

FBCCI Strengthens Multilateral Collaboration with Regional Stakeholders



From the Desk of the Administrator



Esteemed Members, Colleagues, and Valued Stakeholders,

It is with great honor that we unveil the July edition of our Monthly E-bulletin —a curated reflection of our unwavering commitment to advancing trade and investment in Bangladesh. This issue encapsulates our strategic initiatives, inclusive engagements, and influential policy advocacy efforts, all aimed at fostering sustainable economic growth and collaborative progress.

In today's rapidly evolving global economic landscape, fostering a resilient and responsive trade and investment ecosystem has become more vital than ever. This bulletin offers a comprehensive overview of our multifaceted engagements over the past month, ranging from high-level stakeholder dialogues and sector-specific consultations to enabling sustainable growth, reducing trade barriers, and creating a conducive environment for both domestic and foreign investment.

In pursuit of enhanced trade collaboration and economic cooperation with regional stakeholders, the FBCCI organized a couple of networking sessions with the visiting delegation of Pakistan in July. It also organized a discussion meeting with the Thai-Bangladesh Business Council.

With the ambition of conducting worthwhile research on key economic issues covering trade, investment, and innovation, the National Defence College (NDC) and the FBCCI signed an MoU in mid-July to establish a strategic cooperation framework for knowledge sharing, research collaboration, and joint advocacy to national development.

In association with the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), last month, FBCCI organized a discussion meeting on the Statistical Business Register (SBR) of the Economic Census 2023, formulated by BBS. A couple of courtesy meetings were also conducted with the

Non-Residential Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti and the newly appointed Economic Minister of Bangladesh to the UN in New York, USA.

Throughout July, the FBCCI remained actively engaged in a series of strategic dialogues and consultative meetings with key stakeholders, prominent business leaders, and esteemed representatives from various chambers, trade associations, and industry forums. These engagements reflect FBCCI's ongoing commitment to championing the interests of the business community. Additionally, FBCCI continues to play a vital role in representing Bangladesh's private sector in high-level deliberations at both national and international platforms.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our esteemed members, business leaders, and stakeholders for their steadfast support and collaboration. It is through the shared commitment and contributions of individuals across every sector that we can confidently look forward to sustained progress and a resilient economy.

With sincere regards,

Md. Hafizur Rahman
Administrator, FBCCI

Pakistani Business Delegation visits FBCCI



A networking session between local business leaders and visiting business delegation from Pakistan was held on July 3, 2025 at FBCCI office in Moti-jheel, Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Administrator of the FBCCI, chaired the session. H.E Muhammad Wasif, Charge d'affaires, Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka, attended the session.

The discussion was emphasized strengthening bilateral trade and investment, joint venture business initiatives as well. Whereas, entrepreneurs from both side shows interests on sectors like pharmaceuticals, surgical goods and equipment, electronics good and intermediary products, textiles etc.

Among others, Former Director of the FBCCI Ms. Nasreen Fatema Awal, FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, Head of International Affairs Wing Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc, business leaders and dignitaries were present at the networking session.

Meeting between FBCCI & Thai-Bangladesh Business Council

A meeting between the FBCCI and Thai-Bangladesh Business Council was held on 9 July 2025, at FBCCI office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Administrator of the FBCCI chaired the meeting. H.E. Panom Thongprayoon, Chargé d'affaires of the Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka attended the meeting.



The discussion stressed strengthening bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and Thailand.

Among others, President of the Thai-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce

and former President of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Mr. Shams Mahmud, Senior Vice President of the Thai-Bangladesh Chamber and former Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Secretary General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir, Head of FBCCI's International Affairs Wing Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc were present at the meeting.

MoU Signed between NDC and FBCCI on Research Collaboration



National Defence College (NDC) and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a strategic cooperation framework between NDC and FBCCI for knowledge sharing, research collaboration, and joint advocacy to support the national development.

