
BANGLADESH RULES OUT PREMIER RAHMAN'S BRICS PARTICIPATION IN INDIA

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A Bangladesh Foreign Ministry official on Thursday ruled out Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's participation in the BRICS summit in India, citing the address in the invitation as the cause.

India is hosting the BRICS leaders' summit over the weekend, which will be attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping as well as Russian President Vladimir Putin, among others.

How shall he (prime minister) go? Has anyone from the Bangladesh government been formally invited? Prime Minister Tarique Rahman was invited to BRICS in his capacity as the BIMSTEC chair; he was not invited as the prime minister, said State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humayun Kobir.

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