

## **Civil-military Relations in Bangladesh – Challenges and Opportunities**

In emerging democracies, the relationship between new established civilian institutions and the military is quite challenging and often affected by strong military involvement in politics which sometimes leads to military coups. A changing security environment, caused by the end of Cold War, the threat of terrorism and the so called new wars, asks for new definitions of the relationship between military and government. Besides that, the deployment of the military inside the country after natural disasters or terrorist attacks raises further questions about the relationship between armed forces and politics. The round table on civil-military relations organized by Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) will focus on these questions and also discuss the issues of military rule in Bangladesh's past as well as the changing role of armed forces within democratic systems.