

**DEFENSE**

**Status of Forces**

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and BANGLADESH**

Signed at Dhaka May 20, 1991

Entered into force May 20, 1991



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966  
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SPECIFY THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND DISASTER RELIEF TASK FORCE.**

1. The purpose of this agreement is to specify the legal status of United States Pacific Command Disaster Relief Task Force personnel while temporarily present in Bangladesh in connection with its disaster relief mission.

2. It is the intent of the parties to this agreement to be bound by its terms and conditions and to do whatever is necessary to implement the agreement.

3. With respect to members and equipment of the U.S. Pacific Command Disaster Relief Task Force, the Government of Bangladesh agrees that :

a. Task Force personnel will be accorded status equivalent to that provided to members of the administrative and technical staff of the U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961. These personnel may enter and leave Bangladesh upon presentation of a U.S. Armed Forces identification card and individual or collective movement or travel orders. In Bangladesh these personnel shall enjoy freedom of movement and the right to undertake those activities deemed necessary for the performance of their mission.

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b. The United States of America and the military personnel to whom this memorandum of understanding applies shall be exempted from taxation or charges as under :

- i. Custom Act IV 1969;
- ii. Civil Aviation Ordinance 1960 and Civil Aviation Rules of 1984;
- iii. Bangladesh Income Tax Ordinance (XXXVI) of 1984.
- iv. Such other Laws and Acts as the Foreign Secretary shall determine and any regulation made thereunder.

c. The military personnel to whom this MOU applies shall be accorded immunity from the jurisdiction of the courts of Bangladesh and inviolability in respect of official acts in like manner to that of immunity and inviolability accorded to the members of the administrative and technical staff members of the U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh.

d. United States military aircraft will be granted permission to land at Zia International Airport, Dhaka, Chittagong Airport and Jessore Airport for the purposes of supplying equipment and personnel to the US Pacific Command Disaster Relief Task Force; and extracting Task Force personnel and equipment. Such aircraft will be exempted from customs inspections under Custom Act IV of 1969, Civil Aviation Act XXII of 1960 and Civil Aviation Rules of 1984. United States military landing crafts may land at such location necessary to accomplish the disaster relief mission.


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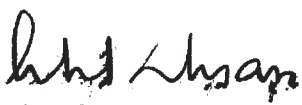
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4. The Embassy of the United States to Bangladesh shall provide the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh with the name, rank and identification number of each member of the U.S. Pacific Command Disaster Relief Task Force within 10 days of arrival. Upon departure of said personnel, the Embassy of the United States to Bangladesh shall notify the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh with the name, rank and identification numbers of each member of the US Pacific Command Disaster Relief Task Force within 10 days of each such person's departure from Bangladesh.

5. this MOU shall enter into force upon signature with retrospective effect from the date of the arrival of the Task Force and shall remain in force until revoked by either party with 10 days of prior notice.

6. Done at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka this Fifth day of Jaistha of the Bengali year Thirteen hundred Ninety Eight corresponding to Twentieth day of May, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety One A.D.

  
William B. Milam  
Ambassador of the  
United States of America

  
Abul Ahsan  
Foreign Secretary  
Government of the People's  
Republic of Bangladesh