The MoU was signed on July 15, 2025 at the NDC office in Mirpur, Dhaka. Brig. Gen. Md. Nishatul Islam Khan, ndc, afwc, psc, Office Secretary of NDC and Mr. Md. Alamgir, Secretary General of FBCCI signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations.

Lieutenant General Moham-mad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc and Mr.

Md. Hafizur Rahman, Administrator of FBCCI were present at the signing ceremony.

The MoU will facilitate cooperation and support each other in conducting worthwhile research on key economic issues covering trade, investment and innovation, fostering a conducive environment for national development. It will also help to promote collaborative research initiatives aligned with national economic priorities by mutual consultation.

Head of the International Affairs Wing of FBCCI Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc, Adviser of FBCCI Safety Council Brig. Gen. (Rtd.) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah, and other officials from NDC and FBCCI were also present at the signing ceremony.

Discussion Meeting on Statistical Business Register (SBR)



The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) jointly organized a discussion meeting on the Statistical Business Register (SBR) of the Economic Census 2023, formulated by the BBS, on July 22, 2025, at FBCCI premises in Motijheel, Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Administrator of FBCCI, chaired the discussion.

Mr. Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, the Director General of BBS, graced the event.

The discussion emphasized diverse aspects of the Statistical Business Register (SBR) and its functions.

Director of the Economic Census-2023 Project of BBS Mr. S M Shakil Akhter, Secretary General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir,

Adviser of the FBCCI Safety Council Brig. Gen. (retd) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah, business leaders, government officials, and stakeholders have joined the discussion.

Earlier, a special Munajat (prayer) was held seeking divine forgiveness for the departed souls of the students who tragically lost their lives in the recent aircraft crash at the Milestone School and College in Uttara, Dhaka.

Economic Minister designated to UN met FBCCI Administrator



Newly appointed Economic Minister of Bangladesh to United Nation (UN) in New York Mr. Syed Mohammad Aminur Rahman paid a courtesy call on the Administrator of FBCCI Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, on July 13, 2025 at FBCCI Icon in Motijheel, Dhaka.

During the call, Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman highlighted the FBCCI's activities and planning for bolstering economic and commercial relations with the UN countries. He sought the Minister's cooperation in this regard.

FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, Head of International Affairs Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc were present at the call, among others.

FBCCI Marks NTV's 23rd Anniversary with Warm Felicitations

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) extended its warmest regards to NTV (International Television Channel Ltd.), a prominent Satellite Television Channel in the country, on the occasion of its 23rd Anniversary on July 3, 2025.

Mr. Md. Alamgir, Secretary General of the FBCCI, visited the TV station in Tejgaon, Dhaka, on July 21, 2025. He conveyed the FBCCI's felicitations for the TV's continued excellence in featuring newsworthy content and quality programs and wished for NTV's impactful progress in the industry.

Mr. Mohammad Ashfaq Uddin Ahmed, Managing Director of the NTV,



warmly acknowledged FBCCI's gesture of goodwill and appreciation. He assured that the television would continue its commitment to responsible and constructive journalism, with a focus on promoting the country's business growth, facilitating trade, and encouraging sustainable investment.

Djibouti Envoy met FBCCI Administrator



H.E. Mr. Isse Abdillahi Assoweh, Non-Residential Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti to Bangladesh, paid a courtesy call on the FBCCI Administrator Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman on July 30, 2025 at FBCCI, Motijheel, Dhaka.

They had a fruitful discussion on exploring trade opportunities, enhancing economic cooperation and collaboration. The discussion also emphasized trade and investment ties between Bangladesh and Djibouti.

Distinguished attendees included Former Director of the FBCCI Mr. Md. Abdul Haque, Mr. Syed Moazzam Hossain, Mr. Obaidur Rahman, General Body Member of the FBCCI Mr. Zakir Hossain (Nayon), Managing Director of BBS Group Engr. Mohammad Badrul Hassan, Head of International Affairs Wing of the FBCCI Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc, Advisor of the FBCCI Safety Council Brig. Gen. (retd) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah, Senior Additional Secretary General of the FBCCI Mr. Shah Md. Abdul Khaleque and others.

