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Preface

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Out of a total of nearly five hundred articles published in various issues of *BIISS Journal*, only thirteen have been selected for publication in this anthology. This extremely difficult choice collection has been made on the basis of the importance of the themes like national security of Bangladesh, security and regional cooperation in South Asia, regional and international strategic environment in the post-Cold War era, and Indo-Bangladesh relations. It is regretted that, due to space constraint, many other excellent articles could not be accommodated in this anthology.

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