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Seminar on “Advancing National Security and Development: Use of Information as a Powerful Strategic Tool”

A seminar on “Advancing National Security and Development: Use of Information as a Powerful Strategic Tool” was jointly organised by the National Defence College (NDC) and the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) on 18 June 2025. The event was graced by Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Honourable Adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, as Chief Guest. The seminar brought together Course Members of the National Defence Course 2025, alongside distinguished professionals, academics, diplomats, and representatives from both government and private sectors.



The Chief Guest, along with the Commandant NDC, Faculty Members, Session Chair and Keynote Speakers during the photo session

Highlights of NDC

April 2025-June 2025

National Defence Course 2025

Guest Speakers

28 April 2025: Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Planning

29 April 2025: Professor Sharmind Neelormi, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University

13 May 2025: Sharmeen S. Murshid, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

15 May 2025: Dr. Shaikh Abdul Hamid, Former Professor of Boston University, USA

15 June 2025: Dr. Md Khairuzzaman Mozumder, Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance

29 June 2025: Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, SBP, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, (Retired), Former Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division

30 June 2025: Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources

30 June 2025: Mr. Andre Carsteins, Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh

Visits

10 April 2025: The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry

05 May 2025: Incepta Pharmaceuticals Limited

14 May 2025: Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association

16 June 2025: Bangladesh Rice Research Institute

16 June 2025: Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute

24 June 2025: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies

25 - 29 May 2025: Overseas Study Tour (Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines and Qatar)

Armed Forces War Course 2025

Guest Speakers

16 April 2025: Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Commandant, NDC

17 April 2025: Lieutenant General Mizanur Rahman Shameem, BP, BSP, OSP, BAM, ndc, psc, Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army

27 April 2025: Dr. Md Mokhles Ur Rahman, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration

29 April 2025: General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army

18 May 2025: Dr. Khalilur Rahman, National Security Adviser and High Representative of the Honourable Chief Adviser on Rohingya Issue

04 June 2025: Mr. Supradip Chakma, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs

15 June 2025: Ambassador Mohammad Sufiur Rahman, Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser for Ministry of Foreign Affairs

16 June 2025: Lieutenant General Mohd Aminul Karim, ndc, Idmc, psc, PhD (Retired), Distinguished Professor, BUP

25 April 2025: Admiral M Nazmul Hassan, OSP, NPP, ndc, ncc, psc, Chief of Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy

25 June 2025: Mr. Lutfey Siddiqi, Special Envoy on International Affairs to the Chief Adviser

Visits

24 May 2025: Air Headquarters

25 May 2025: Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training

29 May 2025: Ministry of Defence

29 May 2025: Planning Commission

01 June 2025: Air Defence Operations Centre

01 June 2025: Headquarters Bangladesh Coast Guard

02 June 2025: Headquarters Logistics Area

12 - 15 May 2025: Staff Ride (Rangpur, Bogura, Rajshahi, Ghatail, Mymensingh and Savar Area)

Capstone Course 2025/1

20 April 2025: Course Commenced

Guest Speakers

20 April 2025: Major General Jamil D Ahsan, BP, psc (Retired)

21 April 2025: A.M. Mahbub Uddin Khokon, President, Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association

22 April 2025: Major General A N M Muniruzzaman, ndc, psc (Retired), President, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies

22 April 2025: Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue

23 April 2025: Rear Admiral Muhammad Anwarul Islam, NGP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN (Retired), Former Senior Faculty of NDC

23 April 2025: Major General Md Emdad Ul Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retired), Chairman, BTRC

24 April 2025: Ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad, Former Chairman, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS)

04 May 2025: Brigadier General Dr. M Shakhawat Hussain, ndc, psc, PhD (Retired), Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Shipping

