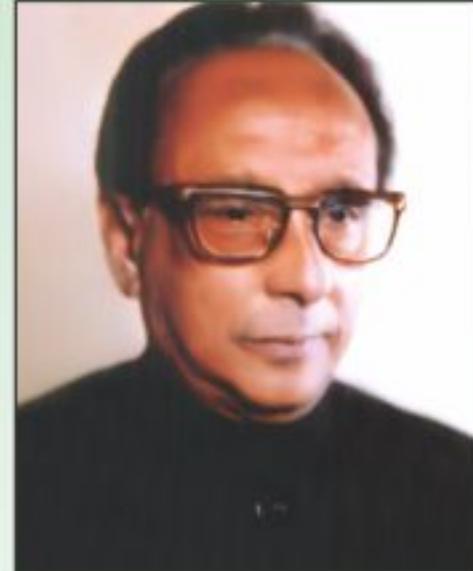




# Centenary of Bangladesh Police Academy

1912 - 2012



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## PRESIDENT

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
DHAKA



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## Message

I am glad to learn that the Police Academy of Bangladesh is going to observe its Centenary Celebration this year in a befitting manner. On this auspicious occasion, I convey my heartfelt felicitations to all members of Bangladesh Police.

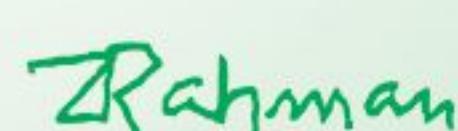
As an illustrious institution, Bangladesh Police Academy is providing foundation and professional training for the police members of different ranks. Since its inception in 1912, the academy has also been playing a pivotal role in developing professional skills, human qualities and traditional norms and values in police service along with imparting basic training to the members of police.

The supreme sacrifices made by the members of Bangladesh Police in the great War of Liberation, being inspired by the clarion call of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the early hours on 26 March 1971, will be ever remembered in the history of Bangladesh. I pay my deep homage to the martyrs and pray for the salvation of the departed souls.

It is a matter of satisfaction that under the auspices of UN, the members of Bangladesh Police is also taking part in different UN Peacekeeping Missions and maintaining world peace and harmony along with protecting and preserving country's law and order situation.

I wish the observance of the Centenary Celebration of Bangladesh Police Academy a success.

Khoda Hafez. May Bangladesh Live Forever.

  
Md. Zillur Rahman



## Minister

Ministry of Home Affairs  
Government of the People's  
Republic of Bangladesh

## Message

At the very auspicious moment of celebrating the centenary of one of the ancient Police Training Institutes of the Sub-continent. I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to all the present and former members of Bangladesh Police.

We commemorate all the martyrs of Bangladesh Police Academy who sacrificed their lives for the advent of independent Bangladesh. As a result of teaching procedure innovated and followed and inspiration for patriotism generated by this Academy, a large number of police personnel took part in our great Liberation War, responding to the clarion call of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The inspiring role of this Academy will be written in golden-letters in the history of our independence.

Since 1912, this Academy has played a vital role in maintaining internal discipline, public safety and social stability in the Sub-continent through providing training to the members of the British, Indian and Pakistani Police personnel. It has played an important role to build a safer country by curbing the threats of terrorism, militancy, anarchy from the society despite manifold challenges.

Bangladesh Police deserves appreciation and recognition for paving the way to attain international standard for Bangladesh Police personnel for peacekeeping operations, through its curricula, teaching methodology and training for attaining and maintaining mental and physical excellence.

Our government is firmly committed to create smart, professionally skilled and people-friendly police service in accordance with the people's desire and aspiration. All we expect that Bangladesh Police Academy will take all steps to modernize its training system and to gain and maintain international standard.

Joy Bangla. Joy Bangabandhu.

  
(Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir, MP)



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Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka

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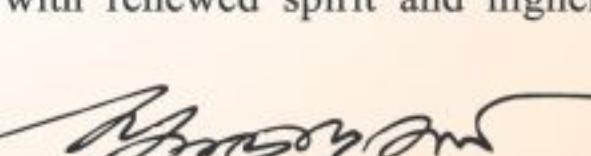
Heartiest felicitations to all the past and incumbent members of Bangladesh Police on this glorious centenary of Bangladesh Police Academy!

