

The UN officials and experts deployed in Missions bear the solemn responsibility to uphold the Charter principles, and thus

Bangladesh has been successful in addressing the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse among its peacekeepers through various policy measures that include both punitive and preventive actions. We recognize that the objective of addressing sexual exploitation and abuse can be effectively served through well-designed and rigorous pre-deployment training, systematic screening and oversight, and effective investigation and prosecution systems.

Any allegation of misconduct including of sexual exploitation and abuse is addressed with utmost priority and stern disciplinary actions are taken against the individual personnel, if proven guilty. Command channels are also made accountable for such allegations against any members of the contingent.

In terms of prevention, the pre-deployment training for our peacekeepers focuses heavily on their conducts, including awareness on possible repercussions for any kind of lapses in respect of sexual exploitation and abuse and other crimes. Our state-of-art training facilities at the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operations Training, also known as BIPSOT, has developed customized training module taking into account the unique cultural settings in different field missions.

We reaffirm the centrality of the rights and protection of victims in addressing the scourge of sexual exploitation and abuse. To support the victims, we made a voluntary contribution of an amount of 100,000 US dollars to the Trust Fund established by the Secretary General.