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PM Sheikh Hasina's political & diplomatic acumen paves way to end Rohingya crisis: Health Minister Nasim



Washington, D.C, November 27, 2017:

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's outstanding political and diplomatic acumen has paved the way for resolving the complex issue of Rohingyas who fled the atrocities in Myanmar's Rakhine state and took shelter in Bangladesh.

The remarks were made by Awami League Presidium Member and Health Minister Mohammad Nasim while addressing the officers of Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, D.C Monday afternoon.

Nasim said the Prime Minister's five-point proposal she had placed in the UN General Assembly last September to find a durable solution to the Rohingya crisis. The proposals were largely endorsed by the international community, which worked as pathfinder to help resolve the crisis, he said.

The Health Minister said Bangladesh and Myanmar signed a memorandum of understanding on November 23 on the safe and dignified repatriation of hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees to their homes in Rakhine state in next two months.

An estimated 620,000 Rohingya refugees have fled across the border into Bangladesh since August 25 when Myanmar military began a crackdown on the Rohingya Muslims.

The Minister praised the international community, particularly, US President Donald Trump's administration, US Senators and US media outlets for their positive role in putting pressure on the Myanmar government to settle the Rohingya crisis.

"Now, we could see a positive development in settling this critical issue," Nasim said. He also appreciated the strong efforts made by Bangladesh Ambassador to Washington, D.C, Mohammad Ziauddin and the embassy officers in this regard.

Nasim hoped the excellent bilateral relations existing between Bangladesh-USA would rise to a new height in the days to come.

On the coming general elections in Bangladesh, the Minister said Bangladesh under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina achieved enviable success in socio-economic and other vital fronts of national life and set a rare example of successfully containing terrorism and extremism which also drew appreciation at home and abroad.

The Awami League leader strongly hoped the people of Bangladesh would again elect Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the next election to support her efforts to build a modern Bangladesh free from poverty and hunger.

Earlier, Nasim placed wreaths at the bust of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and went round the chancery building inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2000.

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