


**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR  
MULTIDIMENSIONAL  
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS:  
BANGLADESH PERSPECTIVE**



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*Peacekeeping*

Peacekeeping

A complex and demanding affair



Bangladesh the second largest  
troop-contributing country

**10,596**  
Peacekeepers at this moment

Multidimensional Peace Support Operations

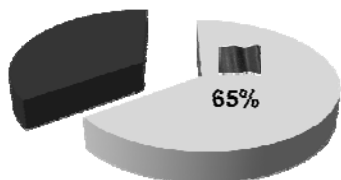
includes:

- Peace keeping
- Peace enforcement
- Conflict prevention
- Peace making
- Peace building
- Humanitarian operations

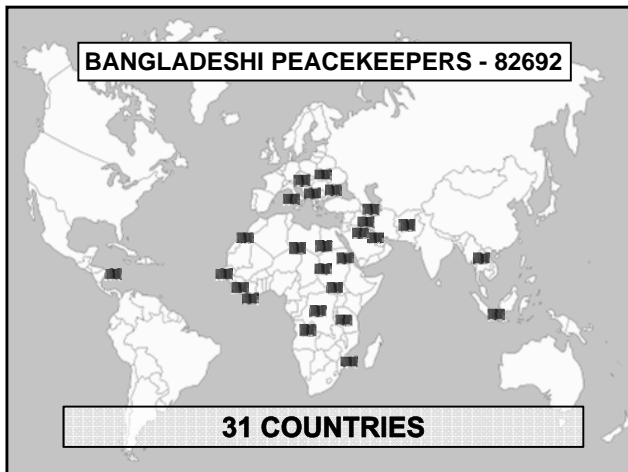


## UN Peacekeeping Missions

Missions launched since 1948 : 63  
BD Participated since 1988 : 44



BANGLADESHI PEACEKEEPERS - 82692



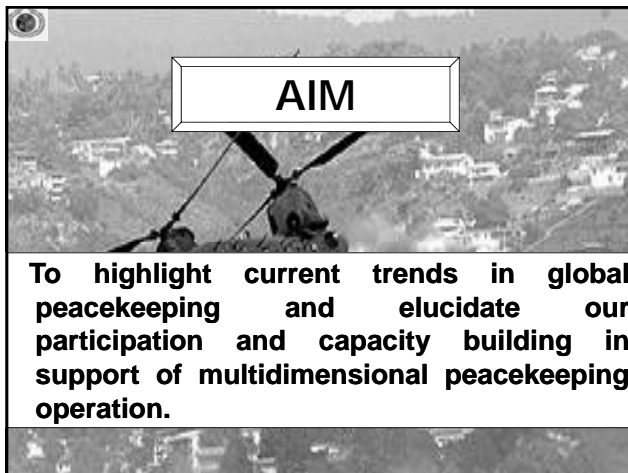
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BANGLADESH