04 May 2025: Dr. Ahsan H. Mansur, Governor, Bangladesh Bank

05 May 2025: Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Commandant, NDC

05 May 2025: Md Touhid Hossain, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Visits

21 April 2025: Armed Forces Division

24 April 2025: BAF Base Bir Uttam AK Khondaker

27 April - 30 April 2025: Internal Study Tour (Chattogram, Rangamat and Cox's Bazar Area)

06 May 2025: Supreme Court of Bangladesh

06 May 2025: Bangladesh Military Museum

National Events

14 April 2025: Celebration of Pohela Boishakh

07 June 2025: Celebration of Eid-UI-Adha

Ladies' Club Activities

14 May 2025: Social Programme Organized by NDC Ladies' Club

Distinguished Visitors to NDC

07 April 2025: Brigadier Muhammad Imran Yousaf Choudry, Defence Adviser of Pakistan High Commission in Bangladesh

07 April 2025: Commander Lee A Norton, Defence Attache, High Commission of UK in Bangladesh

20 May 2025: H. E. Marcelo C-CESA, Ambassador, Embassy of Argentina in Bangladesh

27 May 2025: Delegation from Nigerian National Defence College

16 June 2025: Brigadier S P Consul, Defence Adviser of Indian High Commission in Bangladesh

National Defence Course 2025

Guest Speakers



Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Planning, delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Development Strategy of Bangladesh' on 28 April 2025



Professor Sharmind Neelormi, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Profile of Bangladesh Economy: Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats' on 29 April 2025



Sharmeen S. Murshid, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Social Safety Net Programme and Economic Empowerment of the Destitute' on 13 May 2025



Dr. Shaikh Abdul Hamid, Former Professor of Boston University, USA, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Factors that Contribute to the Economic Development of Bangladesh' on 15 May 2025



Dr. Md Khairuzzaman Mozumder, Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, delivered a lecture on the topic 'National Budget and Resource Allocation' on 15 June 2025



Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, SBP, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, (Retired), Former Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Geo-Strategy: Theories and Practice' on 29 June 2025



Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, delivered a lecture on the topic 'World Energy Security and Development-Lessons from Bangladesh and Beyond' on 30 June 2025



Mr. Andre Carsteins, Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Contemporary Netherlands: Its Foreign Policy, Security & Development Strategy and Bangladesh-Netherlands Relations' on 30 June 2025

Institutional Visits



The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) - 10 April 2025



Incepta Pharmaceuticals Limited - 05 May 2025



Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) - 14 May 2025



Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRI) - 16 June 2025



Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) - 16 June 2025



Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) - 24 June 2025

Overseas Study Tour

As part of the academic curriculum, the National Defence Course 2025 undertook an Overseas Study Tour from 25 to 29 May 2025, visiting five strategically important partner countries: Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Qatar. The tour provided Fellows with first-hand exposure to regional security architectures, development models, and institutional best practices, enriching their understanding of comparative national strategies and avenues for international cooperation.



Jordan - The delegation engaged with military and diplomatic institutions to explore regional security perspectives and defence cooperation initiatives



Malaysia - The team visited key defence establishments and development institutions to examine public policy innovation and civil-military synergy



Pakistan - Fellows visited various military headquarters and strategic installations, and interacted with senior military leadership to gain insights into regional geopolitical dynamics and professional military education



Qatar - The delegation studied the country's defence infrastructure and national development strategies anchored in energy security and global diplomacy



The Philippines - Participants observed institutional frameworks related to national policy, military institutions, maritime security, disaster resilience, and regional multilateralism

Seminar

Seminar on 'Advancing National Security and Development: Use of Information as a Powerful Strategic Tool' on 18 June 2025



Keynote Speakers from National Defence Course 2025



Keynote Speaker from Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies

Armed Forces War Course 2025

Guest Speakers



Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Commandant, NDC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Challenges of Contemporary Military Leadership' on 16 April 2025



Lieutenant General Mizanur Rahman Shameem, BP, BSP, OSP, BAM, ndc, psc, Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Concept of Land Operations - Bangladesh Perspective' on 17 April 2025



