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PRESS RELEASE

AMERICA WEEK BEGINS MONDAY IN BARISAL

DHAKA, JANUARY 23 – Continuing a tradition of outreach across Bangladesh, the U.S. Embassy is sponsoring “America Week” in Barisal from January 26-28. America Week highlights the important ties between the people of the United States and Bangladesh by taking U.S. Embassy activities to the people outside the capital. Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet have hosted past America Weeks.

This edition of America Week features presentations, outreach and site visits showcasing U.S. Government-funded programs in Barisal. Visitors will have the opportunity learn how to study at a U.S. university, apply for a U.S. visa, or participate in a U.S. Government development project. The Embassy is also sponsoring a jazz concert as well as screenings of critically-acclaimed American films.

Following a tradition of past America Weeks, this year people can visit more than 40 booths run by the U.S. Embassy, USAID and its development partners, and some U.S. businesses. The booths and many presentations will be at the Barisal Club and the Barisal Community Center. The booths will be open from 11 am to 5 pm on January 26 and from 10 am to 5 pm on January 27-28.

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