

CHITTAGONG, MAR 29: Speakers at a seminar on 'Bangladesh- India Border Relations' here on Tuesday put emphasis on immediate resolution of land and maritime boundaries between the two neighbouring countries—Bangladesh and India. They also called upon the governments of the two countries to come forward in resolving the border dispute through fruitful bilateral negotiation for the greater interest of peaceful co-existence.

South Asia Youth for Peace and Prosperity Society (SAYPPS) arranged the seminar at the conference room of Social Science Faculty of Chittagong University (CU).

President of SAYPPS Chittagong chapter SM Monirul Hasan presided over the seminar while dean of Social Science Faculty of CU Prof Dr Joyti Prokash Datta addressed it as chief guest. Associate Professor of Law Department of CU, Dr Abdullah Al Faruq presented the keynote paper while general secretary of Chittagong Union of Journalists, Nazimuddin Shyamol and Prof of California State University of USA, Dr Rabina Bhatti addressed the seminar as special guest and guest of honour respectively.

Dr Mahfuzul Haque Chowdhury of Political Science department, Mohammad Sahid Ullah, Associate Professor of CU Communication and Journalism department and Dr Abdullah Al Faruq attended the seminar as discussants.

Dr Joyti Prokash Datta said peace-loving people of the country expect positive response from the neighboring countries in resolving the border dispute with them. Nazimuddin Shyamol said a specific border policy should be formulated which must help build a friendly relation for both the country.

Dr Abdullah Al Faruq in his keynote paper recommended a number of suggestions for resolving Bangladesh-India border problem including implementation of claims of 1974 border treaty, immediate stopping shoot-at-sight policy of border guards of India and formation of a legal body to maintain international standard of border management.