From the very first day of its establishment the Academy has been producing efficient and professional police who are fully conscious of their obligation and duty towards the citizens of our beloved country. I wish for its continuous success so that it can establish itself as a centre of excellence in providing world-class training according to the need of the changing times.

On this glorious moment I express my heartiest thanks to all the past and present instructors whose knowledge, experience, sincerity and dedication helped this Academy to reach its peak.

Police has a pivotal role in maintaining internal law and order, curbing terrorism, ensuring safety and security of life and property of the common people, upholding human rights, enabling good governance and justice in the country. The members of Bangladesh Police have demonstrated their effectiveness inside the country as well as excellent performance in the international arena through participation in UN peacekeeping missions.

I hope all the events of the upcoming centenary celebration will be observed successfully and the Academy will march forward with renewed spirit and higher motivation.

  
C Q K Mustaq Ahmed  
Senior Secretary



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## Bangladesh Police Academy The Crowning Glory of 100 Years

Naim Ahmed BPM  
Principal (Addl. IGP)  
Bangladesh Police Academy

The venerable Bangladesh Police Academy (BPA), the then Police Training College, made its maiden journey in 1912 with an objective to deliver basic training to the police officers and personnel of the then Province of Bengal and Assam. The hundred year old luminous and prestigious Alma Mater is one of the oldest training institutions in the Indian sub-continent.

The need for professional education and formal training to police personnel was felt in Bengal in 1893. To meet the recommendation of the Indian Police Commission of 1902-03 for the establishment of provincial schools, the school at Mill Barracks, Dhaka was transformed into a Provincial Institution in 1906 and it functioned as such till 1913. The Partition of Bengal was announced in July 1905 by the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon. On the annulment of the short-lived partition of Bengal, the existing Police Training College for Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam at Bhagalpur (India) went to the province of reorganized Bihar and Orissa which was reconstituted with parts of then Bengal. Such a situation demanded the immediate necessity for a Police Training College for the Province of Bengal and Assam. The respective government functionaries' plan of setting up a Police Training College resulted in the establishment of Police Training College in July, 1912 at its present site at Sardah.

Sardah is the oldest training institution of the country with its rich heritage and splendour history. Major H. Chamney of the British Indian Army was the first principal of the academy. While Chamney was travelling to Kolkata by steamer stopped at Charkhat which was a steamer station then and was attracted by the fascinating beauty and excellent geo-national location of the campus at Sardah with its large open field and massive ancient buildings left abandoned by the Dutch and the English East India Company. Chamney's proposal to select the site for Police Training College at Sardah was accepted by the British government. The entire property, comprising an area of 142.66 acres of land with all its installations, was then purchased by the Government from the Midnapur Zamindari Estate in 1912 at an amount of Rupees 25,000. It was thus destined to become the site for the Police Training College, the present Bangladesh Police Academy.

In 1912-13 the first batch of trainees consisted of 103 recruit constables, 25 Cadet Sub-Inspectors and 7 Asst. Superintendents of Imperial Police Service the total number were 135 but rose to about 1,000 in the year 1925. There was separate training syllabus for trainee Constables, Sub-Inspectors and ASPs but on the ground Physical Training and Drill were almost common for everybody. Sub-Inspectors were taught law. Probationary Asst. Superintendents were taught law, general administration and accounts. The British officers were taught Bengali thoroughly because this was the principal language they would have to work with. Horse riding is a memorable experience for all trainees with adventure, thrill and fight. The polo was very popular to the senior officers as well the guests who visited academy.

