



**Press Release of the Consultation Session on
Migrants in Crisis Situation**

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Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) organised a consultation session titled “**Migrants in Crisis Situation**” on 04 October 2016 at BIISS Auditorium in Dhaka. **Mr. Mohammad Abdiker**, Director, Department of Operations and Emergencies, IOM was the keynote speaker at the session. Mr. Sarat Dash, Chief of Mission, IOM, Bangladesh delivered the welcome address. Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and Senior Fellow, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) was one of the key discussants. Another key discussant was Ms. Farah Kabir, Country Director, Action Aid, Bangladesh. The session was wrapped up by Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad, Chairman, Board of Governors, BIISS delivered vote of thanks.

Mr. Abdiker highlighted different aspects of the present migration crisis across the world. He also discussed about the role of international community in this regard.

Officials from different ministries of Bangladesh government, representatives from different international and national organisations, ambassadors, representatives of different embassies, renowned persons of different institutions, police, media and academia participated in the open discussion and raised their valuable opinions, observations, questions and suggestions during the session.