

## OPENING ADDRESS BY ACAS (O&T)37TH COMMAND SAFETY CONFERENCE

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,

Chief of Air Staff, Principal Staff Officers, Director of Flight Safety, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, Assalamu Alaikum and good afternoon.

1. On behalf of all the members of Air HQs, I welcome you all to this 37th Command Safety Conference. Let me take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to Chief of Air Staff for his kind consent to chair this conference. I also extend my warm welcome to the members from different ministries, sister services and aviation fraternities for participating in this conference.

2. This conference would provide a level play ground to discuss the challenges and best practices related to flight safety in Bangladesh in modern era. Aircraft regulators and operators would get a unique opportunity to discuss and exchange their views on current and potential regulations, the challenges to be addressed concerning flight safety and current best practices they use for conducting flights.

3. Ladies and Gentlemen, Flight safety is a continuously evolving process and thus various Air Forces and Aviation Organizations are developing innovative concepts, methodologies and mechanisms to prevent aircraft accidents. While undergoing rapid modernization, Bangladesh Air Force has been constantly tackling and adapting to multi-faceted issues relating to flight safety, maintenance of safety, risk management and technological advancement. Thus, in the present days of technological development, safety ought to be addressed with newer methodology and vision. Standing at the threshold of this newer vision, our aim is to enhance safety through reduction of attrition caused by avoidable accidents. To achieve this aim, we need meticulous and pragmatic planning at every level.

4. Dear audience, progress on the aspect of in-flight and on-ground safety has been an ongoing concern for all organizations and personnel involved in aviation. In recent times, significant progress has been made in the field of aviation safety in terms of methods, techniques and procedural improvement that includes aircraft accident prevention and investigation. On the other hand, aviation safety is being treated as a management function focused more on human. Therefore, aviation org are adopting new programmes, human resources development through education, exchanging ideas, views and fine-tuning them until they work efficiently.

5. To achieve a zero accident rate is indeed a lofty goal. However, we in the flg community must whole-heartedly and unequivocally strive towards obtaining that mindset. Although there has always been a genuine concern for safety throughout the aviation business, it appears that lessons learnt from past tragedies often go unnoticed or in worst cases disregarded altogether. The causes of accidents are frequently repeated, simply due to common reason- 'Human Intervention', both on ground and in flight. But why does there seem to be disjointness between the sincere desire we possess to remain safe and the repeated nature of identical errors we commit? Striving towards a zero accident rate can only be accomplished if everyone associated with

aviation business accepts that challenge with a personal goal to elevate the margins of safety and anticipate rather than react. Every year, therefore, we assemble here formally to see our safety achievements, lapses and shortcomings through evaluation, discussion and suggestions.

6. Ladies and gentlemen, let me apprise you about the sequence of events of this session which is shown on the screen.

**Sequence of Events**

- a Presentation on National/International Flight Safety issues by Director of Flight Safety
- b Speeches by AOCs (BSR, CXB, BBD, MTR, PKP & ZHR)
- c Discussion/Exchange of views by participants other than BAF
- d Distribution of Flight Safety Trophies:
  - i. Inter Sqn Khademul Bashar Flt Safety Trophy.
  - ii. Inter Base Flight Safety Trophy.
  - iii. Inter Sqn Armt Compt - Marghub Tropy.
  - iv. Top Gun Trophy.
- e Closing Address by the COAS

7. Ladies and Gentlemen, I firmly believe that today's gathering would be an opportunity for all of us to do a bit of soul searching to exchange as well as sharing our experiences and ideas. I am confident that participations and interactions will make us more aware to promote safety. I wish everyone, good luck and safe years ahead.

8. Now, I request Director Flight Safety to continue the conference as planned.

**Thank you very much.**