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Seminar on “Navigating Economic Uncertainty in the Rapidly Changing Geopolitical Context- Options for Bangladesh”

A seminar on “Navigating Economic Uncertainty in the Rapidly Changing Geopolitical Context- Options for Bangladesh” was organised by the National Defence College on 18 June 2026. The event was graced by Mr. Zonayed Abdur Rahim Saki, MP, Hon’ble State Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, as Chief Guest. The seminar brought together Course Members of the National Defence Course 2026, alongside distinguished professionals, academicians, diplomats, and representatives from both government and private sectors.



The Chief Guest along with the Commandant NDC, Faculty Members and Keynote Speakers during the photo session

Highlights of NDC

April 2026-June 2026

National Defence Course 2026

Guest Speakers

21 April 2026: Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Former Adviser to the Interim Government and Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank

22 April 2026: Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

29 April 2026: Rear Admiral Muhammad Anwarul Islam, NGP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN (Retd), Former Senior Directing Staff (Navy), NDC

04 May 2026: Major General Md Mahbub-ul-Alam, BSP, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD, Vice Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)

06 May 2026: Mr. Inoue Shunichi, Director of the Security Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

19 May 2026: Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)

08 June 2026: Professor Dr. Mohammad Tamim, Vice Chancellor, Independent University, Bangladesh

15 June 2026: Sharmeen S. Murshid, Former Adviser to the Interim Government

24 June 2026: H. E. Ms Sarah Cooke, High Commissioner of UK to Bangladesh

30 June 2026: H. E. Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari, Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh

Visits

20 April 2026: Headquarter Border Guard Bangladesh

27 April 2026: Supreme Court of Bangladesh

30 April 2026: Ministry of Planning

05 May 2026: Walton Electronics

09 June 2026: Incepta Pharmaceuticals Limited

11 June 2026: Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association

25 June 2026: National Parliament of Bangladesh

29 June 2026: Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission

05 -09 April 2026: Internal Study Tour (Barishal, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet Area)

Armed Forces War Course 2026

Guest Speakers

09 April 2026: Lieutenant General Mainur Rahman, SUP, OSP, SGP, awc, psc, Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army

20 April 2026: Dr. Muhammad Shariat Ullah, Professor and Chairman, Department of Organization Strategy and Leadership, University of Dhaka

21 April 2026: Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

07 May 2026: Md. Ehsanul Hoque, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration

19 May 2026: Lieutenant General Md Faizur Rahman, BSP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, Commandant, NDC

04 June 2026: Brigadier General Md Abdur Razzak, SUP, ndc, psc; Captain A K M Bodrul Qadir, (L), NUP, afwc, psc, BN; Air Commodore Muhammed Kamrul Islam, BSP, BPP, acsc, psc, PhD

Visits

02 April 2026: Armed Forces Division

02 April 2026: Army Headquarters

04 May 2026: Headquarter 86 Independent Signal Brigade

10 - 14 May 2026: Staff Ride (Rangpur, Bogura and Rajshahi Area)

07 - 10 June 2026: Staff Ride (Ghatail, Mymensingh and Savar Area)

Capstone Course 2026/1

05 April 2026: Course Commenced

Guest Speakers

05 April 2026: Dr. Rashed Uz Zaman, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

06 April 2026: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Former Adviser to the Caretaker Govt & Executive Chairman, PPRC

06 April 2026: Mr. Syed Nasim Manzur, Managing Director, Apex Footwear Limited

08 April 2026: Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director, Transparency International Bangladesh

19 April 2026: Brigadier General Hafiz Ahsan Farid, SGP, ndc, psc (Retd), Former Commissioner, Anti Corruption Commission

19 April 2026: Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retd), Former Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division

20 April 2026: Lieutenant General Md Faizur Rahman, BSP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, Commandant, NDC

22 April 2026: General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiul Haq,SBP, ndc, psc, (Retd), Former Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army

