



# NEWSLETTER

## OVERSEAS OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE



### GENERAL STAFF BRANCH, ARMY HEADQUARTERS

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#### MESSAGE FROM HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER



I warmly welcome the publication of this newsletter in honour of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2026. Since joining the United Nations in 1974, Bangladesh has grown into one of the world's leading contributors to UN peacekeeping missions, a testament to our steadfast commitment to global peace and stability. On this special occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all UN peacekeepers, including those from Bangladesh, and pay solemn tribute to the courageous individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of world peace. The Bangladesh Army, forming 85 per cent of our nation's peacekeeping contingents, remains a cornerstone of international missions. Our peacekeepers are celebrated for their professionalism, leadership and humanitarian impact, leaving a lasting mark on global peace and security. Beyond their operational excellence, they also serve as ambassadors of Bangladesh, proudly showcasing our rich cultural heritage to the world. I hope this newsletter will shine a spotlight on the achievements, experiences and inspiring stories of Bangladesh Army peacekeepers and further highlight the nation's pivotal role in fostering peace worldwide.

#### MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF



Bangladesh proudly stands among the leading troop-contributing countries to United Nations peacekeeping missions worldwide. As a peace-loving nation, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to international peace, stability, and humanitarian service for more than three decades. On this occasion, I pay solemn tribute to the brave peacekeepers who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. Their courage, dedication, and selfless service to humanity will forever remain a source of pride for our nation. Through unwavering professionalism, discipline, and commitment, Bangladeshi peacekeepers have earned an esteemed reputation in the global peacekeeping arena, bringing honour and recognition to Bangladesh. Having served under the blue helmet in missions such as UNAVEM and UNMIL, I have personally witnessed the resilience, courage, and spirit of sacrifice demonstrated by our peacekeepers in challenging environments. Their invaluable contributions continue to play a vital role in advancing global peace and security. As the senior-most Bangladeshi peacekeeper, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our peacekeepers for their sacrifices and outstanding service to humanity and world peace. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the General Staff Branch, Overseas Operations Directorate, for publishing this newsletter, which highlights the remarkable achievements and contributions of our peacekeepers. I am confident that their dedication and professionalism will continue to uphold the honour and proud legacy of Bangladesh as a distinguished nation of peacekeepers. May Allah bless us all.

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## CURRENT UN LEADERSHIP

**LEGEND**


- UN- United Nations
- SG- Secretary General
- DY SG- Deputy Secretary General
- USG- Under Secretary General
- DPO- Department of Peace Operations
- DOS- Department of Operational Support
- MILAD- Military Adviser
- SRSG- Special Representative of the Secretary General
- FC- Force Commander
- OMA- Office of Military Affairs

**SG, UN**



António Guterres  
(Portugal)

**DY SG, UN**




Amina J. Mohammad  
(Nigeria)

**USG, DPO**



Jean-Pierre Lacroix  
(France)

**USG, DOS**



Atul Khare  
(India)

**Acting MILAD, OMA**



Lt Gen Cheryl Pearce  
(Australia)

## Current UN Peacekeeping Mission Leadership


**UNMISS**

**SRSG**



Ms. Anita Kiki Gbeho  
(Ghana)

**FC**



Maj Gen Junhui Wu  
(China)


**UNFICYP**

**SRSG**



Mr. Khassim Diagne  
(Senegal)


**FC**



Lt Gen Mohammad Asadullah Minhazul Alam,  
ndu, psc, PhD  
(Bangladesh)

**UNISFA**

**FC**



Maj Gen Ganesh Kumar Shrestha  
(Nepal)

**MINURSO**

**SRSG**



Alexander Ivanko  
(Russia)

**FC**



Maj Gen Md Fakhru Ahsan,  
BSP, BAR, ndu, psc  
(Bangladesh)

**MINUSCA**

**SRSG**



Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza  
(Rwanda)

**FC**



Lt Gen Humphrey Nyone  
(Zambia)

**MONUSCO**

**SRSG**



James Swan  
(USA)

**FC**



Lt Gen Ulisses De Mesquita  
Gomes  
(Brazil)

