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Press Release on the Tragic Car Crash in Toronto on 13 February 2023

In the night of Monday 13 February 2023, three Bangladeshi international students died of a tragic car crash in Toronto. Another student was critically injured. The High Commission and the Bangladesh Consulate in Toronto offer their deep condolences to the families of the deceased students and pray for the salvation of their departed souls and also for the rapid and full recovery of the injured student.

On learning about the fatal accident both the High Commissioner and the Consul-General in Toronto got in touch with some members of the Bangladesh community in Toronto and also with the families of these students. H.E., the High Commissioner immediately advised the Consul-General and other officer and staff in the Consulate to be engaged with the family members and the hospital authorities to ensure that all possible necessary support is provided to deal with the situation. H.E., the High Commissioner himself spoke with the families of some of the deceased students and also twice with the parents of the critically injured student who is now recuperating in a Toronto hospital. H.E., the High Commissioner was informed by the family that the condition of the injured student is stable and improving.

Meanwhile, the families of the three deceased students were assured that the High Commission and the Consulate in Toronto would provide all the possible necessary support to transport the bodies of the deceased students. H.E., the High Commissioner also advised the Country and the Station Managers of the Bangladesh Biman Airlines in Toronto to facilitate the process as well as to arrange for tickets on a priority basis for the family members who would like to come to Toronto or who would accompany the bodies to Bangladesh by the Biman flight to and from Toronto, if and as required.

The Consulate is also in touch with two Funeral Homes in Toronto that are making arrangements with the hospital authorities for issuing death certificates as well as other necessary documentation for transportation of the bodies of the three deceased students. Families of the deceased students have been reassured that the Bangladesh Consulate in Toronto would issue necessary documents as soon as death certificates and other necessary papers are received from the hospital and the funeral homes. The body of one of the deceased student is scheduled to be sent on 24 February 2023. The families have also been informed and assured that the High Commission and the Consulate in Toronto can be contacted even after the office hours and the weekend, if necessary.

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