

Bangladesh government halts visa issuance to Pakistanis

The diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh have gone further low, as the government of Sheikh Hasina halted visa issuance to Pakistani nationals amid rising diplomatic tensions. Diplomatic sources said that for the last one week, the visa section of Bangladeshi embassy in Islamabad has been closed due to delay in renewal of the visa of a Bangladeshi diplomat in Islamabad.

The sources said that the development comes as a protest after Bangladesh felt that Pakistan is delaying renewal of visa to one of its diplomats in response to Dhaka's refusal to accept Saqlain Syeda as the new High Commissioner of Pakistan. Pakistan has sent the proposed nomination of Saqlain Syeda as the country's new high commissioner to Bangladesh in March 2018 but Hasina's government is yet to respond. Pakistan, however, on Monday appointed Saqlain Sayeda in Nairobi, Kenya, as the country's new envoy, besides making other appointments against the vacant ambassadorial slots.

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