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Closing Ceremony of Capstone Course 2025/2

The Closing Ceremony of “Capstone Course 2025/2” was held on 31 July 2025 at the National Defence College. General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The course, conducted from 13 to 31 July 2025, brought together a distinguished cohort of 45 Fellows from diverse professional domains, including the Armed Forces, civil administration, academia, business, healthcare, science, engineering, media and non-governmental organisations. This distinguished assembly of professionals fostered a vibrant environment for strategic dialogue, cross-disciplinary learning, and intellectual enrichment



HIGHLIGHTS

National Defence Course 2025

Guest Speakers

02 July 2025: Professor Dr. Ken Jimbo, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, Japan

03 July 2025: Mr. Ahmed Dogan, Geopolitical Analyst, SIGMA Research Society, Ankara, Türkiye

15 July 2025: Professor Dr. Claire Yorke, Unit Convenor, Deakin University, Senior Lecturer at the Australian War College

22 July 2025: His Excellency Mr. Yao Wen, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Bangladesh

23 July 2025: Lieutenant General Mohd Aminul Karim, ndc, Idmc, psc, PhD (Retired), Distinguished Professor, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)

27 July 2025: Mr. Asad Alam Siam, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15 September 2025: Rear Admiral Mohammad Musa, OSP, NPP, rcds, afwc, psc, PhD, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations), Bangladesh Navy

22 September 2025: Her Excellency Sarah Cooke, High Commissioner, British High Commission in Dhaka

23 September 2025: General Abu Belel Muhammad Shafiul Huq, SBP, ndc, psc, PhD (Retired), Former Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army

28 September 2025: Lieutenant General S M Kamrul Hassan, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, PhD, Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division

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

30 September 2025: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Former Adviser to the Caretaker Government and Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)

Visits

28 July 2025: Walton Electronics

24 August-05 September 2025: Overseas Study Tour (Germany, Hungary, Mexico, USA, Sweden, The Netherlands, Japan and South Korea)

Armed Forces War Course 2025

Guest Speakers

10 August 2025: Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan, BBP, OSP, GUP, nswc, psc, GD(P), Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force

28 September 2025: Dr. Muhammad Shariat Ullah, Chairman, Department of Organisation Strategy and Leadership, University of Dhaka

29 September 2025: Major General Md Emdad Ul Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retired), Chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)

Visits

03 July 2025: Engineer in Chief's Branch, Army Headquarters

03 July 2025: Headquarters, National Security Intelligence

15 July 2025: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15 July 2025: Police Headquarters

13 – 17 July and 27-31 July 2025: Staff Ride (Cumilla, Sylhet, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar Area)

07-18 September 2025: Overseas Study Tour (Australia, Pakistan, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Türkiye and Azerbaijan)

Capstone Course 2025/2

13 July 2025: Course Commenced

Guest Speakers

13 July 2025: Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court

14 July 2025: Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenuel Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Commandant, National Defence College

14 July 2025: Ambassador Humayun Kabir, President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI)

15 July 2025: Major General Md Emdad Ul Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retired), Chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)

16 July 2025: Late Dr. Tofail Ahmed, PhD, Chairman, Local Government Reform Commission

16 July 2025: Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue

17 July 2025: Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retired) - Former Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division

17 July 2025: Major General Jamil D Ahsan, BP, psc (Retired)

29 July 2025: Dr. Ahsan H. Mansur, Governor, Bangladesh Bank

30 July 2025: Brigadier General Dr. M Shakhawat Hussain, ndc, psc, PhD, (Retired), Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Labour and Employment

30 July 2025: Professor Dr. Ali Riaz, Head, Constitution Reform Commission

Visits

15 July 2025: Bangladesh Supreme Court

15 July 2025: Bangladesh Military Museum

20 July-24 July 2025: Internal Study Tour (Chattogram, Rangamati and Cox's Bazar Area)

28 July 2025: Armed Forces Division

30 July 2025: Army Headquarters

31 July 2025: Closing Ceremony

Ladies' Club Activities

06 August 2025: Social Programme Organized by NDC Ladies Club

Distinguished Visitors to NDC

10 August 2025: Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan, BBP, OSP, GUP, nswc, psc, GD(P), Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force

16 September 2025: Major General Ibrahim Hilmy, Chief of Maldives Defence Forces

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

National Defence Course 2025

Guest Speakers



Professor Dr. Ken Jimbo, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, Japan, delivered an online lecture on the topic 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy: Options for South Asian Region' on 02 July 2025



Mr. Ahmed Dogan, Geopolitical Analyst, SIGMA Research Society, Ankara, Türkiye, delivered an online lecture on the topic 'Challenges of Diplomacy and the Evolving Security Landscape in the Gulf and Red Sea Region: Implications for Future Regional Stability' on 03 July 2025



Professor Dr. Claire Yorke, Unit Convenor, Deakin University and, Senior Lecturer at the Australian War College, delivered an online lecture on the topic 'Diplomacy as an Instrument of National Power' on 15 July 2025



