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Press Release

The US praises Bangladesh's Peacekeeping Forces and Humanitarian Operations

Washington, D.C., 23 November 2021:

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington DC hosted a reception to celebrate the Armed Forces Day on 22 November 2021. Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Shaikh Abdul Hannan, who is now on an official visit to the USA was present as the Chief Guest at this event. The US side was represented by Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall.

Ambassador of Bangladesh to the USA M Shahidul Islam paid deep tribute to the architect of Bangladesh, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and recalled the bravery and supreme sacrifice of the valiant freedom fighters - both military and civilians. He highlighted the role Bangladesh Armed Forces has played in the Government's efforts to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. Ambassador Islam 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.

Speaking as guest of honor at the 50th Armed Forces Day reception at the Bangabandhu Auditorium of Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, DC, US Air Force Secretary also praised Bangladesh Army's peacekeeping and humanitarian operations that have earned global acclamation. He also remarked that the US and Bangladesh shared similar views on global norms regarding access to space, exploration, and research. Air Chief Marshal Shaikh Abdul Hannan underscored the friendly and cooperative relationship between the US Armed Forces and Bangladesh Armed Forces that is reflected in their regular engagements in various

bilateral and multilateral fora. He expressed hope that his visit would further strengthen the long-lasting ties between the two countries.

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



