Press Release

Washington, D.C, 19 July 2019:

Attention of Government of Bangladesh has been drawn to a video yesterday (18 July 2019) where Ms. Priya Saha, a Bangladesh national, was seen telling US President Donald Trump, among other things, that 37 million Hindu, Buddhist and Christian people have disappeared from Bangladesh. She also told President Trump that her land has been grabbed by Muslim fundamentalists and sought his help so that Hindu, Buddhist and Christian people can live in Bangladesh. Ms. Shaha participated in the Second Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom held at the US Department of State in Washington, D.C. from 16 to 18 July 2019.

Government of Bangladesh Strongly protests against all the blatant lies told by Ms. Priya Saha to President Trump and condemns her remarks in the strongest possible terms. It appears that there was an ulterior motive behind Ms. Saha’s absolutely false and concocted stories that were targeted to malign Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is a beacon of religious freedom and communal harmony, where people of all faiths have been living in peace for ages. The humane attitude and generosity of Government of Bangladesh have been commended by the whole world when Bangladesh decided to temporarily shelter more than 1.1 million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals (Rohingyas).

Government of Bangladesh would expect that organizers of such a big international event would invite responsible individuals who would objectively contribute in promoting the true spirit and value of religious freedom.

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