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National Defence College of Bangladesh is a premier national institution only of it's kind in Bangladesh to conduct training and research on defence and national security. To fulfill this mission, study at National Defence College (NDC), Bangladesh includes all subjects and issues that impact or impinge on defence and national security.

## Profile of the College



Training the senior military and civilian bureaucrats on strategic level Knowledge was a long standing necessity in Bangladesh. On 07 December 1996, the government of the country decided to establish National Defence College (NDC). The Honourable Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone for the Academic Complex of NDC on 10 January 1998 at Mirpur Cantonment. However, the first National Defence Course commenced in the campus of Defence Services Command and Staff College on 10 January 1999.

A 3-member British Defence Advisory team assisted to design the content and course curriculum. The construction of the Academic Building was completed on 22 November 2000 and it was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Since then, National Defence College has been deeply involved to enhance security through knowledge among the policy makers of Bangladesh in its own campus.





## College Motto

Security Through Knowledge

## The College Emblem

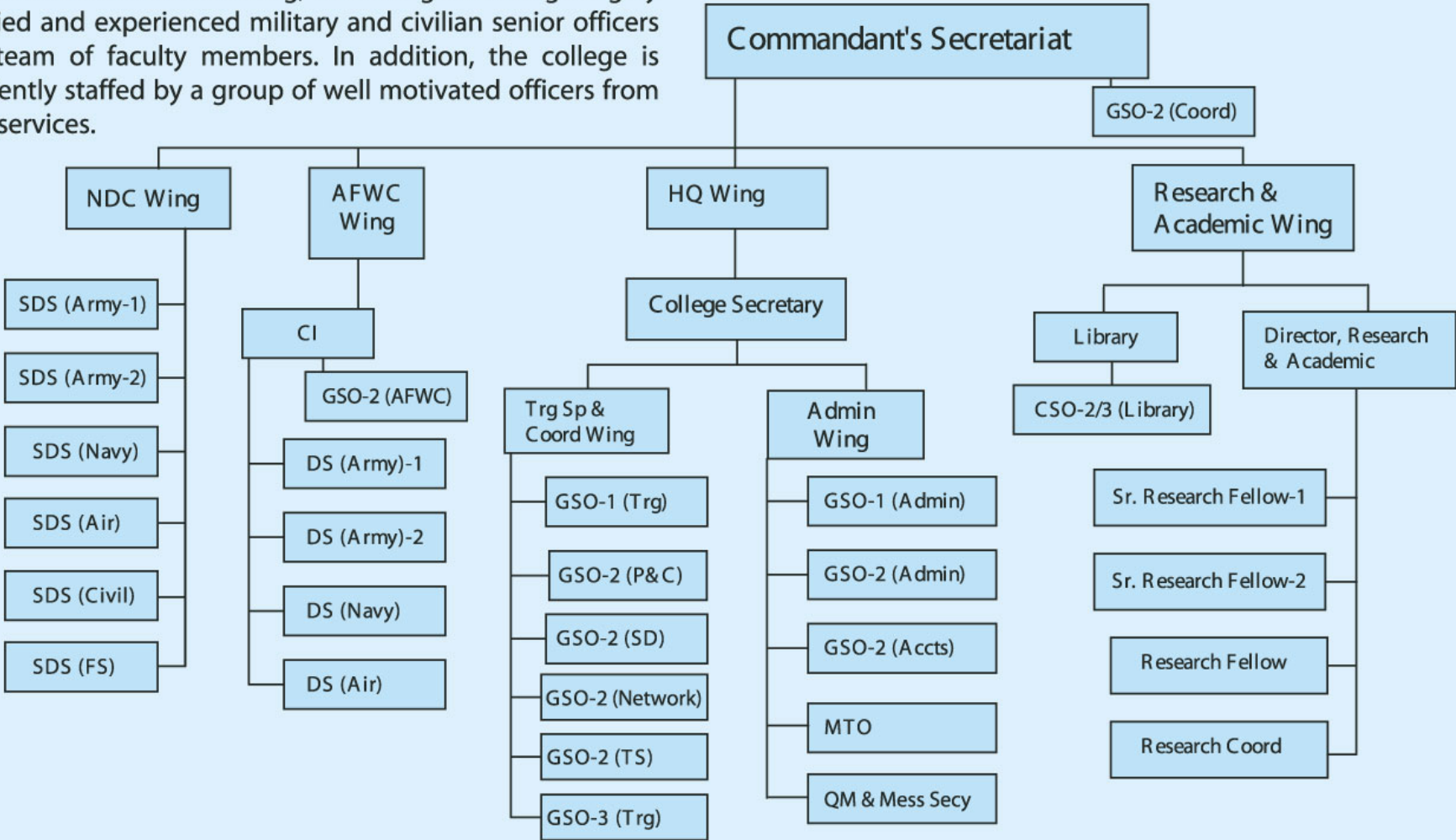
The College Crest is a PRODEEP (Lamp) on a coloured background with a motto on a scroll underneath. Either side have sheaves of paddy with the national flower Shapla (water lily), surmounting the whole. The prodeep symbolizes knowledge and the tri service colour in the background denotes the Armed Forces which sponsors the college.