## Current Bangladeshi Peacekeeping Mission Leadership

**FC-MINURSO**



Maj Gen Md Fakhru Ahsan,  
BSP, BAR, ndu, psc

**FC-UNFICYP**



Lt Gen Mohammad Asadullah Minhazul Alam,  
ndu, psc, PhD

**SEC COMD-MONUSCO**



Brig Gen Md Saiful Alam Bhuiyan,  
ndc, psc

**SEC COMD-UNISFA**



Col Hasan Masud, psc



## PAST UN LEADERSHIP OF THE BANGLADESH ARMY



Brig Gen Anisur Rahman, psc  
DFC, ONUMOZ  
(From Jan 1993 to Apr 1994)



Maj Gen Mohammad Abdus Salam,  
ndc, psc  
FC, ONUMOZ  
(From Mar 1994 to Feb 1995)



Col Shahid Abbas Chowdhury,  
ndu, psc  
DFC, UNMIH  
(From Mar 1996 to Feb 1997)



Maj Gen Harun-Ar-Rashid, BP,  
rcds, psc  
CMO, UNOMIG  
(From Apr 1997 to Jan 1999)



Brig Gen Rezaqul Haider, ndc, psc  
CMLO, UNAMET  
(From Jun 1999 to Aug 2000)



Maj Gen Kazi Ashfaq Ahmed, psc  
CMO, UNOMIG  
(From Apr 2002 to May 2004)



Maj Gen Fazle Elahi Akbar, ndc, psc  
FC, UNMIS  
(From Sep 2004 to Mar 2006)



Brig Gen Abu Belal Muhammad  
Shafiul Huq, ndc, psc  
DFC, UNMEE  
(From Dec 2006 to Apr 2008)



Lt Gen Abu Tayeb Muhammad  
Zahirul Alam, rcds, psc  
FC, UNMIL  
(From Oct 2008 to Nov 2009)



Maj Gen Anwar Hussain, ndc, psc  
CMO, UNOMIG  
(From Sep 2008 to Sep 2009)



Maj Gen Abdul Hafiz, ndc, psc  
FC, UNOCI-Mar 2010- Mar 2011  
FC, MINURSO-Jul 2011- Jul 2013



Maj Gen S M Shafiuddin Ahmed,  
ndu, psc  
DFC, MINUSCA  
(From Sep 2014 to Jun 2016)



Maj Gen Mohammad Maksudur  
Rahman, OSP, BSP, psc  
DFC, UNAMID  
(From Dec 2015 to Dec 2016)



Maj Gen Mohammad Humayun Kabir,  
SUP, rcds, psc  
FC, UNFICYP  
(From Oct 2016 to Oct 2018)



Brig Gen Abu Syed Mohammad Bakir,  
SGP, ndc, psc  
DFC, MINURSO  
(From Sep 2018 to Sep 2019)  
DFC, UNISFA  
(From Feb 2022 to Feb 2024)



Maj Gen Md Main Ullah Chowdhury,  
OSP, SUP, awc, psc  
DFC, UNMISS  
(From Oct 2020 to Jan 2023)  
A/FC, MINURSO  
(From Feb 2023 to Apr 2023)

# PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING AND PREPARATION



Riot Control Drill (BANRDB-8, MONUSCO)



Heli Rappelling Practice (BANSFC-10, MINUSCA)



Mounting over APC Practice (BANBAT-9, UNMISS)



Class on ROV (BANEOD PL-3, MONUSCO)



CPR Training by ToT Participants (MONUSCO/MINUSCA) at BIPSOT



Simulator Firing Practice (BANBAT-4, UNISFA)



Ambush Drill during FTX (BANBAT-12, MINUSCA)



Hostage Rescue Operation (BANLQRF-6, MINUSCA)

# OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Protection of Civilians (POC) Activity (BANRDB-8, MONUSCO)



Providing Escort to UN Personnel (BANBAT-12, MINUSCA)



Patrolling through Difficult Terrain (BANRDB-8, MONUSCO)



Foot Patrolling (BANSFC-10, MINUSCA)



MSR Rehabilitation Project Work  
(BANENGR (RPF) COY-8, UNMISS)



Counter-IED Operation (BANEOD PL-3, MONUSCO)



