee and Managing Director

of Shahariar Steel Mills Ltd. Mr. SK. Masadul Alam Masud.

Among others, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly (virtually), Former First Vice President Mr. Mohammad Ali, FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Director In-Charge of the Committee Mr. Md. Amir Hossain Noorani, FBCCI Director Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid, Alhaj Azizul Hoque, Mr. Md. Niaz Ali Chisty, Committee Co-Chairmen and members were present at the meeting.

4th Regular Board Meeting held



The 4th regular meeting of the FBCCI Board of Directors was held on August 25, 2024 at FBCCI Gulshan Office in Dhaka. President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbulul Alam presided over the meeting.

Among others, FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Directors were present at the meeting.

FBCCI Safety Council held a discussion meeting with Kurigram Chamber on PERT



FBCCI Safety Council held a discussion meeting with the business leaders of Kurigram Chamber of Commerce & Industry on Program Sensitization and Planning on August 20, 2024 at Kurigram Chamber Bhaban.

Adviser of the FBCCI Safety Council Brig. Gen. (Retd) Abu Nayeem Md Shaheedullah was present the meeting as the chief guest. The meeting was presided over by the President of Kurigram Chamber Alhaj Abdul Aziz Mia.

During the meeting, Brig Gen. (Retd.) Abu Nayeem Md. Shaheedullah informed that FBCCI has taken an initiative to form a Private Sector Emergency Response Team (PERT) with the business representatives of Kurigram Chamber responding & managing disaster in business and industries.

Kurigram chamber leaders welcomed the FBCCI's initiative and expressed of providing full support in this regard.

Former FBCCI President Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo met Mr. Mahbubul Alam

Former FBCCI President Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo met the President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul on August 13, 2024 at FBCCI Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

They had a fruitful discussion on recovering the economy and trade environment of the country.

Business leaders from different chambers and associations were present during the meeting.



Australian High Commission, Bangladesh met with FBCCI President



President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on August 28, 2024 at FBCCI Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

They discussed on different issues to strengthen trade and investment relation between Australia and Bangladesh. FBCCI President called for technical support in health and education sector in Bangladesh.

Among others, Second Secretary of the Australian High Commission Joshua Gacutan, FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, and Head of International Wing Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc were present at the call.

A delegation from the Australian High Commission in Bangladesh led by Deputy High Commissioner Clinton Pobke met FBCCI

FBCCI provided Foods for the Volunteers working for relief coordination at TSC



People all over the country are coming forward in response to the devastating flash floods that have severely impacted millions of the people. FBCCI, besides providing relief package

to the flood affected areas, provides foods for the volunteer who are dedicatedly working day-night on the relief activities at TSC in Dhaka University.

On behalf of FBCCI, Director Mr. Mohammed Bazlur Rahman, Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque Molla, FBCCI Officials were present during the food distribution to the volunteers on August 30, 2024 at TSC.

FBCCI President Provided Relief Assistance to the Flood Affected People



In response to the devastating flash floods that have severely impacted millions across Bangladesh, FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam provided relief package to support the flood victims. Relief packages were sent to Feni district on behalf of FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on August 24, 2024.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam said, it is the moral responsibility of businessmen to

stand by the flood-affected people of the country. Students have come forward with the conviction of ensuring equal rights for all and building a country without discrimination, which energized the people of all over the country. Businessmen will stand by the people of the country at any vulnerable situation, as they did in the past.

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