

Good Morning and Welcome you all
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Welcome to the Presentation on
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Bangladesh Policy and Experiences

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Bangladesh's Policy on Peacekeeping

Article-25 of Bangladesh Constitution:

- Respect for National **Sovereignty and Equality**
- **Non-interference** in the internal affairs of other countries
- **Peaceful settlement** of international disputes
- Respect for **International laws** and the Principles of the UN Charter

Policy (contd)

- General and complete **disarmaments**
- Supports **oppressed peoples** throughout the world
- Strongly believes in **Multilateralism**
- BD participates in peacekeeping operations under the **Chapter VI of the UN Charter**

Policy (contd)

- Bangladesh firmly believes that the **UNSC Mandate** and broader **International supports** are vital prerequisites for the successful UN PKOs
- Bangladesh is ready to work to further develop the concept of 'Strategic Reserve Force'
- BD welcomes UNDPKOs initiative to launch an 'Integrated Training Service'

Policy (contd.)

- State party to major **disarmament treaties**: NTP, CTBT, CWC, CCW, BTWC, APMBT, etc.
- State party to major **International Humanitarian Laws**: ICCPR, ICESCR, CRC, CEDAW, CAT, CERD, etc.
- State party to '**Laws of War**'-the Geneva Convention', Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, etc.
- Bangladesh strongly adheres to the **International Humanitarian Laws (IHL)** and obliges to **upholds Human Rights, even in the times of difficulty/conflicts**

Role of MOFA in Deployments Troops to UN Peacekeeping Missions

- MOFA, through the Permanent Mission BD in New York, actively follows, and engages when applicable in, the **debates** on the issue of deployment of a UN Peacekeeping Mission in a conflict-torn country, **examines the mandate** and **gauge the level of international support**;
- MOFA **assesses the political risks and sensitivity** in deployment of Bangladesh troops in a peacekeeping mission

Role of MOFA (contd.)

- MOFA **coordinates the country position**, in consultation with Armed Forces Division, on the feasibility of deployments of troops
- MOFA coordinates with the Permanent Mission of BD in NY to present the Bangladesh Position in the **meetings of the TCCs**

Role of MOFA (contd.)

- MOFA, through the PMBNY, **negotiates with UNDPKO** the Rules of Engagement (ROE) and other modalities to **protect the interests of the Bangladeshi Contingents** deployed in the UN Peacekeeping Missions;
- MOFA liaises with AFD, AHq, MOHA, Police Hq, BIPSOT and other agencies to ensure that Bangladeshi **Contingents are adequately briefed** about the Mission Objectives and the situation on the ground, and that they are **properly trained** not only on **combats and logistics**, but also on **human rights** and **humanitarian laws, democracy, gender sensitivity** and other transition issues.

Role of MOFA (contd.)

- MOFA **receives feedback** from the UNDPKO, Host Countries' Governments, and other stockholders on the performance of the peacekeepers, and appropriately advises the concerned agencies of the Government to ensure that Bangladesh troops continue to **uphold Bangladesh's positive image** and that of Bangladesh Armed Forces.

Experiences:

Current Deployments (As of May 2009)

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| • (1) Ivory Coast (UNOCI) | 3000 |
| • (2) Liberia (UNMIL) | 2373 |
| • (3) Sudan (UNMIS) | 1600 |
| • (4) Congo (MONUC) | 1606 |
| • (5) Georgia (UNOMIG) | 10 |
| • (6) Western Sahara (MINURSO) | 06 |
| • (7) Timor Leste (UNMIT) | 192 |

Current Deployments (Contd.)

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| • (8) Kosovo (UNMIK) | 02 |
| • (9) Burundi (BINIB) | 01 |
| • (10) Afghanistan (UNAMA) | 02 |
| • (11) CAR & Chad (MINURCAT) | 04 |
| • (12) Darfur (UNAMID) | 606 |
| • (13) Western Africa (UNOWA) | 01 |
| Total=13 Missions; Total Troops: | 9409 |

Current Deployments (Contd.)

- (A) Total Armed Forces: 8445
 - Army 7937
 - Navy 227
 - Air Force 281
- (B) Total Police: 964
- (c) 2nd Single Largest Troops Contributing Country (TC)
- (D) 1st Single Police Contributing Country (PCC)

Past Missions: Since 1989

- (1) Afghanistan (UNAMA) 8
- (2) Angola (UNAVEM) 156
- (3) Burundi (UNOS/BBNUB) 5
- (4) Cambodia (UNAMIC/UNTAC) 1500
- (5) Congo (MONUC) 7434
- (6) East Slovenia (UNTAES) 358
- (7) East Timor (UNAMET/UNTAET/UNMISET) 1671
- (8) Ethiopia/Eritrea (UNMEE) 1108
- (9) Georgia (UNOMIG) 110
- (10) Haiti (UNMIH/MNT) 2227

Past Missions: Since 1989 (Contd.)

- (11) Iraq (UNSC) 121
- (12) Iraq/Iraq (UNIRMOG) 31
- (13) Ivory Coast (MINUG/ONUC/UNOCI) 14860
- (14) Kosovo (UNMIC) 533
- (15) Kuwait (UNIKOM) 8238
- (16) Liberia (UNMIL/UNOMIL) 16761
- (17) Macedonia (UNPREDEP) 5
- (18) Mozambique (ONUMOZ) 2622
- (19) Namibia (UNTAG) 85
- (20) Rwanda (UNAMIR) 1022
- (21) Uganda/Rwanda (UNOMUR) 30
- (22) Somalia (UNOSOM-I/UNOSOM-II) 1974
- (23) Sudan (AMIS/UNMIS) 6148

Past Missions: Since 1989 (Contd.)

- (24) Tajikistan (UNMOT) 40
 - (25) Western Sahara (MINURSO) 105
 - (26) Yugoslavia (Former) (UNPROFOR/UNMOP) 1610
 - (27) Sierra Leone (UNISIL/UNOMSIL) 11980
 - (28) CAR & Chad (MINURCAT) 07
 - (29) Darfur (UNAMID) 235
 - (30) Bosnia (UNMIBH) 152
- **Total Troops : 81,415**
 • **Total Countries : 30**
 • **Total Missions : 45**

In Memories: Since 1989

- **Total Troops (Army + Navy + Air Force) : 86**
- **Total Police : 05**

Memories: From Heartlands

- Bangladesh Mourns their Glorious Deaths on Foreign Lands who have sacrificed their valuable lives for the sake of **Global Peace, Stability, and Security**

Comments/Questions Please

Thank You All