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### **Mission Expresses UN's Strong Desire to See Strengthened Democratic Tradition in Bangladesh**

**Dhaka** - The Deputy Director for Asia and the Pacific Division in the UN Department of Political Affairs, Mr. Tamrat Samuel, visited Dhaka from 17 to 21 July 2008. The purpose of the visit was to obtain a better understanding of developments in Bangladesh, in particular in the context of the country's efforts to restore elected government, strengthen democratic institutions and advance good governance and accountability.

Mr. Samuel met with a variety of stakeholders, including political party representatives, government officials, the electoral authorities, civil society and human rights activists, senior members of the print media and members of the business community. He was satisfied with the extensive briefing and exchange of views he was able to have during the visit.

He underscored that Bangladesh is an important Member State of the United Nations and expressed the United Nations' strong desire to see successful elections that would strengthen the country's democratic tradition.

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