

Prime Minister of Bangladesh visit to The Scottish Parliament

The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, H.E. Sheikh Hasina, was welcomed by Foyso1 Choudhury MBE, MSP, at The Scottish Parliament as part of her trip to Scotland for COP26.

The Rt Hon Lord Provost, Frank Ross and Members of the Scottish Parliament, including the Deputy First Minister, met with the Prime Minister and a number of dignitaries from the Scottish Bangladeshi community aiming to build a stronger relationship between Scotland and Bangladesh.



Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina photographed in the Garden Lobby at The Scottish Parliament with Foysoil Choudhury MSP on her right and on the left of the photograph, Sarah Boyack MSP for Lothian. The Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar is fourth from the right

Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina addressed MSPs and guests in the Garden Lobby on the effects of climate change and what more could be done to support some of the poorest nations dealing with the effects. She said: "Thanks to Foysoil for introducing me. It is due to his persuasion that I am here. Climate prosperity is the issue of our time and we have gathered in Glasgow to demonstrate an ambition on climate action combining our global collective efforts to respond to the unprecedented challenges. No country is immune."



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