



## **BFIU successfully arranged a capacity building workshop for FIU and LEA officials of BIMSTEC member countries in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh**

Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) orchestrated a remarkable capacity-building initiative titled “*Workshop on Emerging AML & CFT Trends and Typologies for BIMSTEC Member Countries.*” Held against the serene backdrop of Cox’s Bazar on February 28, 2025, the workshop brought together the vigilance and expertise of Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and law enforcement agency (LEA) officials from all seven BIMSTEC nations—Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal, and Thailand.



The daylong program stood as a testament to regional solidarity, drawing participation not only from international delegates but also from a broad spectrum of Bangladeshi enforcement and regulatory agencies—including the Detective Branch, Special Branch, Anti-Terrorism Unit, Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime, Anti-Corruption Commission, Criminal Investigation Department, Central Intelligence Cell, Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Department of Narcotics Control—alongside BFIU officials.

This collaborative endeavor sought to deepen knowledge and sharpen the practical tools needed to confront the evolving landscape of money laundering and terrorist financing. It was part of BFIU’s steadfast commitment to fortify the capabilities of

national and regional stakeholders in the ongoing fight against financial crime. The workshop sessions delved into the topic of terrorist financing, holistic Approach for preventing ML and TF; recent trends in tax evasion and cyber financial crime.

The workshop concluded on a note of recognition and encouragement as Mr. A. F. M. Shahinul Islam, Head of BFIU, presented certificates to the participants, marking the close of a day enriched by insight, exchange and shared purpose.

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