Dr. Md Mokhles Ur Rahman, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Functions of Government Organs and Governance of Bangladesh' on 27 April 2025



General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, delivered a 'Keynote Address' on 29 April 2025



Dr. Khalilur Rahman, National Security Adviser and High Representative of the Chief Adviser on Rohingya Issue, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Repatriation of Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals: Challenges and Ways Forward' on 18 May 2025



Mr. Supradip Chakma, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs, delivered a lecture on the topic 'CHT Peace Accord: Realities and Challenges in Implementation' on 04 June 2025



Ambassador Mohammad Sufiur Rahman, Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Bangladesh-Myanmar Relations' on 15 June 2025



Lieutenant General Mohd Aminul Karim, ndc, Idmc, psc, PhD (Retired), Distinguished Professor, Bangladesh University of Professionals delivered a lecture on the topic 'Bangladesh-China Relations' on 16 June 2025



Admiral M Nazmul Hassan, OSP, NPP, ndc, ncc, psc, Chief of Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy, delivered a 'Keynote Address' on 25 April 2025



Mr. Lutfey Siddiqi, Special Envoy on International Affairs to the Chief Adviser, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Bangladesh's Foreign Policy Outlook' on 25 June 2025

Institutional Visits



Air Headquarters - 24 May 2025



Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT) - 25 May 2025



Ministry of Defence - 29 May 2025



Planning Commission - 29 May 2025



Air Defence Operations Centre (ADOC) - 01 June 2025



Bangladesh Coast Guard Headquarters - 01 June 2025



Headquarters Logistics Area - 02 June 2025

Staff Ride

As part of the course curriculum, Faculty Members, Staff Officers, and Course Members of the Armed Forces War Course 2025 undertook a Staff Ride to key regions across Bangladesh. The first phase of the visit, from 04 to 08 May 2025, covered Rangpur, Bogura, and Rajshahi area. The second phase, from 12 to 15 May 2025, included Ghatail, Mymensingh, and Savar area.





Joint Operation Planning Course

The Joint Operation Planning Course was conducted from 18 to 20 May 2025, facilitated by Colonel Timothy N. J. Wordsworth (Retired) and Mr. Richard P. Dutton. The training focused on enhancing joint operational planning capabilities within a multinational framework.



Capstone Course 2025/1

Opening Ceremony

The Capstone Course 2025/1 commenced on 20 April 2025. Designed to strengthen strategic insight and national resilience, the course aimed to enhance the knowledge, skills, and networks essential for effective multilateral security cooperation in Bangladesh's evolving national and international context.



Guest Speakers



Major General Jamil D Ahsan, BP, psc (Retired), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Liberation War of Bangladesh 1971: Resistance, Resilience and Redemption' on 20 April 2025



A.M. Mahbub Uddin Khokon, President, Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Constitution of Bangladesh: Responsibilities of Legislators, Executives, Judiciaries, and Citizens' on 21 April 2025



Major General A N M Muniruzzaman, ndc, psc (Retired), President, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Non-Traditional Security Threats for Bangladesh: Challenges and Ways Forward' on 22 April 2025



Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Projection of Bangladesh as a Developing Country: Challenges and Way Forward' on 22 April 2025



Rear Admiral Muhammad Anwarul Islam, NGP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN (Retired), Former Senior Faculty of NDC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Managing a Sustainable Development and Equitable Blue Economy of Bangladesh - Exploring Opportunities through the Indian Ocean Rim' on 23 April 2025



Major General Md Emdad UI Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retired), Chairman, BTRC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Digital Transformation in the Public and Private Sectors - Opportunities and Challenges: Bangladesh Perspective' on 23 April 2025



Ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad, Former Chairman, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Global, Regional and National Security Environment: Future Outlook for Bangladesh' on 24 April 2025



