



Air Vice Marshal (Retired)

Muhammad Mafidur Rahman

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Professional Summary

Highly distinguished Air Vice Marshal Mafidur Rahman with over 41 years of exemplary service in the Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) and a proven track record as the longest-serving Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB). He is known for highly creative and innovative leadership, and a deep commitment to integrity and excellence both military and in civil aviation. An accomplished aviator and crisis manager with extensive experience in both the aviation sectors, recognized for strong international relations and significant contributions to the development of aviation in Bangladesh.



Date of Birth

31-12-1964



Date of Joining BAF

27-07-1983



Date of Commission

30-06-1985



Date of Retirement

30-06-2024

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Aviation Expert

Leadership Positions:

Bangladesh Air Force (BAF)



From 1983 - June 2024, AVM Mafid served BAF as a fighter pilot and excelled in various leadership roles including Flying Instructor, Adjutant, Flight Commander, and Officer Commanding in different fighter squadrons. He commanded two main operational bases: BAF Base Kurmitola, Dhaka & BAF Base Zahurul Haque, Chattogram. Having a very strong academic and professional background, he attained the first Fighter Operational Category "A" and holds the highest record of flying hours in fighter aircraft in BAF history. He served as a Peacekeeper in UNPKO, earning multiple commendations for outstanding contributions and exceptional performance.

Professional Experience as Chairman:

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)



From 2019 - June 2024, as Chairman CAAB AVM Mafid transformed CAAB into an internationally recognized institution, enhancing the standard of civil aviation in Bangladesh. As Chairman CAAB he held the top leadership position of both regulatory and facilitation. Under his able dynamic leadership, Bangladesh fulfilled most of the ICAO compliance issues including ratification of ICAO Annexes. His led initiatives that tripled CAAB's revenue during the first 04 years of his tenure. He initiated and successfully completed the construction of Terminal-3, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, on time and within the budget. AVM Mafid played a pivotal role during the COVID-19 pandemic at national and international level and was awarded with "Best Frontliner-2020" and "Vanguard Award" for exceptional contributions. Established multiple new Air Service Agreements (ASA), enhancing Bangladesh's international air connectivity. He is known as a change maker. He has been successful in upgrading the status of CAAB to a global standard.

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Wife

Sharmin Sultana



Twin Daughters

Mayisha Rahman

Ramisa Rahman

Language Skill



Bangla(Fluent)



English(Fluent)



Bahasa Indonesia(Fluent)



Completed 2nd Level of
French Language Course



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Education

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● Master's Degree (MSc) in National Security Strategy
(National Defense University, Washington, DC, USA)

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● Graduated from Bangladesh &
Indonesian Air Force Academy
(secured 1st position)

Training:

Few significant ones are mentioned below

Military



- Basic and Advance Flying Training in Indonesian Air Force Academy (1985-1987)
- Fighter Conversion Training in China (1989)
- Advance Language and Staff College course in Indonesia (2000-2001)
- Military and Peacekeeping Operations in accordance with Rule of law in the USA (2002)
- Fighter Instructor Course in KSA (2003-2004)
- Armed Forces War Course in National Defence College in Bangladesh (2007)
- Crisis Consequence Management Training conducted by UK MoD in Bangladesh (2007)
- Training on Stability, Security, Transition and Reconstruction in Marshal Centre, Germany (2008)
- National Security Strategy (National War Course) in the USA (2014-2015)

Civil Aviation



- Senior Aviation Leadership Program on Aviation Safety in Canada (2019)
- Senior Aviation Leadership Program on Aviation Resilience in Singapore (2022)
- Indo Pacific Region USTDA orientation program in the USA (2022)
- Program on Checkpoint Security Design organized by TSA in the USA (2022)
- IFC-Harvard Senior Training Program on Public-Private Partnerships and Project Finance in Singapore (2023)
- FC Training on Public-Private Partnerships in Infrastructure in Singapore (2023)

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Awards and Honors

Force Commander's Certificate of Appreciation (3 times)

Chief of Air Staff (COAS) Commendations (5 times)

Peacetime Medals (3 times)

Biman Bahinee Padak 2020 (Highest Airforce Medal)

Best Frontliner-2020 (Media Award)

VANGUARD AWARD (2021)

Certificate of National Integrity Strategy (NIS Award: 2022)

Certificate of Appreciation from Emirates, UAE (2023)

Certificate of Appreciation from Embassy of KSA (2024)



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Key Achievements and Contributions:

Long-Term Leadership



As the longest-serving Chairman of CAAB, AVM Mafidur Rahman transformed the organization into an international standard institution, demonstrating honesty, integrity and dedication throughout his tenure. Recognizing his outstanding performance and commitment for the aviation community, many global aviation leaders expressed sincere views to utilize his leadership and expertise in the senior leadership position in ICAO.

Military Excellence



Joining the BAF in 1983, he excelled in multiple courses and holds the highest record of flying hours in fighter aircraft among his peers in Bangladesh. His status as an "A" category fighter operational officer highlights his extraordinary operational expertise. He is the only BAF officer who was able to maintain the top position throughout.

