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Apostolic Trip of the Holy Father Francis to Myanmar and Bangladesh (26 November – 2 December 2017) – Farewell from Bangladesh at Dhaka International Airport and Telegram to the President of the Republic of Bangladesh

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At 16.45 local time (11.45 in Rome), the Holy Father Francis arrived at Dhaka International Airport where the official farewell from Bangladesh took place. Upon arrival the Pope was received by the Foreign Minister in the VIP Lounge, where a brief meeting was held.

The Holy Father then boarded a B777 / BIMAN (Bangladesh Airlines) for his return flight to Italy. The aircraft took off at 17.10 local time (12.10 in Rome).

He is expected to arrive in Rome-Fiumicino Airport at 23.00.

Telegram to the President of the Republic of Bangladesh

Immediately after his departure by air from Dhaka, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the President of the Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Abdul Hamid:

HIS EXCELLENCY ABDUL HAMID
PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

DHAKA

AS I DEPART BANGLADESH FOR MY RETURN TO ROME, I OFFER RENEWED THANKS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL THE BELOVED PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH FOR YOUR GENEROUS WELCOME AND FOR THE MANY KINDNESSES SHOWN TO ME DURING MY VISIT. WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR YOU, I INVOKE THE ALMIGHTY'S BLESSINGS OF HARMONY AND PROSPERITY UPON THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.
