

## CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF OF BANGLADESH



### GENERAL IQBAL KARIM BHUIYAN

General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan, psc was born on 02 June 1957 in Comilla, Bangladesh. The General joined Bangladesh Military Academy on 19 March 1976 and was commissioned on 30 November 1976 in the Corps of Infantry.

He has attended several professional courses both at home and abroad. His foreign courses include Company Commander's Course in Malaysia, Course on Peace-Keeping for Decision Makers in the Defence Institute of International Legal Studies in Rhode Islands USA. He is a graduate of Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur and Command and General Staff College, USA. Besides, he took part in a workshop on Initiative for Conflict Management in JFK School of Government, Harvard University and Logistic Support Issues in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

General Karim has a fine mix of all three types of appointment available in the Army i.e. Staff, Instructor and Command. He commanded three Infantry Battalions, an Infantry Brigade and three Infantry Divisions. As staff he served as Colonel staff in an Infantry Division and Chief of General staff of Bangladesh Army at the Army Headquarters. He was Platoon Commander in Bangladesh Military Academy, Directing Staff of Defence Services Command and Staff College and Commandant of Defence Services Command and Staff College and School of Infantry and Tactics.

General Karim actively took part in Counter Insurgency Operation in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh and participated in "Operation Desert Storm" where he received Liberation of Kuwait Medal. He also served as Commander Sector-4 of UNAMSIL in Sierra Leone.

General Karim has widely traveled around the globe that includes countries like USA, Canada, UK, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Saudi Arab, Kuwait, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ghana, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Pakistan, China & Qatar.

He is happily married to Mrs. Tahmina Yasmin and has two daughters and one son.

## CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF OF BANGLADESH



### **VICE ADMIRAL MUHAMMAD FARID HABIB, NBP, ndc, psc**

Vice Admiral Muhammad Farid Habib was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral and assumed the command of Bangladesh Navy as the Chief of Naval Staff on 28 January 2013.

Vice Admiral Habib joined Bangladesh Naval Academy as an Officer Cadet on 08 July 1976. He attended basic naval training as Midshipman in Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, UK. On successful completion of training, he was commissioned in the Executive Branch in Bangladesh Navy on 01 January 1979.

Vice Admiral Habib attended various professional courses both at home and abroad and obtained First Class in all the graded courses. The courses include Specialization on Navigation & Direction from Australia and Pakistan, Missile and Mine Sweeping Courses from China, Command and Staff Courses from Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh and also from Newport, Rhode Island, USA. He attended Joint Warfare Course and Sea Safety Course in UK, National Defence Course and Capstone Course from National Defence College, Mirpur, Bangladesh. He obtained Masters in Defence Studies (MDS) from National University, Dhaka, Bangladesh with First Class. He also did Flag Officers Combined Force Maritime Component Commanders Course from Hawaii, USA.

During his long and illustrious career in the Navy, Admiral Habib successfully commanded ships of all sizes, which include 3 Frigates, Large Patrol Craft, Mine Sweeper and Missile Boats. As a specialized Navigator, he navigated ships to various countries like UK, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. He served as Commandant, Bangladesh Naval Academy. He also served as Directing Staff and Colonel General Staff (Col GS) at Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Prior to assumption of the command of Bangladesh Navy, Vice Admiral Habib was serving as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations) at Naval Headquarters since 01 July 2009. He held BN top command positions (Area Commanders) which include Commodore Commanding BN Flotilla, Commodore Commanding Khulna and Naval Administrative Authority, Dhaka. Besides, he served at Naval Headquarters as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Personnel), Naval Secretary, Judge Advocate General and important Directors at Naval Headquarters, including Director of Naval Operations and Director of Naval Plans. He also served as Director of Plans in Bangladesh Coast Guard. Besides these assignments, he performed the duties of Commissioner, Bangladesh Sea Scouts, and Member, National Executive Committee of Bangladesh Scouts, a non-political social organization. He also performed the duties of Chairman, National Hydrographic Committee, Bangladesh.

He has been awarded with the highest scouts award 'Silver Tiger' by the Hon'ble President of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh. He received Commendation from the Chief of Naval Staff for outstanding performance and professional excellence in the Navy. He is also awarded with the highest achievement awards namely 'Bangladesh Navy Medal' and 'Bangladesh Coast Guard Medal' for outstanding contribution in different fields of Navy and Coast Guard.

Vice Admiral Habib hails from the district of Tangail. He is the youngest son of Late Mohammad Ali, ex Deputy Secretary to the Government. He is married to Begum Hafiza Habib and has a closely-knit family of one son and one daughter. He loves to pass his leisure in reading various periodicals and magazines. He plays cricket, lawn tennis and golf.

## CHIEF OF AIR STAFF OF BANGLADESH



### **AIR MARSHAL MUHAMMAD ENAMUL BARI, BBP, ndu, psc**

Born in a noble Muslim family of Dhaka in 1960, Air Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari joined Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) on 19 September 1978 as a flight cadet and was commissioned in General Duties (Pilot) Branch on 01 February 1981. After Commissioning, he joined the operational fighter squadron of BAF and served in almost all the fighter squadrons of BAF in various appointments. Progressing through his career, he has flown different types of aircraft including FUJI-200, AA-5A, PT-6, T-37B, FOUGA, FT-5, FT-6, F-6 and A-5IIIA aircraft. He is also a Qualified Flying Instructor and carried out extensive instructional flying in various fixed trainers and fighter aircraft. As an acclaimed fighter pilot of BAF, the Air Marshal has logged more than 2000 flying hours to his credit.

Air Marshal Enam is well reputed in BAF for his altruism, simplicity and honesty both as a person and as a commander. His distinct service is marked with a fine mix of command, instructional and staff appointments. Apart from commanding the Trendsetters (25 Squadron, BAF), he also commanded the Avengers (21 Squadron) – the only deep strike attack squadron of BAF. Having performed his stints at the wing and squadron level, he subsequently commanded two BAF bases at Chittagong and Jessore. The Air Marshal also served as a Directing Staff in Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur and the Deputy Commandant of Bangladesh Air Force Academy. His significant staff assignments include Director of Air Operations and Director of Air Training at Air Headquarters and Director of Training at the Armed Forces Division. The Air Marshal has the distinct honour of serving in two Principal Staff Officer positions at the Air Headquarters level as the Assistant Chief of Air Staffs, spanning over a period of almost five years. He served for a two year spell as the Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operations and Training) followed by Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Administration) since 2009, before taking over as the Chief of Air Staff on 12 June 2012.

Air Marshal Enam has attended several professional courses, training and seminars at home and abroad. He attended Flying Instructor Course in UK in 1983 and Joint Air War Course in India in 1989. He is a graduate of Defence Services Command and Staff College and a fellow of National Defence College, Mirpur, Bangladesh. Besides, he graduated from Command and Staff College, Indonesia in 1995 and Air Force Command College, China in 2003. In 2006, he graduated from

National Defence University, USA, winning the coveted 'Major General Theodore Antonelli Award' for Industry Study Excellence.

The Air Marshal is a widely travelled person. He is a veteran scout and takes keen interest in games and sports. Pursuit of knowledge through reading and passing time with his grandchildren are his passions. He is happily married to Mrs. Mary Enam and blessed with one son and two daughters.