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## Closing Ceremony of Capstone Course 2023/2

The Capstone Course of 2023/2 spanned three weeks from 04 September to 21 September 2023, having brought together a cohort of 31 distinguished Fellows from diverse backgrounds including Members of Parliament, Senior Military Leaders, Senior Police Officer, Bureaucrats, Engineers, Doctors, Journalists, Business Leaders, Lawyers, Academicians and representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations. This convergence of exceptional minds facilitated a dynamic exchange of insights and expertise, fostering a rich environment for cross disciplinary learning and holistic growth. Through intensive knowledge sharing and collaborative discussions, the event successfully enriched the professional acumen of all participants, further equipping them to excel in their respective fields.



The Chief Guest, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Honourable Speaker of Bangladesh National Parliament along with Commandant, Faculty Members and Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 during the Closing Ceremony Photo Session.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## National Defence Course 2023

### Guest Speakers

**10 July 2023:** Lieutenant General Abdul Hafiz, ndc, psc (retd)

**16 July 2023:** Barrister Manzoor Hasan, OBE, BRAC University

**18 July 2023:** Ambassador Muhammad Zamir, Professor Dr. Delwar Hossain, University of Dhaka and Professor Dr. Lailufar Yasmin, University of Dhaka

**19 July 2023:** Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, Hon'ble Foreign Minister

**19 July 2023:** Professor Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, University of Dhaka

**23 July 2023:** H. E. Ms. Haznah Binti Md. Hashim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Bangladesh

**20 August 2023:** H.E. Mr. Pranay Verma, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to Bangladesh

**21 August 2023:** H.E. Mr. Alexander Vikentyevich Mantytskiy, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Bangladesh

**05 September 2023:** Professor Dr. Ken Jimbo, Keio University, Japan

**11 September 2023:** Major General Syed Tareq Hussain, OSP, awc, psc, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**18 September 2023:** Rear Admiral A.S.M.A Awal, ndc, psc (retd)

**19 September 2023:** Air Vice Marshal M Sanaul Huq, BBP, OSP, GUP, ndc, acasc, psc, GD(P) (retd)

### Visits

**08 July 2023:** Bangabandhu Military Museum

**13 July 2023:** 99 Composite Brigade

**25 July 2023:** Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies

**22 August 2023:** Foreign Service Academy

### Course Activities

**02-06 July 2023:** Policy and Strategy Formulation Package

**24 July-04 August 2023:** Overseas Study Tour-1 (Oman, South Korea, Uzbekistan and Qatar)

**28 August-07 September 2023:** Exercise Dire Straits

**24 September-30 September 2023:** Overseas Study Tour-2 (Germany, Japan, Portugal and Netherlands)

## Armed Forces War Course 2023

### Guest Speakers

**05 July 2023:** Md Shahidul Haque, Former Foreign Secretary

**03 August 2023:** Dr. Md Enamur Rahman, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief

**03 September 2023:** General Md Abdul Mubeen, SBP, ndc, psc (Retd), Former Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army

**07 September 2023:** Major General Md Emdad Ul Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retd)

### Visits

**02 July 2023:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**02 July 2023:** Police Headquarters

**04 July 2023:** Headquarters National Security Intelligence

**09-16 July 2023:** Staff Ride (17 Infantry Division and 33 Infantry Division)

**20 July 2023:** Headquarters Bangladesh Coast Guard

**20 July 2023:** Headquarters Logistics Area

**06 August 2023:** Ministry of Defence

**10 August 2023:** Ministry of Planning

**10 September 2023:** Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory Limited

**17-21 September 2023:** Overseas Study Tour (Jordan, Egypt, Philippines and Singapore)

## Capstone Course 2023/2

**03 September 2023:** Course commences

### Guest Speakers

**03 September 2023:** Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, Bangabandhu Chair at BUP

**04 September 2023:** Dr. Atiur Rahman, Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank

**04 September 2023:** Lieutenant Colonel Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, BP (retd)

**05 September 2023:** Mr. Abdul Muktadir, Chairman and Managing Director, Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd

**07 September 2023:** Dr. Shamsul Alam, Honourable State Minister, Ministry of Planning

**07 September 2023:** Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (retd), Former PSO, AFD

**17 September 2023:** Professor Dr. Md Robed Amin, Line Director (NCDC), DGHS

**17 September 2023:** Mr. Anisul Huq, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

**18 September 2023:** R Adm Md Khurshed Alam, ndc, psc (retired), Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**19 September 2023:** Lt Gen Md Akbar Hossain, SBP, BSP, SUP(BAR), afwc, psc, G+, PhD, Commandant, NDC

