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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ON 41<sup>ST</sup> BORDER CO- ORDINATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN DIRECTOR GENERALS OF BSF AND BGB HELD AT NEW DELHI FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> AUG 2015**

Major General Aziz Ahmed, psc, G, Director General(DG), Border Guard Bangladesh(BGB) led a 22 Members Bangladesh delegation to India to jointly chair the 41<sup>st</sup> Border Co-ordination Conference between the Border Security Force(BSF) and BGB from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015. The 24 members' Indian delegation was led by Shri D K Pathak, IPS, DG BSF. The two delegations comprised senior officials of Ministries of Home Affairs, foreign Affairs, Department of Narcotics Control, national Investigation Agency, Joint River Commission, Department of Land & Record & Survey and the senior officers of BSF and BGB.

2. The recent visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Bangladesh has strong historic ties of cooperation and friendship. The highest leadership of the two countries has laid the foundation of lasting and mutually beneficial relationship. To carry this agenda forward, following decisions were taken by both the DGs after detailed discussion on the agenda from both sides:-

- (a) Reiterating the need for effective implementation of the Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) for better border management so as to prevent cross border criminal activities, irregular movement, incidents of violence and tragic loss of lives and the number of deaths at the border must be brought down to zero. Both sides agreed to measures like mounting additional vigilance in areas vulnerable in curbing the menace of trans border crimes like smuggling of drugs and narcotics including Phensedyl, cattle smuggling, Gold smuggling, Fake Currency Notes by increasing Coordinated Patrols especially in night to vulnerable areas, deployment of Quick Reactions teams (QRTs) and educating border population about sanctity of the International Border etc.
- (b) Appreciating the cooperation extended by BGB against the Indian Insurgent Groups(IIGs) based in Bangladesh, DG BSF sought further cooperation from BGB for taking action against IIGs and safe release of Indian nationals abducted by IIGs. DG BGB specially stated that “Bangladesh does not allow its soil to be used by any entity or element hostile to any country”.
- (c) Both side agreed to take effective steps for prevention of human trafficking and illegal trans-border movement.
- (d) Both sides agreed for expeditious concurrence of developmental works and also agreed to delegate authority for such sanctions.
- (e) Both side agreed on several confidence building measures like inter force shooting competition, Joint

training/exercise between BSF and BGB for better border management, Visit of officers and men from either side and exchange of Sports and Cultural activities.

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