In the beginning the academy imparted training to the police officers of Imperial Police Service (IPS) of the rank of ASP both of British and Indian origin and police personnel of the rank of Sub-Inspector and Constable of Bengal and Assam but no Indian police officers were recruited in Imperial Police Service until 1921. The first Indian officer entered into IPS in 1921 was Mr. E.S.C. Sen. Till the beginning of 1947 all the principals of the Police Training College were British officers. The last British Principal in the colonial rule was Mr. T.G. Holman who was replaced by Mr. P.L. Mehta in April 1947. After the end of British colonial rule in August 1947 Mr. M.A. Khan became the first principal of post colonial rule. In the independent Bangladesh Mr. A.B.M.G. Kibria was appointed as the first Principal in 1972. The institution had been delivering sustained and un-interrupted basic training to the rank and file, and officers of Imperial Police Service, Pakistan Police Service and Bangladesh Police Service standing out in the chronological regimes of British India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The Police Training College was raised to the status of a national academy named as Police Academy, Sardah in 1964. In the year 2007 Police Academy is renamed as Bangladesh Police Academy.

Bangladesh Police Academy has a historic heroic role in the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Pakistani occupation army's invasion of Sardah on 13 April 1971 was boldly resisted by all the personnel under the leadership of the then principal Mr. M.A. Khalique on the call of the father of nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. As many as 24 police personnel and civil staff of the academy sacrificed their lives in the battle of liberation.

At present BPA is imparting three categories of training courses – Basic Courses, In-Service Training, and Specialized Courses. Basic courses are delivered to ASPs (Probationer), Outside Cadet Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, and Trainee Recruit Constables. In-service courses are offered to rank and file members. Specialized courses include Riders, Drummers, Pipers, Buglers, Section Leaders' course, and Training of Trainers (TOT). The academy introduced Master in Police Science (MPS) programme being affiliated with University of Rajshahi since the academic year 2008-2009. By making partnership and engagement with foreign and international organizations like ICITAP, Asia Foundation, ICRC, and PRP international standard training courses are imparted to ASPs (Prob) and Cadet Sub-Inspectors.

Sardah is a place of notable green expanse and is profoundly proud of 135 kinds of plants and is also enriched with 28 varieties of wild animals, and more than 70 varieties of birds. The academy is of profound historic interest and tourist attractions with century old buildings, leafy rain trees, drinking water well, and superb view of river Padma from the watch tower, stables, relaxing and wonderful picnic area, wild tree conservation corner, splendid river view cottage, academy museum, and sanctuary for the wild animals.

The year 2012, the academy's attainment of centenary, is remarkably coincides with so many events and achievements. Breaking all the previous records since its inception, the number of trainees rose to 2,390 in July 2012. Centenary also coincides with completion of construction of a colossal swimming pool, a giant gymnasium, Padma river drive, a big drill shed, a master drain, a new cafeteria, and interactive centre, entry gate complex, and two new monuments in the memory of International Mother Language Day and National Independence. Creation of a Conservation of Wild Trees Corner and a Sanctuary for the Wild Animals, policy based comprehensive Master Plan of the academy, project launched called 'Green Sardah and Clean Sardah' to green and clean the premises, the opening of website of BPA and internet connection with 20 Mbps capacity, and transforming the academy into Town. Like with naming of different roads and places, installations of traffic sign and signpost and setting up of parking lots all happened in the year 2012.

In the year 1962 the academy celebrated the Golden Jubilee (1912 – 1962), after completion of its 50 years of steady journey, with four days (21 – 24 December) of colourful programmes.

Sardah with its history, pride, heritage, tradition, glory and achievements is in a jovial and cheerful mood to celebrate centenary in a grand and luxurious fashion. The great celebration, to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Bangladesh Police Academy, is going to be held on 6-8 December 2012 with the gracious presence of our Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the inaugural ceremony. Different vibrant programmes like Heritage Parade, Horse Show, Band Show, Fireworks, Games events, Exhibition of police related artifacts and articles of historical interests, Fair, Cultural Events, Reminiscence, Seminars and other events are going to take place in the celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary. We wish every success of the centenary celebration; and also hope and pray that the academy would live long and prosper with more and more glory and pride in the near future.



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## PRIME MINISTER

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH



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## Message

I welcome the trainers and trainees along with members of Bangladesh Police marking the centenary of Bangladesh Police Academy, one of the ancient training institutions of the Sub-continent.

