



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS

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## MESSAGE

PRESIDENT  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
DHAKA

I warmly welcome the initiative to observe the "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025" in Bangladesh with due dignity and honor. To ensure global peace, security and to provide humanitarian assistance, the United Nations peacekeeping operations have been playing a vital role since its inception. On this occasion, I extend my deep respect, gratitude and appreciation to all peacekeepers participating in UN missions around the world, especially the brave members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces and Bangladesh Police. I pay solemn tribute to the heroic peacekeepers who have made ultimate sacrifices in fulfilling the noble duty of maintaining global peace and stability. I also express my heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Bangladeshi peacekeepers have been making significant contributions in peace building by demonstrating professionalism, dedication, sincerity, discipline and courage in various conflict-affected and war-torn countries under challenging conditions. Our peacekeepers have enhanced Bangladesh's reputation and dignity in the international arena by providing essential services such as food, medical assistance, protection to civilians and ensuring a peaceful environment in the conflict zones.

Participation in UN peacekeeping operations reflects Bangladesh's commitment and dedication to global peace and security. Bangladesh is now one of the leading troop contributors to global peacekeeping missions. The way members of Bangladesh Armed Forces and Bangladesh Police contribute in global peace and stability, they are similarly efficient at the national level as well. The sense of responsibility, professionalism and patriotism of Bangladeshi peacekeepers for controlling law and order situation during the recent 'student-public movement' in Bangladesh has earned a remarkable appreciation at home and abroad. I hope that this commitment continues in the future and the Bangladeshi peacekeepers will play an even more significant role in establishing peace and stability.

I wish all current and former peacekeepers good health, success and prosperity.

*Mohammed Shahabuddin*  
Mohammed Shahabuddin

## MESSAGE

ADVISER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
GOVERNMENT OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF BANGLADESH  
DHAKA



United Nations Peacekeeping Operations represent a truly extraordinary global partnership that fosters resilience, accountability, protection of rights and contributes meaningfully to sustainable peace. On the occasion of International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025, I extend my deepest respect and appreciation to all courageous and dedicated peacekeepers, deployed for establishing peace, under constant risk and in the world's most volatile and unstable regions. These peacekeepers protect civilian populations, ensure their access to basic needs, uphold human rights, assist in electoral processes, and provide a wide range of essential humanitarian support in the conflict zones. I pay my deepest tribute to all the peacekeepers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty while performing these noble tasks.

Currently, thousands of peacekeepers from Bangladesh are deployed in 10 UN peacekeeping missions across Europe, Africa and Asia. Their role in guiding conflict-ridden countries toward peace is invaluable. Bangladeshi peacekeepers, through their courage, professionalism and deep sense of humanity, have made significant contributions to global peace and security. Their participation in UN peacekeeping operations has greatly enhanced Bangladesh's image in the international arena.

The active participation of Bangladeshi women peacekeepers in UN missions is a powerful indicator of our national progress. Through their leadership and professional excellence, they have earned international recognition and continue to play an impactful role in advancing gender equality and sustainable peace.

Bangladesh remains committed to playing a proactive role in peacekeeping efforts, reflecting our enduring pledge to uphold the global peace, security and human rights. We believe that peace, tolerance and inclusivity can help build a safer, more secure and prosperous future for the next generation.

I extend my heartfelt felicitations to all peacekeepers around the world specially the Bangladeshi contingents for their dedicated service and tireless efforts in pursuit of peace.

*Md. Touhid Hossain*  
Md. Touhid Hossain

## MESSAGE

CHIEF OF AIR STAFF  
BANGLADESH AIR FORCE



On the occasion of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers-2025, I extend my heartfelt greetings and congratulations to all peacekeepers, including members of the armed forces serving in UN peacekeeping missions. Besides, I pray for the departed souls who lost their lives while performing their duties in peacekeeping missions. I also express my deepest condolences to their bereaved families. At the same time, I express my sincere sympathy to the members who were injured and disabled while discharging their duties as peacekeepers.

