



## Media Release

### International Association of Women Police Prevention and Detection of Violence Against Women Award 2019 Deputy Commissioner Farida Yeasmin, Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Farida Yeasmin joined the Bangladesh Police in 2001 as an Assistant Superintendent, and after completion of basic training she was appointed as a field officer within a policing district. She has served in a number of roles including Special Branch for VVIP protection in both the Prime minister and President's Office; Officer-in-Charge of Immigration at Dhaka International Airport. In 2006 she was promoted to Additional Superintendent of Police and appointed to Rapid Action Battalion (Multidisciplinary Forces) in the 'Investigation and Forensic Wing'. She has also served in the UN Peace keeping Mission in East Timor as a Deputy Contingent Commander in Bangladesh Formed Police Unit, the only female in a contingent of 120 officers and was awarded appreciation letters in recognition of the outstanding display of skill while serving the purpose of the Mandate of Peacekeeping and Stabilization in the Timor Leste during her tour of duty.

She has also worked within the Criminal Investigation Department as an investigator and supervisor and investigating many critical cases. She was also in charge of the forensic division and under her supervision CID established a Forensic Training Institute. Having taken charge of the department, she upheld the services of three units, Victim Support, Investigation and a Quick Response team with appropriate skill and professionalism. Under her supervision and direct participation, her division has **given integrated support to 5349 GBV victims and survivors and investigated 1626 critical cases, arrested 802 accused and recovered 985 victims**. As head of the office, she monitored and supervised the provision of immediate support such as food, shelter, health care, counselling, legal support etc. to the most vulnerable of victims. Deputy Commissioner Yeasmin has admitted that they faced many problems and obstacles to arrest the suspects and recover the victims.

She has had extensive professional training and provides professional guidance on gender sensitivity, women and children rights and GBV in public and private institutions, furthering the education and capacity to assist the most vulnerable of victims. Her work also includes media exposure in this sector, designed to develop several service-oriented campaigns, awareness facilitation and mixed media communications. Deputy Commissioner Yeasmin has provided experienced insight in her various publications regarding Community Policing, Human Trafficking, Gender Mainstreaming, Domestic Violence and Family Protection.

Deputy Commissioner Yeasmin will be honoured during the IAWP's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference due to take place between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27th September in Anchorage, Alaska, USA.

IAWP President Deborah Friedl, "For the past 104 years, IAWP has promoted the role of women in policing. IAWP champions change to enable women to play their full part in delivering an inclusive service to their local communities. Without our annual recognition programme many phenomenal women and men would go unrecognized for their efforts".

The **Mission** of the IAWP is: To strengthen, unite and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally. The **Vision**: IAWP envisions a world where police reflect the diversity of the communities they serve and where human rights are protected.

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