Crisis Management



His management of critical incidents, such as the Biman hijacking incident at Chattogram Airport in 2019 and an emergency landing of a US-Bangla aircraft, dealing with many in flight emergencies of BAF Fighter/Trainer aircraft showcased his outstanding ability to handle high-pressure situations very effectively.

UN Peacekeeping



His experience as a peacekeeper with the United Nations emphasizes his commitment to international cooperation and stability. He contributed greatly to the UN Aviation by setting standards and putting in his best efforts while serving as contingent commander in the most conflicting areas in Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo).

Significant Projects



Under his dynamic leadership, crucial project like Terminal-3 of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport was completed on time and within budget (USD 2.2 Billion approximately), marking a significant achievement in Bangladesh's aviation sector. He simultaneously took up projects to upgrade all the domestic and international airports of Bangladesh. At the same time, he improved the quality of services in all airports.

Negotiations



AVM Mafid has proved to be a very successful negotiator. In BAF, he successfully negotiated for procuring aircraft and radar systems, and also for troops deployment in UN peace support operations. His remarkable achievement was in establishing the rights of an air crew (for the first time) in UN peacekeeping operations. He also successfully negotiated for the hostage release of a hijacked passenger aircraft in 2019 in Bangladesh. AVM Mafidur Rahman successfully negotiated the New Terminal-3 Contract with International bidders and finalized the deal on behalf of the Government. He led the CAAB team for several bilateral consultation meetings and concluded more than a dozen of new ASA and opening of new international routes for Bangladeshi Airliners.

Honesty & Integrity



As the Chairman, his priority was to reconstruct the image of this important organization by taking various measures against corruption and smuggling prevention. In recognition of his efforts and contributions, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism Bangladesh awarded him the most prestigious **NIS AWARD 2022**.

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*Aviation
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International Relations

His efforts in establishing robust relationships with global aviation authorities have facilitated new air service agreements, expanding Bangladesh's connectivity with international destinations. He has established good relationships with civil aviation authorities and many partnering organizations around the world. He had been working very closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) & Transport Security Administration (TSA) of the USA. **AVM Mafidur Rahman was entrusted as the President, ICAO Asia-Pacific Forum for Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA AP) for 04 years (2019~2023).** He played a pivotal leadership role in the Asia-Pacific region throughout COVID pandemic and for the post pandemic recovery of the aviation industry. His performance has upheld the image of CAAB in the global aviation community. He was elected as vice Chairman of 56th Director General's Conference of Civil Aviation Authorities of Asia-Pacific region held in Nepal in 2019. Under his dynamic leadership, **CAAB for the first time took part in the ICAO council election 2022.** He organized and chaired the 58th DGCA-AP in Bangladesh on 15~19 October 2023. **ICAO Leadership recognized this event as one of the most successful and professionally conducted ICAO events held so far.** In recognition, ICAO Secretariat expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Bangladesh government and specially to CAAB for outstanding contributions for the global aviation community. They expressed sincere intention to get **Bangladesh in the ICAO Council in 2025** and viewed that AVM Mafidur Rahman could be a suitable candidate for higher leadership position in ICAO in future.



Passion for Qualitative Education

AVM Mafidur Rahman was a Senate Committee Member of the most specialized Aviation and Aerospace University of Bangladesh. Under his able leadership and guidance this university has been certified by CAAB as ICAO complied Approved Training Institution. Similarly, he also affiliated BAF Airmen Training Institution as ICAO complied training organization. His such efforts have been great steps towards capacity development of human resources in aviation and for the implementation of ICAO's next generation aviation professionals' initiative. He also took initiative for the capacity building of all the public Engineering Universities of Bangladesh in the aviation sector. He engaged universities in different geolocations to supervise major construction projects of CAAB i.e. Runway Expansion, New Terminal & Apron construction etc. His such initiative has been highly applauded by all levels including the ICAO leadership. He has a great sense for the qualitative education. This was evident while he chaired the governing bodies of two BAF Colleges as Air Officer Commanding of BAF Bases. As CAAB Chair, he has patronized and made significant improvement of schools and colleges administered by CAAB. Another remarkable achievement during his tenure was the upgradation of Bangladesh Civil Aviation Training Centre into Bangladesh CA Academy and receiving the accreditation as an ICAO Trainer Plus Institution. In 2023, ICAO upgraded its category from BRONZE to **SILVER**. AVM Mafidur Rahman had been pursuing to upgrade it to **GOLD** Category by the end of 2024. Thanks to ICAO, Bangladesh has received the **GOLD** Category in 2025, which enables CAAB to conduct all kinds of ICAO approved training and courses in Bangladesh, thereby contributing in capacity building and upholding the country image to the global aviation community.



Corporate Experience

AVM Mafidur Rahman gained a wide range of corporate experiences by virtue of his appointment as CAAB Chairman. He held the position in the Board of Directors of BIMAN Bangladesh Airlines and Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL). Throughout the five years tenure as CAAB Chairman he immensely contributed to the expansion of Biman fleet, increasing of international routes and as a whole for the capacity building of the national flag carrier. As a Board member of BSL, he actively worked for the business development and improvement of services and to make the Hotel Intercontinental a profitable organization.