

Djibouti PM Meets Bangladesh Chief Adviser

Prime Minister of Djibouti Abdoulkader Kamil Mohamed met with Bangladesh's Chief Adviser, Professor Muhammad Yunus, on Monday on the sidelines of the World Food Forum at the FAO headquarters in Rome.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed a wide range of issues, including enhancing bilateral trade and investment, replicating Bangladesh's successful microfinance model in Djibouti, regional geopolitics, and the Rohingya crisis 13 October on Monday.

Prime Minister Mohamed praised Professor Yunus, calling him a well known name in Djibouti, and extended an invitation for him to visit the East African nation.

"We need your advice on microfinance," the Djiboutian leader said, expressing keen interest in adopting microfinance strategies in the majority-Muslim country.

In response, Professor Yunus welcomed the interest and suggested that Djibouti send a delegation to Bangladesh to gain hands-on experience with its microfinance institutions.

He noted that Bangladeshi microfinance operators offer training throughout the year, which visiting officials could benefit from.

Professor Yunus also emphasized the potential for expanding trade between the two countries, suggesting that Djibouti could import Bangladeshi garments and pharmaceuticals at highly competitive prices.

Djibouti's Minister for Microfinance, who was also present at the meeting, sought advice on various aspects of implementing

microfinance systems.

From the Bangladesh side, Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumder, Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter, SDG Coordinator Lamiya Morshed, and Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam also attended the meeting.