

Bangladesh-Malta Bilateral Relations

Bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Malta date back to 1971 when Bangladesh was fighting for Independence. Malta was one of the first countries in Europe who recognized Bangladesh as sovereign state immediate after the independence of Bangladesh (September 1972). Since then, Bangladesh and Malta are enjoying excellent bilateral relations. Both Bangladesh and Malta do not have resident diplomatic Mission to each other's capitals. Bangladesh Embassy in Greece is concurrently accredited to Malta. Similarly, Maltese High Commission in New Delhi is concurrently accredited to Bangladesh and maintains non-resident representation to Dhaka.

Until, recent years, the relations remained limited to only a few areas, although the two countries often interacted in international planes on issues of mutual global interest. The bilateral cooperation remained mainly limited to education sectors as there are sustained contacts between the universities in Bangladesh and Malta and some civil servants and students from Bangladesh avail professional training and education in different Maltese institutions. Both Bangladesh and Malta are democratic countries and both are the members of Commonwealth. Bangladesh and Malta enjoy traditional friendly bilateral relations. In multilateral level, the two countries have also commonalities of views on many regional and global issues. Both the countries support each other in the multilateral fora. In the field of migration, counter terrorism both the countries share common views. In recent years, political understanding particularly on global issues and mutual interests strengthened which has been translated into reciprocal supports to each other's candidatures in different international for an including UN.