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## Academic Council Meeting



41st Academic Council Meeting of NDC was held on 27 March 2025. The Commandant, NDC chaired the meeting which was attended by faculty members, staff officers and representative from BUP

# Highlights of NDC

## January 2025-March 2025

### National Defence Course 2025

**12 January 2025:** Course Commenced

#### Guest Speakers

**19 January 2025:** Professor Dr Imtiaz Ahmed, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

**03 February 2025:** General Paul Valentino Phiri, MSM, psc, ndc, PhD, Defence Force Commander of Malawi

**03 February 2025:** Dr. Md Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration

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**06 February 2025:** Mr. A M M Nasir Uddin, Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission

**19 February 2025:** Professor Dr. Tofail Ahmed, Chairman, Local Government Reform Commission

**02 March 2025:** Mr. Siddique Zobair, Senior Secretary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Division, Ministry of Education

**05 March 2025:** Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director, Transparency International Bangladesh

**05 March 2025:** Dr. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University

**12 March 2025:** Dr. Ataur Rahman, Former Professor of Political Science, University of Dhaka

#### Visits

**08 January 2025:** National Museum

**19 January 2025:** Armed Forces Division

**22 January 2025:** Army Headquarters

**29 January 2025:** Naval Headquarters

**29 January 2025:** Air Headquarters

**02 February 2025:** Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh

**02 February 2025:** Headquarters Bangladesh Coast Guard

**20 February 2025:** Ministry of Defence

**23 -27 February 2025:** Internal Study Tour (Barishal, Khulna, Rangpur and Sylhet Division)

### Armed Forces War Course 2025

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**09 February 2025:** Dr. Ali Riaz, Distinguished Professor, Department of Politics and Government, Illinois State University, USA

**10 February 2025:** Md. Touhid Hossain, Honourable Foreign Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**12 February 2025:** Lieutenant General Md Faizur Rahman, BSP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, Quarter Master General, Bangladesh Army

**18 February 2025:** Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka

**19 February 2025:** Major General Jamil D Ahsan, BP, psc (Retired)

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

**26 February 2025:** Lieutenant General Mohammad Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retired)

**03 March 2025:** 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 2025:** Major General Hussain Muhammad Masihur Rahman, SGP, SPP, ndc, afwc, psc, General Officer Commanding, 19 Infantry Division

#### Visits

**16 February 2025:** Armed Forces Division

**16 February 2025:** Army Headquarters

**18 February 2025:** Military Institute of Science and Technology

**24 February 2025:** Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh

**25 February 2025:** Naval Headquarters

**25 February 2025:** National Telecommunication Monitoring Center

#### National Events

**26 March 2025:** Celebration of Independence Day of Bangladesh

#### Social Events

**10 January 2025:** 27th Raising Day of NDC

**05 February 2025:** 'Ice-Breaking Programme' of National Defence Course 2025 and Armed Forces War Course 2025

**08 February 2025:** NDC Cup Golf Tournament

**22 February 2025:** Annual Picnic

#### Ladies' Club Activities

**13 February 2025:** Celebration of 'Spring Festival'

**18 February 2025:** Visit to Bangladesh Folk Art and Crafts Foundation

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# National Defence Course 2025

## Course Opening

The National Defence Course 2025 commenced on 12 January 2025 with a total of 97 participants. This cohort comprises 50 officers from the Bangladesh Armed Forces, 18 officers from the Civil Services, and 29 officers from allied countries, holding the ranks of Major General, Brigadier General, Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, or equivalent. The allied countries represented include China, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia



Course Photograph of National Defence Course 2025

## Guest Speakers



Professor Dr Imtiaz Ahmed, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Nation-State System' on 19 January 2025



General Paul Valentino Phiri, MSM, psc, ndc, PhD, Defence Force Commander of Malawi, delivered an 'Opportunity Lecture' on 03 February 2025



Dr. Md Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, delivered a lecture on the topic *'The Civil Services of Bangladesh'* on 03 February 2025



Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, Honourable Chief Justice of Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic *'The Judicial System of Bangladesh'* on 04 February 2025



Mr. A M M Nasir Uddin, Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission, delivered a lecture on the topic *'The Electoral System of Bangladesh'* on 06 February 2025



Professor Dr. Tofail Ahmed, Chairman, Local Government Reform Commission, delivered a lecture on the topic *'Local Government System of Bangladesh'* on 19 February 2025



Mr. Siddique Zobair, Senior Secretary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Division, Ministry of Education, delivered a lecture on the topic *'Education System of Bangladesh'* on 02 March 2025



Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic *'Non-Governmental Organizations'* on 05 March 2025



Dr. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus at BRAC University, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Challenges of Water Resources Management in Bangladesh' on 05 March 2025



Dr. Ataur Rahman, Former Professor of Political Science, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Democracy and Nature of Politics in Bangladesh' on 12 March 2025

## Institutional Visits



International Course Members along with their Family Members visited the National Museum - 08 January 2025



