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Prime Minister: Hello.

President Zia: Good evening.

Prime Minister: Good evening, President Zia.

President Zia: How great a privilege it is for me to talk to you, Excellency.

Prime Minister: It is very kind of you to telephone, Mr. President. It is much appreciated. How are you?

President Zia: Fine, thank you very much. Please accept congratulations from me and from my Government and on behalf of our people.

Prime Minister: That's very kind of you. Much appreciated. And we very much look forward - I shall meet you, I think, in Lusaka in August, shall we not, at the Commonwealth Conference?

President Zia: Sure, we will be eagerly looking forward. How is your health?

Prime Minister: Oh, excellent, excellent.

President Zia: You must have had a very busy time going all over the place. You must have worked very hard.

Prime Minister: Yes, but victory is always very stimulating.

President Zia: We wish you a very good time ahead.

Prime Minister: That is most kind. And how are things at home in Bangladesh?

President Zia: Oh, fine. As you know, we had the first session of the Parliament last month, and we are going to have the budget session in a few days' time, maybe 10, 15 days' time.

Prime Minister: Yes, well, you have a great deal to congratulate yourselves about, haven't you? It is a great thrill to the rest of the Western world.

President Zia: So we hope to see you at the Commonwealth Conference, and I will keep in contact with you.

Prime Minister: Yes, and we will keep in touch with your Embassy here. Thank you very much, President Zia.

President Zia: Thank you. Goodbye.

Prime Minister: Goodbye.