

UN USG for Peace Operations Lacroix in Dhaka; will meet PM

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Online Desk: United Nations Under Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix arrived in Dhaka on Saturday. Director General (UN), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director General (Ops and Planning), Armed Forces Division, and Deputy Inspector General (Operations) of Bangladesh Police, welcomed him at the airport. “We will discuss how we can increase the number of women in peacekeeping and ensure they access all roles within our missions. It requires everyone’s commitment, including Member States and partners,” he said upon arrival.

Lacroix is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam during his visit. He also has scheduled meetings with the Chief of Services (Army, Navy, Airforce) and the Inspector General of Police (IGP), said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The UN Under Secretary-General for Peace Operations holds an important portfolio providing political and executive direction to UN peacekeeping operations around the world and maintaining coordination with the UN Security Council, troop and financial contributors, and parties to the conflict, in the implementation of UN Security Council mandates and the deployment of military capabilities in the UN missions.

UN Under-Secretary General for Peace Operations Lacroix and Under Secretary General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance Catherine Pollard will grace the opening and closing ceremonies of the two-day preparatory conference of the UN peacekeeping ministerial in Dhaka on June 25-26.

Lacroix will also speak as a guest speaker in the PrepCon session on ‘Gender-Responsive Leadership and Inclusive Teams’. USG Lacroix will join the site visit to Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT) in Gazipur with other delegates on the second day of the conference.