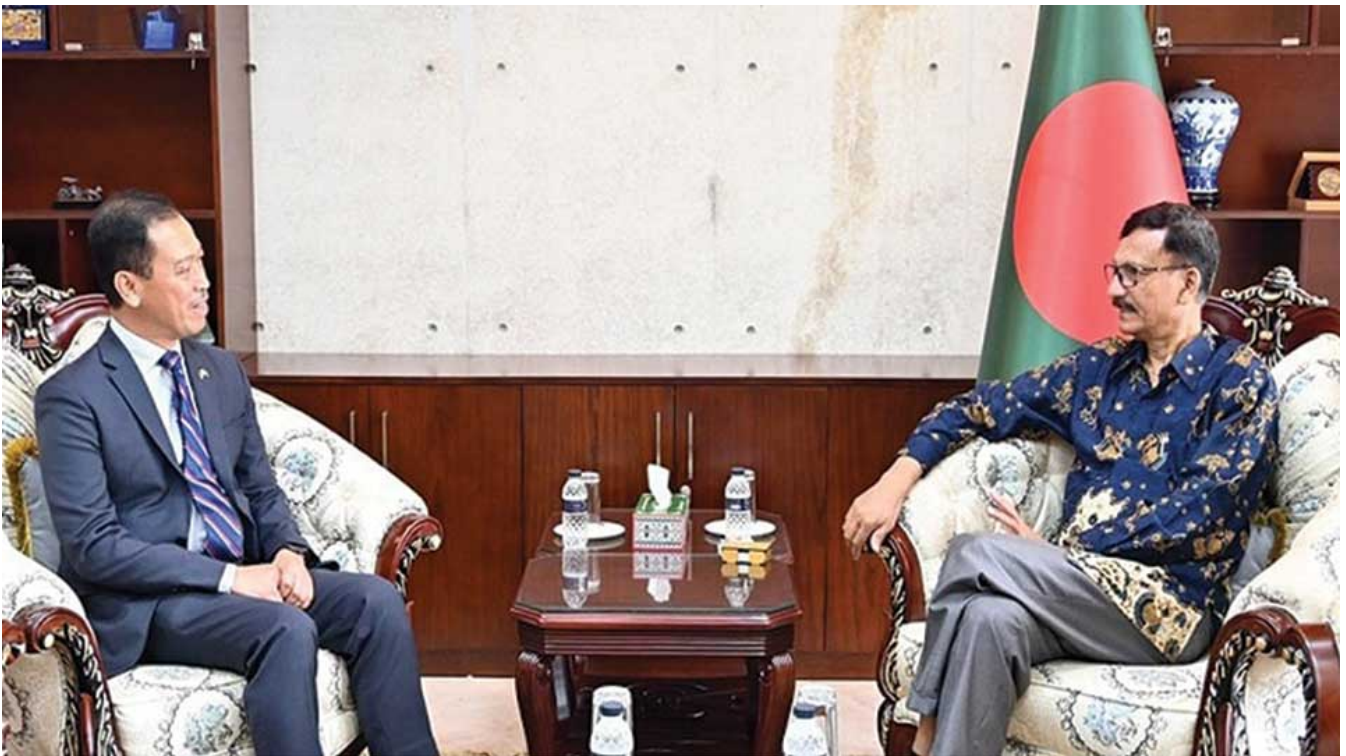


Bangladesh seeks direct flights to Indonesia

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Dhaka : Bangladesh sought direct air connectivity between Dhaka and Indonesia's Jakarta, in an effort to enhance trade between the two friendly countries.

This was revealed on September 18 when Indonesia Ambassador to Bangladesh Heru Hartanto Subolo paid a courtesy call to the Foreign Affairs Ministry Advisor Md Touhid Hossain in the capital.

Dhaka also sought the resumption of "Visa on arrival" facilities for Bangladeshi nationals in Indonesia, to strengthen people-to-people contact between the two nations.

Referring to strong bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Indonesia, both discussed on the whole arrays of bilateral cooperation including trade and investment, renewable energy, connectivity and people to people contact.

The Indonesian Envoy appreciated the expanding trade and investment between the two countries. The Foreign Advisor thanked Indonesia for its potential engagements with Bangladesh in the area of power, energy and energy security.

Both underscored the need for strengthening trade and investment, especially by concluding pending agreements like Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA). Both reaffirmed a strong partnership between the countries paving the way for deeper collaboration in areas of mutual benefits.