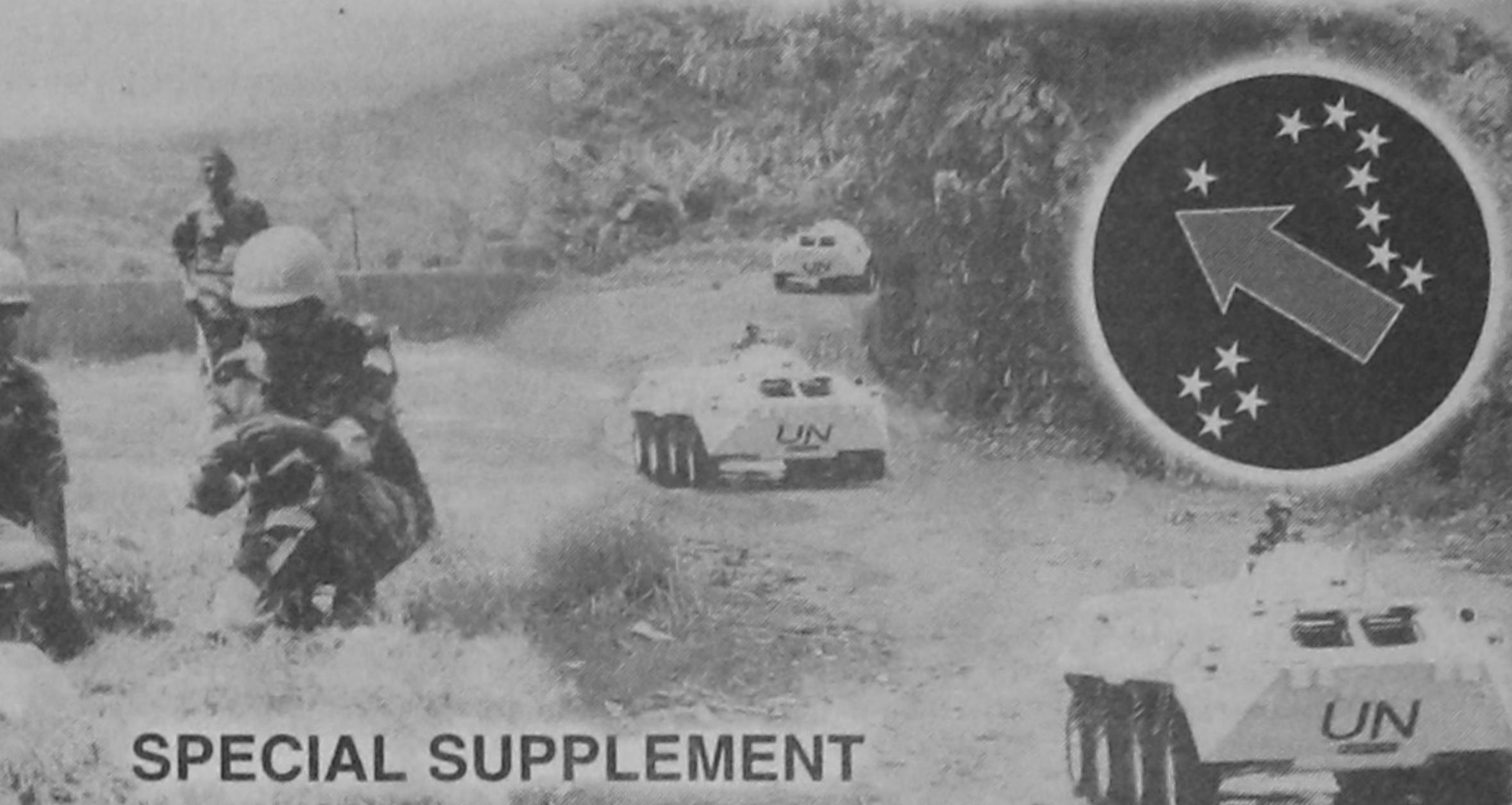


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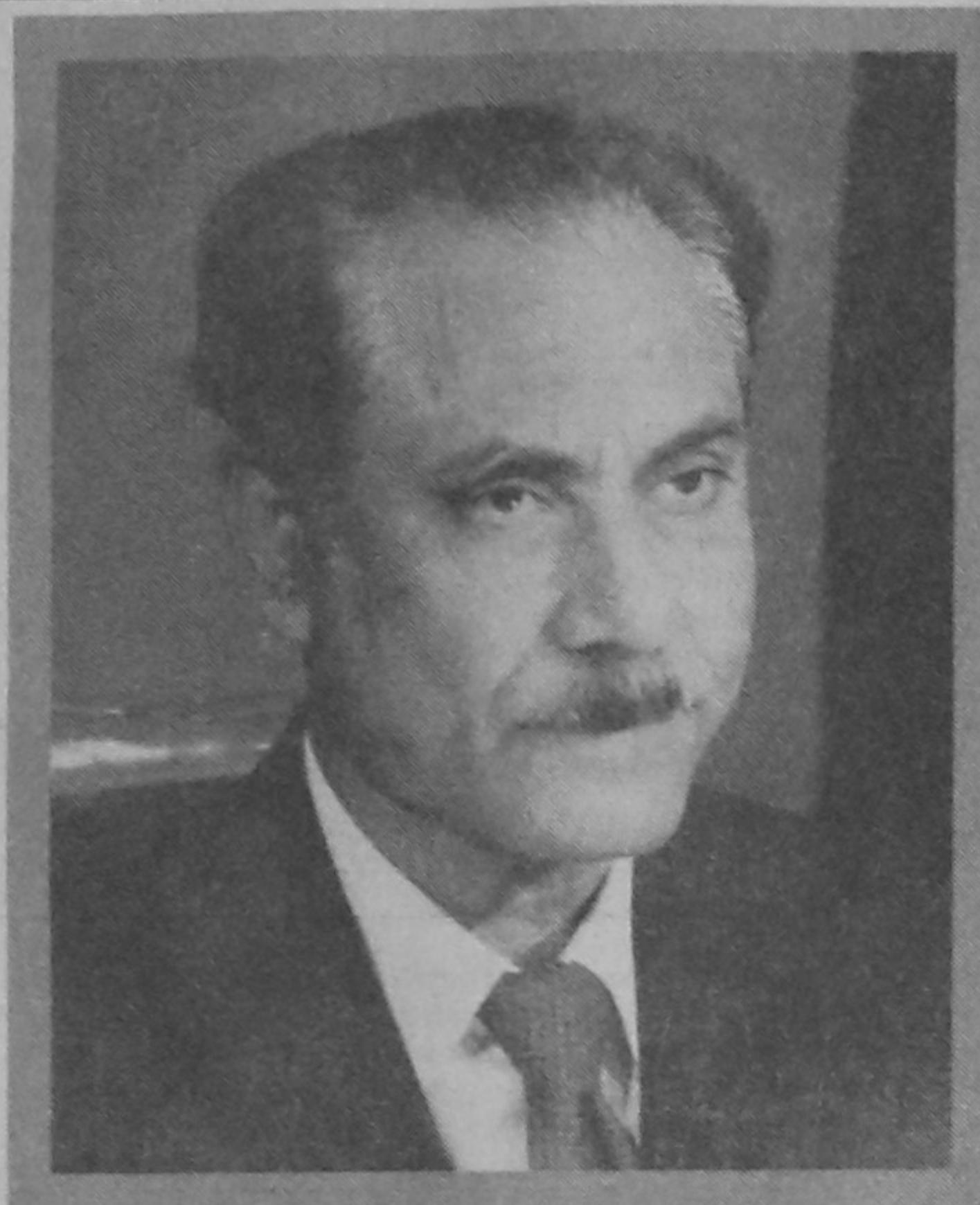


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MESSAGE

I am indeed very glad to know that Bangladesh Army is hosting a Seminar on "South Asia Peacekeeping Operations Gaming" in co-operation with the US Pacific Army under the auspices of the United Nations.

As an active member of the United Nations, Bangladesh pursues the policy of promoting peace, security and solidarity as enunciated in the United Nations Charter. Committed to global peace and stability, Bangladesh is ever ready to support UN peacekeeping endeavours anywhere in the world. I hope that the deliberations of the Seminar will help strengthen the common understanding on issues pertaining to peacekeeping operations and thus play an effective role in promoting regional and international peace and stability.

I wish the Seminar a deserving success.

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed
President
People's Republic of Bangladesh

BANGLADESH CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Introduction

Participation in UN Peace Support Operations has been instrumental in projecting our intrinsic strengths of values to the world community. Many good words have come from different statesmen and personalities of the world. In this context, we can quote President Bill Clinton, "We remember with deep appreciation and gratitude of the sacrifice and contribution made by the Bangladeshi soldiers in keeping world peace". (See supplement page no 2)

MESSAGE



I am very happy to learn that Bangladesh Army in collaboration with the US Pacific Command, under the guidance of the United Nations, is hosting the "South Asia Peacekeeping Operations Gaming Seminar" in Dhaka.

Bangladesh is deeply committed to the principle of peaceful settlement of disputes through dialogue and cooperation. Peace is one of the basic tenets of our foreign policy which has inspired Bangladesh to take its place in the UN Security Council. Bangladesh has set a unique example in the maintenance of international peace and security by supporting UN peacekeeping efforts to mitigate the sufferings of the distressed humanity. In the UN Millennium Summit held recently in New York, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reaffirmed our commitment to global peace, stability and development.

