

Directors' Profile



Mr. Md. Monirul Islam, BPM (Bar), PPM (Bar)
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Director

Mr. Md. Monirul Islam, BPM (Bar), PPM (Bar) was born in 1970 in Gopalganj district. He obtained his HSC from Dhaka College and his BA and MA in English from Dhaka University. He joined the Bangladesh Police in 1995, securing first place in the 15th BCS Police Cadre. In addition to participating in various trainings at home and abroad to achieve professional excellence, he did earn an MSS in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the Department of Criminology, Dhaka University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Genocide Studies from the Center for Genocide Studies (CGS), and an LLB (Honors) from Northumbria University, United Kingdom. Apart from his official assignment, he is an adjunct faculty member at the Department of Criminology at Dhaka University.

Over the course of his 27-year career, Mr. Monirul Islam worked in a variety of field-level units in different capacities and demonstrated his utmost competency and professionalism. As a result, he has been decorated for many important posts in various police units. He worked in the Detective Branch of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police from 2009 to 2016, where he took that unit to new heights by uncovering the secrets of hundreds of clueless and sensational cases and apprehending the most notorious criminals, including some members of extremist groups. He also served as a spokesperson for the Dhaka Metropolitan Police from October 2010 to March 2021. During this time, he took part in more than five hundred press briefings and talk shows on various electronic and print media at home and abroad.

A specialized unit the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit (CTTC) was formed under the DMP in February 2016 with the fervent effort of Mr. Monirul Islam to combat extremism and terrorism. He assumed responsibility for the CTTC as its founding head and served for five consecutive years. Under his strong leadership, the CTTC was able to effectively control terrorism in coordination with other police units and intelligence agencies by conducting numerous high-risk operations against extremist groups across the country. Bangladesh has been recognized as a "role model" in the fight against extremism around the world.

Mr. Monirul Islam is regarded as one of the premier counterterrorism experts, both at the domestic and international levels, with substantial professional and academic knowledge. Considering his extensive expertise in combating extremism and terrorism, numerous of his articles, research papers, and books have already been published both nationally and internationally. He writes frequently about extremism and terrorism and appears as an expert panelist at seminars, symposia, workshops, and conferences hosted by domestic and international organizations. As an invited visitor, he has shared his perspectives and experiences with Scotland Yard, the FBI, the NYPD, and Interpol, among several others.

Mr. Monirul Islam's books, papers, and articles include Emerging Trends of Terrorism in Bangladesh and Counter Approaches; Preventing Violent Extremism and Peacebuilding: Perspectives and Prospects ; Women in Terrorism: Bangladesh Perspective; The Looming Threat of Lone-Wolf Terrorism: A Critical Study in Bangladesh; Terrorism in Bangladesh: A Practitioner's Lookout; Terrorists' Exploitation of Social Media: A Critical Study on Bangladesh; Terrorism in Bangladesh: The Process of Radicalization and Youth Vulnerabilities; Ensuring Life without Terror: Responses to Terrorism in Bangladesh; Violent Extremism in Bangladesh: A Reader (Volume I-V), and many others.

Mr. Islam is affiliated with numerous service organizations, alumni groups, and non-profit advisory bodies. He is on his second term as president of the Bangladesh Police Service Association (BPSA). He served the BPSA successfully twice as general secretary and three times as vice president. Additionally, he has been the president of the 15th BCS Forum for four consecutive terms. Moreover, he serves as an honorary advisor to the Bangladesh Peace Observatory (a think tank affiliated with the Centre for Genocide Studies at the University of Dhaka) and the Center for Social Advocacy and Research Foundation (a Bangladesh-based think tank specializing in research and security threat analysis).

Mr. Monirul Islam is one of the most brilliant and highly decorated police officers in the Bangladesh Police. He has been awarded the Bangladesh Police Medal (BPM) and President Police Medal (PPM) several times in recognition of his outstanding contribution and exemplary services to the Bangladesh Police.

Mr. Islam is an avid reader and takes particular interest in criminology, terrorism and extremism, state security and policies, and international relations. He is happily married to Ms. Saila Farzana, Joint Secretary of the Bangladesh government, and blessed with a son and a daughter.