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### **Bangladesh Ambassador meets two US Congress members**

Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Mohammad Ziauddin met with Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Congressman David G. Reichert (R-WA), member of the House Committee on Ways and Means at their offices in the Capitol Hill and discussed issues of mutual interests.

The Ambassador briefed Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard about the brutal killing of Bangladesh's founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman with 18 members of his family in 1975, subsequently, indemnity to the killers, rehabilitation and rewarding of the anti-liberation forces, creation of religion based political parties, consecutive military rules and recent arson, killings and violence by the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami.

Ambassador Ziauddin also added that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina herself is a victim of terrorist acts. Due to her own tragic experience she has a firm mindset against extremism and terrorism. The Ambassador said that Bangladesh shares the same position as the U.S. holds on ISIS and strongly condemns its terrorist activities.

Replying to the Congresswoman, the Ambassador informed that the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina vowed "zero tolerance" against all forms of extremism and terrorism. He said that Bangladesh is working closely with the U.S., neighbors and other friendly countries to eliminate extremism and terrorism from Bangladesh and beyond.

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The present government is persistently working on education and women empowerment to weed-out the cocoon of extremism and terrorism. The Ambassador informed that 85% of the RMG workers in Bangladesh are women. These women have stepped out of their homes and are contributing to poverty alleviation, literacy, and above all weakening extremism and reinforcing government's efforts to eliminate extremism. Women are transforming the society into a progressive one, which is a panacea for ridding the country of all forms of extremism and radicalization.

During the meeting with the influential Republican Congressman David Reichert, the Ambassador mentioned that Bangladesh does not enjoy any trade preference with the United States. He informed that the preferential treatments to the trans-pacific partners shall chip away the competitiveness of Bangladeshi products in the U.S. market. Bangladesh apparels are subjected to high tariff in the U.S. as opposed to zero tariffs to almost all other developed countries in the world. This predicts a dire consequence for the export of Bangladeshi RMG to the U.S. and adversely impact Bangladesh's apparel industry, women empowerment, poverty alleviation and above all, country's war against extremism. To strengthen Bangladesh's ongoing fight against extremism, the Ambassador urged that the US government should consider duty-free quota free access of Bangladeshi products to the US market, particularly RMG.

Taking note of the briefings by the Ambassador, Congressman David Reichert said that he will look into the issues. Earlier, Congresswoman Gabbard thanked the Ambassador for the briefing on Bangladesh. Political Counselors Nayem Ahmed and Toufique Hasan of the Embassy accompanied the Ambassador.



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