The motto imprinted in Bangla, means 'Security Through Knowledge'. The sheaves of paddy depict the fertile land of Bangladesh and the national flower signifies the college as a National Institution.

Organization

The National Defence College is headed by a Commandant of the rank of a Lieutenant General /equivalent. The College has four wings namely National Defence Course (NDC) Wing, Armed Forces War Course (AFWC) Wing, Headquarters Wing and Research & Academic Wing, The College is having a highly qualified and experienced military and civilian senior officers as a team of faculty members. In addition, the college is sufficiently staffed by a group of well motivated officers from three services.

Current NDC Organization Chart



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## Faculty & Staff

The Faculty is headed by the Commandant of the college. He is supported by a small but experienced team of Senior Directing

Staffs (Major General and equivalent both military and civil) and a host of competent staff officers. The college is equipped with all the necessary administrative and technical support required for running its curriculum.

### Commandant



Lt Gen Akbar

Lieutenant General Mollah Fazle Akbar was commissioned in the Corps of Artillery on 30 November 1976. He has taken over as the Commandant, National Defence College (NDC), Bangladesh, on 24 June 2011. In his long service career, beside the regimental appointments, he served in different capacities. Before his current assignment at NDC he was holding the appointment of the Director General of Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI).

### Hall of Fame (Ex-Commandants)



Maj Gen Abul Muneem Mansur Ahmed, psc  
10 Jan 1999 to 20 Feb 2000



Maj Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, awc, psc  
10 Mar 2000 to 31 Dec 2000



Maj Gen Abu Kaisar Fazlul Kabir, ndc, psc  
14 Jan 2001 to 26 Nov 2001



Maj Gen Jiban Kanai Das, ndu, psc  
10 Jan 2002 to 16 Jan 2003



Lt Gen / Maj Gen Mohd Aminul Karim, ndc, idmc, psc  
14 Feb 2003 to 01 Jan 2004, 15 Jun 2003 to 12 Mar 2009



Lt Gen Abu Tayed Muhammad Zahirul Alam, rcds, psc  
04 Jan 2004 to 12 Jun 2008



Lt Gen Sina Ibn Jamali, awc, psc  
14 May 2009 to 31 Oct 2009



Maj Gen A K M Muzahid Uddin, ndu, afwc, psc  
01 Nov 2009 to 23 Jun 2011

## Vision Statement

The National Defence College is dedicated to be the premier national centre of excellence on defence, security, strategic and development studies.

## Mission Statement

- To educate and train selected armed forces, civil services and allied officers at operational and strategic level of national security and development.
- To focus on long term national security and development issues and to suggest appropriate national response.
- To support the national agencies in policy making on security and development matters.
- To support the armed forces on strategic and operational level planning of warfare.
- To strengthen civil-military relations in Bangladesh.
- To strengthen military-military co-operation in the region and beyond.

## Courses at National Defence College

National Defence College conducts three courses in the campus. Those are National Defence Course, Armed Forces War Course and Capstone Course.

## National Defence Course

The National Defence Course is designed for the senior officers of the armed forces, the civil services and allied officers.

The course offers a blend of academic study and debate in a relaxed and informal setting and environment. The members have the opportunity to develop their strategic vision through indepth individual studies, intellectual discourses, researches and works on policy/strategy formulation.





- To reinforce members' understanding of Bangladesh institutions and society.
- To enhance the members' understanding of the factors that influence national policymaking.
- To develop members' strategic vision.
- To improve members' personal qualities, individual and interpersonal skills.

## Aim of the Course

To prepare selected senior officers of the armed forces, the civil services and allied officers for higher responsibility in the direction and management of defence and national security.

## Objectives of the Course

The following primary objectives support the aim of the course:

- To enhance members' knowledge of high level defence and national security issues and matters affecting national policy.





## Participants

The participants of the course are known as Course Members. Presently, NDC course comprises of up to 75 officers including 25 officers invited from overseas of the rank of Brigadier General and equivalent and their counterparts in the civil services. The number of course members are in the rising trend due to a great demand of the course from home and abroad. The participants bring together considerable depths of experience and knowledge to add to the value of the course.



## Special features of the course are:

- The freedom to debate the views of course members and speakers.
- A varied combination of lecture, panel discussion, seminar, case study and syndicate work complement the individual research projects.
- National, regional and international tours are conducted to allow members to learn from the experiences of others at every level.



