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BRIEF PROFILE: Also known as Asif Nazrul, Dr. Islam is a law professor, researcher and civil society activist. Did PhD and post-doctoral research in international law. A member of the Faculty of Law of the University of Dhaka for last 28 years. Worked as Consultant to **European Union Delegation** in Bangladesh, **UNDP, ADB, DANIDA, SIDA, CARE**, ActionAid, TIB and IUCN and other organizations on issues of good governance, access to justice, human rights, prevention of corruption and natural resource management. Published a number of papers in leading research journals and served as facilitator, speaker and panelist in various national and international conferences, seminars and workshops held in USA, Europe and South Asia. A well known political and legal analyst interviewed by international media like BBC, CNN and Al Jazeera.

EDUCATION/FELLOWSHIP

- Commonwealth Research Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, October, 2007- April, 2008. Researched on Right to Information.
- CDG Fellow, 2000 - 2001, IUCN Environmental Law Center, Germany. Researched on Environmental management system.
- Ph.D. 1999, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, U.K. Researched on International watercourses law.
- LL.M., 1990, and LL.B (Honors), 1989, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

INVOLVEMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANISATION

- Member, International Law Association, London, UK
- Member, International Law Peace Committee, Seoul, South Korea
- Former Bureau Member of South Asian for Human Rights (SAHR), 2010-2016
- Member, the South Asian for Human Rights (SAHR) Fact-finding Mission to Maldives in 2014
- Member of the Team of South Asian Caucus for International Criminal Court to Nepal, 2002
- National Committee Member, Bangladesh Environment Movement
- Executive Committee Member, Bangladesh Water Partnership
- Ex-Representative, Post-graduate Law students, SOAS, University of London.
- Ex-Member, Senate of the University of Dhaka.
- Ex-Provost, P.J. Hart International Hall, University of Dhaka.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

Unpublished Ph.D. Thesis

- “Equitable Sharing of the Water of the Ganges, Applicable Procedural Rules under International Law and Their Adequacy,” 1999, SOAS, University of London, UK.

Review

- International Watercourses Law for the 21st Century: The Case of the River Ganges Basin”, *Journal of Environmental Law*, (2007) 19 JEL (143)

Selected Published Research Works

- “International Watercourse Law”, in M. Shahabuddin (ed.) *Bangladesh and International Law*, Routledge, London, Forthcoming, 120-131.
- Lapses in the Legal Framework related to Informal Employment Sector with Specific Focus on Women, (co-authored with Dr. M. N. Bhuiyan, UNDP-Bangladesh, 2019).
- “Minority Rights: Can SAARC Learn from the Council of Europe?” *Journal of Islamic State Practices in International Law*, Vol. 6, No. 2, 30-42.
- “National Media: Regulating Framework” *Journal of the State University*, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1-21
- “Self Regulation of National Dailies and the Press Council”, *Bangladesh Journalism Review*, BCDJC, Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 3-7.
- “Water Resources: Limitations in the Indo-Bangladesh Legal Regime”, *The Dhaka University Studies*, Part – F, Vol-16, No.2, pp. 89-102.
- “Interlinking of Rivers and Water Sharing Issues” in Sobhan, F. (ed.), *Bangladesh-India Dialogue*, UPL, Dhaka, 2006, 79-94.
- “Environmental Impacts of the Ganges Water Diversion and Its International Legal Aspects” in Mirza, M. Q. (ed.), *The Ganges Water Diversion: Environmental Effects and Implications*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2004, pp. 197-221.
- “Indo-Bangladesh Water Treaty” in Sobhan, F. (ed.), *Strengthening cooperation and security in South Asia post 9/11*, UPL, Dhaka, 2004, 123-142.
- “Banning Polythene: An Analysis of the Efficiency of the Legal Regime”, *The Dhaka University Studies*, Part – F, Vol-15, No.2, 2004, 1-16.
- “The 1997 Watercourse Convention and its Relevance to Bangladesh-India Water Sharing Issues”, *Bangladesh Journal of Law*, 2001 (Published in 2004), 1-34.
- “A Critical Analysis of the Policy Regime concerning Sustainable Management of Natural Resources of Bangladesh”, *The Dhaka University Studies*, Part - F, Vol. 14, No.1, 2003, 57-70.
- “Public Interest Litigation and the Role of Media”, in Ain o Salish Kendra, *Public Interest Litigation*, Dhaka, 2003, pp. 40-49.
- “ISO 14001, Legal Challenges for Developing Countries”, in IUCN-ELC, *Environmental Law in Developing Countries - Selected Issues*, Bonn, 2002, 15-38.
- “Dams and their Impact, The International Legal Aspects”, *The Dhaka University Studies*, Part - F, Vol. 13, No.1, 2002, 119-130.
- “Equitable Sharing of the Ganges under the agreements between Bangladesh and India” *The Dhaka University Studies*, Part - F, Vol. 12, No.1, 2001, 57-82.

