

**Bangladesh envoy: Our PM did not make remarks**  
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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Bangladesh's High Commissioner to Malaysia A.K.M. Atiqur Rahman said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed had not issued any statement that its workers here would be granted Malaysian citizenship and would be allowed to vote in the general election.

Speaking to The Mole news portal, Atiqur expressed his disgust that none of the online news portals that reported the story had contacted him to verify the alleged statement.

"I'm certain our prime minister did not make any such remarks as published in those news portals.

"None of the Malaysian journalists who came up with the articles had the courtesy or initiative to verify such wild allegations with the high commission here."

Atiqur refuted the reports as "baseless fabricated lies" and added he was "perplexed with such unprofessional journalists".

Atiqur also explained that Sheikh Hasina and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had discussed legalising Bangladeshi illegal workers in Malaysia, and not about making them Malaysian, during a meeting on the sidelines of the recent World Islamic Economic Forum in Kuala Lumpur.

Meanwhile, reports have also emerged online that the website of Bangladesh's Non-Governmental Organisations Affairs Bureau, under the Prime Minister's Office, had been hacked.

The website had claimed that a highly-placed source from the prime minister's office had confirmed that Bangladeshi workers may easily be conferred Malaysian citizenship with the condition to vote for the party that represented the government in power. The page has since been removed.

Atiqur said he was not aware that the website had been hacked.

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