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**Outcome of the 1st Foreign Office Consultations
between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the
Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Phnom Penh, 23rd December 2025**

The first Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh took place on 23rd December 2025 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The meeting was co-chaired by **His Excellency Dr. Un Kheang**, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, and **His Excellency Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam**, Secretary (Bilateral) & Inspector General of Mission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. The Cambodian delegation included representatives from relevant ministries and institutions.

During the Consultations, the two sides exchanged views on recent political and socio-economic developments of their respective countries as well as on regional and international issues. Cambodia welcomed Bangladesh's briefing on its progress toward an expected graduation from the Least Developed Country (LCD) status in 2026 and expressed appreciation for the insights shared on Bangladesh's development experiences.

The two sides also engaged in extensive discussions on ways to further strengthen bilateral relations and agreed to enhance cooperation in priority areas, including trade and investment, tourism, health, agriculture and fisheries, and people-to-people exchanges.

On political and diplomatic relations, both countries underscored the importance of regular dialogues, exchange of high-level visits, and sustained engagement through established mechanisms, including Joint Commission, Foreign Office Consultations, and other bilateral platforms. The two sides further emphasized the significance of these mechanisms in paving the way for the growth of Cambodia-Bangladesh relations and expressed their shared aspiration in promoting future high-level visits.



On trade and investment cooperation, the two sides welcomed the increasing trend in bilateral trade and encouraged relevant institutions to work more closely to expand trade and investment flows. They discussed the importance of effectively utilizing and updating certain existing trade and investment frameworks to better reflect current economic realities and unlock untapped potentials in the sectors.

The two sides also reaffirmed the importance of **defense and security cooperation** as a confidence-building measure, contributing to institutional capacity building, peace, and stability. They agreed to continue such engagement in a pragmatic manner consistent with national and international laws and norms.

Both sides also highlighted the importance of strengthened consular cooperation in protecting the rights and welfare of their respective citizens.

On socio-cultural cooperation, the two sides noted with satisfaction the ongoing cooperation in the fields of connectivity, tourism, health, and agriculture and fisheries. They encouraged relevant institutions to expedite pending agreements and MoUs, which would serve as a catalyst for further growth in people-to-people exchanges and socio-economic developments of both countries.

During his stay in Cambodia, **His Excellency Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam**, also paid a courtesy call on **Her Excellency Eat Sophea**, Permanent Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The two sides held cordial talks on enhancing ties between Cambodia and Bangladesh and various key aspects of the bilateral cooperation. They also exchanged views on the regional and international issues, including the latest developments regarding the Cambodia-Thailand border situation.

The 1st FOC was held in friendly and constructive atmosphere, reflecting mutual understanding and the shared aspirations of both sides to further strengthen and expand cooperation in both bilateral and multilateral frameworks. The two sides agreed to convene the 2nd FOC in Bangladesh on a mutually convenient date.

The Bangladesh side expressed sincere appreciation to the Cambodian side for the warm welcome and hospitality extended during their stay in Phnom Penh.



Phnom Penh, 26 December 2025