

No reason to worry about new US sanctions: Momen

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The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk: Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen on Tuesday said there is no reason to worry about new US sanctions, and described Bangladesh, US ties as very good. “The US puts sanctions in thousands. These (sanctions) come one way and go another way. There is nothing to worry or panic about,” he told reporters when asked whether the government is concerned about new sanctions from the US. Momen also said the US puts sanctions when they want to put pressure, and that there are examples of withdrawing those sanctions. Citing multifaceted engagements between the two countries, the foreign minister said the US comes up with suggestions at times as there is cordial relationship between the two countries.

The US embassy said they raised the December 14 incident in Dhaka’s Shaheenbagh area at the “highest levels” of Bangladesh government, as well as with the Bangladesh embassy in Washington DC. “The US ambassador (Peter Haas) is a bit panicked about his security. Our ambassador said there is no reason to get panicked,” Momen had said on Monday. Earlier today, the foreign minister spoke as the chief guest at the BISS Research Colloquium 2022.

The Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) organized the event at the BISS auditorium. BISS Chairman Ambassador Kazi Imtiaz Hossain and its Director General Major General Sheikh Pasha Habib Uddin also spoke at the event. The event was divided into three sessions. In each session, three speakers presented their recent research that concerns Bangladesh’s national interest. The session one was on Bangladesh’s regional and global outreach which was chaired by BISS Chairman. Session two was on security and strategic affairs chaired by former Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh, General (retired) Md Abdul Mubeen. The third session highlighted “Diplomacy and Negotiations” which was chaired by Professor Dr Imtiaz Ahmed.