



Air Vice Marshal

Muhammad Mafidur Rahman (Retd.)

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Distinguished Air Vice Marshal (Retd.), longest-serving CAAB Chairman. 41+ years exemplary BAF service. Creative, innovative leader with deep integrity. Accomplished aviator, crisis manager, strong international relations, significant contributions to Bangladesh aviation.

BANGLADESH AIR FORCE TENURE ★★



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SKILL

- Leadership
- Management
- Communication
- Organization
- Flying
- Negotiation
- Diplomacy
- Peacekeeping
- Project Management



Aviation Expert

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Bangladesh Air Force (BAF)

July 1983 – June 2024

BAF fighter pilot. Commanded two main BAF Operational Bases namely BAF Base Kurmitola (Dhaka) & BAF Base Zahurul Haque (Chattogram). Fighter Operational Category "A," highest BAF fighter flying hours. Accomplished UN Peacekeeper. President International Fellow, National War Course (USA) Class-2015.



Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)

June 2019 – June 2024

Chairman CAAB. Transformed CAAB internationally, enhanced standards, tripled revenue (in 4 years). Successfully completed Terminal-3 (HSIA) on time/budget. Pivotal COVID-19 role recognition ("Best Frontliner-2020," "Vanguard Award"). Established multiple Air Service Agreements, upgrading CAAB to global standard. Known as a change maker.



Corporate Exposure

As CAAB Chairman, gained corporate experience on Board of Directors for Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL). Significantly contributed to Biman's fleet expansion, international routes, and capacity building. Actively worked for business development and service improvement of Hotel Intercontinental (under BSL) to ensure profitability.

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LANGUAGE



Bangla(Fluent)



English(Fluent)



Bahasa Indonesia(Fluent)



Completed 2nd Level of
French Language Course



FLYING EXPERIENCE

Logged 3000 hours(approx) in different Fighter aircraft, namely MiG-21, F-7, MiG-29, HAWK, Fouga Magister, L-39, YAK-130, JF-17, SU-30 and F-18. He also has experience of flying Cargo aircraft (AN-32) and Helicopter (MI-17 and Augusta-139)



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EDUCATION



Master's Degree (MSc) in National Security Strategy
(National Defense University, Washington, DC, USA) - 2015



Graduated from Bangladesh &
Indonesian Air Force Academy
(secured 1st position) - 1985 & 1986

TRAINING

Military



- Basic and Advance Flying Training in Indonesian Air Force Academy (1985-1987)
- Fighter Conversion Training in China (1989)
- Advance Language and Staff College course in Indonesia (2000-2001)
- Military and Peacekeeping Operations in accordance with Rule of law in the USA (2002)
- Fighter Instructor Course in KSA (2003-2004)
- Armed Forces War Course in National Defence College in Bangladesh (2007)
- Crisis Consequence Management Training conducted by UK MoD in Bangladesh (2007)
- Training on Stability, Security, Transition and Reconstruction in Marshal Centre, Germany (2008)
- National Security Strategy (National War Course) in the USA (2014-2015)

Civil Aviation



- Senior Aviation Leadership Program on Aviation Safety in Canada (2019)
- Senior Aviation Leadership Program on Aviation Resilience in Singapore (2022)
- Indo Pacific Region USTDA orientation program in the USA (2022)
- Program on Checkpoint Security Design organized by TSA in the USA (2022)
- IFC-Harvard Senior Training Program on Public-Private Partnerships and Project Finance in Singapore (2023)
- IFC-Harvard Training on Public-Private Partnerships in Infrastructure in Singapore (2023)

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AWARDS AND HONORS

Chief of Air Staff (COAS)
Commendations (5 times)

UN Force Commander's Certificate of
Appreciation (3 times)

Peacetime Medals (3 times)

Biman Bahinee Padak 2020
(Highest Airforce Medal)

Best Frontliner-2020 (Media Award)

VANGUARD AWARD (2021)

Certificate of National Integrity
Strategy (NIS Award: 2022)

Certificate of Appreciation from
Emirates, UAE (2023)

Certificate of Appreciation from
Embassy of KSA (2024)



KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Longest serving Chairman of
CAPSCA-Asia Pacific (2019-2023)

Construction of HSIA Terminal-3

Vice Chairman of 56th DGCA-AP and
Chairman of 58th DGCA-AP

Strong International relation &
networking



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Long-Term Leadership

Longest-serving CAAB Chairman, transformed CAAB to international standards with honesty and dedication. Received global aviation leaders' recognitions for outstanding performance and recommendations for higher leadership position in ICAO.



Military Excellence

Joined BAF in 1983, excelled in courses, holding highest fighter flying hours among peers. "A" category fighter pilot, maintained top position throughout BAF career.



Crisis Management

Managed critical incidents (2019 Biman hijacking, US-Bangla emergency landing, numerous BAF in-flight emergencies) showcasing outstanding ability in high-pressure situations.



UN Peacekeeping

UN Peacekeeper, committed to international cooperation and stability. Contributed greatly to UN Aviation, setting standards as contingent commander in high-conflict areas (DRC).



Significant Projects

Dynamic leadership led to on-time, within-budget completion of state of art HSIA Terminal-3 (USD 2.2 Billion) project. Simultaneously modernized ATM CNS (Thales, France) and upgraded all Bangladesh airports, improving service quality.



Negotiations

Proven successful negotiator: procured aircraft/radar for BAF, troops for UN (established air crew rights). Negotiated 2019 hostage release, New Terminal-3 contract, and over a dozen new ASAs/international routes for Bangladesh.



Honesty & Integrity

As Chairman, prioritized quality of services and anti-corruption measures to elevate CAAB's image. Awarded prestigious NIS AWARD 2022 by Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism for remarkable contributions and efforts.



International Relations

Established robust international aviation authority relationships, expanding Bangladesh's connectivity. Strong ties with FAA/TSA (USA). President, ICAO CAPSCA AP (2019-2023), pivotal COVID/post-COVID leadership in Asia-Pacific. Upheld CAAB's global image. Vice Chairman, 56th DGCA-AP (Nepal, 2019). Led CAAB's first ICAO Council election participation (2022). Organized/chaired successful 58th DGCA-AP (Bangladesh, 2023), earning ICAO appreciation and consideration for Council membership/ future ICAO leadership.



Passion for Qualitive Education

Senate Committee Member of Bangladesh's specialized Aviation/Aerospace University, ensuring CAAB certification as ICAO-compliant Approved Training Institution. Similarly affiliated BAF Airmen Training Institution. Initiated aviation capacity building in public engineering universities, engaging them in CAAB project supervision. Chaired BAF college governing bodies, improved CAAB-administered schools/colleges. Upgraded Bangladesh Civil Aviation Training Centre to Bangladesh CA Academy, achieving ICAO Trainer Plus SILVER status (aiming for GOLD by 2024). Bangladesh achieved ICAO GOLD Category in 2025, enabling local ICAO-approved training and enhancing global image.



Well recognized as an

Aviation Expert
and *A Great Leader*

