

Cox's Bazar airport runway expansion instructed to be completed by next December

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Dhaka: State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M Mahbub Ali on June 8 instructed the concerned engineers and contractors to complete the runway expansion of Cox's Bazar airport and the construction work of the link bridge over the Baagkhali River by next December.

The state minister gave the directives while expressing satisfaction over the progress of various development works including the runway expansion project at Cox's Bazar Airport and construction of tourism facilities including the Sheikh Hasina Tower at Khurushkul.

Several developments works including strengthening the runway of the airport and increasing the runway length from 9,000 feet to 10,700 feet, installation of airfield ground lighting system, installation of the instrumental landing system, construction of safety wall, and construction of a bridge over Baagkhali river are ongoing at present.

Many developments works such as these are underway to make Cox's Bazar an international standard tourist destination, mentioned Mahbub Ali.

"The implementation of these development projects will allow domestic and foreign tourists to enjoy various tourism facilities including convenient travel to Cox's Bazar," he added.

Secretary, Civil Aviation Ministry Md Mokammel Hossain, Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Air Vice Marshal Md Mafidur Rahman, Additional Secretary of the Ministry Suresh Kumar Sarkar, Member, CAAB, (Management and Planning) Air Commodore Md Khalid Hossain, and Chief Engineer, CAAB, Md Abdul Malek were also present, among others, during the state minister's visit to the Cox's Bazar airport.

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