

Bangladesh Centre for Air and Space Power Studies inaugurated

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Dhaka: The Bangladesh Centre for Air and Space Power Studies (BCASPS) was formally inaugurated on Sunday, January 18. Chief of Air Staff of the Bangladesh Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmud Khan attended the ceremony as the chief guest and officially inaugurated both the center and its website, www.bcasp.org.

Expressing confidence and optimism about the launch of BCASPS as an independent think tank dedicated to research on air and space power, the Air Chief said that effective control and protection of airspace form a fundamental pillar of national sovereignty and stability. He emphasized that in the evolving strategic environment, developing a comprehensive and integrated understanding of both air and space domains is essential to safeguarding Bangladesh's sovereignty, national security, and long-term development interests.

During the program, the vision of BCASPS was outlined as becoming a center of excellence that promotes national awareness on air and space power and provides policy-oriented advice in support of Bangladesh's national interests and the capability development of the Bangladesh Air Force.

The establishment of BCASPS was described as a timely and forward-looking initiative of significant importance to national security, the Bangladesh Armed Forces—particularly the Bangladesh Air Force—and a major milestone in strengthening Bangladesh's strategic and intellectual engagement in air and space power.

At the event, Jahangirnagar University academic Professor Shahab Enam Khan presented the keynote paper titled "Modernizing Airpower in a Changing Indo-Pacific: Strategic Rationale, Technological Shifts, and National Security Implications for Bangladesh."

The inauguration ceremony was attended by principal staff officers from Air Headquarters, representatives of relevant ministries, the Vice-Chancellor of Aviation and Aerospace University Bangladesh (AAUB), the Chairmen of FSDS and OCPASS, the Director General of BIMRAD, academics, researchers, members of the BCASPS Governing Body, and other senior military and civil officials.

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