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Interactive Session with Academic Advisors

The Individual Research Project is a key component of the National Defence Course, undertaken by each Course Member under the guidance of experienced Academic Advisors drawn from academia and the retired military community. In this regard, the Commandant, NDC, held an interactive session with the Academic Advisors of ND Course 2026 on 31 March 2026. The meeting reviewed course progress, curriculum delivery, and research activities, while addressing key challenges and recommendations. The Commandant emphasised the importance of maintaining high academic standards and fostering strategic thinking, and appreciated the Advisors' continued support. The session concluded with a shared commitment to ensuring a productive and successful research outcome.



Highlights of NDC

January 2026 - March 2026

National Defence Course 2026

12 January 2026: Course Commenced

Guest Speakers

25 January 2026: Dr Imtiaz Ahmed, Former Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

28 January 2026: Dr. Sharifuddin Ahmed, Former Professor, Department of History, North South University

08 February 2026: Major General Azizur Rahman Bir Uttam, ndc, psc (Retired)

10 February 2026: Barrister Sara Hossain, Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh

15 February 2026: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)

17 February 2026: Dr. Salimullah Khan, PhD, Professor, General Education Programme, University of Liberal Arts

19 February 2026: Mr. A M M Nasir Uddin, Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission

23 February 2026: Major General Md Rashed Amin, OSP, rcds, ndc, psc (Retired), Senior Directing Staff (Adjunct-1), National Defence College

08 March 2026: Dr. Sutapa Bhattacharjee, Professor, Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka

10 March 2026: Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal, Former Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka

Visits

15 January 2026: National Martyrs' Memorial, Savar

22 January 2026: Bangladesh Military Museum

18 February 2026: Naval Headquarters

18 February 2026: Air Headquarters

09 March 2026: Armed Forces Division

09 March 2026: Army Headquarters

12 March 2026: Bangladesh Coast Guard Headquarters

12 March 2026: Ministry of Defence

Armed Forces War Course 2026

01 February 2026: Course Commenced

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02 February 2026: Dr. A.S.M. Ali Ashraf, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

03 February 2026: Major General Md Abdur Rouf, ndc, afwc, psc (Retired), Former Faculty of NDC

08 February 2026: Dr. Lailufar Yasmin, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

16 February 2026: Dr. Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman, Professor, North South University

17 February 2026: Major General Abdul Motaleb Sazzad Mahmud, SGP, BAM, ndu, afwc, psc, Director General, Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party

24 February 2026: Rear Admiral Mustaque Ahmed, NPP, ndc, psc, Commander, BN Fleet

25 February 2026: Major General Hussain Muhammad Masihur Rahman, SGP, SPP, ndc, afwc, psc, Commandant, Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT)

26 February 2026: Rear Admiral Mohammad Musa, OSP, NPP, rcds, afwc, psc, PhD, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations), Bangladesh Navy

04 March 2026: Air Vice Marshal Javed Tanveer Khan, OSP, BSP, ndc, afwc, acsc, psc, GD(P), Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operations), Bangladesh Air Force

05 March 2026: Major General Md Naheed Asgar, BSP, ndc, afwc, psc, Managing Director, Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory (BMTF)

Visits

08 February 2026: Military Institute of Science and Technology

National Events

26 March 2026: Celebration of Independence Day of Bangladesh

Social Events

10 January 2026: 28th Raising Day of NDC

29 January 2026: 'Ice-Breaking Ceremony' of National Defence Course 2026 and Armed Forces War Course 2026

07 February 2026: NDC Cup Golf Tournament

03 March 2026: Iftar Mahfil

21 March 2026: Celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr

Ladies' Club Activities

27 January 2026: Celebration of 'Spring Festival'

18 March 2026: Mehendi Utshob

Distinguished Visitors to NDC

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16 March 2026: Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director, Transparency International Bangladesh

National Defence Course 2026

Course Opening

The National Defence Course 2026 commenced on 12 January 2026 with a total of 105 participants. This cohort comprises 54 officers from the Bangladesh Armed Forces, 20 officers from the Civil Services, and 31 officers from allied countries, holding the ranks of Brigadier General, Colonel or equivalent. The allied countries represented include China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.



