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National Defence College (NDC) is the premier national institution in Bangladesh, a centre of excellence conducting training and research on defence, security, strategic and development studies

Background



The necessity for a premier national institution, National Defence College (NDC) was felt long before for conducting training, research and education on defence, security, strategy and development studies. The journey started when the then Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, laid the foundation stone of 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.

Construction of the present academic building was completed on 22 November 2000. Since then, National Defence College has been fully devoted to its assigned responsibilities.



College Motto

Security Through Knowledge

The College Emblem



The College Emblem is a PRODEEP (Lamp) that symbolizes knowledge. Both sides are flanked by sheaves of paddy with the national flower Shapla (water lily), crowning the whole. The tri-services' colours ringed by the national colour in the background denotes a national institution administered by the Armed Forces Division.

The motto imprinted in Bangla, on a scroll at the bottom means "Security Through Knowledge".

Vision

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

Mission

To impart training to selected senior military and civil officers from home and abroad on national and international security related fields as well as to impart training to mid ranking military officers of Bangladesh on war studies.

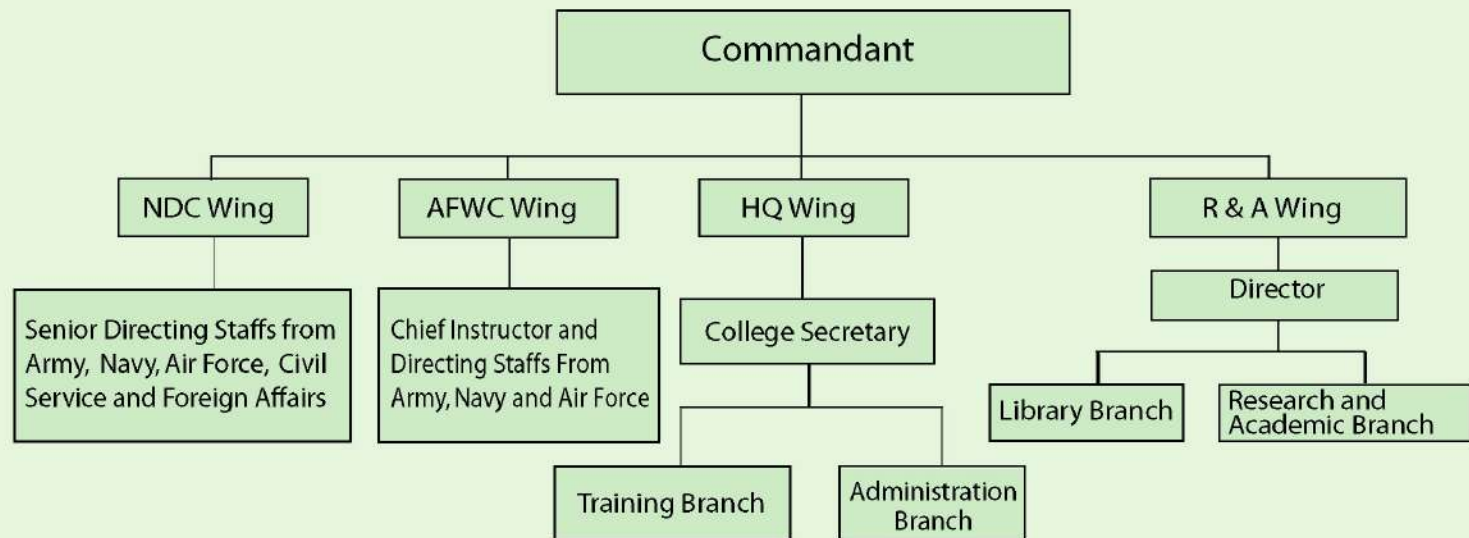


Objectives

- 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 responses.
- 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 to military co-operation in the region and beyond.

Organization

Commandant NDC is the head of the institution and under him there are four wings namely National Defence Course (NDC) Wing, Armed Forces War Course (AFWC) Wing, Headquarters (HQ) Wing and Research & Academic (R&A) Wing. An experienced group of faculty and staff are vested with the responsibilities of running the courses curricula and administration.



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Commandant



Lt Gen Chowdhury Hasan Sarwardy
BB, SBP, ndc, psc

Lieutenant General Chowdhury Hasan Sarwardy, BB, SBP, ndc, psc, has taken over as the Commandant of National Defence College (NDC), Bangladesh on 19 February 2015. He was commissioned in the Corps of Infantry on 15 June 1980 with 2nd BMA Long Course. In his long service career, besides the regimental appointments, he served in different capacities. With the elevated and coveted rank of Major General he served as Director General Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defense Party, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Professionals, Area Commander Logistic Area, Director General of Special Security Force, General Officer Commanding 9 Infantry Division and General Officer Commanding of Army Training & Doctrine Command.

