

Engineer Brigadier General Mohammad Shahid Sarwar, ndc, psc (retd)



Engineer Brigadier General Mohammad Shahid Sarwar, ndc, psc (retd) is a graduate in Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). He has a long 39 years of diverse experiences in different capacities both in the military and civil environment. He was commissioned in the corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (EME) of the Bangladesh Army on 21 December 1980. He belongs to 3rd BMA long course. He started his military career as a Second Lieutenant and retired as a Brigadier General. Having requisite academic results for admission in BUET he was sent for graduation in 1981 session from the army and graduated in 1986. He had 34 years of colorful service career in the army and retired on 24 October 2014.

Following his retirement from the service Brig General Sarwar applied for the post of Managing Director (MD) of Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO) Ltd. Through a competitive recruitment process of the company he got selected as MD and joined DESCO on 30 December 2014. He served in DESCO, nay the power sector for more than five years till March 2020.

He had a very challenging and successful tenure from December 2014 to March 2020 in DESCO. The performances and achievements of the company during his tenure of office were remarkable and consistent. Mentionable achievements are: Completion of five 132/33 KV GIS Grid substations and twenty-four (24) 33/11 KV substations; undertook SCADA and GIS projects and those are functional now; Installations of targeted number of prepayment meters; Introduction of web-based stores management in DESCO; DESCO was adjudged 1st among all utilities during “Power and Energy week-2018”.

While in the army he held various appointments (command, staff and instructional) in different ranks and performed commendably well. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in November 2004 and Brig General in December 2008. From 2004 to 2014 he held following mentionable appointments for varying durations: Director Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (DEME) at Army Headquarters; Joint Secretary (Development) in MOD; Deputy Commandant, Bangladesh Ordnance Factories (BOF); Commandant, EME Center and School, Saidpur Cantonment; Director Administration in DGFI; Commandant, 902 Central Workshop, Rajendrapur Cantonment and Deputy Managing Director (DMD), Bangladesh Machine Tools Factories (BMTF) Ltd.

In 2011 he served as Joint Secretary (Development) in the Ministry of Defence (MOD). He had a unique exposure to serving in the ministry with colleagues of a different environment from his grooming. He dealt with Development Projects Proposals (DPP), process for approval of the projects, supervision and monitoring the projects implementation under ADP.

Brig General Sarwar had overseas United Nations (UN) employment. He served twice in the UN Peace keeping missions. He was a Staff Officer in the Regional Headquarters in the UN

Operations in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) in 1994 and as a Military Observer in United Nations Transitional Assistance in East Timor (UNTAET) in 2002-2003.

He was ex officio Director of DESCO Board of Directors (BOD), nominated Director in DPDC (Power Distribution Company) BOD and in BPMI (Bangladesh Power Management Institute) Trustee. He is a life fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) and a life member of BUET Alumni.

He attended professional training courses at home and abroad. He is a proud course member of National Defence College (NDC-2010) and attended Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC-18) in 1993. He did his Masters in Defence Studies from DSCSC under National University in 2006. Besides he attended a number of technical and tactical courses in military institutions at home and technical courses in India (1988), Germany (1989) and China (1996-97).

He travelled to a good number of countries for attending professional training courses, UN peace keeping missions, meetings, seminars, inspections, visits and personal tours. Few of his visited countries include USA, UK, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Sweden, Japan, South Korea, China, Australia, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Nepal etc.

He is a keen golfer and member of Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) and Army Golf Club (AGC).