**19 September 2023:** Ambassador Humayun Kabir, President, BEI

### Visits

**05 September 2023:** Bangabandhu Military Museum

**10 -14 September 2023:** Internal Study Tour (Chattogram, Rangamati and Cox's Bazar Area)

**18 September 2023:** Armed Forces Division

## Course Activities

**20 September 2023:** Closing Ceremony

## National Events

**15 August 2023:** National Mourning Day

**28 September 2023:** Celebration of Eid-e-Miladunnabi

## Social Events

**20 July 2023:** NDC Night

## Farewell

**14 September 2023:** Major General Syed Tareq Hossain, OSP, awc, psc, Senior Directing Staff, ND Course

## National Defence Course 2023

### Guest Speakers



Lieutenant General Abdul Hafiz, ndc, psc (ret'd) delivered a lecture on 'Bangladesh Support to the United Nations' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 10 July 2023.



Barrister Manzoor Hasan, OBE, BRAC University delivered a lecture on 'International Law and International Court of Justice' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 16 July 2023.



Ambassador Muhammad Zamir, Professor Dr. Delwar Hossain, University of Dhaka and Professor Dr. Lailufar Yasmin, University of Dhaka delivered a lecture on 'Conflict Management, Prevention and Resolution in the Contemporary World Scene' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 18 July 2023.



Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, Hon'ble Foreign Minister delivered a lecture on 'The Foreign Policy of Bangladesh' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 19 July 2023.



Professor Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, University of Dhaka delivered a lecture on 'Theoretical Framework of Foreign Policy Determinants' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 19 July 2023.



H. E. Ms. Haznah Binti Md. Hashim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Bangladesh delivered a lecture on 'Contemporary Malaysia: Its Foreign Policy, Security & Development Strategy and Bangladesh-Malaysia Relations' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 23 July 2023.



H.E. Mr. Pranay Verma, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to Bangladesh delivered a lecture on 'Contemporary India: Its Foreign Policy, Security and Development Strategy and Bangladesh-India Relations' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 20 August 2023.



H.E. Mr. Alexander Vikentyevich Mantytskiy, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Bangladesh delivered a lecture on 'The Geopolitical Watershed and Russia - The Key Points of the Revised Foreign Policy Concept' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 21 August 2023.



Professor Dr. Ken Jimbo, Keio University, Japan delivered a lecture on 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Implications for South Asia Region' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 05 September 2023.



Major General Syed Tareq Hussain, OSP, awc, psc, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivered a lecture on 'Defence Policy Making - Theory and Practice' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 11 September 2023.



Rear Admiral A.S.M.A Awal, ndc, psc (retd) delivered a lecture on 'Maritime/Sea Power: Perspective for Developing Countries' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 18 September 2023.



Air Vice Marshal M Sanaul Huq, BBP, OSP, GUP, ndc, acasc, psc, GD(P) (retd) delivered a lecture on 'Airpower: Developing Country's Perspective' to the Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 on 19 September 2023.