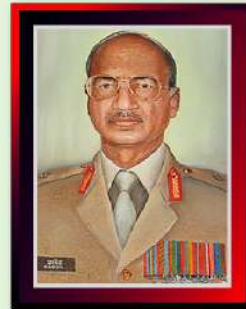
Hall of Fame (Ex-Commandants)



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



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



Maj Gen Abu Kaisar Fazlul Kabir, ndc, psc
14 Jan 2001 to 28 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



Lt Gen Abu Tayyeb Muhammad Zahurul 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 Muzzahid Uddin, ndu, afwc, psc
01 Nov 2009 to 23 Jun 2011



Lt Gen Mollah Fazle Akbar, ndc, psc
24 June 2011 to 16 February 2015

Faculty & Staff

The Faculty is headed by the Commandant of the college. He is supported by an experienced team of Senior Directing Staff (Major General and equivalent both military and civil), Directing Staff (Brigadier General/Colonel and equivalent) and a host of competent staff officers. The college is equipped with all the necessary administrative and technical supports required for running different courses.

College Governing Body

The Governing Body of National Defence College is the highest policy making body related to all aspects of the college. The Governing Body is headed by the Honourable Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The Security Adviser to the Honourable Prime Minister and Chiefs of three services act as the Senior Vice President and Vice Presidents of the Governing Body respectively. Governing Body sits once in a year to formulate

policy and provide directives in order to ensure smooth functioning of the college. The other distinguished members are Commandant NDC, Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, Commandant Defence Services Command and Staff College, five Secretaries of different ministries of the Government and four Vice Chancellors of Public Universities.

Courses at National Defence College

National Defence College conducts three courses. **These are:**

- National Defence Course
- Armed Forces War Course
- Capstone Course

National Defence Course

The National Defence Course is designed for the senior officers of the Armed Forces, the Civil Services and the allied countries.



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The course offers a blend of academic studies and debates both at formal and informal settings of learning environment. The Course Members have the opportunity to develop their strategic vision through in-depth individual studies, intellectual discourses, researches and works on policy/strategy formulation.

Aim of the Course

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

- To reinforce Course Members' understanding of Bangladesh institutions and society.
- To increase the Course Members' understanding of the factors that influence national policy making.
- To develop Course Members' strategic vision.
- To improve Course Members' individual and interpersonal qualities and skill.



Objectives of the Course

- To increase the Course Members' knowledge on higher level national security and defence issues and matters affecting national policy.

Participants

National Defence Course comprises of officer of Bangladesh Army, Navy, Air Force, Civil Service and Allied officer of the rank of Brigadier General/Colonel and equivalent. The number of Course Members have gradually increased from 20 to 78 due to increasing 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.

The Environment

The structure and ambience of the National Defence Course has been developed to provide the Course Members an unique experience of learning environment both at formal and informal settings within the college and outside.

Special Features of the Course

- The freedom of debate the views of Course Members and speakers.
- A varied combination of lecture, panel discussion, seminar, case study and syndicate works complementing the individual research papers.
- Domestic, regional and international study tours conducted to allow the course members to physically observe and learn from the experiences of others at every level.



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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 four studies. Each study is 10 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. Course curriculum include 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.



A module on 'Managing Defence in Wider Security Context and Strategic Leadership Package' is included in this study. An adjunct module on 'Research' is also included in this study.

Study-2: Economy and Development

This study includes an in-depth analysis and evaluation of the economy of Bangladesh, its position in the world and future prospects of national development. It has also two phases. Phase-1: Economy of Bangladesh and Phase-2: Development Prospects of Bangladesh.

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



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

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.

Study-4: National Security of Bangladesh



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

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.

Seminars

Seminars on contemporary themes related to the course objectives are conducted at the end of each study. Three seminars are organized both within the course participants as



well as jointly with the participation of eminent think tanks and institutions. The seminars provide the course members a unique opportunity to conduct in-depth research and study of important issues and enhance their knowledge through mutual learning.

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Local Visits

Tours and visits form an integral part of the course curriculum. Local visits are Particularly intended to provide an in-depth understanding of the most significant features of national institutional life in Bangladesh as well as an opportunity to a firsthand experience of the society and culture.



A number of local visits are organized during the course. These include call on the Honourable President and honourable Prime Minister, visits to the Parliament, Supreme Court, Press



Club, Stock Exchange, NGOs, Business Organizations, Industries and other places of interest in and around Dhaka.



