

Mr. MacLaren will conclude his South Asian visit in Bangladesh on October 15, where he will meet with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, the Right Honourable Khaleda Zia, and other members of the Cabinet. The visit to Dhaka is in support of Canadian companies pursuing business opportunities there.

A list of Canadian companies and associations participating in the Minister's program is attached.

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