Bangladesh has achieved outstanding success in establishing peace and security in conflict areas around the world through the UN's global peacekeeping operations. The dedication, professionalism and great sacrifice of the peacekeepers of Bangladesh Armed Forces helped UN to achieve these results. Bangladesh Air Force is one of the most successful partners in this effort. Bangladesh Air Force has made significant contributions to peacekeeping in various conflict zones of the world including Kuwait, East Timor, Chad, Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti and Ivory Coast. Currently, three separate contingents of Bangladesh Air Force are deployed in two regions of United Nations. Among them, a Utility Aviation Unit with 06 x Mi series helicopters and an Aviation Transport Unit with 01 x C-130 transport aircraft are deployed in Democratic Republic of Congo and a Bangladesh Armed Military Utility Helicopter Unit with 03 x Mi series helicopters is deployed in the Central African Republic. It is worth noting that since 1993, more than nine thousand members of Bangladesh Air Force have successfully participated in a total of 28 UN peacekeeping missions.

Bangladeshi women peacekeepers continue to play a commendable role in UN peacekeeping missions. Their contribution to peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance and safety of women in conflict-ridden regions is praiseworthy. Their participation has not only enhanced the effectiveness of the mission but also made Bangladesh's image in the international arena brighter and more dignified. I am hopeful that they will continue to prove their excellence in carrying out this great responsibility in the future.

May the UN peacekeeping operations be more effective and may the global peace be established where the world would become free from war and conflict; this is our sincere prayer today. Finally, I wish the overall success of 'UN Peacekeepers Day-2025'. May Almighty Allah bless us all.

*Hasan Mahmood Khan*  
Air Chief Marshal  
Chief of Air Staff



## MESSAGE

CHIEF ADVISER  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH



On the occasion of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025, I extend my heartiest felicitations and congratulations to all the members of UN peacekeepers. I pay my humble tribute to those courageous peacekeepers who have made the ultimate sacrifices in the line of duty, glorifying the noble cause of peace.

The United Nations peacekeeping operations are the most significant initiative for establishing peace in war-torn and conflict-ridden regions of the world. Starting from the very first peacekeeping mission in 1948, Bangladesh has now become one of the largest troop-contributing nations. Our peacekeepers are working tirelessly to maintain peace and deliver emergency humanitarian assistance in various conflict-affected countries. Their efficiency and dedication have earned the trust of the civilians in conflict zones and have further elevated the status of Bangladesh in the international arena.

During the July uprising in 2024 and subsequent periods, our armed forces stood by the people, setting an iconic example in maintaining peace and stability in the country. I firmly believe that the members of the Armed Forces and Police, who are experienced in peacekeeping operations, will continue their relentless work to prevent conflict, protect civilians, ensure human rights, and establish peace.

Bangladesh believes in the culture of peace, tolerance, and the practice of humanity. Our active participation in UN peacekeeping missions stands as a testament to our enduring pledge toward establishing peace and stability in the world. I hope that through the professional excellence, exceptional courage, humanity, self-sacrifice, and integrity, our peacekeepers will continue to uphold Bangladesh's image in the world as a peace-building nation.

I wish the observance of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025 a great success.

*Professor Muhammad Yunus*  
Professor Muhammad Yunus

## MESSAGE

CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF  
BANGLADESH ARMY



"International Day of UN Peacekeepers" is celebrated every year as a very special day on 29 May to commemorate the contribution and sacrifices of all peacekeepers across the world. Bangladesh, being one of the largest troop contributing countries, observes this day with due respect and solemnity. On this great occasion, I extend my deepest respect and sincere greetings to all peacekeepers around the world.

We are a peace-loving nation and always committed to promoting world peace. Our constitution also clearly affirms the commitment to world peace. As such, our participation in UN Peacekeeping Operations is a matter of great pride and honour for all members of Bangladesh Army. Since our inaugural engagement in 1948, more than 1,62,035 peacekeepers of Bangladesh Army have successfully completed 56 UN Peacekeeping Missions in 40 different locations. Currently, approximately 5,000 members of Bangladesh Army are deployed in 09 UN Peacekeeping Missions. Upholding the highest standard of professionalism, Bangladesh Army remains steadfastly impartial and resolute in executing mandated duties. Thus, we have earned a worldwide reputation under the emblem of Blue Helmet.