Recovery of LAV (BANSFC-10, MINUSCA)

# OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Emergency Fire Fighting (BANBAT-4, UNISFA)



Emergency Medical Evacuation (BANAMET-5, MONUSCO)



Communication Exercise (BANSIG-20, MONUSCO)



Treatment to UN Personnel (BANMED-2/4, MINUSCA)



Engagement Team's Interaction with Local Civilians (BANBAT-12, MINUSCA)



Provost Duty (BANMP-20, MONUSCO)



Free Medical Campaign (BANMED 1/12, MINUSCA)



Agriculture Training for the Local Congolese (BANSIG-20, MONUSCO)

# CEREMONIES, VISITS AND INSPECTION



Medal Parade (BANBAT-8, UNMISS)



Operational Effectiveness Inspection (BANSIG-20, MONUSCO)



Visit by Commander of Amazon Military Command (BANRDB-8, MONUSCO)



Visit of Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations (BANBAT-12, MINUSCA)



Visit of TPP Delegation Team at BIPSOT



COE Inspection (BANEOD PL-3, MONUSCO)



Visit of SRSR (BANRDB-8, MONUSCO)



Guard of Honour to Sector Commander (BANLQRF-6, MINUSCA)

# FALLEN COMRADES 2025/2026

## On 13 December 2025, Six valiant peacekeepers of BANBAT-4, UNISFA embraced martyrdom in a drone attack at Kadugli Logistic Base, Sudan



Cpl Md Masud Rana  
BANBAT-4 UNISFA (Abyei)  
Deceased on 13 Dec 2025



Pvt Md Mominul Islam  
BANBAT-4 UNISFA (Abyei)  
Deceased on 13 Dec 2025



Pvt Shamim Reza  
BANBAT-4 UNISFA (Abyei)  
Deceased on 13 Dec 2025



Pvt Santo Mondol  
BANBAT-4 UNISFA (Abyei)  
Deceased on 13 Dec 2025



Pvt Md Jahangir Alam  
BANBAT-4 UNISFA (Abyei)  
Deceased on 13 Dec 2025



Pvt Md Sobuj Mia  
BANBAT-4 UNISFA (Abyei)  
Deceased on 13 Dec 2025



## After effect of drone attack at Kadugli Logistic Base, Sudan



SWO Mohiuddin Chapal  
BANBAT-9 UNMISS  
Deceased on 30 May 2026 due to suspected cancer

