

Rear Admiral Md Khurshed Alam



Mr. Md Khurshed Alam, (Born 1953) Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh has a dynamic and long career. He performed the duties regarding the “Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal” in the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in, Germany and the “Bay of Bengal Maritime Boundary Arbitration between Bangladesh and India” under Annex VII to UNCLOS in the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague respectively. He was also the head of the Bangladesh Continental Shelf technical team entrusted with the preparation, documentation, carrying out seismic survey of the Bay of Bengal and submission of Bangladesh’s claim on extended continental shelf to the 21 member UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

He has also been actively involved in drafting international rules and regulations on the exploitation of polymetallic nodules, ferro manganese crust and polymetallic sulphides in the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica as the first elected President of the Assembly and Council of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) in 2016 and 2020 from Bangladesh. He has also been performing the duties as the National Focal Point for the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and representing Bangladesh in the diplomatic conference of Bio-diversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) in the UN. Under his leadership Bangladesh was elected for as Chair of the IORA for the period of 2021-2023. He is the Chairperson of the IOC Regional Committee for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO).

He was awarded with the first Bangabandhu Medal for Diplomatic Excellence in 2020 for his contribution to the Settlement of Bangladesh’s Maritime Boundary, Development of Blue Economy and International Maritime Diplomacy.