- “Right to Healthy Environment: Legal Efforts in Bangladesh,” *The Dhaka University Studies, Part – F, Vol-4, No.1*, 1993, 85-100.
- “Legal Aid Movement in the UK, USA and Bangladesh, A Comparative Study,” *The Dhaka University Studies, Part - F, Vol. 3, No.1*, 1992, 119-132.
- “Legal Aspects of Religious Freedom in Bangladesh” in Siddiqui, T. et al (ed.), *Freedom of Religion in Bangladesh*, Odhikar, Dhaka, undated, p. 26.

SELECTED CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

- November 2019- January 2020, Article IX, Developed an on-line Training Module for the Journalist of Bangladesh on media ethics.
- May 2018 – September 2018, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Evaluation of Climate Change related legislations, policies and judicial decisions in Bangladesh.
- February 2018 – April 2018, UNDP Bangladesh-University of Dhaka, Lead Consultant, Legal Framework related to Informal Employment Sector with Specific Focus on Women.
- Honorary Member, HWPL International Law Committee, Seoul, South Korea, 2015-18
- Consultant, European Union Delegation in Bangladesh, Evaluation of EIDHR CBSS in Bangladesh, June 2014- August 2014.
- Lead Consultant, Bangladesh Bar Council, Prepared the report on Proposed Amendments to the Smoking and Using of Tobacco Products Act, 2005 and Effective Enforcement Mechanisms sponsored by Action for Tobacco Free Kids. February 2012-May 2012
- Lead Consultant, UNDP, Lead the research study on delay in disposal of cases in the subordinate courts, August, 2011-December, 2011.
- Consultant, Millennium Partners, Charlottesville, VA 22903, USA, Collected and analyzed the baseline information and statistics for Assessment of challenges for rule of law development in Bangladesh, a Research Project sponsored by USAID, March, 2011- May 2011
- Consultant, UNDP, Studied the extent of independence of Higher Judiciary in Bangladesh, June, 2009 – July, 2009.
- Consultant, Asian Development Bank. Conducted a rapid sector assessment on governance in Bangladesh. May, 2009- June, 2009.
- Consultant, UNDP. Jointly conducted a need assessment for the newly constituted Bangladesh Human Rights Commission. January 2009.
- Legal Editor, Asian Development Bank. Reviewed and edited the draft of the annual report prepared by the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. April, 2008 – May, 2008
- Consultant, Asian Development Bank, Good Governance Project. Researched and identified the area of interventions for ensuring separation, independence and efficiency of judiciary in Bangladesh. March, 2007 – September, 2007.
- Consultant, SIDA. Conducted an evaluation study of the project entitled “Extension of Realization of Human Rights and Democratization”. May, 2006 – June, 2006.
- Consultant, PPRC. Prepared a report entitled “Governing the Financial Responsibilities of the Election Candidates”. February, 2006 – April, 2006.
- Consultant, CARE Bangladesh. Prepared the training module on legal assistance to disadvantaged section of drug abuser. January, 2006 – February, 2006.

- National Consultant, UNDP, Human Rights and Justice Formulation Mission 2004. Co-authored the formulation of UNDP project areas in the Human Rights and Justice Sector beyond 2004. November, 2004 – December, 2004.
 - National Consultant, UNDP, Strengthening National Capacity to Promote and Protect Human Rights in Bangladesh Project (BGD/03/001). Assessed the impact of the training for the religious leaders imparted by the former IDHRB project of UNDP and indicated the future intervention strategy. September, 2004 – October, 2004.
 - Consultant (Research and Program), Transparency International-Bangladesh. Supervised research activities concerning good governance issues and appraised program activities of local level citizen committees established by TIB. January, 2004 – July, 2004.
 - Consultant, Asian Development Bank. Prepared the draft Water Act for Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Bangladesh. July 2008 – November 2008
 - Consultant, IUCN. Prepared the document on Legal Framework for Managing Land-based Activities that Impact the Coastal and Marine Environment in Bangladesh”. February, 2005 - March, 2005.
 - Legal Consultant, IUCN. Prepared the Report on the concerned legal and institutional Regime for the project titled “Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Bangladesh”. September, 2003 – January, 2004.
 - Consultant, Transparency International-Bangladesh. Prepared the Report of the Regional Seminar on Parliament and Good Governance in South Asia. September, 2000 – October, 2000.
 - Legal Consultant, IUCN-Bangladesh. Prepared the inception report of the project titled “Judicial Arrangements for Natural Resource Management and the Prosecution of Environmental Offences”. April, 2000– October, 2000.
 - External National Consultant to DANIDA. Jointly Prepared an Appraisal of Support to Capacity Building of the Judicial Administration Training Institute of Bangladesh. November, 1999.
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