



Seminar on

**Upcoming 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC, Dhaka:
Revisiting A Shared Journey**

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Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) organised a Seminar titled **Upcoming 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC, Dhaka: Revisiting A Shared Journey** on 29 March 2018 at Carnival Hall, Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka. The Seminar was divided into two sessions. **H. E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP**, Honourable State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest. **Major General A K M Abdur Rahman**, ndc, psc, Director General, BISS, delivered the address of welcome. **Ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad**, Chairman, Board of Governors, BISS, chaired the Inaugural Session. **Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque**, Foreign Secretary, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, summed up the Seminar.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs **H. E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP**, expressed that the OIC has a tremendous scope to play a key role in protecting global peace and security. In the past, the organisation played a commendable role and contributed in several conflict resolution initiatives. He hoped that in coming days Bangladesh and OIC will work together in strengthening the unity of Muslim Ummah in particular and resolving major global problems in general.

Foreign Secretary **Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque**, stated that the "OIC-2025: Programme of Action" has been developed on the basis of the vision and principles as enshrined in the Charter of the OIC. He hoped that Bangladesh along with other Muslim countries will try to meet the vision and principles outlined in the Programme of Action.

In the seminar five thematic presentations were delivered by five distinguished, designated speakers. In the Inaugural Session **Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain**, Bangabandhu Chair Professor, Bangladesh University of Professionals, delivered on “**History of the OIC: Genesis and the Journey**”. In the Working Session **Dr. Akmal Hussain**, Former Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, delivered on “**OIC and the Ummah: Promoting Development, Peace and Stability**”. **Ambassador Muhammad Zamir**, Former Chief Information Commissioner of Bangladesh and Current Member of OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission spoke on “**Human Rights and OIC**”. Presentation on “**Emerging Challenges and Way Forward for an Effective OIC**” was given by **Ambassador Mohammad Mohsin**, Former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh and Former Assistant Secretary General, OIC. **Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain**, Former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh delivered on “**Bangladesh and OIC**”.

Senior officials from different ministries of Bangladesh, representatives from different organisations, ambassadors, business personalities, media, academia, researchers, teachers and students from various universities participated in the open discussion and expressed their valuable opinions, observations, and suggestions in the Seminar.