International Conference

On
“Beyond Summitries”: the recent successful visit of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh
Sheikh Hasina, MP. to India.

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 9.40 A.M.

Conference Venue: CIRDAP: Chameli House, 17 Topkhana Road, Opposite of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Inaugural Session

Chair- Ambassador Waliur Rahman
Co-Chair & Moderator- Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad

Time:
9.45- 10.00 a.m.: Registration
10.00-10.10 a.m.: Curtain raiser on the Conference theme by the Chair, Ambassador Waliur Rahman Chairman, Bangladesh Heritage Foundation
10.10-10.15 a.m.: Address by the Guest of Honor, Moderator and Co-Chair, Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad Chairman, Nitol-Niloy Group
10.15-10.25 a.m.: Address by the Special Guest, Mr. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Hon’ble Adviser to Hon’ble Prime Minister on Media Affairs, GoB
10.25-10.30 a.m.: Address by the Special Guest His Excellency Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla, High Commissioner of India
10.30-10.35 a.m.: Address by the Special Guest Mr. Sajeeb Wazed Joy, Hon’ble Adviser to the Hon’ble Prime Minister on ICT, GoB
10.35-10.45 a.m.: Address by the Chief Guest Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu, Hon’ble Minister Ministry of Information, GoB
10.45-10.55 a.m.: TEA BREAK

Working Session-I: Trade, Commerce and Investment:

How can Bangladesh and India further improve cooperation in these areas to the benefit of both the Countries?

10.55-11.00 a.m.: Chair: Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Chairman, Policy Research Institute
11.00-11.05 a.m.: Moderator- Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad

Time: Presentation by Keynote Speaker
11.05-11.25 a.m: Dr. Zaidi Sattar (keynote Speaker), Chairman, Policy Research Institute

11.25-12.05 p.m. Panel Discussion:
Time: Panelists:
11.25-11.35 a.m.: Mr. Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Former State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GoB
11.35-11.45 a.m.: Dr. Abhay Kumar: Fellow, Developing Countries Research Centre University of Delhi
11.45-11.55 a.m: Ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad, Chairman, Board of Governors, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies
11.55-12.05 p.m.: Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, North South University

12.05-12.20 p.m. Open Discussion:

**Working Session-II: Defense, National Security, Cyber Security, Maritime Cooperation and Blue Economy:**

How can Bangladesh and India further enhance the Security and Defence cooperation, Maritime and Blue Economy?

12.20-12.30 p.m.: Chair- Mr. Sajeeb Wazed Joy, Hon’ble Adviser to the Prime Minister on ICT
12.30-12.35 p.m.: Moderator- Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad

Time: Presentation by Designated Speaker
12.35-12.45 p.m.: Mr. Alok Bansal, Executive Director, South Asia Institute for Strategic Affairs Director, India Foundation

12.45-1.25 p.m. Panel Discussion:

Time: Panelists:
12.45-1.15 p.m.: Mr. Masud Ahmed, Controller and Auditor General of Bangladesh
12.55-1.05 p.m.: Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Air Commodore (Retd)
1.05-1.15 p.m.: Mr. Rabb Majumder, Editor, The Security
1.15-1.25 p.m.: Major General (Retd) Abdur Rashid, Executive Director, Institute of Conflict, Law & Development Studies

1.25-1.40 p.m. Open Discussion:

1.40-2.00 p.m.: MEET THE PRESS

2.00-2.30 p.m. LUNCHEON:

**Working Session-III: Energy, Transit, Transshipment and Connectivity**

2.30-2.40 p.m.: Chair- Professor Farhad Hossain, Executive Member, Bangladesh Heritage Foundation

Time: Presentation by Designated Speaker
2.40-2.50 p.m.: Ambassador Pinak Ranjan Chakravartty, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

2.50-3.30 p.m.: Panel Discussion

Time: Panelists:
2.50-3.00 p.m.: Prof. S.D Muni, Prof. Emeritus, SIS J.N.U, Distinguished Fellow, I.D.S.A
3.00-3.10 p.m.: Dr. Amena Mohsin, Professor, Dept. of International Relations, University of Dhaka
3.10-3.20 p.m.: Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS
3.20-3.30 p.m.: Dr. Malvika Singh, Research Associate, DCRC, University of Delhi

**3.30-3.45 p.m. Open Discussion:**

**Working Session-IV: Cooperation between Political Parties:**

“How the unipolar moment or the Indian Status Quo Power can be used to our advantage”. Would more robust cooperation between the political parties of India and Bangladesh work in better promoting our National interest?

3.45-3.55 p.m.: Chair: Ambassador Waliur Rahman, Bangladesh heritage Foundation

**Presentation by Designated Speaker**

3.55-4.05 p.m.: Professor Gobinda Chakraborty, Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka

**4.05-4.25 p.m. Panel Discussion:**

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**4.45-5.00 p.m. Open Discussion**

5.00-5.05 p.m.: ENVOI: Ambassador Waliur Rahman

5.05-5.15 p.m. **TEA BREAK:**

5.15- p.m.: **Closed Door Meeting**