

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR-2011**

**CLOSING SPEECH BY THE CHIEF OF AIR STAFF  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR 2011  
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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,

Honorable Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Former Chiefs of Bangladesh Air Force, Distinguished guests and delegates from home & aboard, Ladies and Gentlemen, Assalamu-Alaikum and a very Good Afternoon.

I stand here with a deep sense of gratitude to the Honourable Minister for his kind indulgence in Bangladesh Air Force as the Chief Guest of the closing session of International Flight Safety Seminar 2011. Sir, your kind presence bears special significance for us as we continue our quest for achieving professional excellence and at the same time modernization of BAF. Getting you amongst us in such professional gathering strengthens our unbending faith and commitment to professionalism, patriotism and excellence in all we do.

Distinguished Guests,

Owing to the rapid technological innovation and advancement, rapid growth of air traffic in an unprecedented way, today's aviators, technicians and personnel related to aviation industry are exposed to an array of demanding challenges. To operate effectively in the face of these challenges, flight safety ought to be a continuously evolving and dynamic process. Air Forces of the world and various aviation organizations are developing innovative concepts, methodologies, and mechanism to prevent aircraft accident. However, no concept or mechanism can generate tangible result unless we encourage spontaneous safety awareness in the minds of our personnel and act accordingly.

Promoting an effective 'safety culture' depends much on the flow of safety related information, willingness of each individual to report error-prone behaviors, omissions, faulty practices as well as sharing experiences and lessons learnt. I am sure the seminar offered you that opportunity. As we conclude this seminar we need to remember that there is significant work remaining ahead. This is not the end of our interactions and experience sharing but surely it has been a meaningful step in the process of building effective cooperation and understanding under the flight safety umbrella.

I am deeply grateful to the former air Chiefs present here with us - Air Vice Marshal AG Mahmud, Air Vice Marshal Mumtaz, and Air Vice Marshal Mohammad Rafiqul Islam - who were so kind to share their wisdom, knowledge and experience by Chairing and conducting the sessions of this seminar. The gracious presence of the former Air Chiefs in this event elevates our morale and resolve to serve the nation with renewed dedication and sincerity.

Let me also extend my heartiest felicitations to all the participants of civil and military organizations from home and aboard for their constructive thoughts and interactions on issues related to Flight Safety.

My sincere appreciations to the distinguished participants from the Air Forces of Australia, China, Jordan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America for enriching the seminar through their active participations and interactions. It is my firm conviction that the mutual solidarity and friendship enhanced through this seminar would further be cemented in future through similar events. I also request you to convey our best wishes to your respective governments and Air Forces. We should continue to share our experiences relating to flight safety in future as well.

My profound thanks to the distinguished participants and observers from the Ministries, Inter Service Organizations, Sister Services, Civil Aviation, private Airlines and other government, semi-government and private organizations. I applaud your support and concern for flight safety. Your presence in the Seminar has promoted flight safety awareness not only in BAF, but also in our friendly air forces and organizations engaged in aviation business.

I thank the Director of Flight Safety, his team and BAF Base Bashar for planning, organizing, conducting and facilitating excellent administrative support for the successful completion of the seminar.

I, once again convey my heartfelt thanks to the honourable Minister for sparing his valuable time to be with us and gracing the closing session as Chief Guest. I wish every one of you good luck and safe flights for the years ahead.

Thank you.