## The Environment

The structure and ambience of the National Defence Course has been developed to provide a very special experience for the course members.



## Speakers

The course is founded on a programme of lectures and panel discussions. The most competent speakers available who fall



into one of the following categories are invited to speak on different subjects:

- Eminent personalities such as statesmen, diplomats, ministers and advisors of the government whose views may be of great value.



- Experts drawn from among the academicians, businessmen, scientists, journalists, technocrats etc.
- Senior officers from the government departments who are best placed to speak authoritatively on a subject.



## Research

Research work is an important part of the NDC curriculum. The course members are required to complete an Individual Research Paper on a subject of their own choice. They are also required to take part in a number of Group Research Projects and Seminars on selected topics. The research works are aimed at contributing innovative ideas and policy options on national and international issues.



## Local Visits

Tours and visits form an integral part of the course curriculum. These visits are intended to provide an in-depth understanding of the most significant features of Bangladesh life. A number of local visits are organized during the course.



These include call on the Honourable President, visits to the Parliament, Supreme Court, Press Club, Stock Exchange, NGOs, Business Organizations and other places of interest across the country.



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## Internal Study Tours

The internal study tours are intended to enable each course member to examine the socio-political, economic, religious and cultural aspects of the nation. Visits are made to both public and private sectors to gain an insight into the country. Courtesy calls are made to government officials, chambers of commerce, business and financial centres to gain an understanding of the challenges faced by them. All important military and other installations are visited by the course members' during the entire duration of the course.



## Overseas Study Tours

The three weeks overseas study tour includes visits to both developing and developed countries. The aim of these tours is



to examine the social, political, economic and military systems of those countries. The course members meet high-ranking civil and military officers and visit government, military and industrial establishments to exchange views and opinions. The visits also promote good relations between those countries and Bangladesh.



## Programme of Study

National Defence Course is a multidisciplinary course tailored to suit the stated aim and the objectives. The 11 month long course is divided into a number of studies. Each study is between 5 to 12 weeks long, concentrating on related key aspects. The theme moves from Bangladesh to global issues and to international relations. It focuses on analysis of Bangladesh's National Security and a look into the future. The curriculum is interspersed with visits and tour programmes, designed to support the studies. An outline of the studies are:



### Study 1 : The Socio-Political Environment of Bangladesh

The study includes an examination of the nation state system, key social issues in Bangladesh such as education, democracy, governance, religion, poverty alleviation and demography.

The study is conducted in two phases. Phase-1: The Nation State and Phase-2: The Socio-Political Issues. An Adjunct module on 'Research' is also included in this study.

### Study-2: Economy and Development

This study includes an evaluation of the economy of Bangladesh, its position in the world and future prospects. It has also two phases. Phase-1: Economy of Bangladesh and Phase-2: Economic Prospect of Bangladesh.

### Study 3: International Politics, Global Issues, Regional and Country Studies



Study-3 includes an overview of the world today and the differing national perspectives around the globe, current challenges to international society and how they are being dealt with, an investigation of the domestic and foreign policies of the countries having significant bearing on the national security of Bangladesh. The countries studied are

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from North America, Europe, East and South East Asia, Australia, West and Central Asia and South Asia. This study is also conducted in two phases. Phase-1: International Politics, Institutions and Global Issues and Phase-2: Regional and Country Studies. An adjunct module namely 'Art of Negotiation' is also included in this study. As a part of this study, the course goes out for an Overseas Study Tour (OST) covering three countries for about 3 weeks.

## Study-4: National Security of Bangladesh



An examination of the domestic situation, foreign policy objectives and interplay of the principal countries of the region to give members a detailed appreciation of Bangladesh's security environment. It has also two phases. Phase-1: Global, Regional and National Security and Phase-2: Bangladesh's Security Environment. A module of 'Strategic Leadership' is also included in this study. A strategic level planning game namely 'Exercise Roadmap' is conducted in this study which brings everything together as the finale of the course.

# ARMED FORCES WAR COURSE

The Armed Forces War Course (AFWC) is a joint services course which focuses on operational level planning and conduct of war. The 44 weeks Course is divided into 4 terms. Each term is of 8 to 10 weeks.



## Aim of the Course

To train selected armed forces officers of Bangladesh for operational level command and staff responsibilities.

## Objectives of the Course

The broad objectives of the course are:

- To examine the theories of war and the key factors involved at operational level.

- To evaluate the existing strategic and political framework of Bangladesh and the role of armed forces in achieving the national objectives.
- To learn single and joint services operational doctrine.
- To prepare members in campaign planning, conduct and maintenance of military operations.
- To enrich leadership, staff and management skills necessary for the operational level of war.



