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## PRESS RELEASE

### U.S. AMBASSADOR MORIARTY VISITS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE EXERCISES IN KURIGRAM

**KURIGRAM, AUGUST 11** -- U.S. Ambassador James F. Moriarty visited Kurigram today to participate in the closing of two joint United States-Bangladesh military humanitarian assistance exercises. The U.S. team included engineers, pediatricians, dentists and an ophthalmologist. In the Medical Civil Action Program (MEDCAP), U.S. and Bangladeshi military doctors and dentists provided free basic health and dental care to more than 9,000 people at clinics in the Ulipur and Chilmari upazilas. Over the last two weeks, in the Engineering Capabilities (ENCAP) exercise, U.S. military engineers and the Bangladesh Army jointly built two schools for more than five hundred children in the Chilmari Upazilla: the Char Shakhhahti School and the Char Radha Ballab School.

In addition to providing humanitarian assistance, these exercises also enhance the interoperability between the U.S. and Bangladesh militaries. Side by side with their Bangladeshi counterparts, the Sailors and Marines provided medical and dental treatment and family planning services while learning new techniques and procedures. The Ambassador was impressed with the level of care provided by the military doctors, dentists, nurses and medical technicians. He noted that these important joint programs and exercises improved the quality of life for thousands of Bangladeshis.

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