



Press Release

Roundtable Discussion

Maritime Security in the Bay of Bengal: Emerging Threats and Strategies of Bangladesh

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The Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) organized a Roundtable on **Maritime Security in the Bay of Bengal: Emerging Threats and Strategies of Bangladesh** on 20 November 2024. The event was graced by **Admiral M Nazmul Hassan**, OSP, NPP, ndc, ncc, psc, Chief of Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy, who attended as **the Chief Guest**. **Ambassador AFM Gosal Azam Sarker**, Chairman of BISS, chaired the event, and **Major General Iftekhar Anis**, BSP, awc, afwc, psc, Peng, Director General of BISS, delivered the Welcome Remarks.

Moutusi Islam, Research Fellow of BISS, was the Keynote Speaker and delivered a presentation on **“Emerging Maritime Security Threats in the Bay of Bengal: Unfolding the Multi-Level Strategies.”**

Thereafter, two distinguished panelists, **Professor Dr. Rashed Uz Zaman**, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, and **Rear Admiral Mohammad Musa**, **OSP, NPP, reds, afwc, psc, PhD**, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Personal), Chairman of the Bangladesh Institute of Maritime Research and Development (BIMRAD), presented respectively on **“Maritime Security in the Bay of Bengal: Geopolitical and Strategic Implications”** and **“Emerging Maritime Security in the Bay of Bengal: Policy Options and Strategies of Bangladesh.”**

Afterward, an open discussion session was held and participated by relevant experts on maritime security. The resource persons had their valuable opinions, comments, suggestions, and observations during the open discussion session.

Finally, the Chief Guest of the Roundtable discussion, **Admiral M Nazmul Hassan**, OSP, NPP, ndc, ncc, psc, Chief of Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy, delivered his valuable speech and emphasized that economic well-being of Bangladesh and the safety of the littorals of the Bay of Bengal both depend on the maintenance of maritime security in the Bay. In this regard, he reiterated the significance of Bangladesh’s active participation at multiple platforms in securing the Bay.