22 April 2026: Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Finance and Planning

Visits

07 April 2026: Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry

09 April 2026: Bangladesh Military Museum

12 April – 16 April 2026: Internal Study Tour (Chattogram, Rangamati and Cox's Bazar Area)

20 April 2026: Army Headquarters

20 April 2026: Armed Forces Division

National Events

28 May 2026: Celebration of Eid-ul-Adha

Ladies' Club Activities

14 May 2026: NDC Ladies Club organized a programme

10 June 2026: NDC Ladies Club organized a Spring Festival

Distinguished Visitors to NDC

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National Defence Course 2026

Guest Speakers



Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Former Adviser to the Interim Government and Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank delivered a Keynote Speech on 'Economy and Development Strategy- Road to Progress for Bangladesh' on 21 April 2026



Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): Roadmap for Bangladesh to be a Middle-Income Country' on 22 April 2026



Rear Admiral Muhammad Anwarul Islam, NGP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN (Retd), Former Senior Directing Staff (Navy), NDC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Managing a Sustainable Development and Equitable Blue Economy in the Bay of Bengal – Exploring the Role of IORA' on 29 April 2026



Major General Md Mahbub-ul-Alam, BSP, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD, Vice Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Knowledge Economy and Value-Based Education in Bangladesh' on 04 May 2026



Mr. Inoue Shunichi, Director of the Security Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Security Policy of Japan' on 06 May 2026



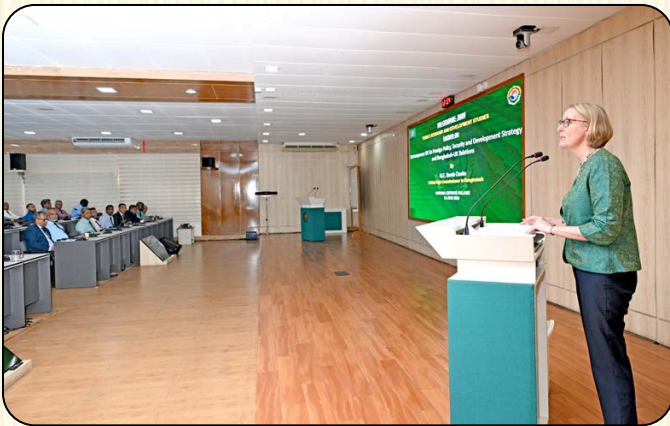
Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Creating a Better Business Environment' on 19 May 2026



Professor Dr. Mohammad Tamim, Vice Chancellor, Independent University, Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Options for Power Development and Prospect of Nuclear Energy for the Development of Bangladesh' on 08 June 2026



Sharmeen S. Murshid, Former Adviser to the Interim Government, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Social Safety Net Programme and Economic Empowerment of the Destitute' on 15 June 2026.



H. E. Ms. Sarah Cooke, High Commissioner of UK to Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Contemporary UK: Its Foreign Policy, Security and Development Strategy, and Bangladesh-UK Relations' on 24 June 2026



H. E. Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari, Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Contemporary Nepal: Its Foreign Policy, Security and Development Strategy, and Bangladesh-Nepal Relations' on 30 June 2026

Institutional Visits



Headquarter Border Guard Bangladesh - 20 April 2026



Supreme Court of Bangladesh - 27 April 2026



Ministry of Planning - 30 April 2026



Walton Electronics - 05 May 2026



Incepta Pharmaceuticals Limited - 09 June 2026



Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association - 11 June 2026



National Parliament of Bangladesh - 25 June 2026



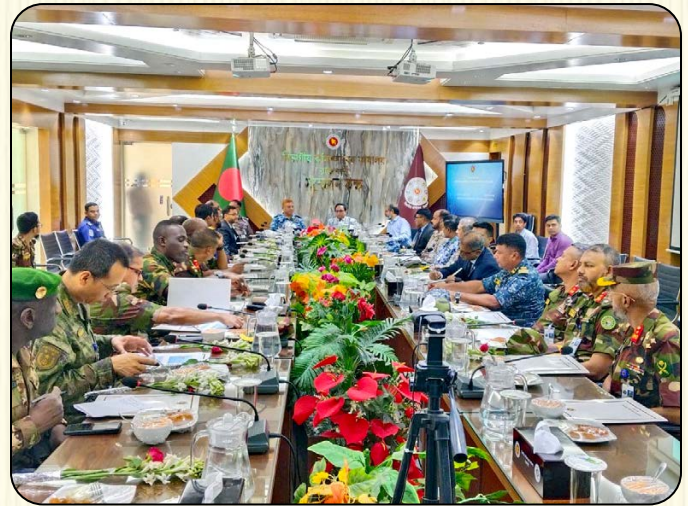
Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission - 29 June 2026

