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**Defence Secretary & Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division  
of Bangladesh co-chair 4<sup>th</sup> India-Bangladesh Annual Defence  
Dialogue in New Delhi;**

**Agree to strengthen defence cooperation & elevate military  
engagements**

The 4<sup>th</sup> India-Bangladesh Annual Defence Dialogue, co-chaired by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division of Bangladesh Lt Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman, was held in New Delhi on August 11, 2022. During their interaction, they reviewed ongoing defence cooperation between the two countries and expressed satisfaction that collaboration is growing despite difficulties imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The talks covered the existing bilateral exercises & training and agreed to increase the complexity of these exercises. Both the sides reviewed the progress on various bilateral defence cooperation initiatives and expressed commitment to further elevate engagements between the Armed Forces. Various aspects of defence industrial and capability building cooperation came up for detailed discussions. Both sides emphasised the need to work closely to implement the USD 500 million line of credit extended from India for defence items.

The Defence Secretary commended the Bangladeshi side for their efforts in UN peace keeping. The Armed Forces of both countries continue to seek bilateral cooperation in multiple fields and the increased engagements are a positive sign for the future of the relations of both countries. Dr Ajay Kumar also invited the Bangladeshi delegation for the upcoming Def-Expo 2022 and stated that in the domain of defence industry both countries have great potential of cooperation in defence trade, co-development and joint production.

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