

SIPG Hosted Book Launch Ceremony for *Geopolitics and Strategic Shifts in South Asian/Subcontinental Countries*

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The South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) at North South University (NSU) hosted a high-profile book launch and seminar to unveil *Geopolitics and Strategic Shifts in South Asian/Subcontinental Countries*, authored by **Brigadier General (Retd.) Sakhawat Hossain**, Honourable Adviser to the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Ministry of Shipping, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The event brought together distinguished scholars, policymakers, diplomats, students, and members of the media for an engaging discussion on the shifting dynamics of regional politics and security governance. The program was moderated by **Professor Dr. Sk. Tawfique M. Haque**, Director of SIPG, who welcomed the guests and reflected on SIPG's expanding role in shaping academic discourse and national policy. *"We at SIPG do not merely produce knowledge—we actively contribute in technical capacities to policy making. Several of our faculty members are serving as advisers, and some were even members of the recently formed reform commission,"* he stated.



Brigadier Sakhawat Hossain's latest book extends his extensive work on regional affairs and builds on his previous publication *Electoral Governance in Bangladesh*, also developed under SIPG and published by Prothoma Prokashan. In his address, Brig. Hossain explained the core themes of the book—geostrategic realignments, maritime power, and historical events that have redefined South Asia's security landscape. *"When I joined SIPG*



after my PhD, my supervisor Professor Salahuddin Aminuzzaman encouraged me to take on this research. This book is meant to serve as a guideline for those interested in understanding the geopolitics of this region. In the very first chapter, I emphasize that whoever controls the sea, controls the world. While today's global tensions have shifted to the Eurasian heartland, historically, empires like the Mughals were defeated because they neglected the oceans. My book also analyzes how the 1962 crisis and the China-India-Pakistan confrontation transformed regional geopolitics forever," he said.

The formal unveiling of the book was conducted by **Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury**, Vice Chancellor of North South University; **Mr. M. A. Kashem**, Member of the Board of Trustees, NSU; **Professor Dr. Sk. Tawfique M. Haque**, Director of SIPG; and **Brigadier General (Retd.) Sakhawat Hossain**, the author of the book.



Ambassador Sufiur Rahman, while discussing the publication, praised its relevance and clarity in analyzing global and regional power competition. *"I would like to congratulate Brigadier Sakhawat Hossain on this timely book. Though the content is dense, it's remarkably lucid. We are in a time of global contestation—initiatives like China's BRI are impacting its neighbors, and as the Pacific grows geopolitically turbulent, those ripples are reaching the*

Indian Ocean. Established powers are trying to contain rising ones. I haven't seen a Bangladeshi book capture this context so thoroughly," he remarked.

Dr. Raymond Lau echoed these sentiments and emphasized the book's academic value. *"This book is a goldmine of information, especially on South Asian regional politics. It's timely and important in terms of content. I believe a deeper analysis of China's current activities as a regional power could enrich future editions,"* he noted.



Mr. M. A. Kashem, the Special Guest of the event, applauded Brig. Hossain for his timely and thought-provoking contribution and reiterated NSU's continued support for rigorous academic research and policy engagement.

The event concluded with remarks from **Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury**, Vice Chancellor of NSU, who thanked the author, panelists, and attendees, and emphasized the university's mission to foster dialogue and promote evidence-based policy insights.

Jointly organized by SIPG and North South University, the event reaffirmed their shared commitment to fostering intellectual inquiry on critical national and regional issues. SIPG continues to lead in governance and policy research, offering impactful degree programs, collaborative initiatives, and scholarly publications that enrich Bangladesh's academic and strategic policy landscape.

