



Press Release of the Commemorative Session on

'International Day of Peace 2017'

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Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) and Rotary International District 3281, Bangladesh jointly organised a commemorative seminar titled 'International Day of Peace 2017' on 09 October 2017 at the BISS auditorium, Dhaka. The theme for 2017 Peace Day was "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All." This year, the International Day of Peace focuses on engaging and mobilising people throughout the world to show support for migrants and refugees. Professor Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on International Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest at the event. Major General A K M Abdur Rahman, ndc, psc, Director General, BISS delivered the welcome address at the seminar. It was followed by remarks of Rtn F H Arif, District Governor, RID 3281 Bangladesh. The seminar was chaired by Air Cdre Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, ndc, psc, (Retd.) President, Rotary Club of Ramna. Vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn PP M. M. Abed Ullah, Rotary Club, Shayamoli, Dhaka. Two papers were presented in the seminar. Former Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army, Lt Gen Md. Mainul Islam, OSP, BGBM, awc, psc (Retd.) presented the first paper titled "United Nations Peacekeeping Operations". Dr. Delwar Hossain, Professor, Department of Interational Relations, Dhaka University presented the second paper titled "Refugee Crisis and Threat to Peace".

The participants highlighted on the recent influx of Myanmar's citizens in Bangladesh since 25 August 2017. The participants urged global actors to play active role in resolving the Rohingya crisis. In this regard, DG, BISS stated that peace can be built only through strong engagement, dialogue, cooperation and actions which are based on the universal values of respect for life, justice, rule of law, solidarity, equity and human rights.

Officials from different ministries of Bangladesh government, representatives of different national and international organisations, ambassadors, representatives of different embassies, renowned personalities, high officials from the armed forces, researchers, police, media and members of academia participated in the open discussion and expressed their valuable opinions, observations and suggestions during the session.