



# FRIENDSHIP & BOND BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND BRUNEI



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Waddaulah will visit Bangladesh on October 15-17, 2022.

It will be the first-ever state visit by the Sultan of Brunei to Bangladesh, and plans are underway for the state visit, where the Brunei Sultan will hold meetings with the Honourable President Md Abdul Hamid and the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina while attending some other programmes in the capital.

In April 2019, the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made a historic visit to Brunei Darussalam, which marked a new milestone where both countries had signed several MOUs for various cooperation, including on sectors like gas supply, fisheries, agriculture, livestock, youth and sports, and art and culture. We expects a few more other MOUs will be signed during His Majesty's coming state visit.

Currently, roughly, there may be around 15 thousand Bangladeshi workers in Brunei. Brunei welcomes foreign workers to work in Brunei, including Bangladeshis, as long as the recruitment process is executed correctly and they have valid visas and work permits.

We gathered that Bangladesh tourists travel to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia not only for leisure and adventure but also for medication. Therefore, he understands that there is a need for direct air connectivity between the two countries to boost tourism and trade, and Bangladesh tourists are most welcome to Brunei.

His Majesty's state visit will be a new chapter in the history of both countries, further strengthening the bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries.

**H.E. Haji Haris Bin Haji Othma**  
High Commissioner  
Brunei Darussalam High  
Commission in Bangladesh



Brunei proclaimed independence in 1984. Bangladesh immediately gave recognition to Brunei and opened a resident diplomatic mission in 1985. The Mission was closed down temporarily in 1988 and was re-opened on 10 December 1997 during the first term of office of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Bangladesh maintains excellent diplomatic relations with Brunei Darussalam. During the current term of office as the Head of the Government, the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has taken special initiatives to strengthen the bilateral relations with Brunei Darussalam.

Given the good understanding existing at the highest political level, bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Brunei could be further expanded and deepened in a number of areas including trade, culture, defence, education, manpower and investment etc. The Brunei economy is dependent on import of consumer and manufactured goods. Its import amounts to B\$ 3.3 billion while its export (mainly oil and gas) is over B\$11.5 billion. The population is only 4,22,000 including the expatriate population of 1,00,000. Born out of the aim to address the growing requisite for halal, quality, safety and sustainability in all aspects of consumption, our vision is to be the iconic global Halal brand that will excel through innovation and virtue. We create products through research and development to bring innovative product solutions to the market, thereby providing assurance to our consumers that bruneihalalfoods products are halal and wholesome in its properties.

### MoU's and Agreement's

The Hon'ble Prime Minister made an official visit to Brunei Darussalam on 21-23 April 2019 and witnessed of the signing ceremony of the six Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two governments. Besides the six MoU, both countries agreed on the Exchange of Notes on the "Visa waiver" arrangement for diplomatic and official passports. Additionally, three more MoUs/Agreements were signed by private entrepreneurs during the VVIP visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The signed MoUs/Agreements are as followed:

#### #Government to Government

- a).The Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the field of Agriculture.
- b).The Memorandum of Understanding on the Cooperation in the field of Fisheries.
- c).The Memorandum of Understanding on the Cooperation in the field of Livestock.
- d).The Memorandum of Understanding on the field of Cooperation in the Supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
- e).The Memorandum of Understanding on the Cooperation in the field of Youth and Sports.
- f).The Memorandum of Understanding on Culture and Arts Cooperation.

#### #Private to Private

bruneihalalfoods product portfolio includes food and beverages ranging from Confectionery, Snacks, Ready to Eat meals, Frozen Poultry and more. Proudly manufactured by partners across Brunei Darussalam, bruneihalalfoods is committed to serving the best of Brunei to the world through the people's love of food.

In the Quran, the word halal is contrasted with haram (forbidden). This binary opposition was elaborated into a more complex classification known as "the five decisions": mandatory, recommended, neutral, reprehensible and forbidden. Islamic jurists disagree on whether the term halal covers the first two or the first four of these categories. In recent times, Islamic movements seeking to mobilize the masses and authors writing for a popular audience have emphasized the simpler distinction of halal and haram.

