

Profile

Rear Admiral S M Abul Kalam Azad, NGP, ndc, psc joined Bangladesh Navy in January 1985 and was commissioned in executive branch on 1st of July 1987. Rear Admiral Azad went through various educational and training courses both at home and abroad. Namely, he did his International Sub Lieutenant Course from Britannia Royal Naval College, UK. He did Gunnery Specialization Course from Naval Training Centre, Istanbul, Turkey and became an honor graduate. He did Initial Staff Course from Royal Naval College, Greenwich London and was awarded with one of the two prizes of the course. He did his staff course from DSCSC, Mirpur. He went to Army Language School, Istanbul Turkey for Turkish Language Course. Furthermore, he completed International Humanitarian Law course from Hyderabad, India and Executive Decision Making Course from Naval Post graduate School, California, USA. He is an alumnus of NDC, Mirpur and Pabna Cadet College. In his long and versatile career Rear Admiral Azad successfully accomplished different national and international assignments. It encompasses critical and sensitive Command, Staff and Instructional experiences within Navy as well as in Rapid Action Battalion and Inter-Services Organizations. He held significant appointments, such as the Director Legal and Media Wing in RAB Headquarters, Contingent Commander in BANCON-4, UNIFIL, Director of Naval Training & Director of Naval Intelligence in Naval Headquarters, Director General, Civil Military Relations Directorate Prime Minister's Office, in Armed Forces Division, Commander Dhaka Naval Area and Commander Bangladesh Navy Fleet. He also held the prestigious appointment of Chairman, Mongla Port Authority and Chattogram Port Authority. During his long and illustrious career in the Navy, Rear Admiral Azad successfully commanded ships of different sizes including Frigates and major logistics, training and administrative bases of Bangladesh Navy. He held the sea appointment of Commanding Officer of BNS TANVEER, BNS MADHUMATI, BNS SANGU, BNS UMAR FAROOQ and BNS OSMAN. He also held the shore appointment of Commanding Officer of BNS TITUMIR and BNS ISSA KHAN. Rear Admiral Azad received numerous Commendations for his outstanding performance and professional excellence in the Navy. He was awarded with the 'Nou Gaurab Padak' in recognition of his professional excellence and distinguished service in Bangladesh Navy. Rear Admiral Azad takes great interest in sports and extra-curricular activities. He has keen interest

in Golf and other sports too. He is also an avid reader and is proficient in Turkish language and knows basic French. Rear Admiral Azad is happily married to Mrs Naomee Nahreen and blessed with one son and one daughter.