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### Preface

My first and only text book in English on International Law in Bangladesh, titled "The Glimpses of international Law" published in 1997 was comprehensive for the students and researchers. Though comprehensive, it contained all aspects of International Law and earned appreciation from all quarters interested in International Law. Though the medium of teaching is Bengali in most of our universities, students who were ambitious to pursue higher studies in law abroad, followed the book. In England and the USA substantial copies of the book have been used in libraries and kept in book stalls. All the books published except a few have by now been sold.

My second book titled "Stronger United Nations for peaceful welfare world" written in 2003 contained the foundation of the United Nations, the Charter of the United Nations, appointment of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations from Trygvlie to Kofi A Annan and their activities. Besides, the book has dealt with Health and Environment, Human Security with the conclusion of welfare world. As it was published during the Iraq war, it received wider publicity. The published copies were almost sold in Bangladesh and abroad within a short time than expected.

In the meantime, I published three books in Bengali "Londone Chhatra Andolan" (লভনে ছাত্ৰ আন্দোলন) Londone Bandhu Bandhab (লভনে বন্ধু বান্ধব) Londone Shiksha Jiban (লভনে শিক্ষা জীবন) written on my London student life on political, social and educational aspects with an extensive generous picture of Bangladeshis abroad. Thereafter I published the books on Bangladesh Parliament named "Speaker in Eighth Parliament" (অষ্টম সংসদে স্পীকার) and Constitutional provisions and Rules of procedure in Parliament at a glance (এক নজরে সংসদ সম্পর্কিত বিধি বিধান) and lastly a short history of Bengal from Pal dynasty to Plassey and British Raj to Bangabhaban (পাল রাজ থেকে পলাশী এবং বৃটিশ রাজ থেকে বঙ্গভবন).

As no text book on the "Law of the Sea" has been written and

published in English in Bangladesh, I thought it wise to write on the Law of the sea in English containing the legal aspects of the Laws of the Sea with the laws prevalent after 1958 Geneva Convention and before the Law of the Sea convention 1982 and the Law of the sea convention 1982. Law of the Sea convention, 1982 is indeed one of the important multilateral treaties ever concluded after nine years of hard labour by experts on International Law.

This book "Law of the International Rivers and other water courses" has been written in English as no text book written by any Bangladeshi on the subject is available in Bangladesh. It will help the students, researchers, law professors and the intellectuals who are interested in the Law of International Rivers and other water courses.

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