## Internal Study Tour



Bangabandhu Military Museum - 08 July 2023



99 Composite Brigade - 13 July 2023



Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies - 25 July 2023



Foreign Service Academy - 22 August 2023

## Overseas Study Tour-1



ND Course 2023 delegation at Oman



ND Course 2023 delegation at South Korea



ND Course 2023 delegation at Uzbekistan



ND Course 2023 delegation at Qatar

## Overseas Study Tour-2



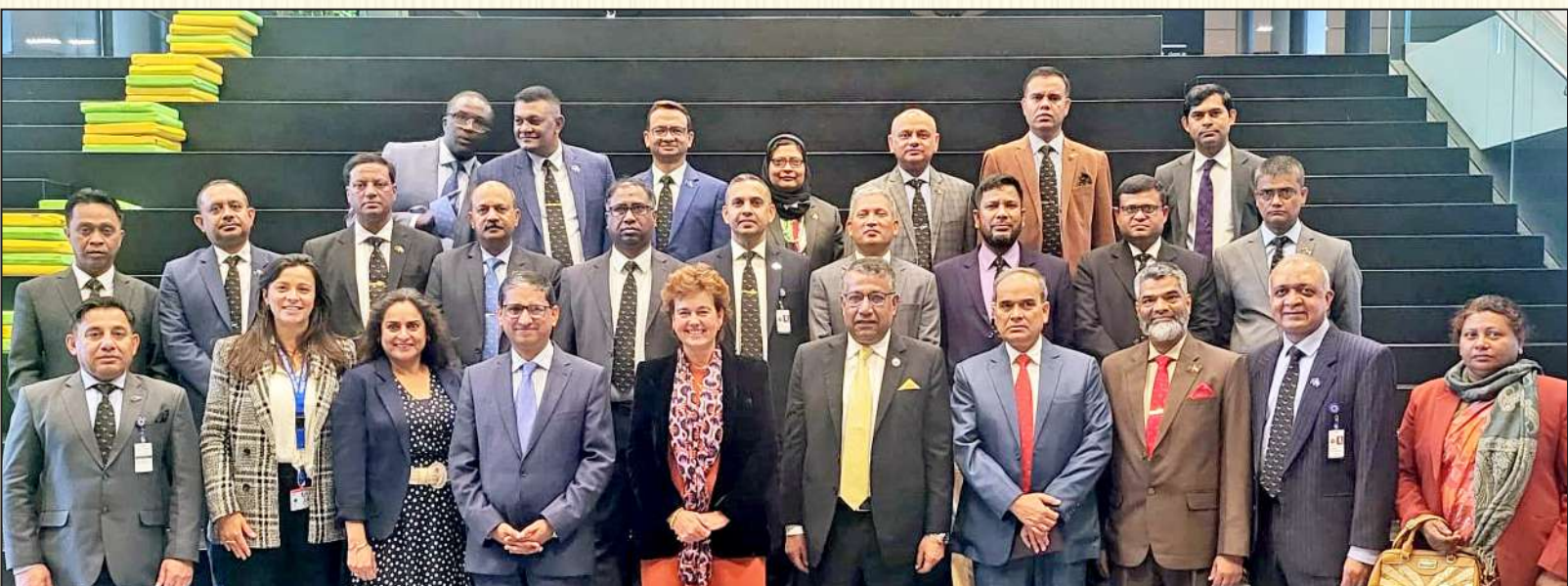
ND Course 2023 delegation at Germany



ND Course 2023 delegation at Japan



ND Course 2023 delegation at Portugal



ND Course 2023 delegation at Netherlands

## Course Activities

### Policy and Strategy Formulation Package

A training package on “Policy and Strategy Formulation” conducted by Dr. Gemma Collantes Celador, Cranfield University, UK and Lieutenant Colonel Dominic Spencer, Senior Faculty of Defence Academy of the UK on 02 July to 06 July 2023.



Dr. Gemma Collantes Celador, Cranfield University, UK delivered a lecture on 03 July 2023.



Lieutenant Colonel Dominic Spencer, Senior Faculty of Defence Academy of the UK delivered a lecture on 04 July 2023.



British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Awarding Certificates to the Course Participants on 06 July 2023.



British High Commissioner to Bangladesh along with Commandant NDC, Faculty Members and Course Members of National Defence Course 2023 during the closing ceremony of Policy and Strategy Formulation Package on 06 July 2023.

### Exercise Dire Straits

Course Members of ND Course 2023 attended “Exercise Dire Straits” on 28 August to 07 September 2023, where they practised negotiation in an international scenario.



# Armed Forces War Course 2023

## Guest Speakers



Md Shahidul Haque, Former Foreign Secretary delivered a lecture on 'Bangladesh-Myanmar Relations' to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2023 on 05 July 2023.



Dr. Md Enamur Rahman, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief delivered a lecture on 'Bangladesh's Experience in Disaster Management: Success, Intricacies and Lessons for the Armed Forces' to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2023 on 03 August 2023.



General Md Abdul Mubeen, SBP, ndc, psc (Retd), Former Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army delivered a lecture on 'Command, Leadership and Ethics' to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2023 on 03 September 2023.



Major General Md Emdad UI Bari, OSP, ndc, psc, te (Retd) delivered a lecture on 'Information Warfare' to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2023 on 07 September 2023.

## Internal Study Tour



Ministry of Foreign Affairs - 02 July 2023



Police Headquarters - 02 July 2023



Headquarters National Security Intelligence - 04 July 2023



Sector Headquarters, BGB Cumilla - 09 July 2023



Akhaura International Immigration Check Post - 10 July 2023



Headquarters 17 Infantry Division - 11 July 2023



52 BGB Battalion, Biyanibazar - 12 July 2023



Para Commando Brigade, Jalalabad Cantonment - 12 July 2023



Ramgarh Immigration - 16 July 2023



Headquarters Bangladesh Coast Guard - 20 July 2023



Headquarters Logistics Area - 20 July 2023



Ministry of Defence - 06 August 2023



Ministry of Planning - 10 August 2023



Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory Limited - 10 September 2023

## Overseas Study Tour



AFWC 2023 delegation at Jordan



AFWC 2023 delegation at Egypt



AFWC 2023 delegation at Philippines



AFWC 2023 delegation at Singapore

## Capstone Course 2023/2

### Guest Speakers



Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, Bangabandhu Chair, BUP delivering a lecture on 'Bangabandhu as a Realistic Visionary Leader' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 03 September 2023.



