

Malaysia celebrates its 68th National Day

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Dhaka : High Commissioner of Malaysia in Bangladesh Mohd. Shuhada Othman hosted a reception in Dhaka on September 28, marking the 68th National Day and Malaysia Day 2025 at a local hotel. Dr. Rafiqul Abrar, Advisor in charge of the Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest on the occasion and it was also attended by the Dean of the Diplomatic corp and Ambassador of the State of Palestine Yusuef S.Y. Ramadan, other Members of the Diplomatic Corp, high Civil and Military officials, Representatives from the Business Community, Elite of the society and Malaysian nationals staying in Bangladesh.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Rafiqul Abrar said Malaysia is among the first Southeast Asian nations that recognized Bangladesh after our independence in 1971. Recent high level exchange of visits not only deepened our political trust, but also delivered concrete outcomes in trade, energy, defense, migration and education cooperation. Malaysia's rise as a hub for the halal industry, advanced manufacturing,

and digital economy is a transition towards a knowledge-based economy. Nevertheless, Malaysia's growing strength in the semiconductor industry offers valuable learning and opportunities for future collaboration between our two countries.

Dean of the Diplomatic Corp. Yusuef S.Y. Ramadan said, we look forward with hope to the fulfillment of our aspiration and ambition in establishing our independent state, the State of Palestine, so we are able to live in freedom and dignity like anyone else in this world. Our love, respect and appreciation always will be for the people of both Bangladesh and Malaysia for standing beside their Palestinian brothers and sisters.

In his welcome address Mohd. Shuhada Othman, High Commissioner of Malaysia said Malaysia is the second largest trading partner of Bangladesh, among the South Asian countries, with bilateral trade recorded at nearly USD 3 billion. With both sides working towards a free trade agreement, we are confident that our economic cooperation will reach even greater heights in the coming years. Both countries have expanded cooperation in security, healthcare and medical tourism, retail business, and other sectors. Bangladesh has shown a clear commitment to developing its halal industry.