Armed Forces Division - 19 January 2025



Army Headquarters - 22 January 2025



Naval Headquarters - 29 January 2025



Air Headquarters - 29 January 2025



Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh - 02 February 2025



Headquarters Bangladesh Coast Guard - 02 February 2025



Ministry of Defence - 20 February 2025

## Internal Study Tour: 23 February to 27 February 2025



Group-1 at Barishal Area



Group-2 at Khulna Area



Group-3 at Rangpur Area



Group-4 at Sylhet Area

## Course Activities



Academic Meeting on the Research Module of National Defence Course



Interactive Research Session with Supervisors



Interactive Research Session with Supervisors



Group Presentation on Internal Study Tour-1



Syndicate Discussion on Strategic Themes



Syndicate Discussion on Leadership-The Strategic Context

# Armed Forces War Course 2025

## Course Opening

The Armed Forces War Course (AFWC) 2025 commenced on 26 January 2025, with a total of 56 participants. This cohort comprises 56 officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the Bangladesh Army, and Colonel/Lieutenant Colonel or equivalent officers from the Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force. 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 2025

## Guest Speakers



Dr. Salimullah Khan, Professor, General Education Programme, University of Liberation Arts Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic *'History of Bangladesh'* on 03 February 2025



Dr. Ali Riaz, Distinguished Professor, Department of Politics and Government, Illinois State University, USA, delivered a lecture on the topic *'Constitution of Bangladesh'* on 09 February 2025



Md. Touhid Hossain, Honourable Foreign Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered a lecture on the topic *'Foreign Policy of Bangladesh'* on 10 February 2025



Lieutenant General Md Faizur Rahman, BSP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, Quarter Master General, Bangladesh Army, delivered a lecture on the topic *'Corps Operations'* on 12 February 2025



Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic '*Research: An Introductory Discussion*' on 18 February 2025



Major General Jamil D Ahsan, BP, psc (Retired) delivered a lecture on the topic '*War of Liberation: A Memoir and Lessons for Today*' on 19 February 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 '*Maritime Strategy, Employment of Sea Power: Bangladesh Perspective*' on 24 February 2025



Lieutenant General Mohammad Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retired), delivered a lecture on the topic '*Deterrence Strategy: Fighting Being Outnumbered*' on 26 February 2025



Air Vice Marshal Javed Tanveer Khan, OSP, BSP, ndc, afwc, acsc, 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 03 March 2025



Major General Hussain Muhammad Masihur Rahman, SGP, SPP, ndc, afwc, psc, General Officer Commanding, 19 Infantry Division, delivered a lecture on the topic '*War Book*' on 05 March 2025

## Institutional Visits



Armed Forces Division - 16 February 2025



Army Headquarters - 16 February 2025



Military Institute of Science and Technology - 18 February 2025



Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh - 24 February 2025



Naval Headquarters - 25 February 2025



National Telecommunication Monitoring Center - 25 February 2025

## National Events



Celebration of 'Independence Day' of Bangladesh on 26 March 2025

## Social Events

### 27<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of NDC

The 27th Raising Day of the NDC was commemorated on 10 January 2025. 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 Programme

The 'Ice - Breaking Programme' of National Defence Course 2025 and Armed Forces War Course 2025 was held on 05 February 2025



## Annual Picnic

Annual Picnic was organized at Mirpur Cantonment on 22 February 2025, bringing together faculty, staff, all ranks, and their families in a spirit of camaraderie and celebration. The day featured various activities, including games, cultural performances, and festive programmes, offering a refreshing break from regular professional duties





## Iftar Mahfil

Iftar Mahfil was solemnly organized on 16 March 2025 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 2025

To mark the sacred festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, NDC hosted a formal Pritivoj and Call On programme on 31 March 2025. 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



## Rank Adorning Ceremony



Group Captain Imranur Rahman, BUP, afwc, psc, GD(P), was adorned with the rank of Air Commodore on 16 January 2025

## Farewell



Group Captain B M Hasan Mahmud, afwc, psc, GD(P), Directing Staff (Air), received a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC, on 12 January 2025



Brigadier General (Now Major General) A K M Sazedul Islam, ndc, afwc, psc, G, M Phil, Directing Staff (Army), received a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC, on 26 January 2025, marking the commencement of his "Leave Preparatory to Retirement"



Lieutenant Colonel (Now Colonel) Md Sahariar Morshed, afwc, psc, Infantry, General Staff Officer-1, Armed Forces War Course Wing, received a farewell memento from the Chief Instructor on 23 March 2025

## Ladies' Club Activities

### Spring Festival 1431

To welcome the bloom of spring and the newest members of the NDC family, the Ladies' Club organised a graceful Spring Festival on 13 February 2025. The occasion celebrated the season's charm and symbolised renewal, warmth, and togetherness among the gracious ladies of the College community



## Exploring Traditions

Members of the NDC Ladies' Club visited the Bangladesh Folk Art and Crafts Foundation on 18 February 2025 as part of a cultural enrichment programme



# NDC Cup Golf Tournament

The NDC Cup Golf Tournament 2025, held on 08 February 2025, brought together participants in a spirited celebration of camaraderie and sportsmanship



## Distinguished Visitors to NDC



Lieutenant Colonel Viktor Erdesz, PhD, Non-Resident Defence Attache of the Republic of Hungary, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 15 January 2025



Commander Glenn David Suffolk, Defence Attache of Australian High Commission in Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 12 February 2025



Colonel Ibrahim Saleh Almalik, Acting Military Attache of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 19 February 2025



General Paul Valentino Phiri, MSM, psc, ndc, PhD, Defence Force Commander of Malawi, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 03 February 2025



Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, Honourable Chief Justice of Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on Commandant on 04 February 2025



Mr. A M M Nasir Uddin, Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on Senior Faculty of NDC on 06 February 2025



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