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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. DIRECTOR FOR ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES VISIT

DHAKA, FEBRUARY 1 -- Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ed Smith, Director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), is visiting Dhaka to explore and discuss opportunities for Bangladeshis to take advantage of at the Center's executive education programs.

APCSS addresses regional and global security issues, inviting military and civilian representatives of the United States and Asia-Pacific nations to its comprehensive program of courses and conferences, both in Hawaii and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. APCSS focuses on a multilateral and multi-dimensional approach to defining and addressing regional security issues and capacities and helps develop professional and personal ties among national security establishments throughout the region.

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Smith will meet with senior Bangladeshi Defense officials, APCSS alumni, as well as think tanks representatives, including the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies, and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies.

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