

Biman chooses Istanbul for technical landing of Dhaka-Toronto flight

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Dhaka: Biman Bangladesh Airlines has changed its decision again, taking a U-turn from Manchester for technical landing of its Dhaka-Toronto flight. This shows that again Biman failed to do a proper feasibility study due to "unprofessionalism", claimed country's aviation experts.

The national carrier has now decided to have a technical landing in Istanbul.

On this note, Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, Managing Director and CEO of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said, "We've learned that, after landing in Manchester, luggage will be needed to be unloaded and then the passengers will be taken from one terminal to another for security checks. Only then, they will be able to board the connecting flight. It'll increase both time and cost."

"So, we've sought landing permission from Istanbul airport authorities," he added.

Biman MD and CEO further announced that a committee had been working to launch a passenger flight on June 28.

On the other hand, Biman Planning Director Mahbub Jahan Khan said the airline already has a slot in Istanbul and hopes to secure landing permission soon after the ground handling agreement.

Former Biman board member, aviation expert Kazi Wahidul Alam described Biman's frequent changing of decision without conducting a proper feasibility study

as "unprofessional".

"Biman should use a diplomatic channel between two countries to secure the fifth freedom facility. It will help them make the route commercially viable," suggested Kazi Wahidul Alam.