George Mason University's Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center (TraCCC) host:

Major General Muniruzzaman (Retired)

President and CEO Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) Speaking on Climate Change and National Security



Major General Muniruzzaman (Retd) is the President and CEO of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), a leading South Asian think tank. He has also headed the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs think tank. BIPSS focuses on the range of security issues - traditional, non-traditional and transnational security issues. He is a founding member of the consortium Nontraditional Security - Asia (NTS-Asia) based in Singapore. He sits on the Board of Governors of Council for Asian Transnational Threats Research (CATR). He is a member of the International Military Advisers Council (IMAC) on Climate Change -- part of the Global Futures Forum (GFF). He advises on climate change and energy security for the G-20 consultative process. A frequent speaker on international security and policy issues, he has spoken at conferences/events at the

UN, EU, NATO, Shangri-la Dialogue, ASPEN, World Security Conference, Consultations on the future of Afghanistan, Climate Summit .He has consulted internationally on security issues and appears regularly on both national and international media providing expert opinion. He is Editor of the quarterly security studies journal 'Peace and Security Review' and also publishes regularly on strategic and security issues.

Major General Muniruzzaman served 38 years in active military duty with the Bangladesh Armed Forces. He held different staff appointments including Brigade Major, GSO 2 of Military Operation Directorate at the Army HQ, GSO 1 (Operations) at Infantry Division HQ. He served as Directing Staff (DS) and Senior Instructor (SI) in the Defense Command and Staff College and continues to lecture at the National Defense College. He was the Military Secretary to the President of Bangladesh. He was the Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Artillery (Head of the Bangladesh artillery).

Major General Muniruzzaman has extensive peace-keeping experience as a practioner and an academic. He led the Bangladesh contingent to UNTAC in Cambodia. He also has headed the post election UN Mission in Cambodia, monitoring the political and security stability situation of the country and acting as a link between the government of the Cambodia and the Office of the UN Secretary General.

Opening Remarks given by Dr. Louise Shelley, Director of TraCCC

Date: Friday, January 20th, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Location: Room 113, Founders Hall 3351 Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22201

> Please Bring Lunch, Beverages Will Be Provided To RSVP, Please contact Caitlin Kurylo at <u>traccc@gmu.edu</u> or 703-993-9757