International premium food item brand BRUNEI HALAL FOODS has been introduced by ZES Trading was established and registered in 2009 with its main office located in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Over the past two decades, ZES Trading has accumulated a strong and healthy market trust through a simple principle that we follow: Build Trust with Premium Products – ZES Trading is among the leading distributors of Electronics, food products in Bangladesh for almost two decades. ZES Trading has been providing support and services to all major Groups, Distributors and traders in Bangladesh Market. ZES Trading processing & packaging the wide range of the products of BRUNEI HALAL FOODS in Bangladesh.

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It will be the first-ever state visit by His Majesty Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah to Bangladesh, and plans are underway for the state visit, His Majesty's state visit will be a new chapter in the history of both countries, Being a Muslim-majority state, Bangladesh attaches a special importance to its ties with Brunei. Brunei hosts a big proportion of the global Bangladeshi diaspora.

We look forward to strengthening these bonds of kinship and culture through dynamism of our strong people to people links, for next 50 years and beyond.

Brunei Bangla Friendship!!

**Dr.Kazi Ertaza Hassan,CIP**  
Director,FBCCI

Authorized Associates of Ghanim International Corporation Sdn Bhd (Brunei Halal Foods)



His Majesty The Sultan of Brunei Haji Hassanal Bolkiah will pay a state visit to Bangladesh on 15-17 October 2022 at the invitation of His Excellency the President and The Hon'ble Prime Minister. This visit of His Majesty the Sultan will be the first visit of Brunei's Head of State to Bangladesh. It may be noted that this tour program was finalized in April 2020 but was postponed at the last moment due to the Corona epidemic. In view of the interest and consent of both parties, the visit is going to be held at the mentioned time.

It is noted that the Honourable Prime Minister visited Brunei on 21-23 April 2019 at the invitation of His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei. Six (6) MoUs were signed in addition to discussions on strengthening bilateral cooperation during the said visit.

During this state visit of His Majesty the Sultan, the following bilateral agreements and memorandums of understanding are likely to be signed in addition to discussions on bilateral cooperation in various fields: (a) Bilateral Aviation Agreement (b) Memorandum of Understanding on Bangladesh Manpower Recruitment Cooperation (c) Memorandum of Understanding on Recognition of Seafarers' Certificates by the two countries

Brunei is interested in increasing mutual cooperation in the sectors of economic diversification, ensuring food security, human resource development, infrastructure construction, health services and energy etc. in the implementation of the development agenda adopted under their "Vision 2035". Both countries can benefit from establishing bilateral cooperation in various fields with Brunei, a high-income country rich in energy resources.

Our Government attaches utmost priority to private entrepreneurship and investments, both domestic and foreign. To cater to the needs of investors, we are establishing 100 Special Economic Zones throughout the country. We have also set up a number of industrial parks to promote priority sectors such as IT. Bangladesh has become a highly competitive location for investments in terms of cost, human resources, size of the domestic market, access to international market, trade facilitation, investment protection, and socio-political stability. We have one of the most liberal foreign investment regimes in South Asia. It includes, among others, protection of foreign investment by law, generous tax policy, and concessionary duty on import of machinery. We also offer 100% foreign equity, unrestricted exit, full repatriation of dividend and capital on exit. We enjoy preferential access to most of the leading world markets, including EU, Canada, and Japan. We witness growing interest from foreign investors in the recent time.

Success of our Ready-made Garments sector is globally known. We are the 2nd largest readymade garments exporter in the world, next to China.

Bangladesh is emerging rapidly as a major global hub for quality medicine. We are exporting medicines to more than 100 countries including USA, UK, Australia and Africa.

Ship-building has drawn global attention by producing world-class ocean-going vessels.

His Majesty Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah state visit will be open a new horizon in Bangladesh-Brunei relations.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu

May Bangladesh-Brunei friendship live forever!

**H.E. Mr. Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh



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Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque



National Martyrs' Monument



Bangladesh National Parliament