

## State minister directs preparations to revive Biman's Dhaka-Narita flights

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**Dhaka: Civil Aviation and Tourism State Minister M. Rashiduzzaman Millat has directed concerned authorities to take necessary preparatory measures to revive Biman Bangladesh Airline's Dhaka-Narita air route as part of broader efforts to strengthen the country's international aviation connectivity.**

The instruction came during a high-level review meeting held on the morning of April 22 in the conference room of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism at the Bangladesh Secretariat.

The meeting primarily discussed the strategic roadmap for expanding the fleet of Biman Bangladesh Airlines and enhancing its operational capacity in the coming years.

Earlier, Biman Bangladesh Airlines had temporarily suspended direct

flights on the Dhaka-Narita-Dhaka route from July 1, 2025.

The national flag carrier had taken the decision due to operational constraints stemming from Hajj operations, aircraft shortages, and prevailing commercial considerations.

On September 1, 2023, Biman resumed its Dhaka-Narita flight with an aim to make the Bangladesh-Japan direct air connectivity a profitable route.

Previously, Biman had suspended its Dhaka-Tokyo route in 2006, as it was not commercially viable back then, and there was a lack of sufficient aircraft, said aviation stakeholders.

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