

Chronology of Police Training:

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The history of Bangladesh police is inherited from India police created by the British Rulers of India Sub-Continent which started its functioning under Act-5 of 1861. In this Sub-Continent a Policing system was in practice which was perfected during the Mughal Rules. In continuation of series of historical incidents, the new policing system was introduced in 1861, but there was no facility for formal training and training institutes. After a lapse of long 40 years, on the basis of recommendation of Fraser Committee-1902, the first training institute was established in Mill Barrack (Present Dhaka District Police Line). This Committee made specific recommendations for formal training of British/India personnel of India Police. Accordingly the first police training center under the name Police Training School was established in 1906 which was later shifted to Sardah (Rajshahi) located by the side of river the Padma. Major H. Chamney was the founder Principal fo this Police training College. In this P.T.C. besides British/India Police Officers (IPS), Deputy Superintendent of police an Cadet Sub-Inspectors including that of Assam were given basic training. In 1947 after partition of India the then PSP, DSP and different categories of Police Officers were given basic as well as in-service training. After liberation of Bangladesh in 1971 ASP's/DSPs, Sub-Inspectors/Sergeants and Constables were being given basic training as well as in-service training. The basic/in-service training of ASPs SIs/Sergeant and Constables are continuing in Bangladesh Police Academy.

After liberation of Bangladesh, the manpower and training requirement increased manifold, to cope with this situation government established four Zonal Police training School in four Ranges at Ranges at Tangail, Noakhali, Rangpur and Khulna. This training School have upgraded as Police Training Center where basic as well as in-service training to constables and junior officers are being imparted.

The first Police Commission of the them Pakistan was constituted under chairmanship of Justice B.G Constantine and one the basis of its recommendations, Detective Training School under Criminal Investigation Department has been established in Rajarbagh in 1963 which providing important training to Investigating Officers and Supervision Officers. Under the same recommendation, Traffic Training school has been established in 1964 for training on traffic control to the Sergeants, Head Constable and Constables. In 1976 for providing special training to the Armed Police Battalion personnel and others, Police Tactical and Jungle Warfare School was established in Mohalchori under Khagrachori District. This school was renamed as Police Special training School and temporarily shifted to Dulahazra under Cox's Bazar District. The new site of this school was selected by the writer and this school has been finally shifted to Betbunia under Rangamati District.

Though Special Branch is an important branch of the police, there was no facility for formal training. In 1992 Special Branch School has been established under Special Branch and this school is providing special training to police personnel engaged in Intelligence work.

In 2000 an important training institute has been established named Police Staff college in Mirpur for providing higher training to police officers on both police and non-police subjects. This police institute has been established after long 24 years of recommendation made by police Training Committee of 1976 headed by Mr. A. M. A. Kabir.

The first Police Commission of Bangladesh was constituted in 1988 headed by Justice Aminur Rahman which made detailed study, observations and recommendations, but the report of this Commission has never been made public.

Bangladesh Police Academy, Sardah, and Police Staff College, Mirpur are the brightest training institutes of Bangladesh Police with name and fame inside and outside the county. Specifically Bangladesh police Academy, Sardah has passed 100 years of its establishment and very recently it has celebrated its Centenary celebrations from 6th of December to 8th of December 2012. I as a former Principal of Bangladesh Police Academy, Sardah am proud to have served in this Century old and historical training institute of this County/Sub-Continent.

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