

Embassy of Bangladesh Washington DC

Press Release

Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC celebrates Armed Forces Day

Washington, DC, 21 November 2022:

The Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC hosted a reception today (21 November) to celebrate the 51st Armed Forces Day.

Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, BB, the Adviser to the Honourable Prime Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, and Mr Gabe Camarillo, Under Secretary of US Army, were present at the function.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Muhammad Imran also spoke at the event held at Bangabandhu Auditorium of the Embassy in the evening.

Lieutenant General Michael T. Plehn, President of National Defence University, USA, and Ms Afreen Akhter, US Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, were also present at the event.

The program began with the playing of the national anthems of Bangladesh and the USA. Then a short documentary on the activities of the Bangladesh Armed Forces was screened.

Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, in his speech, greeted the members of the armed forces on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day and recalled with profound respect great sacrifice and long struggle of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who led the Bengali nation to achieve its long-cherished independence.

The Adviser also recalled with deep respect the bravery and supreme sacrifice of the valiant freedom fighters - both military and civilians in the Liberation War.

Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, a gallantry award-recipient valiant Freedom Fighter, said along with safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the country, the members of the armed forces have also earned global acclamation for maintaining peace and stability in different trouble-torn regions of the world.

He also said they are making huge contributions to Bangladesh's ongoing development under the visionary leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Under Secretary of US Army Gabe Camarillo said the USA and Bangladesh celebrated the 51st anniversary of Bangladesh Armed Forces and 50 years of friendly relations between the two countries.

Noting that Bangladesh is the world's largest troop contributors to the UN Peacekeeping Operation, he said the United States recognises the sacrifice of the Bangladesh Armed Forces both for defence of the country in Bangladesh and maintaining peace and stability around the world.

Ambassador Imran paid deepest homage to the architect of Bangladesh, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman under whose leadership Bangladesh achieved final victory on December 16, 1971 following a nine-month-long armed Liberation War.

He noted with satisfaction the multifaceted cooperation between the armed forces of Bangladesh and the United States – in terms of UN peacekeeping operations, sharing of knowledge and experiences, training, procurement and exchange of visits, etc.

Diplomats and Defence Attaches from a number of countries, senior officials from the Pentagon, Department of State, and other US organizations, members of Bangladeshi diaspora and Embassy officials and employees attended the function.

Defence Attaché of Bangladesh Embassy Brigadier General Md Shahedul Islam welcomed the guests at the reception and thanked the USA for the support and cooperation extended that is mutually beneficial for the two countries. Minister (Political-1) Dewan Ali Ashraf conducted the program.

The program ended with cutting of a cake by the guests of the function.

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