Internal Study Tour

As part of course curriculum Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of National Defence Course 2026 visited Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, Rangpur and Barishal area from 05 to 09 April 2026



Group-1 at Rajshahi Area



Group-2 at Khulna Area



Group-3 at Sylhet Area





Group-4 at Rangpur Area



Group-5 at Barishal Area

Course Activities



43rd Academic Council Meeting of NDC was held on 07 May 2026. Commandant, NDC chaired the meeting where Faculty, Staff Officers and Representative from BUP were present

Seminar

Seminar on “Navigating Economic Uncertainty in the Rapidly Changing Geopolitical Context- Options for Bangladesh” on 18 June 2026



Keynote Speakers from National Defence Course 2026



Mr. Zonayed Abdur Rahim Saki, MP, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Planning delivered his remarks as the Chief Guest

Armed Forces War Course 2026

Guest Speakers



Lieutenant General Mainur Rahman, SUP, OSP, SGP, awc, psc, Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Concept of Land Operations - Bangladesh Perspective' on 09 April 2026



Dr. Muhammad Shariat Ullah, Professor and Chairman, Department of Organization Strategy and Leadership, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Theories of Contemporary Leadership and their Application' on 20 April 2026



Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Constitution of Bangladesh' on 21 April 2026



Md. Ehsanul Hoque, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Functions of Government Organs and Governance of Bangladesh' on 07 May 2026



Lieutenant General Md Faizur Rahman, BSP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, Commandant, NDC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Challenges of Contemporary Military Leadership' on 19 May 2026



Brigadier General Md Abdur Razzak, SUP, ndc, psc; Captain A K M Bodrul Qadir, (L), NUP, afwc, psc, BN; Air Commodore Muhammed Kamrul Islam, BSP, BPP, acsc, psc, PhD, attended in a Panel Discussion on the topic 'Electronic Warfare: A tool for Enhancing Non-Kinetic Operational Capabilities of Bangladesh Armed Forces' on 04 June 2026

Institutional Visits



Armed Forces Division - 02 April 2026



**ARMY HEADQUARTERS VISIT
ARMED FORCES WAR COURSE-2026**

Army Headquarters - 02 April 2026



Headquarter 86 Independent Signal Brigade - 04 May 2026

Staff Ride

As part of the course curriculum, Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2026 conducted Staff Rides in different areas of the country. From 10 to 14 May 2026, they visited Rangpur, Bogura, Rajshahi and from 07 to 10 June 2026, they also visited Ghatail, Mymensingh and Savar.



Headquarters 66 Infantry Division - 11 May 2026



Panchagarh BGB Battalion - 10 May 2026



Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant - 12 May 2026



Joypurhat BGB Battalion - 11 May 2026



Headquarters ARTDOC - 07 June 2026



Bijoypur BOP -08 June 2026



Netrokona BGB Battalion - 08 June 2026



Jamalpur BGB Battalion - 08 June 2026



Headquarters 9 Infantry Division - 09 June 2026

Capstone Course 2026/1

Opening Ceremony

The Capstone Course 2026/1 commenced on 05 April 2026. The aim of the course is to enable higher-level leadership to develop a common understanding of key national challenges connected to the security and development of Bangladesh.