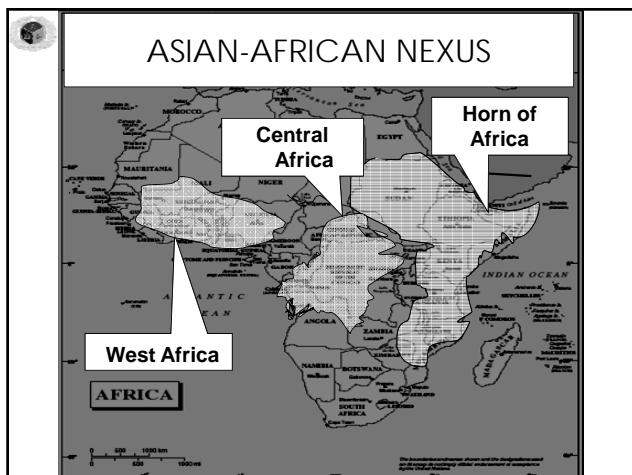
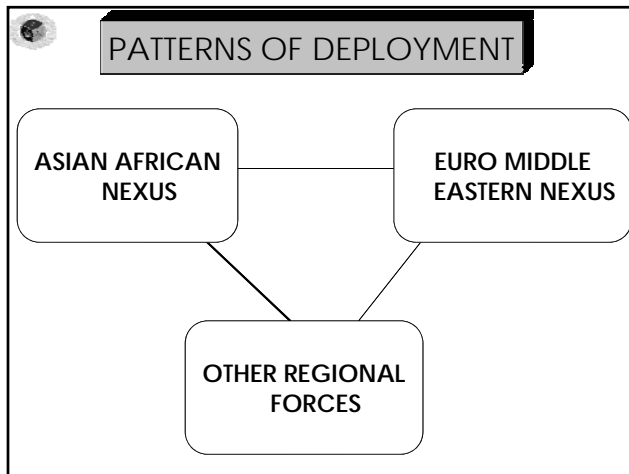
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To highlight current trends in global peacekeeping and elucidate our participation and capacity building in support of multidimensional peacekeeping operation.

### SEQUENCE

- Present Pattern of PSO
- Participation of Bangladesh in PKO
- Major success and limitations
- Measures for Capacity Building
- Recommendations

### EURO-MIDDLE EASTERN NEXUS

- ▣ Broader Middle East and South Central Asia
- ▣ European forces under UN command (mainly in Lebanon)
- ▣ EU deployments (Gaza, West Bank) or NATO (Afghanistan)

### OTHER REGIONAL FORCES

- Latin American force in Haiti
- Mainly Australian and New Zealand military presence in Timor-Leste
- Australian led force in the Solomon Islands
- Russian force in the CIS

### PARTICIPATION OF BANGLADESH ARMED FORCES

- Promoting global peace and stability
- Stepped into the family of 'Blue Helmet' in Iran-Iraq War in 1988

### PARTICIPATION OF BANGLADESH ARMED FORCES



- An Evaluation of the Performance of Bangladeshi Contingents
- Weaknesses Reflected During the Employment of Bangladesh Armed Forces
- Recommended measures to enhance efficiency and capacity building of Bangladesh Armed Forces.

### SOME SUCCESS STORIES BANGLADESH ARMY





**UNTAC (CAMBODIA)**

- Total of 1002 officers and men from Bangladesh
- Difficulty faced in Mission area :
  - ✓ Inaccessibility
  - ✓ Poor road network
  - ✓ Lack of communication facility
  - ✓ Non-availability of required materials
  - ✓ Language barrier

**UNTAC (CAMBODIA)**

- Khemr Rouge attacked camps, posts and convoys several times
- Strong persuasion to implement cease-fire / surrender weapons

**UNOSOM (SOMALIA)**

- Two contingents participated - 1993-1995
- Difficulty faced:
  - ✓ Complex and volatile situation
  - ✓ Peacekeepers considered unfriendly
  - ✓ Constant mistrust

**UNOSOM (SOMALIA)**

- Bangladeshi peacekeepers more acceptable
- European and USA forces withdrew
- BANBAT ensured safe passage




**UNPROFOR**  
**(FORMER YUGOSLAVIA)**

- Rugged mountainous terrain of Bosnia
- People - tenacious and tough fighters
- EU nations and USA perplexed
- Extreme weather
- Ruthless and better-equipped Serbs



**UNPROFOR**  
**(FORMER YUGOSLAVIA)**

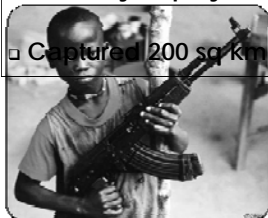
- Encircled our contingents for months together
- Closed all supply routes
- Carried out hostile attacks
- Seized by Bosnian and Croat forces
- Unfavourable propaganda



□ Assumed responsibility from the French led International Emergency Multi-national Force (IEMF)