Course Photograph of National Defence Course 2026

Guest Speakers



Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Former Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Nation-State System' on 25 January 2026



Dr. Sharifuddin Ahmed, Former Professor, Department of History, North South University, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Emergence of an Independent Nation: Bangladesh' on 28 January 2026



Major General Azirur Rahman, Bir Uttam, ndc, psc (Retired), delivered a lecture on the topic 'The War of Liberation: A Memoir' on 08 February 2026



Barrister Sara Hossain, Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Judicial System of Bangladesh' on 10 February 2026



Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman, PPRC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Elements of National Power' on 15 February 2026



Dr. Salimullah Khan, PhD, Professor, General Education Program, University of Liberal Arts, delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Education System of Bangladesh' on 17 February 2026



Mr. A M M Nasir Uddin, Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission, delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Electoral System of Bangladesh' on 19 February 2026



Major General Md Rashed Amin, OSP, rcds, ndc, psc (Retired), Senior Directing Staff (Adjunct-1), National Defence College, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Leadership in General' on 23 February 2026



Dr. Sutapa Bhattacharjee, Professor, Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Women Entrepreneurship Development' on 08 March 2026



Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal, Former Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'National Culture and its Role in the Domestic and International Domain: Bangladesh Perspective' on 10 March 2026

Institutional Visits



International Course Members along with their family members visited the National Martyrs' Memorial on 15 January 2026



Bangladesh Military Museum - 22 January 2026



Naval Headquarters – 18 February 2026



Air Headquarters – 18 February 2026



Armed Forces Division - 09 March 2026



Army Headquarters - 09 March 2026



Bangladesh Coast Guard Headquarters - 12 March 2026



Ministry of Defence - 12 March 2026

Course Activities



Interactive Session with Academic Advisors



Syndicate Discussion on Strategic Themes



Civilian Sponsorship Programme

The National Defence College introduced the Civilian Sponsorship Programme (CSP) in 2026 to enhance the socio-cultural integration and broaden the exposure of International Course Members (ICMs). The programme facilitates meaningful interaction with distinguished members of Bangladeshi society, promoting the country's history, heritage, values, and traditions while fostering strong personal and professional relationships. It further aims to enhance mutual understanding, strengthen international cooperation, and develop ICMs as goodwill ambassadors of Bangladesh. The programme formally commenced on 5 February 2026 through an official event attended by the Commandant, Senior Directing Staffs, International Course Members, and their Sponsors.



Armed Forces War Course 2026

Course Opening

The Armed Forces War Course 2026 commenced on 01 February 2026, with a total of 62 participants. This cohort comprises 44 officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the Bangladesh Army, and 09 Lieutenant Colonel/Colonel or equivalent rank from the Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force respectively. The AFWC is a joint services course designed to enhance expertise in operational level planning and the execution of military operations.



Course Photograph of Armed Forces War Course 2026

Inauguration Ceremony of Armed Forces War Course Wing

The Armed Forces War Course (AFWC) Wing was formally inaugurated at its newly established campus in Dhaka Cantonment on 02 February 2026. The Wing will continue its academic and training activities at the new campus while remaining an integral part of the National Defence College. The ceremony was graced by the Chief of Army Staff, General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc; the Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral M Nazmul Hassan, OSP, NPP, ndc, ncc, psc; the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan, BBP, OSP, GUP, nswc, psc, GD(P); Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, Lieutenant General S M Kamrul Hassan, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, PhD; Quarter Master General, Bangladesh Army, Lieutenant General Md Faizur Rahman, BSP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc; and the Commandant, National Defence College, Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc. Senior military and civil officials, along with faculty members and staff officers of the National Defence College, were also present at the ceremony.





