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40TH COMMAND SAFETY SEMINAR

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,

Respected Chief of Air Staff,

Principal Staff Officers,

Air Officers Commanding and Base Commanders of the Bases,

Director of Flight Safety,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamu Alaikum and good morning.

1.   **On behalf of all the members of Air HQs,** I welcome you all to this 40th Command Safety Seminar. Let me take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to Chief of Air Staff for his kind presence here as the chief guest. I also extend my warm greeting to all BAF members for participating in this seminar. Primarily to encourage and also to have more open and candid discussion including free exchange of views and ideas, this time it has been decided to hold this Seminar only with the BAF participants. I would like to request you all to make the seminar a fruitful one by brainstorming and sharing information from all the corners irrespective of seniority and appointment.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2.   **Flight safety** is a continuously evolving process and thus is the most prioritized avenue in aviation. To ensure a high standard of safety, harmonious and congenial working atmosphere with dedicated and experienced professional is essential. Technological advancement has no end. To remain at par, Bangladesh Air Force has been constantly tackling and adapting to multi-faceted issues relating to flight safety, maintenance of safety, risk management and

technological advancement. It is time to address safety with newer methodology and vision. Standing at the threshold of this newer vision, our aim is to enhance operational efficiency through reduction of attrition caused by avoidable accidents. To achieve this aim, we need meticulous and pragmatic planning at every level.

Dear audience,

3.   **Progress on the aspect of** in-flight and on-ground safety has been an ongoing concern for BAF. In recent times, significant progress has been made in the field of aviation safety in terms of methods, techniques and procedural improvement that includes aircraft accident prevention and investigation. On the other hand, aviation safety is being treated as a management function focused more on human. Therefore, aviation organizations are adopting new programmes, human resources development through education, exchanging ideas, views and fine-tuning them until they work efficiently.

4.   **We do not want to achieve a zero accident rate**. However, we in the flg community must whole-heartedly and unequivocally strive towards obtaining that mindset.   Although there has always been a genuine concern for safety throughout the aviation business, it appears that lessons learnt from past tragedies often go unnoticed or in worst cases disregarded altogether.   The causes of accidents are frequently repeated, simply due to common reason- 'Human Intervention', both on ground and in flight. But why does there seem to be disjointness between the sincere desire we possess to remain safe and the repeated nature of identical errors we commit? Striving towards a zero accident rate can only be accomplished if everyone associated with aviation business accepts that challenge with a personal goal to elevate the margins of safety and anticipate rather than react. Every year, therefore, we assemble here formally to

see our safety achievements, lapses and shortcomings through evaluation, discussion and suggestions.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5.   Let me apprise you about the sequence of today's seminar which is shown on the screen.

Sequence of Events

1st Session

- Brief by Director of Flight Safety

- Speeches by AOCs (BBD,BSR, CXB, MTR, PKP & ZHR)

- Tea Break

2nd Session

- Presentation of keynote paper followed by interaction session

- Conduct of the meeting

- Distribution of Flight Safety Trophies

- Closing Address by the COAS

6.   Now, I request Director Flight Safety to continue the seminar as planned. Thank you very much.