**US official's Bangladesh visit called off**

US Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Kara C. McDonald has shelved her planned visit to Bangladesh.

She wasscheduled to arrive for a three-day visit from February 7 to discuss labour rights issues.  
  
A senior official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told UNB that the visit has been called off.  
  
However, there has been no official announcement regarding the visit - neither from the US side, nor from the Bangladesh side.

McDonald oversees the Bureau's work on Europe, South and Central Asia, and the Multilateral and Global Affairs teams.