

Symposium

“Bangladesh at the United Nations: Celebrating 42 Years of Achievements”

Keynote paper titled “Bangladesh's Contribution to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO)” has been delivered by Commodore Nazmul Hassan, NPP, ncc, psc, BN, Director General, Civil-Military Relations (CMR), Prime Minister’s Office, Armed Forces Division. The keynote paper delineated Bangladesh’s commitment and contributions to the United Nations. The paper presented that, as of today, 1,41,923 Bangladeshi peacekeepers from Bangladesh Army, Navy, Air Force and Police personnel have taken part in 54 peacekeeping missions in 40 different countries. Bangladesh is one of the foremost troops contributing countries with a total of 7129 deployed in 12 missions. Bangladesh is also proud of maintaining the position of the top most troop contributing country from 2010 to 2015. Besides, Bangladesh is also one of the leading contributors of female peacekeepers. He emphasized that one of the secrets of such accomplishment is ‘Bangladesh has always been setting emphasis on quality peacekeeping besides the head count’.

Mr. Sheikh Shams Morsalin’s paper on “Climate Change Issue and UN’s Effort in this Regard” discussed the role of the United Nations against the severe impacts of climate change in the present world scenario. The background and key features of the Paris Climate Deal coupled with its possible implications along with future challenges also got placed in discussion. Mr. Morsalin focused that the UN is observing its 71st anniversary while the Paris Climate Deal is on the edge of coming into force. Mr. Morsalin also talked about the suspicions regarding the emissions reduction pledges countries already made by referring to their earlier pledges about adaptation funds for the global South.

Summarised by Noor Mohammad Sarker and Amity Saha