□ Presently deployed multinational brigade

□ Captured 200 sq km objective area



**MONUC**  
**(DEMOCRATIC**  
**REPUBLIC OF CONGO)**

**UNAMSIL**  
**(SIERRA LEONE)**

- In 1999 India and Jordan withdrew their troops
- Bangladesh's commitment helped UNAMSIL to flourish again
- Overwhelming influence followed by the visit of its President to Bangladesh

### BANGLADESH NAVY

- Southern Sudan - a conflict zone with hardly any road communication except river.
- Ensured UN presence in the remote areas



### BANGLADESH NAVY

For the first time in the history of UN a naval task force comprising a frigate and a support ship is going to be deployed to UNIFIL



### BANGLADESH AIR FORCE

- Two Bell-212 Helicopters in UNIKOM
- **Two Bell-212 Helicopters in UNMISSET**
- BAF - trusted partner of UN
- Five MI-17 in MONUC, DR Congo



### BANGLADESH POLICE

Bangladesh Police is the top police contributing country in the world. More than 2000 police force are deployed in various mission



**SUPREME SACRIFICE**

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**OUR DEEPEST TRIBUTE**

PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO

**103**

INJURED PEACEKEEPERS

**WIDE RANGING WEAKNESSES**

- ❑ Lack of Cohesiveness
- ❑ Sense of Belongingness
- ❑ Lack of Knowledge, Understanding and Information sharing
- ❑ Appropriate Representation in Higher Headquarters
- ❑ Coordination of Military and Political Efforts

**WIDE RANGING WEAKNESSES**

- ❑ Weaknesses Related to Training
- ❑ Weaknesses Related to appropriate Equipment



Measures to Enhance Capacity Building

National Commitment

EXTRACT FROM OUR CONSTITUTION

*"..... We may prosper in freedom, and may make our full contribution towards international peace and co-operation, in keeping with the progressive aspirations of mankind....."*

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH

UN cell at MOHA

FAP at AFD



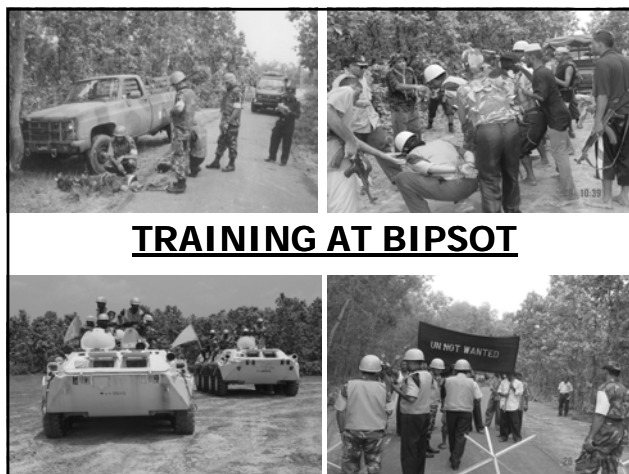
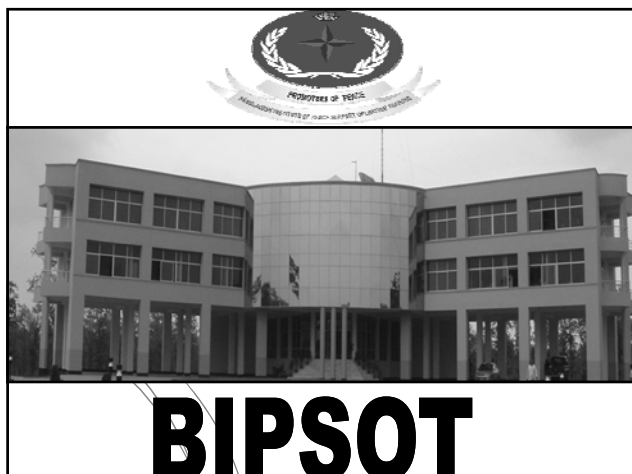
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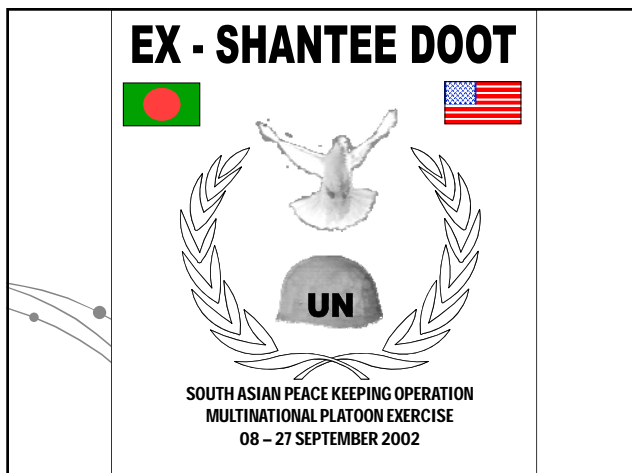
INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTH



- OO Directorate at AHQ
- Force Structure
- Inventory of COE

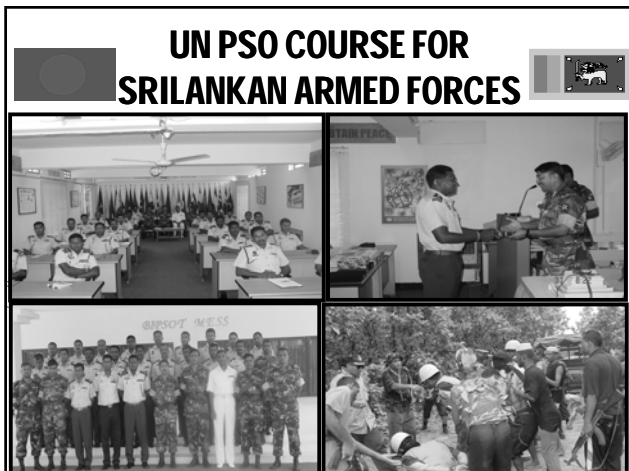




**TRAINING AT BIPSOT**



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES	OBSERVER COUNTRIES
1. BANGLADESH 	1. CANADA.
2. INDIA 	2. MALAYSIA.
3. NEPAL 	3. MADAGASCAR.
4. SRI LANKA 	4. MALDIVES.
4. USA 	5. MAURITIUS.
5. MONGOLIA 	6. PHILIPPINES.
	7. RUSSIA.
	8. SINGAPORE.
	9. THAILAND.
	10. UK.
MINOR PARTICIPANTS	
1. MAURITIUS.	
2. MADAGASCAR	
3. PHILIPPINES	



## Capacity Building

### □ Bangladesh Armed Forces

- ✓ Training
  - Pre-Deployment Training.
  - Mission Area Training
  - Language Proficiency
  - Observance of IHL

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## Capacity Building

### □ Bangladesh Armed Forces

- ✓ Provisioning of Equipment
- ✓ Operational Aspects
  - Tactical Siting and Fortification of Camps
  - Increase Combat Experience
  - Minimum Disintegration of Company/Platoon
  - Intelligence Operations
  - Media Management

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### □ United Nations

- ✓ Clear mandate
- ✓ Rapid and timely response to the conflict
- ✓ Training of the troops

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

### □ United Nations

- ✓ Focus on planning, communications, logistics, intelligence and strategic lift

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**



**INTEROPERABILITY AND POOLING RESOURCES**

- A forward-looking capacity development strategy must link the resources of the united nations with those of other partners in the field.
- Maximize collective impact and minimize obstacles to working together.
- The political and operational features of each situation will continue to demand specific and creative partnerships with international, regional and bilateral actors
- Drive diverse operational responses in the field.



**PEACE IS CHEAPER THAN WAR**



**“TO MAKE EVERYDAY A DAY OF PEACE.”**

**THANK YOU**

