

BRT bus launching on Gazipur-Dhaka Airport route from December 16

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Dhaka: Bus services from Gazipur to Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka will formally be inaugurated on December 16 under the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. However, the full service is expected to commence by June, 2025.

Ehsanul Haque, Senior Secretary of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, made the announcement after inspecting the BRT project at Shibabari BRT station in Gazipur on December 7.

The project has incurred significant costs and delays, informed Haque, adding, the public is eagerly awaiting the service.

Currently, two air-conditioned buses are running on trial basis on the Shibabari-Dhaka Airport route, with the formal launch is scheduled for December 16.

Foot-over bridges at each station are inadequate. Hence, 10 additional foot-over bridges will be constructed between the airport and Gazipur soon, mentioned Ehsanul Haque.

With 98 per cent of the project completed, full functionality is expected by June, 2025, he further expressed.

According to BRTA Chairman Md Yeasin, the service will partially begin on December 16, while any emerging issues will be addressed gradually.

BRTC Chairman Tajul Islam claimed, after the December 16 inauguration, 10 buses will operate initially, with more joining the fleet based on demand.

Fares are set at BDT 20 to Chaurasta, BDT 35 to Board Bazar, BDT 50 to Tongi College Gate and BDT 70 to the airport. The return fares are BDT 25 to College Gate, BDT 40 to Board Bazar, BDT 55 to Chaurasta and BDT 70 to Shibabari.

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