Brigadier General Dr. M Shakhawat Hussain, ndc, psc, PhD (Retired), Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Shipping, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Bangladesh Revolution ("36 July"), Political Art, and the Road Ahead' on 04 May 2025



Dr. Ahsan H. Mansur, Governor, Bangladesh Bank, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Sustainable Economic Development in Present Scenario: Opportunities and Challenges' on 04 May 2025



Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Commandant, NDC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Challenges of Contemporary Leadership in the 21st Century' on 05 May 2025



Md Touhid Hossain, Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Evolving Global-Regional Geopolitics and Challenges of Diplomacy: Bangladesh Perspective' on 05 May 2025

Institutional Visits



Armed Forces Division - 21 April 2025



BAF Base Bir Uttam AK Khondaker - 24 April 2025



Chattogram Naval Area – 27 April 2025



BNS Somudro Bijoy - 27 April 2025



Chittagong Port Authority – 27 April 2025



Headquarters 24 Infantry Division - 28 April 2025



Chattogram Hill Tracts Development Board - 28 April 2025



Headquarters 305 Infantry Brigade, Rangamati - 28 April 2025



Rajmonipara Army Camp - 29 April 2025



Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN) Camp -
30 April 2025



Historical Rangkut Buddha Bihar - 30 April 2025



Headquarters 10 Infantry Division - 30 April 2025



Supreme Court of Bangladesh - 06 May 2025



Bangladesh Military Museum - 06 May 2025

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of Capstone Course 2025/1 was held on 08 May 2025. General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Along with the Commandant and senior faculty members, he congratulated the Fellows on the successful completion of this intellectually rigorous course.



Social Events

Celebration of Eid-ul-Adha

In observance of the holy festival of Eid-ul-Adha, the National Defence College hosted a formal "Pritibhoj" on 07 June 2025. Additionally, NDC organised the central Call-on programme for the entire Mirpur Cantonment, incorporating participation from the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC), Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST), and Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP). The occasion fostered a spirit of unity, reverence, and fellowship among officers and their families, reflecting the enduring values of the festival.



Pohela Boishakh - 1432

On 14 April 2025, the National Defence College celebrated Pohela Boishakh - 1432 with traditional festivities, colourful displays, and cultural performances that reflected the rich heritage of the Bengali New Year. The vibrant programme brought together Course Members, Faculty Members, Staff Officers and families in a joyful expression of unity and cultural pride.



Farewell



Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Khan Firoz Ahmed, OSP, ndc, afwc, psc, Senior Directing Staff (Army), received a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 09 April 2025, marking the commencement of his "Leave Preparatory to Retirement"



Air Commodore Imranur Rahman, BUP, afwc, psc, GD(P), Directing Staff (Air), received a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 21 May 2025



Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Shahjada Omar Habib, psc, Infantry, General Staff Officer-1 (Training), received a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 22 May 2025

Ladies' Club Activities

Cultural Evening

On 14 May 2025, the NDC Ladies' Club organised a vibrant Cultural Evening featuring a variety of performances, including music, recitations, and interactive segments that highlighted the creative spirit of the NDC community. Spouses and family members of Course Members, Faculty Members, and Staff Officers participated with enthusiasm, creating an atmosphere of warmth, elegance, and cultural appreciation.



Distinguished Visitors to NDC



Brigadier Muhammad Imran Yousaf Choudry, Defence Adviser of Pakistan High Commission in Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on the Commandant, NDC on 07 April 2025



Commander Lee A Norton, Defence Attache, High Commission of UK in Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on the Commandant, NDC on 07 April 2025



H. E. Marcelo C-CESA, Ambassador, Embassy of Argentina in Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on the Commandant, NDC on 20 May 2025



Brigadier S P Consul, Defence Adviser of Indian High Commission in Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on the Commandant, NDC on 16 June 2025



Delegation from Nigerian National Defence College led by Brigadier General Obasanjo Olugbemi Adeboye, visited NDC Bangladesh on 27 May 2025

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