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**Anisul Huq and Shahriar Alam meets the**

**UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva**

Geneva, August 25:

“As a responsible UN Member State and elected member of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Bangladesh attaches highest priority to fulfilling its commitment to ensure human rights for all of its citizens”, said the Law Minister Anisul Huq. He was accompanied by the State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam, both of whom met the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein today at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva in response to the latter’s invitation to hold a discussion in areas of collaboration in various human rights issues.

Bangladesh Law Minister reiterated that Bangladesh holds democracy, human rights and secularism at the core of its national values and ethos. He further added that Bangladesh has always endeavoured to remain alert and watchful to misperceptions about the human rights situations. Within the capabilities and with clear intention to do the needful, Bangladesh has responded to issues or comments on situations of human rights brought time to time to the attention of the Government.

Both the Minister and the State Minister of Bangladesh also clarified the position of the Government on the concerns raised allegedly against Bangladesh, including violence against women, discrimination against religious and other minorities, child marriage, Rohingya issues, death penalty, International Crimes Tribunal Bangladesh (ICTBD), human rights violations by security forces and shrinking of democratic space and freedom of expression.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to the Ministers for making time for this meeting. He commended Bangladesh’s continued efforts to work for the full realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, including promotion of democracy, rule of law and good governance at all levels. High Commissioner Al Hussein also lauded Bangladesh’s commitment to the principles of ‘no one left behind’ and ‘reaching the farthest first’ as part of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. He particularly praised Bangladesh’s role in remaining engaged with the UN Human Rights mechanism on important issues.

Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva M. Shameem Ahsan also remained present at the meeting.

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**Foreign Minister calls upon business to join hands**

**in combatting human trafficking**

Perth (Australia), August 25:

Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali called upon the business community to join hands with the governments of the Asia-Pacific region in combating people smuggling, human trafficking and transnational crimes. He made this call while addressing the Bali Process Government and Business Forum in Perth, Australia today. He is attending the Forum at the invitation of the Bali process Co-Chairs, Foreign Ministers Julie Bishop of Australia and Retno Marsudi of Indonesia.

The Bali Process Business Forum, launched today, established a Business-Government partnership in combating people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crimes, as well as addressing modern slavery across the region.  This forum was attended by 23 Ministers from Asia and the Pacific region and more than 45 high level government representatives and 35 business leaders of member states of Bali Process and UN agencies as UNODC, IOM and UNHCR.

In his statement, Foreign Minister reiterated Bangladesh’s commitment and highlighted Government’s multiple measures to prevent and combat human trafficking and related transnational crimes. He also underscored the necessity for effective cooperation between governments and private sector to address the root causes of the human trafficking and to manage the demand - supply mechanism of labour. Foreign Minister reiterated Bangladesh’s commitment to extending all possible cooperation to combat human trafficking and related transnational crimes. He also signed the voluntary pledges laid down by the Co-Chairs along with other participating Member States.

Bangladesh is an active member of Bali Process on People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crimes and closely works for capacity building of the law enforcement agencies and for raising awareness to combat human trafficking and related transnational crimes.

Earlier Foreign Minister attended the “New Colombo Plan Alumni Ambassadors Breakfast Meeting”, hosted by Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop. Under this new initiative of Australian Foreign Minister several hundred Australian students receive government grants and scholarship to study in the countries of Asia and the Pacific. Next year, 29 Australian students will come to study in study in Bangladesh.

Arshad Jamal Dipu, Chairman of Tusuka is attending the Forum as representative of the Bangladesh business community to the Forum. Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia Kazi Imtiaz Hossain is also attending the session as member of the Bangladesh delegation.

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