

## CV of Ambassador Shamsheer M. Chowdhury, BB (Tenure in the USA: July 2007–August 2009)

Shamsheer M. Chowdhury was born in 1950. Shamsheer M. Chowdhury served as the Foreign Secretary of **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** from October 2001 to March 2005.<sup>[1]</sup> He also served as the ambassador of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka, Germany, Vietnam, Russia.

He graduated with Bachelors of Arts degree from the Pakistan Military Academy and was commissioned in the Pakistan Army in 1969.



He served in Jessore and Chittagong during his career with the Pakistan Army. Chowdhury actively participated in the War of Liberation of Bangladesh in 1971 and, for his bravery, was awarded the Gallantry Award "**Bir Bikram**" (BB). He attended the Senior Staff Course from 1988 to 1991 in the Public Administrative Training Centre in Savar and passed with distinction. Chowdhury speaks German & Italian and has working knowledge of French.

Shamsheer M. Chowdhury joined the Bangladesh Civil Service (Foreign Affairs) in January 1975. After serving as Deputy Chief of Protocol and Director (West Europe) in the Foreign Ministry from 1975 to 1977 he was posted to Bangladesh Embassy in Rome from 1977 to 1981. He served as Counselor in the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington from 1981 to 1983 and as Counsellor and Minister in the Bangladesh High Commission in Ottawa from 1983 to 1986. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission/Minister in the Bangladesh Embassy in Beijing from 1986 to 1988. Shamsheer M. Chowdhury represented Bangladesh in International Conferences in the **FAO, WFP** & Non-Aligned meetings. He was also member of the Bangladesh Delegation to several Commonwealth Summits and **SAARC** Summits. He also represented Bangladesh in ICPE Assembly meetings in Slovenia. Chowdhury served as the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka from 1991 to 1995; as Ambassador of Bangladesh to the **Federal Republic of Germany** from 1995 to 1998; and as Ambassador to the **Socialist Republic of Vietnam** from 1998 to 2001.