

Dhaka Airport runway closed five hours every night for next two months

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Dhaka: The runway of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital will remain closed for five hours every night for the next two months from February 2 due to renovation work of the runway lighting system.

Kamrul Islam, Executive Director, HSIA said that flight operations in the country's largest airport will be closed from 2:00 am to 7:00 am everyday till April 2, 2023.

Flights of different airlines have been shifted to other times of the day, he added.

Usually, 7-8 flights operate in this window and shifting of those flights will create additional pressure. To handle the pressure, the authorities have asked for better coordination, so that passengers do not have to be stuck at the airport for a long time.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh took the initiative to upgrade the Instrument Landing System (ILS) of the airports in Dhaka, Chattogram, Sylhet and Cox's Bazar to Category-2 so that flights can land at those airports despite foggy weather.

Kamrul Islam said, the airport authority has taken plans for flight management in coordination with the related government and private institutions including the airport traffic department to make the journey of passengers smooth and uninterrupted.

The authorities have also formed monitoring teams for implementation the plans.

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