

Foreign secretary reiterates Rohingya repatriation only solution

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Online Desk : Foreign Secretary Md Jashim Uddin on Thursday (April 10) highlighted the negative impacts on the host community caused due to prolonged stay of the displaced Rohingya community in Cox's Bazar, including the rise of crimes like drug smuggling and human trafficking. During his meeting with the outgoing Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Bangladesh Sumbul Rizvi, the foreign secretary reiterated that repatriation of the Rohingyas is the only viable solution to the crisis, reports UNB.

He recalled the recent visits of the UN secretary general and the UNHCR to the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar. Sumbul Rizvi had the farewell meeting with the foreign secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Jashim Uddin congratulated the UNHCR Representative on her successful tenure in Bangladesh and appreciated her efforts to deliver humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya population sheltered in Bangladesh. Citing their longstanding partnership with Bangladesh, the country representative assured the foreign secretary of continued support from UNHCR. Both sides also exchanged their views on the current situation in the Rakhine State, and the upcoming high-level conference on the Rohingya crisis.

The UNHCR representative expressed her gratitude to the foreign secretary for the cordial cooperation throughout her tenure. Jashim wished her good health and continued success in the next phase of her life.