

**INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER**



2012

Public sitting

held on Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 11.30 a.m.,  
at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg,

President José Luís Jesus presiding

**DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY  
BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND MYANMAR IN THE BAY OF BENGAL**

*(Bangladesh/Myanmar)*

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**Verbatim Record**

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<i>Present:</i>	President	José Luíz Jesus
	Vice-President	Helmut Tuerk
	Judges	Vicente Marotta Rangel
		Alexander Yankov
		L. Dolliver M. Nelson
		P. Chandrasekhara Rao
		Joseph Akl
		Rüdiger Wolfrum
		Tullio Treves
		Tafsir Malick Ndiaye
		Jean-Pierre Cot
		Anthony Amos Lucky
		Stanislaw Pawlak
		Shunji Yanai
		James L. Kateka
		Albert J. Hoffmann
		Zhiguo Gao
		Boualem Bouguetaia
		Vladimir Golitsyn
		Jin-Hyun Paik
	Judges <i>ad hoc</i>	Thomas A. Mensah
		Bernard H. Oxman
	Registrar	Philippe Gautier

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*Bangladesh is represented by:*

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*as Agent;*

Rear Admiral (Ret'd) Md. Khurshed Alam, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

*as Deputy Agent;*

*and*

H.E. Mr Mosud Mannan, Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Embassy of Bangladesh, Berlin, Germany,

Mr Jishnu Roy Chowdhury, Additional Secretary and Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Foreign Minister,

Mr Mohammed Abdul Hye, Director General (UNCLOS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

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Dr Robin Cleverly, Law of the Sea Consultant, The United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, Taunton, United Kingdom,

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Lt. Cdr. M. R. I. Abedin, System Analyst, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Ms Shahanara Monica, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Mr Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

*as Counsel and Advocates.*

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Ms Hla Myo Nwe, Deputy Director General, Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Mr Kyaw San, Deputy Director General, Union Attorney General's Office,

*as Deputy Agents;*

*and*

H.E. U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federal Republic of Germany, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Berlin, Germany,

Professor Alain Pellet, Professor at the University of Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Défense, Member and former Chairman of the International Law Commission, Associate Member of the Institut de droit international, France,

Sir Michael Wood, K.C.M.G., Member of the English Bar, Member of the International Law Commission, United Kingdom,

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Mr Coalter Lathrop, Attorney-Adviser, Sovereign Geographic, Member of the North Carolina Bar, United States of America,

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Captain Min Thein Tint (Mr), Commanding Officer, Myanmar Naval Hydrographic Center, Yangon,

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Ms Tessa Barsac, Master, University of Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Défense, France,

Mr Octavian Buzatu, Hydrographer, Romania,

Mr David Swanson, Cartography Consultant, United States of America,

*as Advisers.*

1 **THE REGISTRAR (*Interpretation from French*):** The Tribunal will today deliver its  
2 Judgment in the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between*  
3 *Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal (Bangladesh/Myanmar)*, Case  
4 No. 16 on the Tribunal's List of cases. The Tribunal heard oral arguments from the  
5 parties at 15 public sittings which were held from 8 to 24 September 2011. Due to  
6 the length of the Judgment, there will be break of 15 minutes halfway through the  
7 reading.

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9 (*Continuing in English*) Mr President.

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11 **THE PRESIDENT:** I note the presence of the Agents, Counsel and Advocates of  
12 both parties.

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14 I now call on the Agent of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Her Excellency  
15 Minister Dipu Moni, to note the representation of Bangladesh.

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17 [*Ms Dipu Moni notes the representation of Bangladesh.*]

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19 **THE PRESIDENT:** Thank you very much, Excellency.

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21 I now call on the Agent of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency  
22 Attorney General Tun Shin, to note the representation of Myanmar.

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24 [*Mr Tun Shin notes the representation of Myanmar.*]

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26 **THE PRESIDENT:** Thank you very much, Excellency.

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28 I will now read extracts of the Judgment in the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the*  
29 *maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal*  
30 *(Bangladesh/Myanmar)*, of 14 March 2012.

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32 [*The President reads the extracts.*]

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34 The sitting is now closed.