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# A. Educational Qualifications

- □ PhD in Law, 2013, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, United Kingdom.
- Post-Graduate Diploma on International Humanitarian Laws, 2008-2009, NALSAR University of Law, India.
- □ Master of Laws, 2001, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Result: First Class (Third position).
- □ Bachelor of Laws (Hon's), 2000, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Result: First Class (First position).
- □ Higher Secondary Certificate, 1996, Dhaka College, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Result: First Division (Second position in the combined merit list of humanities group, Dhaka Board)
- Secondary School Certificate, 1994, Sena Palli High School, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
  Result: First Division (Fifth position in the combined merit list of social science group, Dhaka Board).

# B. Academic Awards and Scholarships

- □ Commonwealth Scholarship for undertaking Ph.D. (2009-2012)
- □ Fieldwork Grant of the School of Oriental and African Studies (2010-2011).
- □ PhD Research Grant of the Charles Wallace Bangladesh Trust, UK (2013).
- □ Sumitomo Corporation Scholarships (1997-2001).
- □ Salimullah Hall Ex-Students' Welfare Association Gold Medal'2003.
- Al-Haj Ahmed Ullah Advocate Memorial Merit Scholarship'2002.
- □ The University Grants Commission Merit Scholarship, 2001
- Dhaka University Shushikkha Barsha'2003 Gold Medal.
- □ Justice Abdullah Gold Medal'2000.
- Justice Syed Muhammad Hossein Memorial Gold Medal'2000.

- □ Attorney Alamgir Gold Medal'2000.
- ICRC Scholarship for studying Post-Graduate Diploma on International Humanitarian Law in NALSAR University of Law, India.

### C. Research and Publications

#### 1. Published books:

- □ Criminal Sentencing in Bangladesh: From Colonial Legacies to Modernity. [2017, Leiden: Brill Nijhoff].
- □ *Protection of Minorities: Regimes, Norms and Issues in South Asia* (co-author: Borhan Uddin Khan). [2012, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing].
- □ *Protection of Children in Conflict with the Law in Bangladesh* (co-author: Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan). [2008, Dhaka: Save the Children UK].
- □ *Nari-O-Shishu Nirjatan Daman Ain*. [2005, Dhaka: New Warsi Book Corporation].
- □ Acquisition & Requisition of Immovable Property Manual. [2004, Dhaka: New Warsi Book Corporation].
- The Banking Companies Act, 1991 & the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891. [2004, Dhaka: New Warsi Book Corporation].
- □ *The Public Procurement Regulations*, 2003. [2004, Dhaka: New Warsi Book Corporation].

#### 2. Published research articles:

- 'Methodologies in Academic Legal Research: Lessons from Critical Legal Studies', University of Asia Pacific Journal of Law and Policy, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2018, pp. 13-30.
- ☐ 'The Future of Critical Legal Studies', Jahangirnagar University Journal of Law, Vol. 6, 2018, pp. 67-81.
- □ 'Revisiting the Indeterminacy Thesis of Critical Legal Studies', Bangladesh Journal of Law, Vol. 16, No. 2, 2016, pp. 1-16.
- □ 'Freedom of Religion in South Asia: Implications for Minorities', European Yearbook of Minority Issues, Vol. 8, 2009, pp. 367-386. (co-author: Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan)
- □ 'Combating Terrorism under Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Regime', *Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 12 (Double Issue), 2008, pp. 379-397. (co-author: Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan)
- □ 'Local Government Level Restorative Adjudication: An Alternative Model of Justice for Children in Bangladesh', *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance*, Issue. 4, 2009, pp. 26-45. (co-author: Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan)

- 'Merits and Demerits of Jury Trial in the Administration of Criminal Justice: A Jurisprudential Survey of Issues', *Chittagong University Journal of Law*, Vol. VII, 2002, pp. 65-95. (co-author: Mostafa Mahmud Naser).
- □ 'Right to Life as a Fundamental Right in the Constitutional Framework of India, Bangladesh and Pakistan: An Appraisal', *Dhaka University Studies*, Part F, Journal of the Faculty of Law, Vol. 17, No. 1, June 2006, pp. 143-178.
- 'Obligation of Bangladesh under Article 4 of the UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984: A Performance Audit', *Bangladesh Journal of Law*, Vol, 10, No. 1 & 2 (2006) of Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), pp. 119-148. (co-author: Sk. Samidul Islam).
- □ 'Post-Cold War UN Peacekeeping: A Review of Legal Aspects', *Dhaka University Law Journal*, Vol. 19, No. 2, December 2008, pp. 35-64. (co-author: Mohammad Nazmuzzaman Bhuian).