Dr. Atiur Rahman, Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank delivering a lecture on 'Sustainable Economic Development in Present Scenario- Opportunities and Challenges for Bangladesh' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 04 September 2023.



Lieutenant Colonel Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, BP, (ret) delivering a lecture on 'Liberation War of Bangladesh 1971: Resistance, Resilience and Redemption' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 04 September 2023.



Mr. Abdul Muktadir, Chairman and Managing Director, Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd and Incepta Vaccine Ltd delivering a lecture on 'Business Environment in Bangladesh: Challenges and Ways Forward' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 05 September 2023.



Dr. Shamsul Alam, Honourable State Minister, Ministry of Planning delivering a lecture on 'Smart Bangladesh and Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 07 September 2023.



Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (ret), Former Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division delivering a lecture on 'Evolving Global-Regional Geopolitics and Challenges of Diplomacy: Bangladesh Perspective' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 07 September 2023.



Professor Dr. Md Robed Amin, MBBS, FCPS (Medicine), FACP, FRCS, Line Director (NCDC), DGHS delivering a lecture on 'Bangladesh Health Sector: Challenges and Ways Forward' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 17 September 2023.



Mr. Anisul Huq, Honourable Minister, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs delivering a lecture on 'Constitution of Bangladesh' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 17 September 2023.



Rear Admiral Md Khurshed Alam, ndc, psc, BN (retd), Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivering a lecture on 'Managing a Sustainable and Equitable Blue Economy: Exploring Opportunities for Southeast Asian Regions' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 18 September 2023.



Lieutenant General Md Akbar Hossain, SBP, BSP, SUP(BAR), afwc, psc, G+, PhD, Commandant, NDC delivering a lecture on 'Challenges of Leadership in the 21st Century' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 19 September 2023.



Ambassador Humayun Kabir, President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute delivering a lecture on 'Global, Regional and National Security Environment: Future Outlook for Bangladesh' to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 19 September 2023.

Internal Study Tour



Bangabandhu Military Museum - 05 September 2023



BAF Base Bangabandhu - 10 September 2023



BAF Base Zahurul Haque - 10 September 2023



BNS Bangabandhu - 10 September 2023



Headquarters 24 Infantry Division - 11 September 2023



Chattogram Hill Tracts Development Board - 11 September 2023



Headquarters 305 Infantry Brigade - 11 September 2023



Rajmonipara Army Camp, Rangamati - 12 September 2023



BAF Shaheen Beach, Cox's Bazar - 12 September 2023



Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) - 13 September 2023



Cox's Bazar District Administration - 13 September 2023



Cox's Bazar Development Authority - 14 September 2023



Headquarters 10 Infantry Division - 14 September 2023



Armed Forces Division - 18 September 2023

## Closing Ceremony



Lieutenant General Md Akbar Hossain, SBP, BSP, SUP(BAR), afwc, psc, G+, PhD, Commandant, NDC addressing at the Closing Ceremony of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 20 September 2023.



Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Honourable Speaker of Bangladesh National Parliament awarded certificates among the Capstone Fellows on 20 September 2023 as Chief Guest.



The Chief Guest Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Honourable Speaker of Bangladesh National Parliament addressing at the Closing Ceremony of Capstone Course 2023/2 on 20 September 2023.



Commandant, NDC handing over a crest to the Chief Guest on 20 September 2023.



The Chief Guest Cutting Cake during Graduation Lunch

## National Events

### National Mourning Day



National Mourning Day was duly observed on 15 August 2023 at NDC

### Celebration of Eid-e-Miladunnabi



Celebration of Eid-e-Miladunnabi on 28 September 2023

## Social Events

ND Course Night, a gala event of National Defence College was held on 20 July 2023 at Sheikh Hasina Complex, DSCSC. Commandant, Faculty Members, Staff Officers and all Course Members attended the event.





## Farewell



Major General Syed Tareq Hossain, OSP, awc, psc, Senior Directing Staff, ND Course receiving farewell memento from Commandant, NDC during his farewell on 14 September 2023.

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