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN UN PEACEKEEPING MISSION

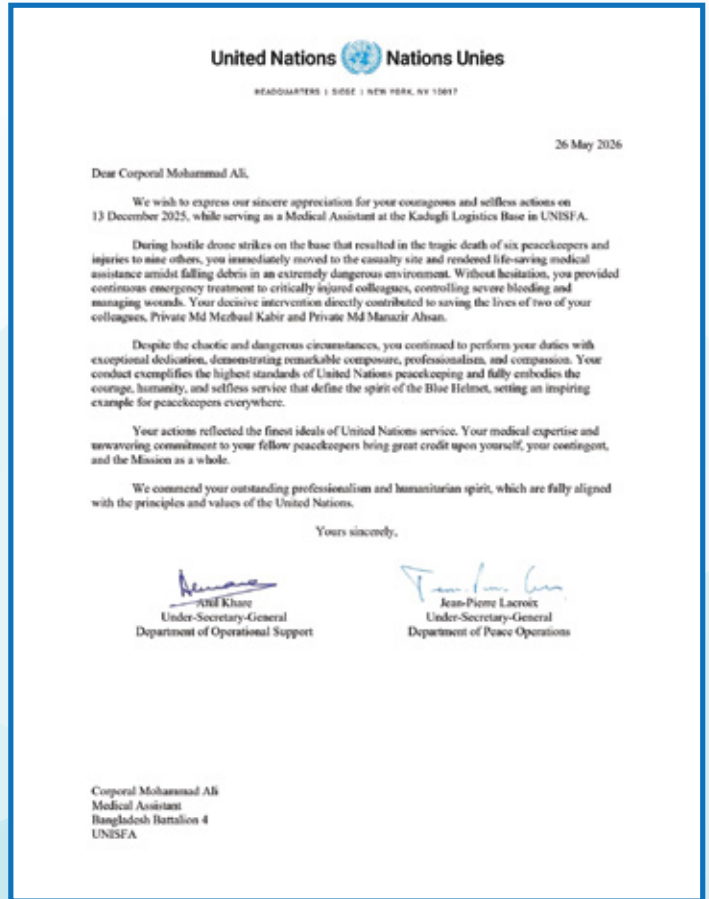
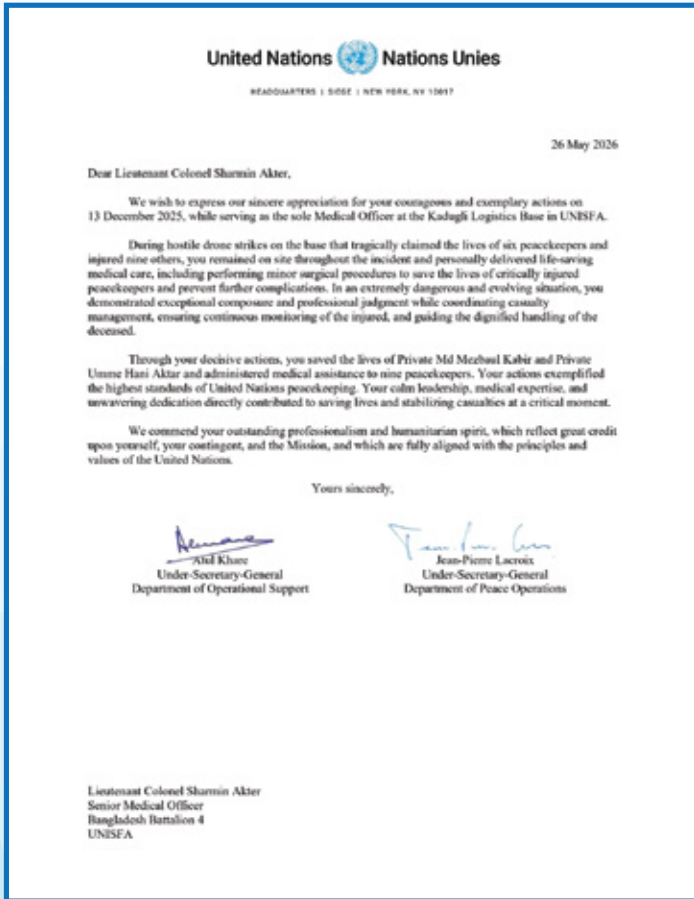


Chief of Army Staff Bangladesh Army receives Resolution passed by Georgia State Senate (USA) from Governor Brian P. Kemp in recognition of Bangladesh's Contribution to UN Peacekeeping Missions



BANBAT-5, MINUSMA (3 BIR) earned its official operational recognition "STREAMER" for their extraordinary performance in UN Peacekeeping Mission at Mali in the year 2021

# ACHIEVEMENTS IN UN PEACEKEEPING MISSION



## Commendation Letter from USG, DOS & USG, DPO



## Handover of USG, DOS & USG, DPO's Commendation Letter to Lt Col Sharmin Akter & Cpl Mohammad Ali of BANBAT-4, UNISFA

# SUPPORTING THE CAPACITY BUILDING OF HOST NATION ARMED FORCES



Touadera Community Clinic was financed & built by Bangladesh Army in support of Central African Republic in the year 2025



Bangladesh Army presented 25000 Combat Uniforms to the Central African Armed Forces in the year 2025-2026



A 200 meter Firing Range was financed & built by Bangladesh Army in support of FARDC, DR Congo in the year 2025-2026

# NON-UN DEPLOYMENT

## Operation Kuwait Punargathan (OKP)



Bangladeshi Instructor Team Providing Training to Kuwait Cadets



Construction of Sand Dam (OKP-8, Engrs)



Demonstration by Bangladeshi Instructor Team at Ali Al Sabah Military College



CASEVAC Operation (OKP-5, Med)



Signal Tower Maintenance (OKP-10, Sigs)



Mine Clearing Operation (OKP-1, EOD)



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