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ISLAMIC MILITARY COUNTER TERRORISM COALITION



People's Republic of Bangladesh

His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman Al-Saud  
Your Excellencies Honourable Defence Ministers of Member Countries of  
the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition,  
Distinguished Brothers and Sisters,  
Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,  
First of all, I would like to say that I am honoured to be here and get a  
chance to speak in front of this Defence Ministers' First Meeting on the  
IMCTC.

Terrorism and violent extremism have become a menace to peace and  
stability in many countries around the world. The ongoing conflicts in  
various parts of the world, mass displacements and ethnic cleansing are  
the major contributors to the problems of the extremism and militancy. In  
this connection I may also mention, about the recent mass exodus of  
Rohingya Muslims mentioned by Malaysia correctly from Myanmar, it is  
about more than a million. Though our Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh  
Haseena, due to human approach, she has given shelter to all the  
displaced Muslims in our country, but we are afraid that this might give  
rise to terrorism and thus destabilizing our region.

Excellencies,

As you know, Bangladesh maintains 'zero tolerance' policy to all forms of  
terrorism and violent extremism. And the earlier government in fact had a  
sort of "live and let live" policy, meaning that you could do anything but  
not in our country. If you do not disturb us, we will not disturb you; but  
this present government has taken a bold step by denying any foreign  
extremist or anybody inside country who do anything, because if the

extremists or terrorists have shelter it is a more heinous crime because they remain un-detected and it is very difficult to really fight against them. I assured that the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition, with a mandate of coordinating political, intellectual, media, economic and military efforts, has the potential to manage and control the evil phenomenon. The Coalition can also play a catalytic role in bringing the Muslim Ummah closer through inclusive and participatory engagements. We are confident that under the able leadership of His Royal Highness the Centre will play a pivotal role in combating extremist ideology through developing effective counter narratives and initiatives.

Bangladesh government is ready to give all out support in this respect. I feel we should immediately start information and intelligence sharing, exchange of experiences, and stronger military operations including staff level engagements.

At the end, I once again express my gratitude and thanks to His Royal Highness for giving me this prestigious time to talk in front of such an honoured gathering.

Thank you, Assalamu Alaikum.

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