#### 3. Published chapters in book:

- 'National Report for Bangladesh'. In Jason Chuah and Eugenio Vaccari (eds.) Executory Contracts in Insolvency Law: A Global Guide, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019, pp. 499-518 (co-author: Morshed Mannan and Borhan Uddin Khan).
- 'Human and Minority Rights in Bangladesh'. In Rainer Hofmann and Ugo Caruso (eds.) *Minority Rights in South Asia*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt *et al.*, 2011, pp. 87-108 (co-author: Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan).
- Autonomy for Indigenous People of CHT: Aftermath of the 1997 Peace Accord'. In Thomas Benedikter (ed.) *Solving Ethnic Conflict through Self-Governance: A Short Guide to Autonomy in Europe and South Asia*, Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano, 2009, pp. 100-103.

#### 4. Book review in research journal:

Douglas Husak, 'The Philosophy of Criminal Law: Selected Essays' (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010). *New Criminal Law Review*, Vol. 14, No. 2, 2011, pp.326-332.

# D. Professional Experience

#### 1. Academic positions held:

□ Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh [May, 2019 – Present]

- □ Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh [April, 2013 May, 2019]
- □ Assistant Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh [March, 2009 April, 2013]
- □ Lecturer, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh [September, 2006 March, 2009]
- □ Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, Northern University, Bangladesh [September, 2005 August, 2006]
- □ Lecturer, Department of Law, Northern University, Bangladesh [May, 2004 August, 2005]

## 2. Participation in seminar, conference, workshop, training, etc.

- □ Participated, on invitation, as an expert in a panel discussion on "Judicial Attitudes towards the Death Penalty in India and Bangladesh" held at the Bangalore International Centre, Bengaluru on 19 September 2019.
- Participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) on "Rethinking International Law: Finding Common Solutions to Contemporary Civilizational Issues from an Asian Perspective" held in Manila, Philippine on August 22-23, 2019.
- Participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) on "Asia and International Law in Times of Uncertainty" held in Seoul, South Korea on August 25-26, 2017.
- Participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) on "International Law and the Changing Economic & Political Landscape in Asia" held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 26-27, 2015.
- □ Presented, the key note paper titled "Legal and Extra-legal Factors in Sentencing Practices of Bangladesh" in the seminar on "Sentencing: Policy and Practice" organized by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), held at Dhaka on August 29, 2015.
- Presented a paper titled "Empowering victims of gender violence: Revisiting the role of criminal laws in Bangladesh" in the British Council Researchers Link Workshop on "Governance and Management of Gender Relations: A Comparative Study of Law and Society" organized by Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka and School of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), held at Dhaka on February 23-26, 2015.
- Participated, on invitation, in the Global Voices Citizen Media Summit, 2015 on 'The Open Internet: Local Perspectives, Global Rights' organized by the Global Voices, held in Cebu, the Philippines on January 24-25, 2015.

- □ Participated, on invitation, in an expert meeting for the purpose of agreeing on a set of guiding human rights principles on 'the right to freedom of expression and people with disabilities' organized by ARTICLE 19, held in London, UK on June 18-19, 2014.
- □ Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) on "Asia and International Law in the Twenty First Century: New Horizons", held in New Delhi, India on November 14-16, 2013.
- □ Participated, on invitation, in professional development training on "Law and Social Movements in South Asia" jointly organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Socio-Legal Information Center (SLIC), held in New Delhi, India on August 16-20, 2013.
- Presented, on invitation, a paper titled "The Biharis in Bangladesh An Unidentified Minority" in an in-house seminar on "Current Challenges of Minorities in Bangladesh: The Chittagong Hill Tracts Tribes and the Undefined Minority of Biharis" of European Research Academy (EURAC), Bolzano/Bozen, Italy on November 25, 2009.
- Presented a paper titled "Gender-Related Crimes in Bangladesh" in an inhouse workshop on "Gender and Development: Comparative Perspectives" of School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK on October 22, 2009.
- □ Participated in a teaching seminar of UNICEF on "Child Rights" held at and conducted by the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh on November 23-24, 2008.
- □ Participated, on invitation from European Academy, in the Trans-regional Summer School on Minority Rights from 25 August to 5 September 2008 in Bolzano/Bozen, Italy.
- □ Attended as the rapporteur in the Seminar on "RTI Law Implementation: In Search of Forward Looking Strategies" organized by ARTICLE 19, Global Campaign for Free Expression, together with its partners in Bangladesh on 29 October 2008 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- □ Participated in the training course of 15-week duration of the Clinical Legal Education Programme held at and conducted by the Law Clinic of the Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka from 21st October, 2000 to 5th February, 2001.
- □ Participated in the Bar Vocational Course of 6-week duration of Bangladesh Bar Council.

### 3. Other professional affiliation.

- □ EC Member, Asian Society of International Law.
- □ Treasurer, Bangladesh Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law.
- □ Life Trustee, AsianSIL Bangladesh Trust.

- □ Member, Asian Society of International Law.
- □ Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.
- □ Advocate, Bangladesh Bar Council.
- Member, Bangladesh Law Association.