Though inter-state tensions have been defused in the post Cold War era, armed conflicts in the form of intra-state separatists wars, religious and ethnic violence have triggered off. As such peacekeeping missions around the globe have become complex and difficult. Under all these complexities, training and research at regional and international levels are essential to make peacekeeping operations more effective and responsive to ongoing conflicts. I hope these issues will be addressed in the seminar. I remain confident that the outcome of the South Asian seminar will make valuable contributions in consolidating peace and stability both regionally and internationally.

My congratulations to all participants and organisers of the seminar. I wish the seminar a great success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh live forever

Abdus Samad Azad
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Government of the People's Republic
of Bangladesh

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that an international seminar on "South Asia Peacekeeping Operations Gaming Seminar" is being organised by Bangladesh Army in co-operation with the US Pacific Army under the patronage of the United Nations. I hope the seminar would help strengthen the regional as well as the process of global peace and security.

Bangladesh has been extensively participating in the UN peacekeeping operations throughout the world. Our great leader, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was also committed to establish peace. I believe the seminar would be able to make substantial contribution in international peacekeeping operations.

I wish the seminar all success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh live forever

Sheikh Hasina
Prime Minister
Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh



MESSAGE

It is indeed a great honour for Bangladesh Army to host South Asia Peacekeeping Operations Gaming Seminar which is co-hosted by the US Army Pacific Command and sponsored under the auspices of the United Nations.

Peace and security are the pre-conditions for the overall development and progress. The United Nations Peacekeeping Operations have brought a degree of stability and security to the areas of conflict around the globe and Bangladesh is proud to be associated with the UN peacekeeping process. The professionalism, skill and devotion to duty of our soldiers have been widely acclaimed. I recall with gratitude the supreme sacrifices of our valiant troops who laid down their lives for the noble cause of establishment of peace in UN Peace Keeping Operations.

With the advent of the new millennium, peacekeeping operations have assumed a greater dimension both in scope and application. It has now become pertinent to conduct both general and specialized training as a multi-national endeavour. I believe the seminar will deliberate on strategic and operational issues related to peacekeeping planning and execution which will help to achieve a common standard among all the participating troops for peacekeeping operations.

Bangladesh Army is encouraged and inspired with the participation of the distinguished delegates from various countries. I believe their participation will make the seminar most productive and meaningful.

My sincere compliments to all who diligently worked for the success of the seminar.

Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram
Lieutenant General
Chief of Army Staff



MESSAGE

In the post-Cold War era, newer dimensions have been added in UN Peacekeeping Operations. It is no longer confined to a post-conflict cease-fire observation mission but now peacekeepers support a wide range of humanitarian assistance including safe return of refugees. To equip the Peacekeepers with training and experience is a crying need of the time now. Against this backdrop, the seminar entitled "South Asia Peacekeeping Operations Gaming Seminar" is indeed a commendable effort.

Bangladesh Navy is committed to regional and international peace and stability. As a member of the Bangladesh Armed Forces, our officers and men are involved in peacekeeping operations around the globe and their role is highly applauded by all. This was possible due to their hard work and devotion to duty.

I firmly believe that the participants will be immensely benefitted by sharing their views, ideas and experience and hope that the forum will highlight the issues for effective peacekeeping operations. I extend my best wishes to the organisers, participants and observers and wish the seminar all success.

A. Taher
Rear Admiral
Chief of the Naval Staff
Bangladesh Navy



MESSAGE

I am indeed very happy to know that a seminar entitled "South Asia Peacekeeping Operations Gaming Seminar" is being hosted by Bangladesh Army in co-operation with the UN Army Pacific Command under the auspices of the United Nations. In order to consolidate international peace, brotherhood and for effective conduct of the peacekeeping operations, this is surely a laudable effort.

In the recent years the dimensions of peacekeeping operations have increased considerably. The peacekeepers have to support a whole range of complex operations that include political, military and humanitarian issues. As such, prior to the deployment of the peacekeepers, we need to impart requisite training to them for efficient utilization of the UN resources and, more importantly, for better interaction and co-ordination among the various functionaries involved in the peacekeeping operations. We in the Bangladesh Air Force give prime considerations for united efforts pertaining to the training of the peacekeepers. Our officers and men are ever ready to respond to the call of the UN duty. Their services and contribution to UN peacekeeping missions have been widely acclaimed. We take pride in it.

I firmly believe that the deliberations of the seminar will yield effective solutions for successful conduct of UN peacekeeping operations. I convey my warm felicitations to the organisers of the seminar and wish the seminar a great success.

Jamal Uddin Ahmed
Air Vice Marshal
Chief of the Air Staff