



**Press Release of the Country Lecture on
France: Its Challenges and Foreign Policy**

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Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) organised its 15th Country Lecture on France titled “**France: Its Challenges and Foreign Policy**” at BISS auditorium in Dhaka on 13 April 2017. **H.E Mrs Sophie Aubert, Ambassador, Embassy of France** in Bangladesh was the guest speaker. Major General A K M Abdur Rahman, ndc, psc, Director General, BISS delivered the address of welcome and wrapped up the session with his concluding remarks.

French Ambassador evoked the warm bilateral relations between the two countries. She highlighted about France’s notable involvement in various development projects in Bangladesh and cultural engagement through France’s renowned Alliances Française centres.

Prominent academicians of different public and private universities, senior researchers from various renowned research institutes, officials from different ministries of Bangladesh Government, former ambassadors, renowned persons of different civil and military institutions, business community representatives and media participated in the open discussion and raised their valuable opinions, observations, questions and suggestions.

In his welcome address, Major General A K M Abdur Rahman, ndc, psc, Director General, BISS, highlighted on the importance of bilateral cooperation in the areas of trade and commerce, tourism, culture, scientific and technical cooperation, people to people contact and combating terrorism. The Director General also mentioned the significance of the bilateral relations between the two countries in his vote of thanks.