

Cox's Bazar Airport declared international

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Dhaka: The Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism has announced Cox's Bazar Airport as an international airport, according to a circular issued on October 12.

As per reports, customs and immigration facilities are already in place at the airport. The authorities are partially using the new terminal. For now, the arrival section is being used, while the departures continue from the old building.

Reports also said, over 83 percent of the terminal's construction has been completed. Interior works such as tiling, electrical wiring, and AC installation are underway, which are expected to be done by December.

The new international terminal has a planned capacity to handle 1.8 million passengers per year—more than double the current volume. The BDT 362-crore project for building the terminal is being implemented by

China Railway First Group and National Development Engineering Ltd.

The construction of boarding bridge has already been completed. Work on the car parking facility is also progressing.

Another BDT 1,794-crore project for runway extension and other works is scheduled for completion in December 2026. China's Changjiang Yichang Waterway Engineering Bureau (CYWEB) and China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) is implementing the project.

The runway has been extended from 6,775 feet to 9,000 feet and widened to 200 feet, with a separate project set to extend it further to 10,700 feet into the sea. This will allow wide-body aircraft to operate safely at full capacity.

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