

**ADDRESS BY THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF**  
**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR - 2013**  
**ON 25 NOV 13 (OPENING DAY)**

**Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,**

1. Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force, Former Chief of Air Staff, distinguished guests and delegates from home and abroad, ladies and gentleman, Assalamu-Alaikum and a very Good Morning.

2. It is my distinct honour to welcome, all former Chief of Air Staff and all the distinguished guests and participants to this International Flight Safety seminar-2013 organized jointly by Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh. Let me start with the famous quotation by *Captain A. G. Lamplughcould*, I quote “Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect” I unquote. So, as an active senior aviator of the country, I believe that promoting Flight safety is an integral and important part of my professional duty. International Flight safety seminar gives us such unique platform to share our knowledge & experience from different aviation org. As we explore the theme of this seminar “**Standardization Improves Flight Safety**”, I am sure that the participants, with their rich experience and knowledge, will diagnose the challenges for improving the flight safety standards that will benefit all of us.

**Distinguished Audience,**

3. Flight safety is an ongoing concern for all organization and personnel involved in aviation. In recent times, significant progress has been made in the field of flight safety in terms of new ideas, methods & various techniques developed for aircraft accident prevention. But still accidents happen. Although we cannot fully eliminate the risk in aviation, we can definitely control it successfully through programs designed to identify and correct safety deficiencies before an accident occur. That’s why safety programs have become an important tool as a force multiplier in every organization. With these objectives in mind, the two day’s International Flight Safety seminar has been designed to provide a platform to discuss and interact on safety problems associated with aviation, and to share knowledge, expertise and experience from all of you. I am sure that this unique platform will provide us the opportunity for mutual interaction on current trends in flight safety and overcome the flight safety challenges.



**Opening Speech by Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operation & Training)**

**Air Vice Marshal Abu Esrar, ndc, acsc**

**Ladies and Gentleman,**

4. In BAF, overcoming the challenges and ensuring a better Flight Safety trend has come a long way since our first flight in 1971, during our Liberation War. Starting with a few old aircraft, BAF now operates cutting edge aircraft like Mig-29s. Such technologically advanced platforms and equipment's demand our pilots, technicians and personnel to be more knowledgeable and skilled. Indeed, the accelerated drive of technology in aviation industries worldwide is now placing even higher demands on the cognitive skills of today's professionals. In both military and civil aviation, operators are now required to work with far more complex systems, dealing with more data and advanced information technology. Today's pilot needs to be capable of absorbing new information and changes quickly and synthesize those accurately for proper planning, problem solving, decision making and anticipating uncertainty, while flying high performance aircraft. It is a tough task and requires a superior level of "situational awareness".

**Distinguished**

**Guests,**

5. I am a firm believer that in such a challenging environment, flight safety remains an effective "force multiplier". We cannot allow preventable incidents or accidents resulting in injury, loss of life and equipment to hold us back. A safe environment would allow us to optimally utilize all resources that not only supports safe flight but also help in uplifting the morale of our personnel. Thus, we need to develop clear understanding about mission requirements, the parameters and limitations in which the mission will be accomplished, and when to call off a mission. These requirements apply throughout the spectrum of aviation safety. I believe that there is always enough time to do the job safely. If we don't take the right action at the right time, we may not be able to try again tomorrow.

6. Taking right action demands right kind of knowledge. The simplest and easiest means of acquiring knowledge is to share each other's experience, learning and wisdom. It is with this philosophy that we have organized this international Flight Safety Seminar. I am sure the participants will be immensely benefited from the presentations, discussion and more importantly, personal interactions.

**Ladies and Gentleman,**

7. My sincere appreciation to the participating organizations and the Air Forces of China, Egypt, Germany, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Myanmar, Nepal, Qatar, Oman, Sri Lanka, Jordan, United Kingdom and United States of America and regional civil aviation organization for reposing confidence on our effort to enhance flight safety by participating in the seminar and enriching each other's knowledge. I deeply appreciate the true bondage of friendship, cooperation and understanding that prevail amongst us.

8. I once again convey my heartfelt thanks to the Chief of Air Staff, BAF for his kind presence and inspiring all of us to make the International Flight Safety Seminar-2013 truly meaningful. I wish you all good luck and an intellectually engaging participation in the seminar. Thank you all.

Allah Hafez.