

Bangladesh requests Uzbekistan to establish direct air connectivity

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Dhaka: Bangladesh has requested Uzbekistan to establish Uzbek Diplomatic Mission in Dhaka and to establish direct air connectivity between the two countries not only to intensify business and investment engagements, but also to bring tangible results in the fields of culture, tourism and people-to-people contact.

Highlighting the historical, cultural and spiritual ties shared by the people of Bangladesh and Uzbekistan, Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen has emphasised the broadening of the horizon of cooperation, accommodating new areas, such as education, employment and capacity building.

The issues were discussed at the third round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) between Bangladesh and Uzbekistan held at

Tashkent on June 11.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen and First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Bakhromjon Aloyev led their respective sides at the Foreign Office Consultations. Additional Foreign Secretary Shah Ahmed Shafi and Bangladesh Ambassador to Uzbekistan Mohammad Monirul Islam also participated in the FOC as members of Bangladesh delegation.

The whole spectrum of bilateral cooperation between the two countries was discussed during the consultations. Both sides particularly emphasised the exchange of high-level political visits for further strengthening bilateral relations.

Both sides urged to establish more business links and undertake joint ventures in the fields of textile, pharmaceutical, and agricultural products, among others. They emphasised people-to-people contact through tourism and cultural cooperation.

The foreign secretary also paid a courtesy call on foreign minister of Uzbekistan. During the call, he handed over a letter from foreign minister of Bangladesh addressed to the Uzbek foreign minister inviting him to visit Bangladesh.

Following the Foreign Office Consultations, a MoU between the Foreign Service Academy of Bangladesh and the Diplomatic Academy of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy of Uzbekistan was signed.