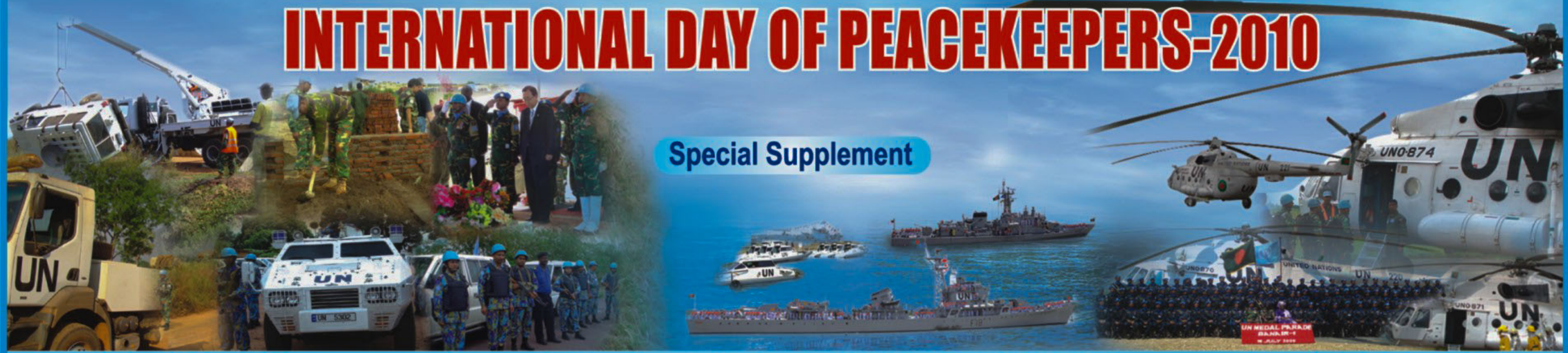


INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACEKEEPERS-2010

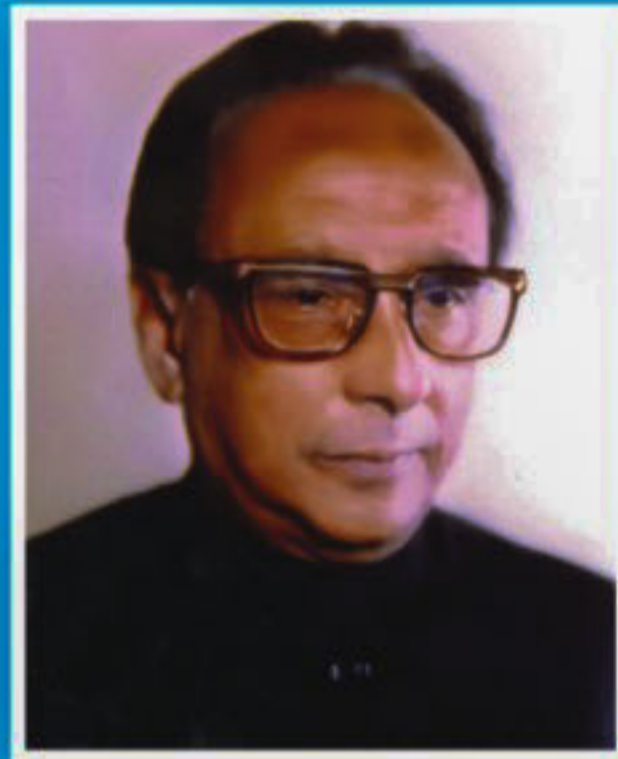
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PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH
15 Jaishtha 1417
29 May 2010

MESSAGE

I am delighted to know that the 'International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers-2010' is being observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world on May 29, 2010. On this auspicious occasion, I convey my heartfelt felicitations to the members of Bangladesh Armed Forces and Bangladesh Police, participating in different UN Peacekeeping Missions.

Bangladesh is now being introduced in the international arena as a country of peace and harmony. We always support and stand in favour of world peace and tranquility. It is a matter of pride that Bangladeshi peacekeepers have been contributing immensely towards establishing global peace and amity in UN Peacekeeping Missions since their deployment with reputation. In the meantime, our peacekeepers have elevated the image of the country in the international arena to a great height by displaying their highest standard of professionalism, dedication and bravery. I am happy to know that at present the Bangladeshi Peacekeepers are the highest in number among the participating countries in UN Peacekeeping Missions. On this solemn occasion, I pay my gratitude to the memory of the peacekeepers who made supreme sacrifices during their duties in UN Peacekeeping Operations. I pray for the salvation of the departed souls. I am confident Bangladesh would play a pivotal role in establishing world peace, harmony and amity in the days to come.