His Excellency Mr. Yao Wen, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Contemporary China: Its Foreign Policy, Security and Development Strategy, and Bangladesh-China Relations' on 22 July 2025



Lieutenant General Mohd Aminul Karim, ndc, Idmc, psc, PhD (Retired), Distinguished Professor, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Power Politics in South China Sea and Its Implications' on 23 July 2025



Mr. Asad Alam Siam, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Theoretical Framework of Foreign Policy Determinants' on 27 July 2025



Rear Admiral Mohammad Musa, OSP, NPP, rcds, afwc, psc, PhD, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations), Bangladesh Navy, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Strategic Competition in the Indian Ocean-Power Politics' on 15 September 2025



Her Excellency Sarah Cooke, High Commissioner, British High Commission in Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Contemporary UK: Its Foreign Policy, Security and Development Strategy and Bangladesh-UK Relations' on 22 September 2025



General Abu Bebel Muhammad Shafiu Huq, SBP, ndc, psc, PhD (Retired), Former Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, delivered Keynote Speech on 'National Security' on 23 September 2025



Lieutenant General S M Kamrul Hassan, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, PhD, Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Civil-Military Relations: Bangladesh Perspective' on 28 September 2025



General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, delivered Keynote Speech on 29 September 2025



Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Former Adviser to the Caretaker Government and Executive Chairman, PPRC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Elements of National Power' on 30 September 2025

Exercise Dire Straits

The National Defence Course 2025 conducted Exercise Dire Straits from 11 to 14 August 2025. The exercise was designed to enhance participants' strategic negotiation and decision-making abilities in a simulated international scenario. Through active engagement and structured role-play, Course Members practised the dynamics of multilateral negotiation, diplomacy, and conflict resolution in complex geopolitical contexts



Institutional Visits



Walton Electronics - 28 July 2025

Overseas Study Tour

As part of the Overseas Study Tour held from 24 August to 05 September 2025, the Course Members of ND Course 2025 visited Germany, Hungary, Mexico, the USA, Sweden, the Netherlands, Japan, and South Korea. The tour provided valuable exposure to global strategic practices, governance systems, and socioeconomic development models, fostering an enhanced understanding of international cooperation and leadership excellence



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to Germany



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to Hungary



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to Mexico



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to USA



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to the Netherlands



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to Sweden



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to Japan



Delegation of ND Course 2025 during visit to South Korea

Armed Forces War Course 2025

Guest Speakers



Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan, BBP, OSP, GUP, nswc, psc, GD(P), Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force, delivered Keynote Speech on 'Bangladesh Air Force' on 10 August 2025



Dr. Muhammad Shariat Ullah, Professor and Chairman, Department of Organisation Strategy and Leadership, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Theories of Contemporary Leadership and Their Application' on 28 September 2025



Major General Md Emdad Ul Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retired), Chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Information Warfare' on 29 September 2025

Institutional Visits



Engineer in Chief's Branch - 03 July 2025



National Security Intelligence Headquarters - 03 July 2025



Ministry of Foreign Affairs - 15 July 2025



Police Headquarters - 15 July 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 fourth phase of the visit, from 13 to 17 July 2025, covered Cumilla and Sylhet area. The fifth phase, from 27 to 31 July 2025, included Chattogram and Cox's Bazar area





Overseas Study Tour

From 07 to 18 September 2025, the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course (AFWC) 2025 visited Australia, Pakistan, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan. The tour provided an invaluable opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of defence policies, military education systems, and strategic decision-making processes in diverse geopolitical settings. It also facilitated meaningful interaction with senior defence officials and academic institutions, enriching participants' understanding of contemporary global and regional security dynamics



Delegation of AFWC 2025 during visit to Australia



Delegation of AFWC 2025 during visit to Pakistan



Delegation of AFWC 2025 during visit to Morocco



Delegation of AFWC 2025 during visit to Uzbekistan



Delegation of AFWC 2025 during visit to Azerbaijan



Delegation of AFWC 2025 during visit to Türkiye

Capstone Course 2025/2

Course Opening

The Capstone Course 2025/2 commenced on 13 July 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



Course Photograph of Capstone Course 2025/2

Guest Speakers



Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Constitution of Bangladesh: Responsibilities of Legislators, Executives, Judiciaries, and Citizens' on 13 July 2025



Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Commandant, National Defence College, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Challenges of Contemporary Leadership in 21st Century' on 14 July 2025



Ambassador Humayun Kabir, President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Global, Regional and National Security Environment: Future Outlook for Bangladesh' on 14 July 2025



Major General Md Emdad Ul Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retired), Chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Digital Transformation in the Public and Private Sectors - Opportunities and Challenges: Bangladesh Perspective' on 15 July 2025



Late Dr. Tofail Ahmed, PhD, Chairman, Local Government Reform Commission, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Decentralization and Good Governance: Challenges and Prospects for Local Governments in Bangladesh' on 16 July 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 16 July 2025



Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retired), Former Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Non-Traditional Security Threats for Bangladesh: Challenges and Ways Forward' on 17 July 2025



Major General Jamil D Ahsan, BP, psc (Retired), delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Road to Independence of Bangladesh and Challenges to Fulfill the Dream of Freedom' on 17 July 2025



Dr. Ahsan H. Mansur, Governor, Bangladesh Bank, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Sustainable Economic Development in Present Scenario: Opportunities and Challenges' on 29 July 2025



Brigadier General Dr. M Shakhawat Hussain, ndc, psc, PhD, (Retired), Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Labour and Employment, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Bangladesh Revolution ("36 July"), Political Art, and the Road Ahead' on 30 July 2025



Professor Dr. Ali Riaz, Head, Constitution Reform Commission, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Transition to Democracy: Prospects and Perils' on 30 July 2025

Institutional Visits



Bangladesh Supreme Court - 15 July 2025



Bangladesh Military Museum - 15 July 2025



Chattogram Naval Area - 20 July 2025



BNS Khalid Bin Walid - 20 July 2025



Chattogram Port Authority - 20 July 2025



Headquarters 24 Infantry Division - 21 July 2025



Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board - 21 July 2025



Rajmonipara Army Camp - 21 July 2025



Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner - 23 July 2025



Headquarters, 10 Infantry Division - 23 July 2025



Border Guard Bangladesh, Region Headquarters,
Cox's Bazar - 24 July 2025



Armed Forces Division - 28 July 2025



Army Headquarters - 30 July 2025

Closing Ceremony



National Events

Eid-e-Miladunnabi



Celebration of Eid-e-Miladunnabi on 06 September 2025

Service Legacies

Rank Conferment



Colonel Sufi Mohammad Moinuddin, SUP, afwc, psc, was adorned with the rank of Brigadier General on 17 August 2025



Colonel Omar Bin Masud, afwc, psc, G+, was adorned with the rank of Brigadier General on 17 August 2025



Commander Md Moazzem Hossain, (E), NPP, psc, BN, was adorned with the rank of Captain on 21 August 2025



Commander A K M Rakibudduza, (L), NPP, psc, BN, was adorned with the rank of Captain on 21 August 2025



Lieutenant Commander Shanjida Hossain, (Edn), (C), psc, BN, was adorned with the rank of Commander on 10 August 2025

Farewell



Major General Md Hakimuzzaman, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, Senior Directing Staff (Army) received a farewell memento from Commandant, NDC, on 13 July 2025



Brigadier General Mamun Ur Rashid, ndc, afwc, psc, Chief Instructor, Armed Forces War Course Wing received a farewell memento from Commandant, NDC, on 13 July 2025, marking the commencement of his "Leave Preparatory to Retirement"



Rear Admiral A K M Jakir Hossain, ndc, afwc, psc, Senior Directing Staff (Navy) received a farewell memento from Commandant, NDC, on 21 September 2025



Squadron Leader Md. Muttakin Rahman, BAF, General Staff Officer-2, received a farewell memento from Chief Instructor, Armed Forces War Course Wing on 24 September 2025

Ladies Club Activities

Cultural Evening

On 06 August 2025, the NDC Ladies' Club hosted a delightful Cultural Evening, celebrating the artistic talents and cultural spirit of the NDC community. The programme featured a variety of performances, including music, poetry recitations, and interactive segments, highlighting creativity and camaraderie. Spouses and family members of Course Members, Faculty, and Staff Officers participated with enthusiasm, contributing to an atmosphere of warmth, elegance, and shared cultural appreciation.



Institutional Highlights

Academic Council Meeting

The 42nd Academic Council Meeting of the National Defence College was held on 21 September 2025. The meeting was chaired by the Commandant, NDC, and attended by all Senior Directing Staff, the Chief Instructor, College Secretary, Directing Staff, Director (Research and Academic), Staff Officers of Research and Academic Wing and Pro-Vice Chancellor from Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP). The Academic Council, which convenes twice a year, discussed on academic matters related to the PhD, MPhil, and MSS in SD programmes, ensuring continual enhancement of the institution's academic excellence and research quality



Strategic Collaboration

The National Defence College signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) to strengthen cooperation in research, knowledge exchange, and policy dialogue. The partnership aims to promote mutual understanding and contribute to national development through collaborative initiatives between NDC and the business community



Faculty Excellence



Major General Md Rashed Amin, OSP, rcds, ndc, psc (Retired), Adjunct Faculty of National Defence College Bangladesh, delivered a lecture to the National Defence College, Sri Lanka on 04 May 2025

Distinguished Visitors to NDC



Mr. Sandor Oltean, Consul, Consulate of Republic of Hungary, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 03 July 2025



Her Excellency Susan Ryle, Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 09 July 2025



Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan, BBP, OSP, GUP, nswc, psc, GD(P), Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 10 August 2025



Major General Ibrahim Hilmy, Chief of Maldives Defence Forces, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 16 September 2025



General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, visited NDC on 29 September 2025

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