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September 16, 2013

Ms. Mary Francis Dunham

*Honouring Bangladesh's foreign friends*

Dear Madam,

In recognition of your great contribution to our war of liberation in 1971, the Government of Bangladesh has decided to honour you along with other foreign friends of Bangladesh at an official ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. In that connection we are pleased to forward to you a letter of invitation from the Honourable Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Her Excellency Dr. Dipu Moni, MP.

Please also find attached a tentative programme schedule.

The Government of Bangladesh is happy to bear all costs associated with your/ your representative's business class airfare and stay in Dhaka. You are requested to indicate to us your/your representative's possible travel as early as possible. Please also let us know if your health condition would require any special assistance during stay in Bangladesh. Local aide would be assigned to each of the awardees.

If you desire to stay in Bangladesh beyond the programme duration, please indicate to us the places you would like to visit so that the domestic travels could be well coordinated from Dhaka.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Nirupam Dev Nath  
First Secretary (Political & Culture)

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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DHAKA

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10 September 2013

*Dear Ms. Dunham,*

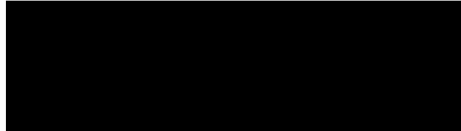
It is my privilege to write to you in my capacity as the Convener of the National Committee to Honour Foreign Friends of the Bangladesh Liberation War. The Committee has been especially constituted by the Government of Bangladesh to honour outstanding friends of Bangladesh who participated in, or contributed to, the process of our Liberation War.

I take great pleasure in conveying to you that upon recommendation of the National Committee, the Government of Bangladesh has decided to formally recognize your late husband Daniel C. Dunham's contribution and to express gratitude on behalf of the people of Bangladesh.

The National Committee has particularly taken note of the support extended by our foreign friends to the Bangladesh cause and also the moral and material support to our people during the War. We are mindful that your husband's support came at a critical time when we stood up in the face of barbaric atrocities and the worst ever genocide in world history. Your husband's support contributed to the eventual emergence of sovereign Bangladesh.

We are cognisant of the fact that our decision to formally recognize your husband's contribution has come forty years since our achieving independence; but that omission today is set right forever for our posterity and for the world.

Ms. Mary Francis Dunham  
(Wife of Late Daniel C. Dunham)



The Government of Bangladesh has decided to hold an official ceremony on 01 October 2013 to honour friends of Bangladesh like your husband. I have great pleasure in inviting you as the representative of your husband to this state ceremony as a guest of the Government of Bangladesh. In the event if you are unable to join us, we would be happy to welcome your representative. We shall arrange for your travel and extend full hospitality to you for this programme. The official programme will span over 30 September and 03 October. We expect arrivals on 30 September morning with some side events planned for the same day. A tentative programme is attached.

I look forward to receiving you in Dhaka.

Yours most sincerely,



Dr. Dipu Moni, MP  
Foreign Minister

And Convener of the National Committee to  
Honour the Foreign Friends of the  
Bangladesh Liberation War

**Tentative Programme for the 7<sup>th</sup> phase honouring of the  
Friends of Bangladesh Liberation War  
Dhaka, 30 September-03 October 2013**

**Monday, 30 September 2013**

Morning: Guests arrive

Check in at Hotel Ruposhi Bangla/ Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon

Visit Liberation War Museum

Dinner to be hosted by the Hon'ble State Minister for Liberation War Affairs.

**Tuesday, 01 October 2013**

Visit Bangabandhu Memorial Museum

Conferring of the honours by the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister at the Bangabandhu International Convention Centre (BICC)

Cultural Programme followed by dinner hosted by the Hon'ble Prime Minister

**Wednesday, 02 October 2013**

Visit National Martyrs Memorial, Savar

River Cruise

Dinner to be hosted by the Hon'ble Foreign Minister.

**Thursday, 03 October 2013**

1200 hrs: Guests check out of hotel and depart.

