

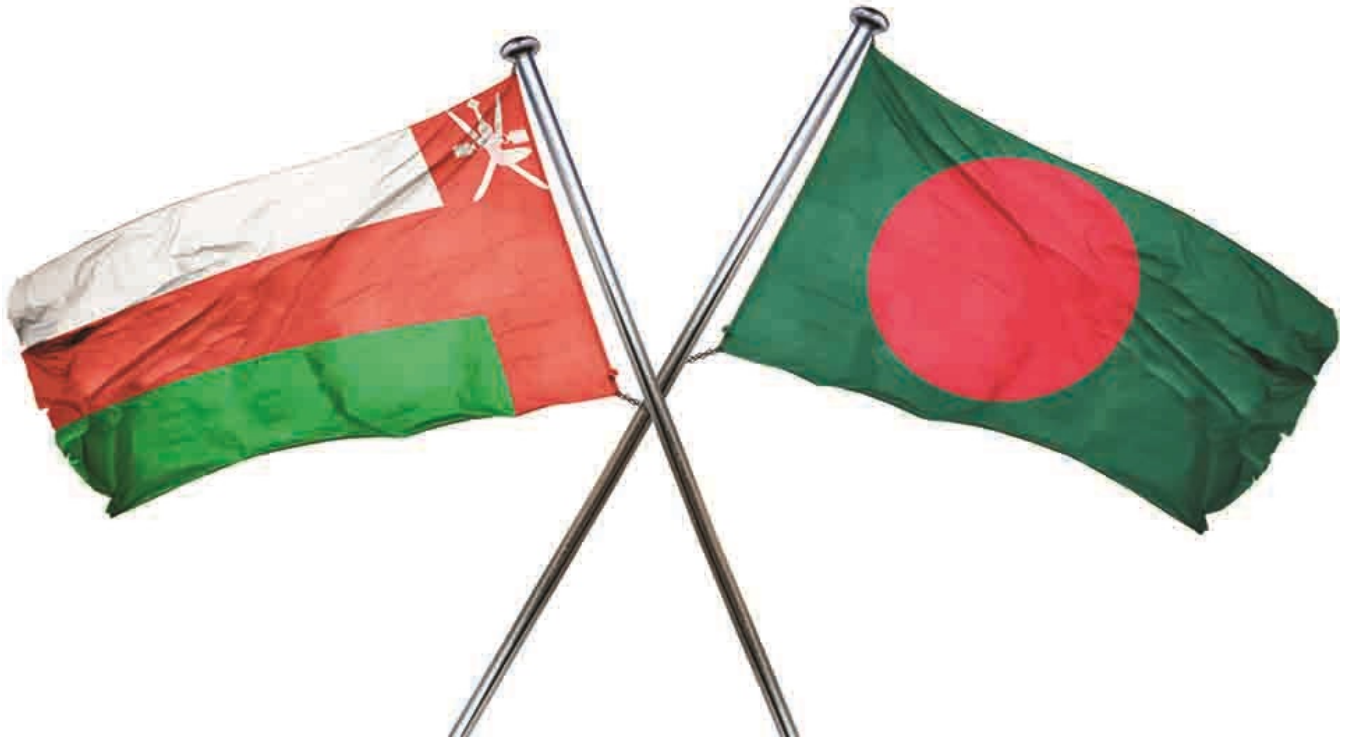
## **BD, Oman to expand economic partnership**

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Dhaka : Bangladesh and Oman have discussed formation of a joint business council as the two countries see "huge potential" for expanding economic partnership.

The two sides at the first ever foreign office consultation (FOC) held virtually on June 8 also discussed possibilities of investment in High Tech Park and economic zones of Bangladesh.

Both sides agreed upon new areas of cooperation which includes maritime affairs, diplomatic academies, think-tanks and start-ups and desalinisation.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen led the 12-member Bangladesh delegation including representatives from the Ministry Home Affairs, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Armed Forces Division and Bangladesh Ambassador to Oman.

Undersecretary Sheikh Khalifa Alharthy led the Omani delegation.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen extended special thanks to the Government of the Sultanate of Oman for taking good care of the Bangladesh Community in Oman during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Undersecretary Sheikh Khalifa Alharthy appreciated the contribution of Bangladesh community to the economies of the both the countries.

The agenda of the consultations focused on the ongoing political relations, economic cooperation, capacity building and training of Bangladeshi workforce,

consular issues, and people-to-people contacts.

They agreed on the importance of health and food security in the coming days.

Both sides exchanged views on regional and multilateral issues and enhance the close cooperation in the multilateral forum.