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## Capstone Course 2022-1

Capstone Course 2022-1 was held from 13 March 2022 to 30 March 2022 at NDC. This year, a total 26 Fellows participated in the course. Capstone Course is designed to enhance knowledge, skill and networks related to multilateral security cooperation in Bangladesh among senior policy makers, security practitioners, judges, executives, civil society representatives, senior military officers, media personalities and other eminent personalities of the country. The intended objective of the course is to disseminate a common understanding of national security, stimulate strategic analysis and understanding of major security trends and challenges of the country taking into account both internal dynamics and external influences.



Commandant NDC, along with Faculty Members, Staffs and Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 during the opening ceremony.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF NDC

## **CAPSTONE COURSE 2022-1**

**13 March 2022:** Opening Ceremony

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**14 March 2022:** Dr. Tawfiq e Elahi Chowdhury, BB, Energy Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister

**15 March 2022:** Dr. Shamsul Alam, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Planning

**15 March 2022:** Lt Gen Md Akbar Hossain, SBP, SUP(BAR), afwc, psc, G+, PhD, Commandant NDC

**16 March 2022:** Ms Ameerah Haq, Former Under Secretary General, United Nations

**16 March 2022:** Visit to Armed Forces Division

**20-24 March 2022:** Internal Study Tour to Chattogram, Rangamati and Cox's Bazar Area

**29 March 2022:** Panel Discussion on 'How Bangladesh can Address Pandemic and Thrive for Economic Development: Case Study of COVID 19'

**30 March 2022:** Closing and Certificate Awarding Ceremony

## **ND COURSE-2022**

**16 January 2022:** Opening Ceremony and Course Commences

**14 January 2022:** Visit to Liberation War Museum of Dhaka University

**12 February 2022:** Visit to Bangabandhu Museum

**13-17 February 2022:** Strategic Leadership Programme

**24 February 2022:** Visit to Air Headquarters

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**23 January 2022:** Prof Dr Zia Rahman, University of Dhaka

**22 February 2022:** R Adm Mohammad Musa, OSP, NPP, rcds, afwc psc, PhD

**02 March 2022:** Dr M. A. Razzaque, Research Director, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh

**03 March 2022:** Ms Trish Wilson, Head of Indo-Asia Pacific, Ministry of Defence, UK

**06 -10 March 2022:** Internal Study Tour (Rangpur, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Jashore and Khulna Area)

### **AFWC-2022**

**30 January 2022:** Opening Ceremony and Course Commences

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**07 February 2022:** Lt Gen Ataul Hakim Sarwar Hasan, SBP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD

**17 February 2022:** Lt Gen Md Saiful Alam, SBP, OSP, SUP, awc, psc, PhD

**20 February 2022:** R Adm M Ashraful Haq, NBP, NUP, BCGM, ndc, afwc, psc

**06 March 2022:** AVM M Shafiqul Alam, BBP, OSP, BSP, ndc, fawc, psc

**27 March 2022:** Lt Gen Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retd)

**31 March 2022:** Mr. Shahriar Alam, MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs

**26 February:** Visit to Shorno Deep

**08 March 2022:** Visit to Army Headquarters

**14 March 2022:** Visit to Naval Headquarters

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

**10 January 2022:** 23rd Raising Day of NDC

**17 March 2022:** The birthday anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

**26 March 2022:** Celebration of Independence Day of Bangladesh

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

**02 March 2022:** Commandant's Reception (ND Course 2022)

**21 March 2022:** Commandant's Reception (AFWC 2022)

### **SPORTS**

**31 March 2022:** Mujib Borsho Capstone Golf Tournament 2022

### **LADIES CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**27 February 2022:** Celebration of "Spring Festival"

**27 March 2022:** NDC Ladies Club organized a programme

### **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

**09 January 2022:** NDC and War Wing Delegation of Saudi Armed Forces

**10 February 2022:** A Delegation from South Sudan Army

**30 March 2022:** Mr. Golam Md Hashibul Alam, Secretary, Ministry of Defence

## Guest Speakers-Capstone Course 2022-1



Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, Bangabandhu Chair Professor, BUP delivering a lecture on “Bangabandhu as a Visionary Leader” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 13 March 2022.



Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Department of Law, University of Dhaka delivering a lecture on “Bangladesh and its Constitution” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 14 March 2022.



Dr. Tawfiq e Elahi Chowdhury, BB, Energy Adviser to Hon'ble Prime Minister delivering a lecture on “Liberation War of Bangladesh 1971: Resistance, Resilience and Redemption” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 14 March 2022.

Dr. Shamsul Alam, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Planning delivering a lecture on “Vision 2041 and Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 15 March 2022.



