

Vision Statement:

“Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations That Delivers for All” The 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly will begin at a historic moment. Eight decades after the UN Charter was signed in San Francisco, a strong space for building greater trust and multilateral engagement remains evident. If elected President of the General Assembly, I will dedicate myself to rebuilding trust, nurturing consensus, and opening space for good-faith negotiations that will lead to outcomes owned by all and beneficial to all. Working together, we can restore trust in and manage the much-needed transformation of the United Nations and prove, once again, that multilateralism is not only relevant, but indispensable to a Culture of Peace, dignity, and prosperity for all.

Six Pillars:



Silence the guns, amplify the voices: Peace, security, and justice for all



No one left behind, no country left out: Sustainable development, SDG acceleration, and countries in special situations



Our planet, our pact: Climate resilience and environmental sustainability



Rights and protection – freedom from fear and want: Human rights, humanitarian action, refugees and migrants



Innovation with inclusion: Digital governance, artificial intelligence, science, technology, and the next generation



We the peoples reimaged: Renewed multilateralism, UN80 reforms and inclusive global governance



Dr. Khalilur Rahman was sworn in as the Foreign Minister of Government of Bangladesh on 17 February 2026. He previously served as National Security Adviser and High Representative for the Rohingya Issue in the Interim Government of Bangladesh.

Dr. Rahman joined Diplomatic service of Bangladesh in 1979. During 1980-83, he studied at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and earned the degrees of MA in Law and Diplomacy, and PhD in Economics.

During 1983-1991, he served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York. He represented Bangladesh at the Economic and Financial Committee of the UN General Assembly. He was also the spokesperson of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and aide to the President of the 41st Session of the UN General Assembly.

Dr. Rahman joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1991 as Special Adviser at the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva. During the ensuing 25 years at the UN, he held senior positions in the United Nations in New York and Geneva, such as Head of UNCTAD's Management Division and Technology Division; Head of Economic, Social, and Development Affairs at the UN Secretary-General's Executive Office; Executive Secretary of the UNSG's High-Level Panel on the Technology Bank; Chair of the UN Interagency Group on Non-Tariff Barriers; and UNCTAD Bureau Chief at the UN Headquarters. He was also a lead author of and substantive contributor to major UN flagship publications.

Dr. Rahman is a founder of the East-West University of Bangladesh.



CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

OF THE 81ST SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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MANAGING TRANSFORMATION
A United Nations that Delivers for All



Dr. Khalilur Rahman
Foreign Minister, Bangladesh



As a candidate from the Global South, I carry the aspirations of developing countries, but as President of everyone, I will act without fear or favour and serve the interests of the entire membership.

Bangladesh at the UN: A Legacy of Global Leadership and Peace

Since joining the United Nations, Bangladesh has transformed into a respected "bridge-builder" and advocate for multilateralism. The nation is now a leading voice in global peacekeeping, humanitarian response, and climate resilience.

Vision Statement of PGA81 Candidate: Major Initiatives

- 1.** Spearhead dialogues on fit-for-purpose, cost-effective UN Peacekeeping.
- 2.** Promote global action on drug trafficking, human trafficking, online scam centres, and money laundering.
- 3.** Maintain political spotlight on clean water and sanitation.
- 4.** Convene dialogues on BCG Models for global replication and advancing the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).
- 5.** Support science-based ocean action and partnerships for marine ecosystem conservation.
- 6.** Draw attention to climate mobility experiences and advance protection norms.
- 7.** Strengthen coordination across the UN's human rights pillars and humanitarian architecture.
- 8.** Encourage women, youth, and media participation to advance a Culture of Peace.
- 9.** Work with the Secretary-General to make the Global Dialogue on AI inclusive, transparent, and participatory.
- 10.** Champion solutions to youth employment challenges posed by AI and emerging technologies.
- 11.** Strengthen General Assembly coordination synergy with the Security Council and ECOSOC.
- 12.** Support the establishment of a UN System Data Commons and launch a Technology Accelerator Platform.

Bangladesh's Leadership at the UN and UNESCO

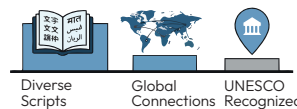
LDC Spokesperson

Bangladesh has been a leading voice and served as the spokesperson for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) at the United Nations for over five decades



International Mother Language Day

21 FEB
Promoted multilingualism globally and contributed to the recognition of 21 February as International Mother Language Day at UNESCO



Spreading the Message of Peace



Facilitating the resolution on the follow up to the declaration & program of action on a culture of peace over the last 25 years

Leadership in Peace & Global Security

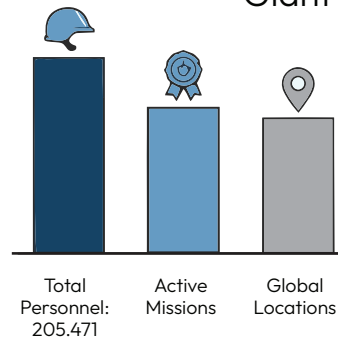


A Global Peacekeeping Giant

205,471

PEACEKEEPERS DEPLOYED
Across 63 Missions in 43 Locations Since 1988

Diplomatic Influence at the Highest Levels



Champion for Women, Peace and Security



Played a catalytic role in adopting the historic UNSC Resolution 1325



Served twice on the Security Council



Held the Presidency of the 41st UNGA

Excellence in Development & Human Rights

Global Pioneer in Climate Justice



Steered the 2023 UNGA resolution seeking an ICJ opinion on climate obligations

Steadfast Humanitarian Support



Provided shelter and protection to 1.3 million displaced Rohingya from Myanmar