



## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja**

### **Press Release**

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#### **NIGERIA CONGRATULATES MIRZA FAKHRUL ISLAM ALAMGIR ON HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH**

The Federal Republic of Nigeria warmly congratulates His Excellency Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on his election as the 23rd President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. On behalf of the Government and people of Nigeria, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, extends warm felicitations to President-elect Alamgir, the Government and people of Bangladesh on this significant political development.

President Alamgir was elected by the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) on Thursday, 20 August 2026, securing 255 votes against 88 votes obtained by his opponent, Colonel Oli Ahmad, Rtd. His election, which marks the first contested presidential election in Bangladesh in 35 years, represents a significant milestone in the country's democratic and political evolution.

Nigeria commends the people and institutions of Bangladesh for the peaceful and successful conduct of the electoral process and expresses confidence that President Alamgir will provide responsible and purposeful leadership in advancing national unity, stability, democratic governance and sustainable development in the country.

Nigeria and Bangladesh enjoy cordial relations founded on mutual respect, shared interests and a common commitment to international cooperation and multilateralism. As developing countries and members of the Global South, both nations share common interests in advancing sustainable development, economic growth, food and energy security, climate action and enhanced South-South cooperation.

The Federal Government of Nigeria looks forward to working with President Alamgir and his administration to further deepen and expand bilateral relations between both countries, particularly in trade and investment, agriculture,

**pharmaceuticals, education, information and communications technology, healthcare, culture and people-to-people exchanges.**

**Nigeria recognises Bangladesh's constructive engagement in regional and international affairs and remains committed to strengthening cooperation with Bangladesh within the framework of the United Nations, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and other relevant multilateral platforms.**

**As President Alamgir assumes the highest constitutional office of the country, Nigeria wishes him wisdom, good health and success in the discharge of his responsibilities. The Federal Government expresses confidence that his leadership will contribute to the continued peace, stability, prosperity and development of Bangladesh.**

**Nigeria once again congratulates His Excellency Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and wishes the Government and people of the People's Republic of Bangladesh continued peace, unity, stability and prosperity.**

**Signed:**

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