Guest Speakers



Dr. Rashed Uz Zaman, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'The Road to Independence of Bangladesh, and National Aim, Objective and Elements of National Power' on 05 April 2026



Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Former Adviser to the Caretaker Govt & Executive Chairman, PPRC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Bangladesh as a Developing Country: Challenges and Ways Foreword' on 06 April 2026



Mr. Syed Nasim Manzur, Managing Director, Apex Footwear Limited, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Bangladesh Economy: Thriving Private Sectors Participation' on 06 April 2026



Dr. Iftakharuzzaman, Executive Director, Transparency International Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Good Governance: Challenges and Prospects of Bangladesh' on 08 April 2026



Mr. Asad Alam Siam, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Emerging World order, Regional Geopolitics, and Impact on National Security of Bangladesh' on 08 April 2026



Lieutenant General Sabbir Ahmed, SBP, OSP, SGP, ndc, psc (Retd); Lieutenant General Mohammad Asadullah Minhazul Alam, ndu, psc, PhD; Professor Shahab Enam Khan, attended in a Panel Discussion on the topic 'Evolving Security Landscape in the Southeast Region of Bangladesh' on 09 April 2026



Brigadier General Hafiz Ahsan Farid, SGP, ndc, psc (Retd), Former Commissioner, Anti Corruption Commission, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Corruption in Bangladesh: A Strategic Threat to Economic Stability and National Developments' on 19 April 2026



Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, OSP, rcds, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD (Retd), Former Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Global, Regional and National Security Environment: Future Outlook for Bangladesh' on 19 April 2026



Lieutenant General Md Faizur Rahman, BSP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, Commandant, NDC, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Challenges of Leadership in the 21st Century: Bangladesh Perspective' on 20 April 2026



General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiul Haq, SBP, ndc, psc, (Retd), Former Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Non-Traditional Security Threats for Bangladesh: Challenges and Ways Forward' on 22 April 2026



Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Finance and Planning, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Economic Security: Opportunities and Challenges' on 22 April 2026

Institutional Visits



Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) - 07 April 2026



Bangladesh Military Museum - 09 April 2026



BAF Base Zahurul Haque, Chattogram - 12 April 2026



Chattogram Naval Area – 12 April 2026



BNS Somudro Bijoy - 12 April 2026



Headquarters 24 Infantry Division - 13 April 2026



Rajmonipara Army Camp - 13 April 2026



Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) - 15 April 2026



Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Cox'sbazar District - 15 April 2026



Headquarters 10 Infantry Division - 15 April 2026



Border Guard Bangladesh Cox'sbazar Region - 16 April 2026



Army Headquarters - 20 April 2026



Armed Forces Division - 20 April 2026

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of Capstone Course 2026/1 was held on 23 April 2026. General Waker-Uz-Zaman, SBP, OSP, SGP, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



Social Events

Celebration of Eid-ul-Adha

To mark the sacred festival of Eid-ul-Adha, NDC hosted a formal Pritivoj and Call on programme on 28 May 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



Farewell



Major General A S M Bahauddin, SUP, SPP, ndc, afwc, psc, G, Senior Directing Staff (Army), receiving a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 01 April 2026



Air Vice Marshal Haider Abdullah, GUP, ndc, fawc, psc, GD(P), Senior Directing Staff (Air), receiving a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 01 April 2026



Additional Secretary Yasmeen Parveen, ndc, Senior Directing Staff (Civil), receiving a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 01 April 2026



Rear Admiral Mir Ershad Ali, OSP, NPP, BCGM, ndc, psc, MPhil, Senior Directing Staff (Navy), receiving a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 07 June 2026



Colonel Mohammad Saifullah Mirazul Alam, Colonel Administration, receiving a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 28 June 2026



Lieutenant Colonel Md Badrul Ahsan Khan, afwc, psc, Engrs, Senior Research Fellow, receiving a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 28 June 2026



Major Md Hasib Bin Nuruddin, ASC, Mechanical Transportation Officer, receiving a farewell memento from the Commandant, NDC on 28 June 2026

Games and Sports

A friendly Volleyball Competition was organized between National Defence Course 2026 and Armed Forces War Course 2026 on 02 April 2026



Ladies' Club Activities

Cultural Evening

On 18 May 2026 and 10 June 2026, the NDC Ladies' Club organised Cultural Evening featuring a variety of performances, including music, recitations, and interactive segments that highlighted the creative spirit of the NDC community. Spouses and family members of Course Members, Faculty Members, and Staff Officers participated in the programme



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