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**12 AUGUST 2025**

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Chief Advisor of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, delegations and friends.

1. Of course, it's a rare pleasure to welcome a great friend of Malaysia, Dr. Muhammad Yunus, who is now Chief Advisor. During the transition years, he made remarkable progress in ensuring there's peace and security in the country, and is now continuing the collaboration to enhance relations both investment, trade, culture, and education with Malaysia.
2. He is known to this country for his indefatigable work to secure a position and a place for the underprivileged and the poor including

microcredit and also education at the Albukhary International University in Kedah.

3. So, we have exchanges with the team, and I would like to just take note that the Foreign Minister and colleagues, we were probably one of the first official delegations to stop over in Dhaka to show our commitment to our friends, to ensure that Bangladesh, a great country with enormous potential and a great friend of Malaysia can secure peace and promote progress and development for their people.
4. So, we have therefore placed Bangladesh as an important partner because your workers have been instrumental too in working together and contributing to your development. That is why I think the Home Affairs Minister with the Human Resources Minister have agreed on this Multiple Entry Visa facility, mainly to assist so that workers can meet their families and feel secure in their jobs.
5. You have made some proposals and were given priority, particularly to assist the stranded workers.
6. We have continued to have energy cooperation with Petronas, and with Axiata in the telecommunications sector. Now, we want to strengthen this into Halal, STEM, research, and semiconductors.

7. On the regional issues, of course, we are concerned with the burden placed on Bangladesh on having to cater for enormous numbers of Rohingya refugees.
8. Therefore, to secure peace in Myanmar is of course a great priority, along with immediate humanitarian assistance for the suffering first, the refugees, and also the victims of earthquakes.
9. And I commend the Bangladeshi authorities for taking the initiative in multilateral forums in New York, Qatar, and here in Malaysia, the Foreign Minister will coordinate a team with Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand to visit Myanmar in the next few weeks to ensure that peace is attained and the atrocities on some ethnic minorities and the people of Myanmar can be amicably resolved.
10. So, thank you again, my dear friend, on behalf of my family and the people of Malaysia for your role and your contribution. And we wish you well.

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