

## Emirates – Best Airline; US-Bangla – Best Domestic Airline

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Dubai based Emirates airline has been announced Airline of the Year 2022 while US-Bangla Airlines best domestic airline in the Triplover-Monitor Airline of the Year awards. Qatar Airways and Air Arabia came out as Cargo Airline of the Year and best budget airline respectively. Winners were selected based on the frequent flyers' opinion poll, conducted over a period of three months.

Md. Mahbub Ali MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism handed over the trophies among the winning airlines in different categories of services at a ceremony held at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel Dhaka, yesterday, September 23, 2022.

The award ceremony was also addressed by Kazi Wahidul Alam, Editor, The Bangladesh Monitor; Nisha Tasnim, Head of Operations, Triplover; Professor Shibli Rubayat-Ul-Islam, Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission and also the Chairman of the Jury Committee; Robin James Edwards, General Manager, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka.

Airlines operating in Bangladesh were awarded in 13 different categories of services. Airlines received Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards considering the number

of votes they received.

Emirates clinched highest number of five gold awards in different categories including Best Business Class, Best Inflight Meal in Business Class, Best Inflight Entertainment, Best Long-haul Airline, and Airline of the Year.

National carrier Biman Bangladesh Airlines for the very first time won Gold Awards in three different categories including Best Economy Class, Best Inflight Meal in Economy Class, and Best Regional Airline.

Qatar Airways besides winning Cargo Airline of the Year also won Gold Award in the Frequent Flyer program category. Air Arabia became the Budget Airline of the Year. Private sector airline Novoair won the Gold for Best Ontime Performance in the domestic air services category.

City Bank Amex Lounge was adjudged as the best airport lounge, a new category introduced this year, by travelers.

Md Abdullah Al Mamun, Managing Director of the US-Bangla Airlines received a special award from the Jury Committee as the 'Airline Entrepreneur of the Year 2022' for its outstanding contributions to the country's aviation sector.

In the 9-member jury committee comprising distinguished personalities from various sectors scrutinized the opinion poll and selected the winners.

Leading aviation and tourism publication – The Bangladesh Monitor introduced the Airline of the Year in 2007. This year the 9th edition of the award was supported by Triplover as the title sponsor and Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka as the hospitality partner.