

INAUGURAL SPEECH BY CHIEF GUEST (COAS, BAF)
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR-2013
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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,

1. Members from Bangladesh Armed Forces and Local Organisations, Respected Former Chiefs of Air Staff, Delegates from friendly Air Forces, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen. Asslamu Alaikum and Good Morning.

2. It is a matter of great honour and pleasure for me to be with you at the opening ceremony of the International Flight Safety Seminar-2013. I extend my heartiest thanks to Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh for taking part in organising this seminar jointly with BAF. I am impressed by the noble objective of the seminar as it creates opportunity to share the experiences of our friendly air forces including Bangladesh Air Force, Civil Aviation and local organisations, thereby enhancing our knowledge on safety. I am happy to see the participants from our friendly air forces and local organisations on their willingness to share their views and experience in promoting flight safety as a whole.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. Seminars on Flight Safety are nothing new. International Air Safety Seminar (IASS) started in the year 1947. Recently, 66th IASS was organized in Washington DC in October this year Seminars and Forums on Safety. These seminars mostly focus on the commercial aviation and related industries. In contrast, this seminar bridges the perspective on flight safety both from the civil and military community with participation from the Air Forces of various continents. Their perspective may appear very normative in isolation; yet, when the ideas are integrated, they set a benchmark to reinstitute flight safety across the full spectrum of aviation operation. Clearly, such an effort will indicate the fact that developmental aspect of flight safety for military and civil aviation works hand in hand.



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4. Looking at the program of the seminar, the profile and the diversity of the participants in this seminar, one could easily imagine the intellectual intensity the gathering brings to the aviation industry. This will not only help averting risks for the participating agencies, but also will add to the 'safety capital' of the related stakeholders across the wider community. In promoting such a rewarding aspect of this seminar, the Directorate of the flight safety at the Air headquarters have worked well to publish the outcomes of the previous seminar. I regard the Directorate's effort with appreciation as I am sure that this time also, they will enrich the 'global safety capital' by publishing this seminar's outcome in the web and journals.

5. Dear audience, I would like to remind all concerned related to flight safety to take a look at the general classification of accidents and its causes to see whether ensuring safety is an important factor. To achieve a zero accident rate is indeed an unrealistic goal. However, we in the aviation community must whole-heartedly strive towards obtaining that mindset: A mindset to promote 'Safety Culture'.

6. While we look forward to new areas of future co-operation in maintaining flight safety, I am sure, this seminar will aptly demonstrate the deep-rooted bonds of fraternity that prevail among the friendly air forces and the aviation industry. With this 'band of brother-ship', I expect that the aviation communities will find a better way of 'sharing and caring' the collective experiences in an informal way.

7. At last, I express my deepest appreciation to Director of Flight Safety and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh and their team for organizing such event. I wish the seminar a grand success exploring the unknowns of each other through a vibrant participation and experience sharing.⁸ With that I declare the International Flight Safety Seminar-2013 at Dhaka, organized by Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh 'OPEN'.

Thank you all.