Lieutenant General Md Akbar Hossain, SBP, SUP(BAR), afwc, psc, G+, PhD, Commandant, NDC delivering a lecture on “Leadership Challenges in the 21st Century” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 15 March 2022.



Ms Ameerah Haq, Former Under Secretary General, United Nations delivering a lecture on “Future Challenges for UN in Conflict Management – Role of Bangladesh to Increase its Involvement/Influence” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 16 March 2022.



Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Professor of International Relations, University of Dhaka delivering a lecture on “Global, Regional and National Security Environment: Future Outlook for Bangladesh” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 27 March 2022.



Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, Distinguished Fellow, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) delivering a lecture on “Good Governance in Bangladesh Perspective” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 27 March 2022.



Rear Admiral Md Khurshed Alam, ndc, psc (retired), Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivering a lecture on “Managing a Sustainable and Equitable Blue Economy: Exploring Opportunities for South East Asian Regions” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 on 28 March 2022.

29 March 2022, Monday. National Defence College (NDC) at Mirpur Cantonment organized a Panel Discussion on **“How Bangladesh Can Address Pandemic and Thrive for Economic Development: Case Study of COVID-19”** as part of course curricula of Capstone Course 2022-1. The session was moderated by Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Economic Affairs’ Adviser to the Hon’ble Prime Minister. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank and Professor Dr. Pran Gopal Datta, MP, Former VC, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Medical University presented keynote papers on “Economic Development Options and Alternatives” and “Effect of Pandemic on Health Sector and Future Strategy for Bangladesh”, respectively.



### Internal Study Tour-Capstone Course 2022-1

As part of course curricula, Faculty Members & Staff Officers of NDC and Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 visited various Armed Forces installations during the course. The visit included Armed Forces Division, BAF Base Bangabandhu, BAF Base Zahurul Haque, HQ BGB South East Region, HQ 24 Infantry Division, Chattogram Naval Area, HQ 305 Infantry Brigade, Rangamati Hill District Council, BAF Base Cox’s Bazar, Cox’s Bazar Development Authority, Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) and HQ 10 Infantry Division.



Visit to Armed Forces Division



Visit to BAF Base Bangabandhu



Visit to BAF Base Zahurul Haque



Visit to BNS Bangabandhu



Visit to Headquarters 24 Infantry Division



Visit to BNS Issa Khan



Visit to Chattogram Hill Tracts Development Board



Visit to Headquarters 305 Infantry Brigade



Visit to Rajmonipara Army Camp, Rangamati



Visit to Kaptai



Visit to Cox's Bazar Development Authority



Sea Beach at Cox's Bazar



Visit to Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC)



Visit to Headquarters 10 Infantry Division.

## Closing Ceremony-Capstone Course 2022-1



Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Minister of Education, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Capstone Course 2022-1 and distributed certificates among the Capstone Fellows on 30 March 2022.





The Chief Guest along with Commandant NDC, Faculty Members and Fellows of Capstone Course 2022-1 during the closing ceremony of Capstone Course 2022-1.

## National Defence Course 2022

National Defence Course-2022 commenced on 16 January 2022. The Course is comprised of 88 officers that includes 45 officers of armed forces, 13 officers from civil services and 30 officers from allied countries of the rank of Brigadier General/Colonel and equivalent. The 11 month long course is divided into four terms. Each term is of 10 to 12 weeks long, concentrating on key aspects of Strategic Context and Leadership, Security Studies and National Security, Strategy and Policy Formulation and Global and Regional Studies.



## Guest Speakers



Professor Dr Zia Rahman, University of Dhaka delivered a lecture on “Basic Concept of Research and Research Methodology; Meaning, Steps and Features of Research; Types of Research” to the Course Members of ND Course-2022 on 23 January 2022.



Rear Admiral Mohammad Musa, OSP, NPP, rcds, afwc psc, PhD delivered a lecture on “Strategic Leadership in the context of Changing Global Scenario” to the Course Members of ND Course-2022 on 22 February 2022.



Ms Trish Wilson, Head of Indo-Asia Pacific, Ministry of Defence, UK delivered an “Opportunity Lecture” to the Course Members of ND Course-2022 on 03 March 2022.



Dr M. A. Razzaque, Research Director, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh delivered a lecture on “Geo-economics” to the Course Members of ND Course-2022 on 02 March 2022.

## Local Visits-ND Course 2022



Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of National Defence Course 2022 visited various Museum of Dhaka University on 14 January 2022.



Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of National Defence Course 2022 visited Bangabandhu Museum on 12 February 2022.



Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of National Defence Course 2022 visited Air Force Headquarters on 24 February 2022.

## Internal Study Tour-ND Course 2022

As part of course curricula Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of National Defence Course-2022 visited Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sylhet and Khulna area from 06 to 10 March 2022.



Course Members of ND Course 2022 during IST at Khulna.



