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**Press Release**

**Outgoing Bangladesh Envoy meets Thai Prime Minister and  
Foreign Minister**

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Terming Bangladesh as the gateway of Thailand to South Asia, Prime Minister of Thailand Prayuth Chan-o-cha assured Bangladesh's outgoing Envoy SaidaMunaTasneem Thailand's fullest support towards Bangladesh bilaterally as well as through regional fora especially in ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and BIMSTEC. Thai Prime Minister made this comment during the farewell call on at Government House in Bangkok by Bangladesh Ambassador following after her appointment as Bangladesh High Commissioner in London. Ambassador SaidaMunaTasneem is expected to join Bangladesh High Commission in London soon as High Commissioner later this month after completion of her four years' tenure in Thailand. Ambassador Muna also served as the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to UNESCAP and the non-resident Ambassador of Bangladesh to Cambodia.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-o-cha highly praised Ambassador Tasneem for her vibrant and active bilateral and multilateral activities in Thailand since 2014. Earlier Ambassador Muna also made farewell call on Thai Foreign Minister Mr. Don Pramudwinai at Thai Foreign Ministry. During the farewell call on by Bangladesh Ambassador, Thai Foreign Minister highly appreciated Ambassador Tasneem for elevating Bangladesh-Thailand relations to an unprecedented new height including

holding of the 7<sup>th</sup> Bangladesh-Thailand Joint Commission and the 4 Joint Trade Committee meeting in Dhaka in 2017 and visit by Thai Princess HRH MahachakriSirindhorn in 2018. The outgoing Ambassador was also praised by both Thai Prime Minister and Foreign Minister for her special initiatives for a sustained growth of bilateral trade and investment between Bangladesh and Thailand including increasing Bangladesh exports to Thailand over the past 4 years and initiation of a dialogue for a Free Trade Agreement between the two BIMSTEC countries. It may be noted that Bangladesh exports to Thailand enjoyed an annual increase of an average of 12-13% over the last four years while Thai investments of nearly USD one billion has also come to Bangladesh during the same period.