I wish the observance of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers-2010 a success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Zillur Rahman
MD. ZILLUR RAHMAN



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
15 Jaishtha 1417
29 May 2010

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that Bangladesh is observing the 'International Day of UN Peacekeepers' on 29 May 2010 along with other member countries of the United Nations.

On this glorious Day, the people of Bangladesh join me to pay their homage to all peacekeepers around the world for their sacrifice and selfless efforts in promoting global peace.

Bangladesh has emerged as the leading Troops Contributing Country to the UN with 9,300 Armed Forces members and 1,600 police personnel working in 13 peacekeeping missions.

The UN and members of the international community have always welcomed Bangladeshi peacekeepers for their professionalism, dedication and hard work in peacekeeping missions.

I, on behalf of the government and people of Bangladesh, acknowledge the brilliant service of each member of the Bangladesh Armed Forces and Bangladesh Police and convey my warmest felicitations and best wishes.

I pledge our continued support to the UN for protection of world peace.

I wish the UN Peacekeepers Day 2010 all success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever
Sheikh Hasina
SHEIKH HASINA



UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARY-GENERAL
UNITED NATIONS
29 May 2010

MESSAGE

On the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, we honour the sacrifices of the men and women who lost their lives while serving under the UN flag. This year's commemoration is a somber one. The past 14 months have been especially deadly for UN peacekeeping.

Ambushes in Darfur... Terrorism in Kabul... And a plane crash in Haiti... these were among the tragedies that struck peacekeeping last year, killing 121 people. That toll was nearly matched in a few seconds with the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti last January. The United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti lost 96 peacekeepers, the biggest single loss of life in peacekeeping history. But that dark day also became one of our finest hours, as the men and women of MINUSTAH set aside their own trauma, got the mission quickly back on its feet, and helped the people of Haiti cope with the horrific aftermath.

As we honour such moving displays of courage and dedication, we also pay tribute to the more than 1,22,000 military, police and civilian personnel who serve with distinction in our operations across the world. Their efforts directly help millions of people... By providing security and promoting reconciliation... By clearing land-mines and demobilizing combatants... By strengthening institutions and the rule of law... By delivering aid and repatriating refugees and displaced persons. By supporting democratic elections, reforming the security sector... and so much more. Peacekeeping is an indispensable part of the UN's work for a better world. Let us give it the support it needs to succeed.

BAN KI-MOON

MESSAGE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



Today, on this International Day of Peacekeepers, I pay tribute, on behalf of the people and the Government of Bangladesh, to all those engaged in UN peacekeeping worldwide. I recall with deep respect the brave souls, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of international peace and security, far away from their own homes. We are proud of our contribution to UN peacekeeping and the singular contribution of Bangladeshi peacekeepers for ensuring peace and stability around the world. Peacekeeping bears a special significance for us because of our experience as a nation and the genocide perpetrated on us during our glorious War of Liberation.

FOREIGN MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF BANGLADESH

Bangladesh is a secular and inclusive democracy, and an active, responsible and contributing member of the international community. Our contribution towards developing global norms and standards in all fields of international discourse, including development, human rights, and rule of law has earned international acclaim. Bangladesh is also constitutionally obliged to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security. This has been sustained through our active and extensive participation in UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

This, however, has not come without a price. Our men and women from the armed forces and police have been serving in UN peacekeeping for many years now, often under difficult circumstances. At times they have to uphold their mandate of protecting lives of innocent people at the cost of their own lives. Many get injured in the line of their duty. This notwithstanding, they have remained steadfast in their commitment to peace.

On this special day of remembrance, I pray and hope that the sacrifice made by our valiant peacekeepers would further strengthen our resolve for a world where peace, prosperity and dignity prevails. I salute today those members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces and the Bangladesh Police whose services to the cause of international peace and security have made us so proud in the comity of nations.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.

Dipu Moni
DR. DIPU MONI
MP

MESSAGE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



It is a pleasure to see that Bangladesh and other troop contributing countries, international community and the United Nations are observing the 'International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers-2010'. Appropriately, Bangladesh is celebrating the day in the most befitting manner today to honour our peacekeepers.

CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF
BANGLADESH ARMY

United Nations peacekeeping is a unique and dynamic instrument and a way to help create the conditions for lasting peace in the countries torn by conflict. United Nations peacekeeping continues to evolve, both conceptually and operationally, to meet newer challenges and political realities. Peacekeeping missions now integrate a wide range of activities including the promotion of human security, confidence building, the provision of electoral support, programs to strengthen the rule of law and economic and social development in the state concern.

Bangladesh has always been committed and has established itself as an active adherent to United Nations call for maintaining peace and tranquility all around the globe. Thus, peacekeeping has become a vital element in Bangladesh's contribution to international peace and security. The journey of Bangladeshi peacekeepers began in 1988, and Bangladesh never looked back thereafter. Presently Bangladesh has stepped into the 22nd year of its participation in the noble task of promoting universal peace. We now stand out as one of the largest troop contributing countries in the globe. Our reputation for professionalism and competence has allowed us to project a strong voice on peacekeeping. It has allowed us to make positive and practical differences in the lives of people affected by conflict. Our contribution reflects our deeply held values, our commitment to peacekeeping and our determination to greater harmony and peace in the planet.

We hold our 98 valiant comrades in the highest esteem who gave their lives in service of peace, of whom 87 are from Bangladesh Army. I salute and pay my tribute to those who have sacrificed their lives and suffered injuries in the service of peace.

I pray for more glory and success of our peacekeepers. May Almighty Allah bless us all.

General Md Abdul Mubeen
GENERAL MD ABDUL MUBEEN
ndc, psc

MESSAGE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



On the eve of UN Peacekeepers Day-2010, I profoundly revere the valiant sons of Bangladesh who sacrificed their lives for the good cause of world peace. The supreme sacrifice of our Peacekeepers has not only brought honour and dignity to our beloved country but also taken its identity in the comity of nations to a greater height.

CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF
BANGLADESH NAVY

It is of immense pleasure that, Bangladesh is the highest troops contributor in establishing and sustaining world peace. On this auspicious occasion, I am proud to mention that the Bangladesh Navy is making splendid strides to contribute under UN umbrella. Participation of BN ships in UNIFIL is one of such steps for Bangladesh Navy.

I congratulate all those who are performing duties tirelessly and fearlessly in the Mission areas. My special felicitations go to all officers and sailors in Blue Helmet for committing their devotion to usher peace and stability in Sudan, Congo, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Western Sahara, Chad, Lebanon, Afghanistan and other countries of the world. I hope that the first ever Bangladeshi Navy ship deployment for peace keeping effort in Lebanon would bring long lasting glory to our beloved motherland.

On this auspicious day, I expect that our peacekeepers would uphold the nation's commitment in an infallible manner in the international arena. "Peace and Not War" - let this vibrant motto strengthen us in the line of our duty. May Almighty Allah accepts our sacrifice to global peace.

Vice Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed
VICE ADMIRAL ZAHIR UDDIN AHMED
(ND), ndc,psc

MESSAGE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



Today 'Global-peace' and 'Bangladesh' are two inherently indivisible terms. Responding to the United Nation's mandate, Bangladesh has been sending her valiant peacekeepers to the trouble-torn regions of the world as the messenger of peace with utmost promptness, passion and commitment. Today, the members of our Armed Forces serving in blue helmet are crowned with glory for their outstanding dedication, professionalism, discipline, exemplary skill in resolving conflicts and ardent patriotism. Thus, Bangladesh has become a trusted and dedicated partner of the United Nations to bring peace and stability of any trouble-torn region of the world.

CHIEF OF AIR STAFF
BANGLADESH AIR FORCE

The members of Bangladesh Air Force take pride for their continued involvement in United Nations Peace Keeping Operations expanding over two decades for now. A good number of soldiers of Bangladesh Armed Forces have made supreme sacrifice while serving in foreign soils for upholding the UN mandate to ensure world peace. Their sacrifice will last forever as the milestone and glorious testimony in the history of the world peace for the generation to come. On this auspicious day of "International Day of UN Peacekeepers-2010", I would like to remember those members of our Armed Forces with great honour and gratitude. I pray for the salvation of the departed souls and express my deep condolence to their bereaved families.

I appreciate the endeavour for highlighting the significance of the day through publishing special supplement in the national dailies. On this glorious day, I express my heartfelt felicitations to UN peacekeepers of Bangladesh Armed Forces and their family members. May Allah bless us all.

Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman
AIR MARSHAL SM ZIAUR RAHMAN
ndc, fawc, psc

MESSAGE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



I am delighted to learn that International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers-2010 is being observed on 29 May through the joint initiative of Bangladesh Armed Forces, Bangladesh Police and UNDP, Dhaka. I heartily congratulate all Bangladeshi peacekeepers who participated in UN operations and recall their sacrifice and contributions with great respect.

PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER
ARMED FORCES DIVISION

The day has enormous importance to Bangladesh specially to her Armed Forces. Their role in UN peacekeeping has been widely appreciated around the world. In recognition to their service, Bangladesh is highly honoured by being the largest troop contributing country among the UN peacekeeper sending countries. As a peace loving country, Bangladesh is committed to international peacekeeping.

Bangladesh Armed Forces have been actively participating in international peacekeeping operations under United Nations since 1988. Their peacekeeping efforts have always been imbued with professionalism, courage and dedication. As a result, they have played a great role in enhancing image of the country in international arena as well as upheld the spirit of UN in regard to international peacekeeping.

At present about 9,000 and 1,600 peacekeepers respectively from Bangladesh Armed Forces and Bangladesh Police are participating in peacekeeping operations in 12 missions around the globe. As many as 92,000 peacekeepers from Bangladesh have participated in 45 missions around 30 countries.

While participating in UN peacekeeping operations, 91 members from Armed Forces and seven members from Police made supreme sacrifice and embraced martyrdom. I pray solemnly for salvation of the departed souls of those courageous peacekeeper and convey our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families. Apart from them, 113 peacekeepers from Armed Forces sustained injuries. I pray for their early recovery.

I fervently wish that UN peacekeeping effort gather greater impetus and peace prevail everywhere in the world. I also wish all the success of UN Peacekeepers day 2010.

Lieutenant General Abdul Wadud
LIEUTENANT GENERAL ABDUL WADUD
ndu, psc

MESSAGE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



I am happy to know that the Police/Troops Contributing Countries along with the international communities are observing May 29 as 'International Day of the United Nations Peacekeepers 2010' with due solemnity. It is a matter of great delight to see its colourful celebration in Bangladesh.

INSPECTOR GENERAL
BANGLADESH POLICE

On this propitious occasion, I pay my highest tribute to those peacekeepers who laid down their lives for the cause of humanity and international peace. UN peacekeepers now-a-days contribute to multi-dimensional humanitarian activities to alleviate the sufferings of the hapless victims of internecine conflicts between ruthless contenders.

Since 1989, Bangladesh Police has been participating in peacekeeping operations of the United Nations. It is a source of great honour for us that Bangladesh Police has the highest number of police personnel serving in different UN peacekeeping operations. Our police force is contributing a great deal towards diffusing tensions among the conflicting parties by performing law-enforcement functions and national capacity-building activities. It assumes immense significance at a time when a paradigm shift is taking place in the UN mandate involving a graduation from the role of peace keeping to one of peace building.

I wish the celebration of the UN Peacekeeping day 2010 a grand success.

Nur Mohammad
NUR MOHAMMAD

MESSAGE



Since 1948, when the first ever UN peacekeeping operation was deployed to the Middle East, UN peacekeepers have been deployed to all corners of the world. From the high mountains of Central and South Asia to the deep forests of Central Africa, UN peacekeepers have put their lives at risk to protect and promote peace, to provide relief to people in need, and to help rebuilding war-torn countries. Carrying their signature blue helmets and berets, they are the true faces of the UN.

UNITED NATIONS
UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR
IN BANGLADESH

Over the years, Bangladesh has consistently been among the top contributing countries to UN peacekeeping operations. Currently, more than 10,000 Bangladeshi men and women are serving in 12 different UN peacekeeping operations in 11 different countries. The commitment and professionalism of these men and women is widely recognized: from the capitals of the world to the simple villages where they have served and continue to serve, and where their efforts have made a difference in the lives and to the livelihoods of thousands, if not millions, of people.

As a representative of the UN, I take the opportunity of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2010 to extend our most profound gratitude to the people and Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for its contribution to UN peacekeeping operations. Also, I congratulate you on the deployment of your first ever all-female contingent to a UN peacekeeping operation, in Haiti. With this particular deployment, you have demonstrated, once again, your commitment to protecting and promoting women's rights and to further strengthening UN peacekeeping operations.

The UN, its member states, and the people whose lives you have changed forever, are deeply indebted to you.

Arthur Erken
ARTHUR ERKEN

UN display booths will remain open for public at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Agargaon today (29 May 2010) from 6 PM to 9 PM on account of International Day of UN Peacekeepers-2010.