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## Press Release

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

**PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD FROM 8 SEPTEMBER 2011**

The public hearing in the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal* will open on 8 September 2011 at 10 a.m. Judge Jesus, President of the Tribunal, will preside. The public hearing will be broadcast live on the Tribunal's website.

A public sitting of the Tribunal will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 5 September 2011, at which Mr Thomas Mensah, Judge *ad hoc* chosen by Bangladesh, and Professor Bernard H. Oxman, Judge *ad hoc* chosen by Myanmar, will make the solemn declaration required under article 9 of the Rules of the Tribunal.

The schedule of hearings is as follows:

**First round of oral argument**

**Bangladesh**

<i>Thursday, 8 September 2011</i>	10 a. m.–1 p.m.
<i>Friday, 9 September 2011</i>	10 a. m.–1 p.m.
<i>Monday, 12 September 2011</i>	10 a. m.–1 p.m. 3 p.m.–6 p.m.
<i>Tuesday, 13 September 2011</i>	10 a. m.–1 p.m.

**Myanmar**

<i>Thursday, 15 September 2011</i>	3 p.m.–6 p.m.
<i>Friday, 16 September 2011</i>	3 p.m.–6 p.m.
<i>Monday, 19 September 2011</i>	10 a. m.–1 p.m. 3 p.m.–6 p.m.

*Tuesday, 20 September 2011* 10 a. m.–1 p.m.

### **Second round of oral argument**

#### **Bangladesh**

*Wednesday, 21 September 2011* 3 p.m.–6 p.m.

*Thursday, 22 September 2011* 10 a. m.–1 p.m.  
3 p.m.–6 p.m.

#### **Myanmar**

*Saturday, 24 September 2011* 10 a. m.–1 p.m.  
3 p.m.–6 p.m.  
7 p.m.–10 p.m.

The verbatim records of the hearing will be published on the [website](#) of the Tribunal. The hearing can be viewed live [here](#).

#### **Background of the case**

The case, relating to the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal, was submitted to the Tribunal on 14 December 2009, by the notification of a special agreement between the two States, as reflected in their respective declarations made under article 287 of the Convention.

Pursuant to Order 2010/1 of the President and Order 2010/2 of the Tribunal, Bangladesh and Myanmar duly filed their written pleadings within the time-limits prescribed. Bangladesh filed its Memorial on 1 July 2010 and Myanmar its Counter-Memorial on 1 December 2010. The Reply of Bangladesh was filed on 1 March 2011 and the Rejoinder of Myanmar on 1 July 2011.

#### **Attending the hearing**

The hearing will be held in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and is open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps, press and general public are welcome to attend but are requested to [register](#) in advance. In particular, members of the press are requested to [register](#) in advance with the Press Office using the [accreditation form](#).

#### **Webcast**

The hearing will be broadcast [live](#) on the website. A recorded webcast of the hearing will be available under [Webcast Archives](#).

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