

# **BIPSS** Newsletter

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# Bangladesh Institute of Peace & Security Studies - BIPSS

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#### British High Commissioner in Bangladesh, H.E Alison Blake visited BIPSS

On Thursday January 5, 2017, British High Commissioner in Bangladesh, H.E Alison Blake visited BIPSS and called on the President of the institute, Major General A N M Muniruzzaman, (Retd).



#### BIPSS hosts its joint seminar with KAS on "Security Implications of Climate Change: Focus on Bangladesh."

On Monday, 23rd of January 2017, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) with the collaboration of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) of Germany held a seminar on 'Security Implications of Climate Change: Focus on Bangladesh'.



#### President BIPSS goes to RSIS as Visiting Senior Fellow

President BIPSS Major General A N M Muniruzzaman (Retd.) was invited by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS),Singapore as a Visiting Senior Fellow to deliver lectures and seminars at their Non Traditional Security Centre.



President BIPSS was invited by the Dutch Defence Minister as a Keynote speaker in the Future Force Conference in the Hague.

President BIPSS Major General Muniruzzaman (retd.) was invited by Mr. J.A Hennis-Plasschaert Defense Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as a Keynote speaker in the Future Force Conference in the Hague.



### Conference on Countering Violent Extremism: Building Resilience & Capacity.

On March 8, 2017, Bangladesh Institute of Peace & Security Studies (BIPSS) organised a day long national conference on Countering Violent Extremism: Building Resilience & Capacity.The conference begun with BIPSS President Major General ANM Muniruzzaman,



BIPSS hosted a Roundtable on "Iraq and the Middle East: the Emerging Politico -Security Landscape".5-Day Religious Retreat In Rome

On February 14,2017,Bangladesh Institute of Peace & Security Studies hosted a Roundtable on "Iraq and the Middle East: the Emerging Politico -Security Landscape." The keynote presentation was delivered by Mr. Konstantinos Vardakis, Minister Counselor and Deputy Head, the European Union Delegation to Bangladesh.



#### Workshop on Countering Violent Extremism: Building Resilience & Capacity.

Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) under the auspices of its specialised centre --Bangladesh Centre for Terrorism Research (BCTR), organised a three day National Workshop titled "Countering Violent Extremism (CVE): Building Resilience and Capacity", from the 28th to 30th of March 2017.



BIPSS hosted a seminar on "Entering the World of Nuclear Energy: Key Security Issues for Bangladesh".

On February 22, 2017, Bangladesh Institute of Peace & Security Studies (BIPSS) hosted a seminar on "Entering the World of Nuclear Energy: Key Security Issues for Bangladesh" at Hotel Six Seasons. The keynote presentation was delivered by Dr. Petr Topychkanov, Fellow, Carnegie Moscow Center's Nonproliferation Program.



BIPSS hosted a seminar on "Cyber Security: What's Nations Need To Know".

On March 30, 2017, BIPSS hosted a seminar on "Cyber Security: What's Nations Need To Know". The keynote presentation was delivered by Sameer Patil, Fellow, National Security Studies and Director, Centre for International Security, Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations.



President BIPSS, attended the annual conference of Non Traditional Security - Asia (NTS - Asia) in Singapore.

Major General Muniruzzaman (retd.), President of BIPSS, attended the annual conference of Non Traditional Security - Asia (NTS - Asia) in Singapore.The NTS - Asia is a network of leading think tanks and organisations in the Asia Pacific region who work on NTS issues with its Secretariat based in RSIS, Singapore.



President BIPSS, Maj Gen Muniruzzaman(retd) was invited to give a briefing at a consultative meeting of the UN Security Council at the UN headquarters in New York.

President BIPSS, Major General A N M Muniruzzaman, ndc, psc (Retd) was invited to give a briefing at a consultative meeting of the UN Security Council at the UN headquarters in New York. General Muniruzzaman briefed the Security Council on emerging threats as the Keynote Speaker.



President BIPSS,attended the conference of Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks (COSATT) in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The conference theme was on Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE). General Muniruzzaman presented a paper in the conference titled 'The Battle of the Narratives : A Counter Narrative Strategy for South Asia".





President BIPSS,was invited as a delegate to attend and speak at the Moscow Conference on International Security 2017 in Moscow.

This major yearly conference focused on global international security issues and specially paid attention to the civil war in Syria, recent developments in the Korean peninsula and other hot spot issues. Mr. Robert Watkins, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh called on President BIPSS.

Mr. Robert Watkins, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh called on President BIPSS in his office. They discussed matters of mutual interest. Mr. Watkins was also briefed on the activities of BIPSS and its current research agenda.



BIPSS hosted a Roundtable on "News and Fake News: Reporting in the Era of Post Truth".

Bangladesh Institue of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) has conducted a roundtable on "News and Fake News: Reporting in the Era of Post Truth".The keynote presentation was delivered by Syed Zain Al-Mahmood, Executive Editor, United News Bangladesh and Correspondent, The Wall Street Journal. The roundtable was chaired by the president of BIPSS, ANM Muniruzzaman.



Mr.Neal F. Kringel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State,(CSO) US Department of State, called on President BIPSS.

Mr. Neal F. Kringel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO), US Department of State, called on President BIPSS on Sunday, 18th June 2017. During the visit, Mr. Kringel and the delegation were briefed on BIPSS' research activities on Peace Studies and **Countering Violent Extremism** (CVE).



President BIPSS, Maj Gen ANM Muniruzzaman(Retd) was invited as a Keynote Speaker at the Inaugural Ceremony of the 5th China - South Asia and South East Asia Think Tank Forum in Kunming,China.

President BIPSS, shared the panel with the Governor of Yunnan and former Prime Minister of Thailand. In his Keynote address, General Muniruzzaman highlighted on the strategic significance of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the role of Bangladesh. The forum was attended by over 400 delegates from South and South East Asia, China and international organisations.



**BIPSS** hosted a Stakeholder Roundtable on "Peacebuilding and CVE ".

Mr. Manpreet Singh Anand, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for South Asia at the US Department of State, visited BIPSS .He is currently a consultant with the US Institute of Peace (USIP) working on issues of Peacebuilding and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE).Mr. Anand was the key-note speaker at a stakeholder roundtable on Peacebuilding and CVE convened by BIPSS.

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President BIPSS, Major General Muniruzzaman (Retd).













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