Responding to the call of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the large number of officials and employees of the Bangladesh Police Academy took part in the War of Liberation and 24 of them embraced martyrdom. I recall with great gratitude the contribution of Bangladesh Police force and Bangladesh Police Academy in the War of Liberation.

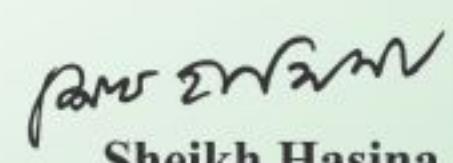
Bangladesh Police Academy has been playing a vital role in ensuring country's internal security, establishing social stability, curbing terrorism and preventing potential threats through producing skilled manpower.

We have taken measures to modernize the academy through bringing about a change in its infrastructure, training methods, tactics and curriculum. The academy has already been recognized as a centre of excellence in the Subcontinent by awarding 'Master in Police Science (MPS)' degree to the probationary ASPs.

I hope it will play more important role through producing professional and skilled police members to meet the challenges of the 21st century and materialize the 'Vision 2021'.

I wish all-out success of the programmes undertaken marking the centenary celebrations of Bangladesh Police Academy.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

  
Sheikh Hasina



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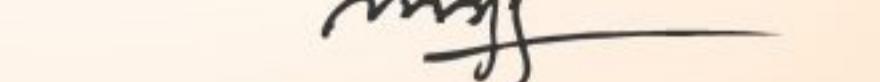
I express my heartfelt felicitations to all the members of Bangladesh Police on this auspicious day of celebrating the centenary of Bangladesh Police Academy, one of the famous ancient training institutions in this Sub-continent.

I also applaud the contribution of all the trainers who had trained up and still have been providing training to the newly recruited trainees with their great devotion and hard labour in the Academy.

To achieve the independence of Bangladesh, there is an extraordinary contribution of Bangladesh Police. In achieving independence this academy shared an enlightened past. In this month of victory my respect goes to those officers and employees of the academy who valiantly sacrificed their valuable lives during the Liberation War.

The relentless efforts of Bangladesh Police Academy to produce skilled and tactful police officers in order to ensure internal security and stability in the country can undoubtedly be claimed for high recognition. I firmly believe and hope that the Academy will produce honest, sincere, professional and skilled police officers who will play an important role to ensure peace, discipline and security in the society, uphold human rights and establish good governance in the days to come.

Joi Bangla  
Joi Bangabandhu

  
(Advocate Shamsul Hoque Tuku, MP)



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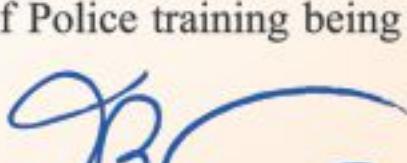
I am very much pleased to extend warm wishes and heartfelt congratulations to the present and former members of Bangladesh Police on the auspicious occasion of centenary celebration of Bangladesh Police Academy.

Established with the vision of creating police officers suited to the needs of ever changing time, Bangladesh Police Academy, in its glorious journey of the last hundred years, played tremendous roles in all the forward marches of the Bangalees from darkness to light. Particularly, the glorious tales the sacred sacrifices of the members of this academy during our war of liberation, the most significant incident of the nation, will ever glitter in the national history.

The last hundred years saw many British, Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi police officers coming out with excellent training from the breeding ground of police and leaving their marks of merit at different corners of this Sub-continent. The academy is still in continuous endeavors to build a modern, pro-active, pro-people, knowledge-based and technology-oriented police service in the country. As a matter of fact, the widely shared spirit of ushering in a paradigm shift of Bangladesh Police form force to service has its root in this academy. This is the institution Bangladesh Police turns to for leadership, ideas and actions.

2012 is, I think, an opportunity for us to celebrate 100 years' history and heritage of a great institution, while at the same time looking to the next 100 years.

I wish every success of centenary of this Alma Mater of Police training being celebrated in colorful festivity.

  
(Hassan Mahmood Khandker BPM, PPM, ndc)