

Commodore Md Saidur Rahman, BN (Retd.)
CEO, Green Port Consultants | Co-Founder, Trade Deck Bangla International
Certified Port Executive | Former Chairman, Payra Port Authority
Strategic Maritime Executive | Infrastructure Innovator | Green Port Advocate

Professional Summary

Commodore Md Saidur Rahman is a visionary and strategic maritime executive with over **37 years of distinguished service**, including more than **five years in high-level port leadership roles** across operations, logistics, international trade, and maritime infrastructure development. He is widely recognized for pioneering transformative maritime initiatives—most notably leading the development of Bangladesh's third sea port and advancing sustainable, future-ready port systems.

As **Chairman of the Payra Port Authority**, Commodore Rahman spearheaded one of Bangladesh's most significant post-independence infrastructure programs. He oversaw a **\$1 billion capital development project**, implemented deep-water dredging initiatives, launched critical port infrastructure, and introduced bold carbon-reduction goals through electrification and digital modernization.

His **naval command background** enriches his deep strategic understanding of **public-private partnerships**, regulatory frameworks, and cross-border maritime collaborations. He was instrumental in securing **6,000 acres of strategic coastal land**, executing **feasibility studies**, and establishing **initial port operations** that laid the groundwork for Payra Port's long-term commercial success. His leadership helped attract substantial **foreign direct investment (FDI)** and foster enduring partnerships with key ports across Asia and Europe.

Professional Experience

CEO, Green Port Consultants & Trade Deck Bangla International
Nov 2023 – Present

- Leading sustainable port consultancy and international maritime trade ventures.

Senior Naval Leadership Roles – NHQ & DNCC
Jul 2018 – Oct 2023

- Held top-level strategic and operational roles at the Bangladesh Navy Headquarters and Dhaka North City Corporation.

Chairman, Payra Port Authority

Jun 2016 – Jun 2018

- Directed \$1B+ infrastructure and capital projects.
- Led development of Payra Sea Port's master plan and initial operations.
- Established international strategic alliances and trade expansion routes.

Member (Operations), Payra Port Authority

Dec 2013 – May 2016

- Acquired 6,000 acres of coastal land for port development.
 - Oversaw feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, and early project execution.
 - Led planning for multipurpose terminals and hinterland connectivity.
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Core Competencies

- Port Management & Operations
 - Maritime Policy & Regulation
 - Infrastructure & Capital Projects
 - Strategic Planning & Development
 - Environmental Compliance & Green Port Solutions
 - Crisis Management & Risk Mitigation
 - Trade Facilitation & Logistics
 - Stakeholder & Government Relations
 - Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
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Education

- **Masters in Maritime & Defence Studies**
Defence Services Command and Staff College, Dhaka
 - **B.Sc. in Naval Science & Technology**
Bangladesh Naval Academy, Chittagong
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Certifications & Affiliations

- **Certified Port Executive (CPE)**
- **Member**, Bangladesh Association of Port Authorities (BAPA)
- **Fellow**, Bangladesh Institute of Navigation
- **Commodore (Retired)**, Bangladesh Navy

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- “*Green Ports: Security Challenges for the Future of Maritime Infrastructure in Bangladesh*” – Keynote, Armed Forces War College, Dhaka, 2023
- Contributor, *Journal of Port Management & Logistics*

Languages

- Bengali (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- Turkish (Proficient)
- Arabic (Read)

Personal Strengths

- Integrity
- Wisdom
- Willingness
- Zeal