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. 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 national installations are visited by the Course Members during the course.



Overseas Study Tour

The three weeks overseas study tour includes visits to neighbouring, 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 with Bangladesh.



Resource Persons

The course is founded on a programme of lectures, panel discussions, research works and seminars. The most competent resource persons are invited to speak on different subjects and conduct various academic events.



Resource persons are selected from following categories:

- Eminent personalities such as statesmen, diplomats, ministers and advisers to 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.
- Opportunity lectures by eminent personalities as guest speakers.



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 four terms. Each term is of 10 to 12 weeks.



Aim of the Course

To prepare selected armed forces officers of Bangladesh for taking higher command and staff responsibilities.

Objectives of the Course

The broad objectives of the course are:

- An understanding of the current and potential security and strategic environments within international, regional and national contexts and of evolving military thoughts.
- An enlarged understanding of comprehensive national

power, the relationship between political and strategic objectives to formulate military strategy, and their linkage to the achievements of objectives at operational level.

- A deeper understanding of operational art to develop operational strategy.
- A common understanding of the employment of conventional and unconventional forces and logistics environment, and their integration at the operational level.
- A deeper understanding of leadership, staffing, management and research skills necessary for the higher assignments.
- An understanding of the employment of Armed Forces in national development and non-traditional security issues.



Participants

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

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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 parts of the country. The course focuses on planning aspects of operational level at joint environment basing on realistic scenario. An 'Strategic Leadership Package' is also included in the course curriculum.



Faculty and Staff

The wing is headed by a Chief Instructor of the rank of Brigadier General. Six Directing Staff of the rank of Brigadier General/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 enhance knowledge, skills and networks related to multilateral security cooperation in Bangladesh among senior law / policy makers, security practitioners, judges, executives, civil society representatives, senior military officers, media personalities, entrepreneurs and other distinguished personalities of the society.



The course intends to provide a unique platform to the distinguished participants to share their views and experiences with a view to creating a common understanding of national security and development. It helps to stimulate strategic analysis and to understand major security trends and challenges of the century taking into account both internal



dynamics and the external influences. During the discourse, endeavours are made to create ideas to enhance capacity building, conflict resolution and crisis management for both internal and external matters on security and development related issues.

Additionally, the course encourages improving individual leadership skill in critical thinking, communication, co-operation, collaboration and decision making in complex and critical security environment.

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Aim of the 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 challenges to national security and development of Bangladesh.



Objectives of the Course

- To help the higher level leadership/management to understand the constitutional responsibilities in safeguarding the core national interests of the country.

- To help participants to develop their understanding of the complex and multifaceted nature of national security.
- To examine security trends and challenges within the country / region and study problems of security co-operation between different stakeholders.



- To help the higher level leadership/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 may 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.



Master on Strategy and Development Studies (MSDS) Programme

The Course Members of National Defence Course and Armed Forces War Course may pursue MSDS programme under BUP.



Library

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



The library subscribes 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. NDC library is linked with NDC website.

Training Supports

NDC provides all necessary training supports to the participating Course Members. Various training materials, study papers and presentations are circulated through the NDC website/emails whenever required.

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NDC Website

NDC has a very rich and interactive website. All necessary information are available in this site. The address of NDC Webpage is <http://www.ndc.gov.bd>.

Information Technology (IT) Centre

NDC 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 IT centre with printing facilities within the campus. Whole campus is covered by wifi network.



Residential Accommodation

NDC provides accommodation to the Course Members and their families. Course members are encouraged to bring their families to Dhaka for the entire duration of the course.

Officers' Mess

NDC runs an Officers' Mess to provide necessary support to the members of the college within the campus.



Publications

NDC regularly conducts various research works on contemporary issues on national/international security and development. 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 the activities of the college. This Magazine is a pictorial history of rich curricula and traditions of the College. Beside 'NDC Journal' and 'Prodeep', the college also publishes number of Newsletters every year which highlights the course activities.

Extra Curricular Activities



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 members of NDC ladies' community. The college also organizes many visits to different places of interest for the families.

Social Programmes

NDC organizes number of social programmes round the year.



Sports

NDC members have the opportunity to avail Sports and Physical Fitness facilities of National Defence College and Mirpur Cantonment. These include football, cricket, badminton,

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tennis, squash, basketball and volleyball. Interested Course Members can avail the swimming pool and Health Club facilities.



Cricket, golf, volleyball and tennis tournaments 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 for the duration of the course.







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