

Vice Admiral Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed, OSP, ndc, psc **Takes over as Chief of Naval Staff**

The new Navy Chief, Vice Admiral Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed, OSP, ndc, psc 27 January 2016 Wednesday took over Command of Bangladesh Navy from outgoing CNS Admiral Muhammad Farid Habib, NBP, OSP, BCGM, ndc, psc. The new Chief of Naval Staff Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed OSP, ndc, psc has also been promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral from Rear Admiral.



The command taking over ceremony was held at Naval Headquarters, Banani, Dhaka in the presence of Principal Staff Officer's at Naval Headquarters, All Area Commanders of the Navy and High Raking Naval Officers. Vice Admiral Nizamuddin Ahmed signed the Command taking over book at the office of the Chief of Naval Staff.

Vice Admiral Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed was born in Madaripur in 1960. His father late M A Rashid was a teacher and his mother late Mrs. Fazilatunnesa was a housewife. He passed from Madaripur United Islamia Govt. High School obtaining first division with four letters in 1976. He also passed from Madaripur Nazimuddin Govt. College obtaining first division in 1978. He joined Bangladesh Navy on 30 January 1979 and graduated from Marshal Tito Naval Academy of former Yugoslavia. He was commissioned on 1st August 1981. He studied in ASW School at INS VENDURUTHY, India and completed his specialization course with distinction marks. Vice Admiral Nizam did Inter Forces Staff Course from Paris, France. He also attended various courses in USA and Canada.

Vice Admiral Nizam served in Naval Headquarters as Director of Personnel Services and Secretary to the Chief of Naval Staff. As specialist, he also served as the Instructor of TAS School as well as in Bangladesh Naval Academy. He was the Director of Operations at Bangladesh Coast Guard Headquarters. Vice Admiral Nizam also got the responsibility of selecting the officers of Armed Forces while holding the appointment of Deputy President of ISSB.

Vice Admiral Nizam Commanded Torpedo boats, Minesweepers, Gun boats and various Patrol Craft. He had the proud privilege of commanding all the three Ex-RN frigates. He also commanded various bases and subsequently took over the command of the biggest area of Bangladesh Navy at Chittagong. He served more than two years as Area Commander and earned the commendation from the Chief of Naval Staff. Vice Admiral Nizam was awarded "Osamanyo Sheba Padak" (OSP) by the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for his Commendable service in Bangladesh Navy.

Vice Admiral Nizam also completed NDC at the National Defence College, Mirpur. He participated in the peacekeeping mission in Ivory Coast during the time of tense situation as Military Observer. Vice Admiral Nizam joined Chittagong Port Authority as Chairman on 26 February 2012 and has served successfully till to date. As the Chairman Chittagong Port Authority he took lot of initiative and opened the first Inland Container Terminal of the country at Pangao near Dhaka. It is worth to mention that Chittagong Port was not closed for a single day due to labour unrest or hartal/strike during his tenure. Vice Admiral Nizam did put up his best efforts to establish the country's much-needed third Sea Port (PAYRA) in the southern region of the country. He has been working relentlessly as the Chairman of Payra Port Authority in addition to Chittagong Port since its inauguration by the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on 19 November 2013. The long service carrier of Vice Admiral Nizam is blended with various important Staff & Command experience in the Navy, Coast Guard, Inter Services Organizations, United Nations and Port Authorities of Bangladesh.

Vice Admiral Nizam visited a wide range of countries in the world. He can speak and write in French and Serbo-Croatian language. He is married to Mrs. Nazmun Nahar and blessed with two sons.