



Commodore M Mahbub-ul Islam, (N), BSP, ndc, psc, BN

Commodore M Mahbub-ul Islam, (N), BSP, ndc, psc, BN has taken over as Chairman of BIWTA on 20 February 2019. Before joining BIWTA he was Commodore Naval Aviation in Chittagong.

Commodore Mahbub joined Bangladesh Naval Academy in 1984 as an Officer Cadet and was commissioned in Seaman Branch in July 1986. He attended a number of professional courses both at home and abroad. He qualified in basic courses; IMC and ISLC from Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, UK and School of Maritime Operations, UK in 1985 and 1987 respectively. He is a qualified navigator from Navigation and Direction School India (1997). He is a graduate of Defense Services Command and Staff College of Bangladesh (2000), and also a distinct graduate of US Naval War College, Newport (2001). He completed National Defense Course from Bangladesh in 2016. He holds Master degree in Defense Studies from National University of Bangladesh. He is promoted to present rank on 24 Nov 13.

His tours of duty include both sea and shore billets ranging from patrol craft to frigate and staff appointments at NHQ. He commanded three patrol vessels and three frigates including guided missile frigates BNS OSMAN (F-18) and BNS ABU BAKR (F-15). He served with the UN in Northern Iraq (2003). He was Staff Officer at Naval Headquarters in Operations and Plans Directorates. He was Director of Naval Plans (2010-2013), Director of Naval Training (2014) and Naval Secretary (2014-2015) at Naval Headquarters. The officer was Deputy Project Officer for refurbishment of 053H2 frigates in China.

His instructional appointments include, Platoon Commander at Bangladesh Military Academy, Officer-in-Charge of Navigation and Direction School and Directing Staff at Junior Staff Course.

Commodore Mahbub represented Bangladesh Navy in various fleet reviews, seminars, workshops and exercises aboard. Notable among them are LIMA 1997, Regional Conference on International Humanitarian Law in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2006, IMDEX Asia 2007, Indonesian Fleet Review 2009, 5th Western Pacific Naval Symposium Maritime Security Information Exchange Seminar 2010 in Singapore and APPSMO 2011 in Singapore DSA 2018 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia and was a speaker at OPV Conference 2018 in London, UK.

Among the awards and decorations which Commodore Mahbub received are the active duty medals for 'Operation Dabanal' and 'Operation Uttoron' for services in the Counter

Insurgency Operations in Chittagong Hill Tracts and peacetime medal BSP. He also achieved 'Mission Bar' for the service as an UN Military observer in Northern Iraq in 2002.

He has logged thousands of leagues onboard ships under different 'colours' in many seas.

His hobbies include reading, writing and photography. He is married to Mrs Kazi Rehana Sharmin Kanta and blessed with two daughters.