On this auspicious day, I respectfully commemorate 131 valiant peacekeepers of Bangladesh Army who laid down their lives for global peace. Besides, 241 peacekeepers also sustained injury in different peacekeeping operations. I convey my heartfelt respect and deep empathy to all our deceased and wounded peacekeepers as well as to their families. Their supreme sacrifice is a source of immense pride and inspiration for us.

Bangladesh Army has proudly completed over three decades of distinguished service in UN peacekeeping missions. Today we remain ready to uphold its reputation as one of the professional, capable and most prepared forces for global peace. Currently, with a wide range of modern weaponry, armaments and gadgets, Bangladesh army remains ready to deploy anywhere in the world. In recent development we have deployed three helicopters to Democratic Republic of the Congo making a significant milestone in its operational capabilities. Furthermore, to enhance our counter-IED measure, we have recently introduced Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and presented to Peruvian Armed Forces to extend our support. Demonstrating the commitment to the mission area, Bangladesh Army has established the "Touadera Community Clinic" in Central African Republic. This civil-military cooperation initiative portrays the commitment and deep respect of Bangladeshi peacekeepers towards human rights, values and overall development of the mission area. At present, beside the male peacekeepers, our female peacekeepers are equally contributing to various missions. Therefore, Bangladesh has become a brand name with world class training, experienced personal, advanced equipment and high values.

At the end, my prayer remains for all Bangladeshi peacekeepers deployed across the world. At the same time, I wish success to the efforts taken by all members of UN in establishing a peaceful world for the succeeding generations.

May Almighty Allah bless us all.

*Waker-Uz-Zaman*  
General  
Chief of Army Staff

## MESSAGE

PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER  
ARMED FORCES DIVISION



I am extremely delighted to know that the "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025" is being observed in Bangladesh on 29 May, as in every year, in solidarity with fellow member states of the United Nations. The commemoration of the "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025" through the combined initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh Armed Forces, Bangladeshi Police, and the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator underscores its profound importance and reflects Bangladesh's unwavering commitment to global peacekeeping efforts.

On this auspicious occasion, it's my distinct honour to commemorate the brave men and women peacekeepers from Bangladesh and across the globe who serve under the United Nations flag to protect the vulnerable, uphold peace, and rebuild war-torn societies. The theme for this year, "The Future of Peacekeeping," resonates profoundly with Bangladesh's distinguished legacy in UN peacekeeping, symbolizing the nation's enduring commitment, valor, and sacrifice in the pursuit of global peace and security.

Since our first participation in United Nations peacekeeping missions in 1948, Bangladesh has remained steadfast in its commitment to global peace, stability, and humanitarian service. In keeping with this legacy, Bangladesh today stands as a beacon of peace and harmony on the global stage, setting a unique example through its continued contributions to international peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts. The active and distinguished participation of members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces and Bangladesh Police in United Nations peacekeeping missions for 37 years has not only bolstered the nation's global image but has also reaffirmed Bangladesh's resolve commitment to uphold the principles and spirit of the United Nations in the pursuit of international peace and security.

Currently, 5,619 peacekeepers from the Bangladesh Armed Forces and 199 peacekeepers of the Bangladesh Police are actively engaged in 10 United Nations peacekeeping missions across the globe. Over the years, a total of 2,00,558 Bangladeshi peacekeepers have served with distinction in 63 missions spanning 43 countries and their effective roles in United Nations peacekeeping missions have garnered appreciation globally. The contributions of female peacekeepers from the Bangladesh Armed Forces and the Bangladesh Police in upholding global peace are highly commendable. To date, 3,845 female peacekeepers from Bangladesh have actively participated in various United Nations missions, showcasing Bangladesh as a pioneer in women's empowerment and a leading advocate for gender equality in global peacekeeping initiatives.

Tragically, 168 Bangladeshi peacekeepers have made supreme sacrifice and embraced martyrdom in the line of duty while serving in United Nations peacekeeping operations. I solemnly pray for salvation of the departed souls of those courageous peacekeepers and convey my heartfelt condolences to their bereaved families. I also pray for the complete recovery of the 272 Bangladeshi peacekeepers who have been injured while upholding the principles of peace under the United Nations flag. Their invaluable contributions to world peace will forever remain enshrined in the annals of United Nations history, and continue to inspire generations to come.

I profoundly wish "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025" a grand success and convey my best wishes for the prosperity and well-being of all the peacekeepers.