*End of Programme*

# DHAKA SCHEDULE

**Programme of Conferring "Bangladesh Liberation War Honour"  
& "Friends of Liberation War Honour" Dhaka, 30 September – 03 October 2013**

**Monday, 30 September 2013**

Arrival of the Guests in Dhaka To be received by Protocol Team from Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Dhaka

**Guests will stay at**

**Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel**

**MONDAY SEP 30**

1710 hrs		Leave Hotel for Liberation War Museum
1730 hrs		Arrive Liberation War Museum
1740 – 1820 hrs		Film Show on Liberation War Venue: Liberation War Museum
1830 hrs		Leave Liberation War Museum for Army Golf Club
1920 hrs		Arrive Army Golf Club
1930-2100 hrs		Dinner in honour of Honourees hosted by Capt. A B Tajul Islam (Retd), MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Venue: Army Golf Club, Dhaka
2100 hrs		Leave Army Golf Club for Hotel
2140 hrs		Arrive Hotel

**Tuesday, 01 October 2013**

0930 hrs.	:	Leave Hotel for Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi
0945 hrs.	:	Arrive Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi To be received by Mrs. Mashura Hossain, CEO, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust
0945 - 1025 hrs.	:	•••••••• Lay wreath and observe a minute of silence •••••••• Visit Bangabandhu Memorial Museum
1030 hrs.	:	Leave Bangabandhu Memorial Museum for Hotel
1045 hrs.	:	Arrive Hotel
1400hrs.	:	Leave Hotel for Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC)
1430 hrs.	:	Arrive at BICC
1430 hrs.	:	Guests are seated
1455 hrs.	:	Honourees are seated on the stage
1500 hrs.	:	Hon'ble Prime Minister arrives
1501	:	Hon'ble President arrives National anthem
1504 hrs.	:	Screening of a short documentary
1510 hrs.	:	Welcome remarks and reading out of citations by the Cabinet Secretary
1610 hrs.	:	Screening of Documentary on Friends of '71
1615 hrs.	:	Conferring of Honours by the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister
1645 hrs.	:	Acceptance speech by a representative of the Honourees
1650 hrs.	:	Speech by the Hon'ble State Minister for Liberation War Affairs
1657 hrs.	:	Speech by the Hon'ble Foreign Minister
1705 hrs.	:	Speech by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
1715 hrs.	:	Speech by Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid
1725 hrs.	:	Group photo
1730 hrs.	:	National Anthem
1732 hrs.	:	Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister depart
1745 hrs.	:	Guests leave BICC for Hotel
1815 hrs.	:	Arrive at Hotel
1930- 2200 hrs.	:	Honourees meet H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister Venue: Balcony Room, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel Cultural Programme followed by Dinner hosted by H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister in honour of the Friends of Bangladesh Liberation War Venue: Ball Room, Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon

**Wednesday, 02 October 2013**

0830 hrs.	:	Leave hotel for National Martyrs' Memorial, Savar
0915 hrs.	:	Arrival at National Martyrs' Memorial, Savar To be received by Secretary, Ministry of Liberation War Affairs and Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Public Works
0915-0945 hrs.	:	Pay homage at the National Martyrs' Memorial, Savar Lay floral wreath
0945 hrs.	:	Leave National Martyrs' Memorial for Postogola Cantonment, Narayanganj
1100 hrs.	:	Arrive Postogola Cantonment
1100 – 1400 hrs.	:	River cruise On board Cultural Programme Buffet Lunch
1405 hrs.	:	Leave Postogola Cantonment for Hotel
1500 hrs.	:	Arrive Hotel
1820 hrs.	:	Leave hotel for Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka
1830 hrs.	:	Arrive Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, Dhaka
1830-2100 hrs	:	Attend "An Evening of Remembrance", -recalling the events and experiences of Bangladesh Liberation War to be hosted by H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP Venue: Winter Garden, Ruposhi Bangla Hotel •••••••• Welcome speech by Hon'ble Foreign Minister •••••••• Screening of a Documentary •••••••• Remembrance by the Honourees
2100 hrs.	:	Leave Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, Dhaka for Place of Residence
2115 hrs.	:	Arrive place of residence

**Thursday, 03 October 2013****Guests depart**

To be seen off by Protocol Team from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka