

National Aviation Safety Team

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL AVIATION SAFETY TEAM (NAST)

1. Time and Date:

The Third Meeting of the National Aviation Safety Team (NAST), Bangladesh was held on 9 February 2009 at the conference room of Civil Aviation Training Center (CATC) Kurmitola, Dhaka.

2. Attendance:

The meeting was attended by the nominated representatives from the Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh (CAAB), Bangladesh Air Force, different Air Operators. COSCAP-SA Regional Expert Capt Salahuddin M Rahmatullah RFOE, Mr. Zahid Hussain Khan RATSE and Mr. P R Shakya RACSE were also present in the meeting. There were a total of 50 participants. The list of participants is attached at Annexure 'A'.

3. Opening of the meeting:

Wing Commander M Kamrul Islam, Director (FSR) thanked all the participants for their presence in the meeting. He extended a warm welcome to all the delegates and representatives for participating in the Third Meeting of the National Aviation Safety Team (NAST).

4. Self-Introduction of Participants:

The participants at the Meeting introduced themselves.

5. Aims:

CAAB will face IUSOAP on May 2009 and has taken extensive programme to attain a good compliance status on IUSOAP. During the audit, ICAO audit team will visit any two operators to check the CAAB's regulatory and surveillance mechanism. As such it is essential for the operators to keep up-to-date their Manuals, logs and other documents. Third NAST meeting was mainly aimed to appraise the operators about their role to assist CAAB to face IUSOAP in a befitting manner.

6. Agenda:

Proposed agenda of the meeting were as follows:

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| Agenda 1: | Adoptation of agenda. |
| Agenda 2: | Review of the last meeting's minute. |
| Agenda 3: | Preparation of CAAB to face IUSOAP-Air Operators role. |
| Agenda 4: | General discussion on Flight Operations during low visibility to/from ZIA- facilities & problems |



7. Discussion:

7.1 Agenda 1:

Capt Rafiul Hoque, Consultant/Flight Operations Inspector and Member Secretary of NAST, exposed the Agenda for the meeting that was unanimously adopted and the Meeting conducted by him progressed in accordance with the Agenda.

7.2 Agenda 2:

7.2.1 Non-availability of ATIS at ZIA (Item 8.1a of second meeting):

Director (communication) of CAAB informed the house that ATIS of ZIA is now serviceable and pilots are now getting ATIS.

7.2.2 RADAR service for 24 hours (Item 8.1b of second meeting):

SATO, ZIA, informed the house that due to acute shortage of RADAR controller right at the moment it's not possible to provide RADAR service for 24 hours. However the RADAR controller training issue is under Authorities active consideration.

7.2.3 Sectorization of Dhaka ACC:

SATO informed the house that no action has yet been undertaken on this issue. A thorough study of the subject will be made in near future to address the concern expressed by the participants.

7.2.4 Distribution of emergency response plan of ZIA to all operators:

SATO ZIA informed the house that soft copy of emergency response plan is available. Interested operators may collect it from him.

7.2.5 Co-ordination with meteorology office for en-route weather forecast:

This point could not be discussed in the meeting as Director(ATS/Aero) was not available in the meeting due to his pre-occupation related to VVIP movement. The issue will be listed in the follow-up and discussed in the next meeting.

7.2.6 Non-availability of ILS-32 at ZIA:

Director (Communication) informed the house that ILS 32 may be available for operational use after calibration.

7.2.7 Arrangement of SMS course at Dhaka:

Director (FSR) informed the house that CAAB is coordinating closely with COSCAP-SA to arrange the course. CAAB will certainly arrange this course at Dhaka when experts for this course are available.

7.3 Agenda 3:

7.3.1 Director (FSR) in his inaugural speech cited the example of OPS 4.140 of the protocol questions and informed the house that ICAO auditor will Verify CAA requirements and operator compliance. He made a request to all the air operators to cooperate CAAB in this connection.

7.3.2 Capt Salahuddin M Rahmatullah RFOE gave a short brief on operators role and gave a guide line to assist CAAB.

7.3.3 Capt Rafiul Hoque Consultant/FOI also gave a brief on what operator should do so that CAAB can attain a good compliance status.

7.4 Agenda 4:

7.4.1 Capt A B M Ismail, Chief of Flight Safety of Biman Bangladesh Airlines raised the following points on Zia International Airport:

- a) **Poor marshalling:** He informed the house that Marshalling is not up-to the mark and some marshaller can not guide the pilot in a proper way. He cited the example of the impeding incident of Qatar Airways where wings of Qatar Airways was about to collide with the wing of another parked aircraft. This incident was due to poor marshalling.
- b) **Monitoring of ILS signal during approach:** He informed the house that they have had incidences when either LOC/GS or both signals were absent or not turned on approach and duty controller was not aware about the situation.
- c) **The Markings signs of Taxiways and Runway holdings:** Taxiway and runway holding markings are not completely inline with ICAO manuals and apron taxi lines are not bright enough to be visible at night especially when the surface is wet.
- d) **Obstruction markings:** Obstruction marking during constructions must be more prominent than the inadequate markings on taxiways and apron at the present moment.

7.4.2 Capt Salahuddin M Rahmatullah RFOE, Dr P R Shakya RACSE and Mr Zahid Hussain Khan RATSE took part in the discussion on the points raised by Capt A B M Ismail and opined that these are safety hazard for flight operations to/from Zia International Airport. They also opined that corrective measures should be taken to eliminate these hazards for the sake safe operation of aircraft.

- 7.4.3 Director(FSR) requested Director(Communication) and SATO(ZIA) to take necessary measures to over come these hazardous situations.
8. As there was no other issues to discuss member secretary of NAST declared the open discussion session closed with vote of thanks to the Chair. The proposal of vote of thanks was seconded by SATCO, Base kurmitola and Mrs Shirin Sultana Senior Aerodrome Officer, CATC.
9. The team leader of NAST meeting thanked all participants for their active participation and declared the meeting closed.

Sd/-
Capt Rafiul Hoque
FOI/Consultant
&
Member Secretary of NAST

Distribution:

1. All the NAST member.
2. Chief Engineer,CAAB - for necessary action on item 7.4.1 (c) and (d)
3. Director(ATS/Aero) - for necessary action on item 7.4.1 (a)
4. Director (FSR)
5. Director(Communication)- for necessary action on item 7.4.1 (b)
6. SATO(ZIA) - for necessary action on item 7.4.1 (a)
7. All participants.

CC:

1. PS to Chairman.
2. PA to Member(Ops & Plan).