Guest Speakers



Dr. A.S.M. Ali Ashraf, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Security Studies: Theoretical Approaches and Contemporary Security Challenges' on 02 February 2026



Major General Md Abdur Rouf, ndc, afwc, psc (Retired), Former Faculty of NDC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Conflict and War: Causes and Contemporary Trend' on 03 February 2026



Dr. Lailufar Yasmin, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Strategic Studies: Key Concepts and Terminologies' on 08 February 2026



Dr. Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman, Professor, North South University, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Research Methodology' on 16 February 2026



Major General Abdul Motaleb Sazzad Mahmud, SGP, BAM, ndu, afwc, psc, Director General, Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Role of Bangladesh Ansar & VDP in Peace and War' on 17 February 2026



Rear Admiral Mustaque Ahmed, NPP, ndc, psc, Commander, BN Fleet, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Protection of Sea Lines of Communications: Bangladesh Perspective' on 24 February 2026



Major General Hussain Muhammad Masihur Rahman, SGP, SPP, ndc, afwc, psc, Commandant, Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT), delivered a lecture on the topic 'War Book' on 25 February 2026



Rear Admiral Mohammad Musa, OSP, NPP, rcds, afwc, psc, PhD, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations), Bangladesh Navy, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Maritime Strategy, Employment of Sea Power: Bangladesh Perspective' on 26 February 2026



Air Vice Marshal Javed Tanveer Khan, OSP, BSP, ndc, afwc, accs, psc, GD(P), Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operations), Bangladesh Air Force, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Air Power and Air Strategy - Bangladesh Perspective' on 04 March 2026



Major General Md Naheed Asgar, BSP, ndc, afwc, psc, Managing Director, Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory (BMTF), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Logistic Support System of Bangladesh Army' on 05 March 2026

Institutional Visits



Military Institute of Science and Technology - 08 February 2026

Course Activities



Interactive Session with Academic Advisors

National Events

Celebration of 'Independence Day' of Bangladesh on 26 March 2026



Social Events

28th Raising Day of NDC

The 28th Raising Day of the National Defence College was commemorated on 10 January 2026. A series of events, spanning the entire day, was organized to celebrate this significant occasion. The programme included various activities that highlighted the College's contributions to intellectual discourse on national security and strategy, as well as its continued commitment to excellence in leadership development.



Ice-Breaking Ceremony

The 'Ice - Breaking Ceremony' of National Defence Course 2026 and Armed Forces War Course 2026 was held on 29 January 2026





Iftar Mahfil

An Iftar Mahfil was solemnly organized on 03 March 2026 at the College premises in observance of the holy month of Ramadan. The gathering embodied a profound sense of spiritual reflection, unity, and fellowship, bringing together members of the NDC community in an atmosphere of reverence and togetherness.



Eid-ul-Fitr 2026

To mark the sacred festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, NDC hosted a formal Pritibhoj and Call On programme on 21 March 2026. The event fostered a spirit of fraternity and cultural harmony, reflecting the values of compassion, unity, and mutual respect that lie at the heart of this significant occasion.





Sports

The NDC Cup Golf Tournament 2026, held on 07 February, brought together participants in a spirited celebration of camaraderie and sportsmanship



Service Legacies

Rank Conferment



BD/8908 Wing Commander Md Fazle Shahin Haque, psc, GD(P), was adorned with the rank of Group Captain on 05 February 2026

Farewell



Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Commandant, NDC received a farewell memento from Senior Faculty of NDC on 03 March 2026



Air Vice Marshal M Mustafizur Rahman, BSP, GUP, nswc, afwc, psc, GD(P), Senior Directing Staff (Air), received a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC, on 05 February 2026



Commander Shanjida Hossain, (Edn), (C), psc, BN, General Staff Officer (Grade-II, Training Support) received a farewell memento from College Secretary on 25 January 2026



Squadron Leader Mokarram Hossain, Edn, BAF, General Staff Officer (Grade-II, Protocol) received a farewell memento from College Secretary on 25 January 2026

Ladies' Club Activities

An Evening in Honour of New Members

To mark the reception in honour of the new members of the NDC Ladies' Club, a graceful programme was organised on 13 February 2026. The occasion brought together members of the Ladies' Community in an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie, symbolising inclusion, fellowship, and a shared sense of belonging within the College community.



Mehendi Utshob 2026

Eid-ul-Fitr, one of the most significant festivals in Bangladesh, marks the joyous ending of the holy month of Ramadan. On this occasion, a “Mehendi Utshob” was organised at NDC on 18 March 2026, where members of the ladies’ community and family members participated with enthusiasm. The event reflected a vibrant spirit of festivity, tradition, and togetherness.



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