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41ST 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.

1. On behalf of all members of Air HQs, I welcome you all to this 41st Command Safety Seminar. Let me take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to Chief of Air Staff for his kind presence. I also extend my warm greetings to all BAF members for participating in this seminar.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. Progress on safety aspects has been an ongoing concern for personnel involved in aviation. Aviation safety is a continuous developing process, and thus in recent times, significant progress has been made in the field of aviation safety in terms of methods and techniques, procedural improvement that includes aircraft accident prevention and investigation. While undergoing rapid modernization, Bangladesh Air Force has been constantly tackling multi-dimensional issues relating to aviation safety, maintenance of safety, risk management and technological advancement while adapting required changes. Thus, in the present days of technological development, safety ought to be addressed with newer methodology and vision. Standing at the threshold of this newer vision, our aim is to promote

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safety through concentrated effort. To achieve this aim, we need to execute meticulous and pragmatic planning at every functional level of Command, enrich our knowledge, ensure effective training and improve resilience of our personnel involved.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. We do not expect to achieve accident free aviation environment overnight. We must whole-heartedly and explicitly 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'. Despite rapid progress in technologies "human" still remains as the "Base line responsible factor". Thus, BAF is putting her best to make its personnel well informed, skilled, dedicated and flexible while exercising good judgment and minimizing the role of human factor which will definitely improve the flight safety picture of BAF. We all shall accept the challenge with a personal goal to elevate the margins of safety and "act 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,

4. We appreciate more open and candid discussion including free exchange of views and ideas on aviation safety issues. 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. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

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