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## Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin meets Congressmen Ami Bera (26 June 2015)

Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Mohammad Ziauddin met the Congressman Ami Bera (D-CA-7<sup>th</sup> District) at the Capitol Hill, today 26 June.

At the beginning of the discussion Congressman Ami Bera wanted to know about the Bangladesh-India bilateral relations in the wake of Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to Bangladesh. In this trail, Ambassador Ziauddin said that India is Bangladesh's time tested friend, gave shelter to 10 million helpless Bangladeshi inside their territory in 1971 and finally shred blood for the independence of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Ambassador informed that during Modi's visit long pending land boundary issue with India has been fully resolved. Both the Prime Ministers reaffirmed their unequivocal and uncompromising position against extremism and terrorism in all forms and manifestations and vowed that their respective territories would not be used for any activity inimical to the other.

On the political front, Bangladesh Ambassador briefed the Congressman about the brutal killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman with his 18 family members in 1975, indemnity to the killers, rehabilitation and rewarding the anti-liberation forces, creation of religion based political parties, consecutive military rules and the recent arson, killings and violence by the BNP and Jamaat-i-Islami. Ambassador Ziauddin said that the present struggle of the government is against the extremists, perpetrators of the crimes against humanity and the anti-liberation forces in Bangladesh.

Responding to the Congressman Ambassador Ziauddin briefed him on the development of worker's safety and workers right in Bangladesh. Ambassador said that significant progress has already been made in this sector. Government is steadfast to ensure the labour rights and safety in RMG sector to make the industry productive and sustainable.

A first-generation American, democrat Congressmen Ami Bera thanked the Ambassador for the detail briefings on Bangladesh. Political Counselor Nayem Uddin Ahmed of the Embassy accompanied the Ambassador during the meeting.