Special Munajat held on the occasion of July Martyrs' Day



On the occasion of the July Martyrs' Day, a Special Munajat was held at the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) on July 16 2025.

FBCCI Administrator Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, other officials and staffs were present at the event.

Bangladesh–Pakistan Business Networking Session held



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Discussions also emphasized the importance of strengthening port infrastructure, connectivity, and transportation to facilitate smoother trade flows.

The networking session between a visiting business delegation from Pakistan and Bangladeshi entrepreneurs was held on July 23, 2025, at the FBCCI premises in Motijheel, Dhaka.

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The Pakistani delegation was led by Mr. Muhammad Sameer Rah, Export and Marketing Manager of F.A. International Trading, Karachi.

Training on Office Management and Documentation



A training program on Office Management, focusing on letter processing, note drafting, and documentation, was successfully conducted on July 19, 2025, at the FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka. The training program was initiated by FBCCI.

Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Administrator of the FBCCI, inaugurated the training session.

Secretary General of the FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir, Advisor of the FBCCI Safety Council Brig. Gen. (retd) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah, Senior Additional Secretary General Shah Md. Abdul Khaleque and other officials attended the training.

Mr. Md. Nurul Islam, Former Chief Instructor of the National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD), led an insightful session on documentation and records

management, enriching the training program with his professional experience and practical knowledge.

As part of the continued rollout of the training program, a follow-up session was effectively held on July 30, 2025, further reinforcing participant engagement and learning. Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc, Head of International Affairs Wing of FBCCI and other officials attended the second session.

900 Business Entities Assessed for Disaster Preparedness in Three Districts

The FBCCI Safety Council has successfully completed a major data collection initiative under the Bangladesh Preparedness Partnership (BPP), assessing 900 business entities across Cox's Bazar, Bagerhat, and Kurigram districts.

The primary objective of this assessment was to evaluate the disaster preparedness, resource capacity, and risk exposure of local businesses located in Disaster-prone areas. Based on the findings, Model Business Continuity Plans (BCPs) will be developed for each district, customized to reflect local business realities and guide effective preparedness and recovery strategies.



In Cox's Bazar, the assessment was carried out in July 2025 in collaboration with the Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CBCCI). A total of 300 businesses from various trade associations were surveyed by PERT Members. Given the economic significance and concentration of businesses, special priority was given to the dry fish processing sector and the hotel, motel, and guest-house industry.



In Kurigram, PERT Members engaged a diverse group of businesses across the district. The areas of Bhurungamari, Nageshwari, and Ulipur Upazilas were prioritized based on the concentration of business activities.

All data collection teams were trained in the use of KoBo Toolbox, a digital data collection platform developed by GPAD Ltd., enabling structured and efficient gathering of information on business resources, vulnerabilities, and preparedness capacities.

Each of the three districts currently has a Private Sector Emergency Response Team (PERT) in place. Based on the assessment results, an additional 40 trained PERT members will be formed in each district. These teams will receive specialized training in disaster preparedness, emergency rescue, and business continuity operations, empowering them to serve as first responders during business-related crises.

This data-driven initiative highlights FBCCI's continued commitment to building resilience at the local level through strategic planning, private sector mobilization, and strong collaboration with regional chambers. The forthcoming district-level Model BCPs and newly trained response teams will significantly contribute to strengthening Bangladesh's overall disaster risk management architecture.

The initiative is supported by the Gates Foundation and implemented with technical assistance from the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC).

In Bangladesh, the BPP is led by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), with FBCCI serving as the private sector lead, working to enhance disaster resilience within the country's business communities.

The assessment initiative was led by Mr. Md. Monjur Kader Khan, Program Coordinator of the FBCCI Safety Council, with essential field support from Mr. Md. Shakhawat Hossain, Capacity Building Specialist, and Mr. Engr. Md. Nimul Islam, Web Developer & IT Officer. Their coordinated efforts ensured high-quality data collection and seamless operational execution across all districts.

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