Course Members of ND Course 2022 during IST at Rajshahi.



Course Members of ND Course 2022 during IST at Rangpur.



Course Members of ND Course 2022 during IST at Sylhet.

## Miscellaneous Activities-ND Course 2022



PhD Class



Syndicate Discussion



Syndicate Discussion



Syndicate Discussion

## Strategic Leadership Programme-ND Course 2022

A training package on “Strategic Leadership Programme” conducted by Dr Bryan Watters and Colonel Ed Freely (Cranfield University, UK) on 13 February to 17 February 2022.



British High Commissioner to Bangladesh along with Commandant NDC, Faculty Members and Course Members of National Defence Course 2022 during the closing ceremony of Strategic Leadership Programme on 17 February 2022.

## Course Opening-AFWC 2022

Armed Forces War Course (AFWC)-2022 commenced on 30 January 2022. The course is comprised of 60 officers of the rank of Colonel/Lieutenant Colonel of Bangladesh Army and equivalent of Bangladesh Navy and Air Force. AFWC is a joint services course which focuses on operational level planning and conduct of war.



## Guest Speaker-AFWC 2022



Mr. Shahriar Alam, MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs delivered a lecture on "Foreign Policy of Bangladesh" to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2022 on 31 March 2022.



Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retd) delivered a lecture on "Deterrence Strategy-Fighting being Outnumbered" to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2022 on 27 March 2022.



Lieutenant General Ataul Hakim Sarwar Hasan, SBP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD delivered a lecture on "Concept of Land Operations of Bangladesh Army" to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2022 on 07 February 2022.



Lieutenant General Md Saiful Alam, SBP, OSP, SUP, awc, psc, PhD delivered a lecture on "Logistic Support System of Bangladesh Army" to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2022 on 17 February 2022.



Rear Admiral M Ashraful Haq, NBP, NUP, BCGM, ndc, afwc, psc delivered a lecture on “Sea Power and Maritime Strategy: Bangladesh Perspective” to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2022 on 20 February 2022.



Air Vice Marshal M Shafiqul Alam, BBP, OSP, BSP, ndc, fawc, psc delivered a lecture on “Air Power and Air Strategy: Bangladesh Perspective” to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2022 on 06 March 2022.

## Local Visits-AFWC 2022



Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2022 visited Army Headquarters on 08 March 2022.



Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2022 visited Naval Headquarters on 14 March 2022.



Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2022 visited Shorno Deep on 26 February 2022.

## NDC Raising Day

23rd Raising Day of NDC was celebrated on 10th January 2022. A day long Programme was organized to mark this occasion.



## National Events

The birthday anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed with due respect and honour on 17 March 2022 at NDC.







Celebration of Independence Day of Bangladesh on 26 March 2022.

## Opening Ceremony-NDC E-Journal



Opening Ceremony of NDC E-Journal, Volume-2, Issue-1, January 2022.

## Farewell



Air Vice Marshal M Abul Bashar, BBP, OSP, ndc, acsc, psc, GD (P), Senior Directing Staff (Air), NDC receiving farewell memento from Commandant NDC during his farewell on 13 January 2022.



Brigadier General (Now Major General) I K M Mostahsenul Baki, ndc, afwc, psc, Chief Instructor, Armed Forces War Course Wing receiving farewell memento from Commandant NDC during his farewell on 22 February 2022.



Colonel Md Ehsanul Haque, SUP(BAR), afwc, psc, PhD, Directing Staff (Army), Armed Forces War Course Wing receiving farewell memento from Chief Instructor during his farewell on 03 January 2022.



Colonel Golam Kibria Zaman, afwc, psc, Directing Staff (Army), Armed Forces War Course Wing receiving farewell memento from Chief Instructor during his farewell on 02 February 2022.

## Social Events



## Ladies Club Activities



NDC Ladies Club organized "Spring Festival" to mark the colourful season of spring on 27 February 2022.



NDC Ladies Club organized a programme on 27 March 2022.



## Golf Tournament

Mujib Borsho Capstone Golf Tournament-2022" was held in Army Golf Club on 31 March 2022. Commandant NDC, Lieutenant General Md Akbar Hossain, SBP, SUP(BAR), afwc, psc, G+, PhD and Mr. Raquib Mohammad Fakhru, Managing Director, MUNSHI inaugurated the tournament. The Tournament was organized by NDC and sponsored by MUNSHI.





**Distinguished Visitors at NDC**



Mr. Golam Md Hashibul Alam, Secretary, Ministry of Defence visited NDC and called on Commandant NDC on 30 March 2022.



NDC and War Wing Delegation of Saudi Armed Forces visited NDC and called on Senior Faculty of NDC on 09 January 2022.



A Delegation from South Sudan Army visited NDC on 10 February 2022.