

E-gates to make travel seamless at HSIA in July

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Dhaka: Travellers will soon be able to pass through immigration formalities at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital seamlessly. Nearly a year after inauguration, 27 electronic gates (e-gates) for automated border control at Dhaka airport are finally ready to become operational in July 7, 2022.

"All works to unveil the automated immigration system at Dhaka airport have nearly been completed," said Md Abdullah Al Masud Chowdhury, Additional Secretary (Security and Immigration Wing), Home Ministry's Security Services Division.

"The e-gates will be opened to the air travellers in July," he added.

On June 30, 2021, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal inaugurated the e-gates at HSIA. With it, the country stepped into the digital era of travel.

"Once operational, these e-gates will reduce queues at the manual immigration counters as passengers having e-passports will be able to complete all formalities in a very short time," mentioned Md Abdullah Al Masud.

"The company installing the e-gate software took time to complete the job. Now, it is in the final stages. We will open the e-gates in July. Global travellers will have a hassle-free experience at the airport," said the government official.

"A total of 50 e-gates will eventually be introduced at all airports and land ports in Bangladesh in phases," further noted Chowdhury.

The department of immigration and passports got the e-gates installed at HSIA through Veridos GmbH, a German-based company, which got the contract for the

ABC project in July 2018.