

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR-2011

**SUM UP SPEECH BY
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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,

Honorable Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, MP Ministry of Finance, Govt of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, Respected Chief of Air Staff, Defence Secretary, PSOs and officers from services HQs, distinguished guests from friendly countries, civil services, Civil Aviation, Different airlines, Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamulaikum and good afternoon.

I consider it to be a great privilege for me to be here at the closing ceremony to speak a few words to sum up what we have discussed in last two days with regards to flight safety.

I am delighted to see the guests from friendly countries who have given a global flavor to this seminar. The increased 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 in undertaking such an event to improve our field of flight safety. I hope and urge upon Director of Flight Safety to continue such process in future also.

Bangladesh Air Force for the 2nd time hosting such seminar to enhance

Flight safety awareness. Being the custodian of our blue sky, BAF felt it necessary to organize such kind of seminar for the benefit of all. As such the First International Flight safety seminar was held in 2009. Realizing the benefit and importance of this seminar, this year we are happy to see the increased response from more number of organization and friendly country.

During Flight safety seminar, we discuss our experience and share the issues very openly with each other so that we can take lessons from the mistakes of others and decide the course of action to save live and costly equipment. Because, all over the world, those who are involved with the business of aviation, are subjected to same kind of hazards and risk. While we are able to eliminate the component of hazards by taking some safety measures, the risk remains. And that's the reason we talk about safety and safety, time and again, in the same voice, all over the world, with one common objective i.e. to save live and costly equipment. With regards to safety culture and practices no one is absolutely perfect in the world. We can only improve our safety record by sharing info among each other.

Ladies and Gentleman

During the seminar, we had the opportunity to listen to the deliberations on flight safety related topics from both home and aboard. All these deliberations were knowledge enriching. The multiple user of airspace needs sound co-ops and mutual respect to various types of regulations and local orders by all the users. To avoid a mid air collision, or to be able to conduct a safe mission, it is indispensable to follow the SOP, operational discipline and not to engage the extreme limit of our flying machine. We talked about Error management, & Crew resources management. We have seen how error management & CRM impact our safety culture. Though 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 & 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 conducting successful military operations. We have seen that poor management of spaces has led to loss of invaluable human lives and material. Above all, we have agreed upon in principle that human factor and human errors that largely contribute to accidents and incidents need to be addressed through the prism of human resource development. We must put right people in right place to avoid any mis happening.

Distinguished Audience

5. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their valuable contribution in the seminar, especially participants from United States Air Force, Royal Air Force, Sri Lankan Air Force and Turkish Air Force who delivered valuable paper to this seminar to make it more interesting and knowledge enriching. I would also like to thank our foreign friends from other countries 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. I also thank the Director of Flight Safety and his team for conducting the seminar successfully. Let us all take a vow to be constantly on this lookout for a better; safer and more efficient ways of carrying out our tasks, bearing in mind the overall objectives of the organizations and the limited resources available to us. If we can manage to get every members of our organization safety minded then it is not impossible to create the ocean of safety.

Last of all, I like to thank honourable Finance Minister of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, MP for sparing his valuable time to be with us today. Sir, your presence has dignified this occasion and will remain a source of inspiration for all of us. Thank you sir, thank u ladies and gentlemen, wishing you all a better and safe tomorrow,

Allah Hafez.