*S M Kamrul Hassan*  
Lieutenant General  
Principal Staff Officer



## MESSAGE

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
UNITED NATIONS



With unwavering courage, United Nations peacekeepers step into danger – to help protect those who need protection, preserve peace, and restore hope in some of the world's most challenging contexts.

Today, we honour their service.

We draw inspiration from their resilience, dedication and courage.

And we remember all the brave women and men who made the ultimate sacrifice for peace. More than 4,400 peacekeepers have died in service – 57 last year alone.

We will never forget them – and we will carry their work forward.

The focus of this year's International Day of Peacekeepers is on "the future of peacekeeping".

Today, peacekeepers face increasingly complex situations in an increasingly complex world: Growing polarization and division around the globe ...

Operations made even more dangerous from a multiplicity of threats such as terrorism...

Targeting of peacekeepers through deadly misinformation...

And challenges that transcend borders – from the climate crisis to transnational crime.

As we look ahead, it is essential that peacekeepers have what they need to do their jobs.

This is the shared responsibility of the United Nations and Member States.

The Pact for the Future – adopted last year at the United Nations – includes a commitment to adapt peacekeeping to our changing world.

This challenge is also an opportunity:

To analyse what makes peacekeeping operations successful...

To better understand what hinders them...

And to help design new future-focused models that are anchored in political solutions, adequately resourced, and have mandates that are achievable, with clear exit strategies.

The first step – reviewing our peace operations – is underway.

And together, we will keep pushing this vital effort forward.

Now more than ever, the world needs the United Nations – and the United Nations needs peacekeeping that is fully equipped for today's realities and tomorrow's challenges.

## MESSAGE

Antonio Guterres



With immense pride and satisfaction, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and felicitations to all the peacekeepers on the occasion of the International United Nations Peacekeepers Day 2025. On this special day, I pay my solemn tribute to all the brave peacekeepers who made the ultimate sacrifices while upholding global peace, security and stability. I also gratefully acknowledge the dedication and commitment of all former and current Bangladeshi peacekeepers whose tireless services have earned international recognition for Bangladesh as one of the leading troop-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping missions. I express my sincere appreciation and deep respect to all peacekeepers deployed under the UN mandate.

Bangladesh Navy began its journey in United Nations peacekeeping operations in 1993, to contribute to global peace, human rights and solidarity. The deployment of two naval ships BNS OSMAN and BNS MADHUMATI in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in 2010 marked a significant milestone in projecting Bangladesh's stature and credibility at the international level. Currently, Bangladesh Navy Corvette BNS SANGRAM is deployed in Lebanon as part of the Maritime Task Force.

Additionally, a Riverine Unit of the Bangladesh Navy has been deployed since 2015 in South Sudan as Bangladesh Force Marine Unit (BANFMU). This unit has been playing a vital role in ensuring the safe passage of essential supplies, food, medicine and humanitarian aid via the White Nile River. In addition to the above ship and contingent, male and female naval personnel of various ranks of Bangladesh Navy have been serving in different UN missions worldwide, with professionalism, dedication and pride.

Naval personnel continue to enhance the national image in the international arena by demonstrating exceptional professionalism, unwavering courage, discipline and outstanding success in their duties toward global peacekeeping efforts. During and after the recent movement led by the students, the role of the Bangladesh Navy is being widely appreciated in stabilizing the overall law-and-order situation of the country particularly in coastal areas.

On this very occasion, I extend my sincere gratitude and best wishes for the continued success and well-being of all members of Armed Forces and Bangladesh Police serving in UN peacekeeping missions. May the Almighty Allah bless all our endeavors with success. Ameen.

## MESSAGE

M Nazmul Hassan

Admiral  
Chief of Naval Staff



The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025 is being observed across the globe today with the message of building a thriving, sustainable and peaceful world that is more equitable and just.

On behalf of the members of Bangladesh Police who have been profusely contributing in peacekeeping with pride and dignity for more than last three decades, I wish to extend my heart-felt felicitations to all the peacekeepers around the globe. We recall with deep respect the supreme sacrifices of all the peacekeepers who embraced martyrdom in the noble pursuit of peace operations. We also pay our glowing tribute to all the