

**SUM-UP SPEECH BY THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF (O&T)**  
**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR 2013**  
**ON 26 NOV 13 (CLOSING DAY)**

**Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,**

1. Honorable Chief Guest, Respected Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force, distinguished guests from friendly countries, civil services, services HQs, Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamulaikum and good afternoon.

2. I take this as an honour for me to be here at the closing ceremony of International Flight Safety Seminar-2013 jointly organized by Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh. I am delighted to see the guests from friendly countries who have given a global flavour to this seminar. The participation of the avid airmen from different organizations of the country and overseas Air Forces is a bookmark of the seminar. The interaction among the participants has definitely contributed a great deal towards achieving the goal of promoting flight safety. I am sure that we all prioritize safety in the business of aviation and there is no better and easier way of promoting safety than sharing our experiences and information. These interactive sessions, I believe, have brought fresh ideas and will help develop a synergy in the aviation fraternity that will mutually benefit all the participants. I appreciate the vision of the Flight Safety Directorate and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh in undertaking such an important event to improve our field of flight safety. I hope and urge upon Director of Flight Safety and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh to continue such process in future also to take it even higher heights.

3. Flight Safety be it in civil or military aviation, revolve around the preservation of precious resources, both men and machines, while achieving the organizational objectives. The objectives in the civil aviation sector are driven by the need for efficient and safe transportation of passengers & cargo and to satisfy business needs. In the military aviation, the objective is to train realistically and conserve national air power capability thereby preserving the war fighting potential of the nation. Over the years, institutional mission has been considered paramount and all efforts are focused on mission achievement. There is a deliberate safety awareness programme throughout BAF. Various programmes include bi-monthly flight safety meetings, lectures on safety, observation of flight safety week throughout the command and conduct of command flight safety seminar. This is the third time that we have tried to infuse an international seminar by inviting representatives from friendly countries.



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4. During the seminar, we had the opportunity to listen to the deliberations on flight safety related topics from both home and abroad. All these deliberations were knowledge enriching. We talked about “Civil-Military cooperation and coordination”, “Flight Safety in German Armed Forces”, “Standardization in Myanmar Air Force”, “A Fighter Pilots perspective on safe attitude”, “Total Quality Management (TQM) for Enhancing Flight Safety”, and so on. We also heard a speaker addressed how Flight Safety threatened in an environment of limited resources and the remedial actions. Previously, many thought CRM is applicable for civil organization only but we have seen it has similar impact on military operation too. Technology has changed dramatically but human behavior and culture has remained almost same. Bonding these two elements together for gaining maximum benefit without compromising safety is a challenging task for any organization. Combat operations are inherently risky. Close inspection of flight safety procedures has become an integral component of successful military operations. We have seen that poor management of space has led to loss of invaluable human lives and material. Above all, we have agreed upon the precise that human factor and human errors that largely contribute to accidents and incidents need to be addressed through the prism of human resource development.

Ladies and gentlemen

5. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their valuable contribution in the seminar. I also thank the Director of Flight Safety, BAF and Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh and their team for conducting the seminar successfully. I sincerely thank COAS BAF for his kind concern and attachment in every activity to enhance and promote Flight Safety in BAF and beyond. Let us all take a vow to be constantly on this look out for better, safer and more efficient ways of carrying out our tasks bearing in mind the overall objectives of the organizations and limitation of resources. I would also like to thank our foreign friends from China, Egypt, Germany, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and United States of America and regional civil aviation organization for joining the seminar. I hope you will take back our appreciation and concern for flight safety. We hope to see more participation from our friendly countries in future. Last of all, I would like to thank honourable Minister, Ministry of planning AVM A K Khandker, Bir Uttam, psa (retd) for sparing his valuable time with us

today. Sir, your presence has signified this occasion and will remain a source of inspiration for all of us. Thank you all and wishing you all a better tomorrow.

Allah Hafez.