

SalamAir marks nine years of operations, reaffirms commitment to Bangladesh

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Dhaka: Oman-based low-cost carrier SalamAir marked its ninth anniversary with a formal celebration in the capital on February 5, reaffirming its commitment to the Bangladesh aviation market and its growing partnership with the country's travel trade.

The event, hosted by SalamAir's General Sales Agent in Bangladesh, AeroWing Aviation Limited, was held at Renaissance Dhaka and attended by travel industry stakeholders, airline partners, and diplomatic representatives. Jamil Haji Ismail Al Balushi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Bangladesh, attended the program as chief guest.

Senior representatives from SalamAir and AeroWing Aviation were also present, including AeroWing Chairman Md Nasser Shahrear Zahedee, Managing Director M A Latif Shahrear Zahedee, and SalamAir

Bangladesh Country Manager Muhammad Ariful Islam Rajan. Representatives from leading travel agencies across Bangladesh joined the celebration.

Speaking at the event, Ambassador Al Balushi said SalamAir is one of only two airlines of Oman that operate flights across global destinations and has been performing strongly in the Bangladesh market. He also expressed optimism about enhanced people-to-people connectivity, noting that Oman is expected to facilitate visa processes for Bangladeshi nationals in the near future.



Ambassador of Oman to BD Jamil Haji Ismail Al Balushi addressing the ceremony – Photo: Monitor

During the programme, SalamAir highlighted key milestones from its nine-year journey, citing steady growth in fleet size, route network, and

passenger volumes. In 2025, the airline operated more than 22,000 flights, carrying over 3.4 million passengers across a network of more than 44 destinations.

The airline also outlined its expansion plans, announcing that three additional aircraft are scheduled to join its fleet by mid-2026. SalamAir has recently launched services to Port Sudan and plans to introduce new routes to Damascus, Vienna, and Medan as part of its ongoing network expansion strategy.

Addressing the audience, AeroWing Chairman Md Nasser Shahrear Zahedee said SalamAir began operations in Bangladesh seven years ago with just three weekly flights, which has since grown to 20 weekly services. He was optimistic to add more frequencies in the near future, as well as launch wider-body aircraft on Bangladesh routes than the current Airbus A321neo.



AeroWing Chairman Md Nasser Shahrear Zahedee delivering his address, alongside the Omani Ambassador to Bangladesh – Photo: Monitor

He further said that discussions with the Omani ambassador focused on promoting tourism, cultural exchange, and stronger people-to-people ties between Bangladesh and Oman.

Country Manager Muhammad Ariful Islam Rajan emphasized SalamAir's focus on affordability, reliability, and modern service standards. He said, the airline currently operates 20 weekly flights from Bangladesh, including 11 from Chattogram and nine from Dhaka, all using Airbus A321neo aircraft to ensure passenger comfort.



SalamAir BD Country Manager Muhammad Ariful Islam Rajan while talking to The Bangladesh Monitor – Photo: Monitor

He further mentioned, Bangladesh remains in the top three markets for SalamAir in the region. After Oman, Bangladesh is the airline's second biggest destination in terms of operation capacity.

The anniversary celebration underscored SalamAir's strong collaboration with the Bangladesh travel trade and reaffirmed its long-term commitment to strengthening air connectivity between Bangladesh, Oman, and its wider international network.

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