## Participants

The course comprises of Armed Forces officers of Bangladesh of the rank of Colonel / Lieutenant Colonel and equivalent.



## Course Curriculum

The AFWC curriculum is aimed at developing the thinking process of the course members towards planning and execution of warfare at the operational level.





The course begins with studies on theories of war and operational doctrines followed by visits to different sectors of the country. The course focuses on planning aspects of operational level at joint environment basing on real scenario.



## Faculty and Staff

The wing is headed by a Chief Instructor of the rank of Brigadier General. Six Directing Staffs of the rank of Colonel and equivalent from the three services are dedicated for the course.

## CAPSTONE COURSE

The Capstone Course on National Security and Strategic Studies at National Defence College, Bangladesh, is designed to advance knowledge, skills and networks related to multilateral security cooperation in Bangladesh among senior law / policy makers, security- practitioners, judges, executives, civil society representatives and other distinguished personalities of the society.



The course intends to disseminate a common understanding of national security, stimulate strategic analysis and understanding of major security trends and challenges of the century taking into account both internal dynamics and the external influences. During the discourse, endeavors will be



Additionally, the course would encourage enhancing individual leadership skill in critical thinking, communication, cooperation, collaboration and decision making in complex and critical security environment.



made to create ideas to enhance capacity building, conflict resolution and crisis management for both internal and external matters on security and development related activities.



## CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONY CAPSTONE COURSE 2013



### Aim of Capstone Course

The aim of the course is to enable higher level leadership / elites of various strata / segments of the society to have common understanding of major national challenges connected to security and development of Bangladesh.

### Objectives

The Capstone Course would try to meet the following objectives:



- Help the higher level management to understand the constitutional responsibilities in safeguarding the core national interests of the country.
- Help participants develop their understanding of the complex and multifaceted nature of national security.
- Examine security trends and challenges within the country, region and study problems of security co-operation between different stakeholders.
- Help the higher level management to understand development strategies, impediments and preconditions for sustainable development in the context of Bangladesh.
- To promote mutual understanding and confidence amongst policy planners and other members of the community including media to generate synergy in collective accomplishments.

## M Phil Programme

The Course Members of both National Defence Course and Armed forces War Course can pursue M Phil Programme while undergoing mentioned courses in National Defence College. This college is affiliated with Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) for academic programmes.

## Masters on Security Studies (MoSS) Programme

The Course members of National Defence Course and Armed Forces War Course can also register in MoSS programme which is run by NDC under BUP

## Library

The NDC library is the nerve centre for all the college studies and plays an important role in promoting academic excellence of its members.



The library subscribes to many national and international journals, magazines and all major daily newspapers. The library also has a reports and pamphlets section, where the latest reports published by various ministries and department of the government can be found. Besides, members may also use other reputed libraries in Dhaka city. Presently NDC Library is connected with NDC Website and members are enjoying E-library facilities.

## **NDC Website**

NDC has a very rich and interactive website. All necessary information's are available in this site. The address of NDC Webpage is [www.ndc.gov.bd](http://www.ndc.gov.bd).

## **Information Technology (IT) Centre**

The College IT Centre provides course members with modern facilities which assist in the preparation of the research papers and presentations.



The College has a fully equipped internet centre with printing facilities within the campus. The Classrooms, Library and important places of NDC are covered by strong wifi network to access internet.

## **Residential Accommodation**

The College arranges accommodation for all course members and their families. All members are encouraged to bring their families to Dhaka for the entire duration of the course.



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## Officers Mess

NDC is affiliated with the Defence Services Command and Staff College Mess for messing facilities. NDC operates small mess detachment to provide necessary support to the Course Members within the campus.



## Publications

National Defence College has always been conducting research on contemporary issues on defence and national security. The college publishes two volumes of "NDC Journal" each year which include selected research papers written by the courses members. The NDC Journal is a mirror image of the research works on national and international issues that are carried out at the college. National Defence College also publishes pictorial magazine "Prodeep" every year which covers all activities of the college. This Magazine is a pictorial history of rich curriculum of the college.



The college also publishes three Newsletters every year which covers the highlight of the course activities.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES





## Social Programmes

The college organizes many social programmes round the year. Annual social calendar includes many attractive and entertaining cultural and social events.



NDC ladies club organizes a good number of learning and cultural events for all spouses of the course members. The college also organizes many visits to different places of interest for the families.

## Sports

NDC members have the opportunity to avail the Sports Complex facilities of adjacent Defence Services Command and Staff College. The facilities include playing football, cricket, badminton, tennis, squash, basketball and volleyball. There is also a swimming pool with fitness centre inside the Sports Complex.



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Cricket and golf tournaments, as well as other sporting events are organized by the college, in which the course members are encouraged to participate. All the members are given temporary membership of Army Golf Club and Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka, for the duration of the course only.







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