

# RETHINKING URBAN SPACES DHAKA AND BEYOND



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extending the existing apron for passenger aircraft. The cost of the project is Tk 78,15,61,000. Pavement area of the project is 38,857 square metres.

#### OSMANI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT SYLHET

**Strengthening of Runway and Taxiway:** In order that wide body aircraft like Boeing 777 can operate from Sylhet, the present runway and taxiway needs to be strengthened. The Government of Bangladesh is funding the project to strengthen 2,06,824 square metres of runway and taxiway at a cost of Tk 451,97,73,000. The project is likely to be completed by December 2018.

#### KHANJAHAN ALI AIRPORT AT BAGERHAT

**Airport Development:** In order to facilitate trade, tourism and industrialisation in the southern part of the country, GOB and CAAB have undertaken to develop the airport with passenger terminal (16,124 square feet), Pavement works (2,04,153 square metres), residential buildings and other safety services. The project is likely to cost Tk 544,75,00,000 and be completed by 2018.

#### COX'S BAZAAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

In order to facilitate tourism and relief operations after natural disasters, the GOB and CAAB has decided to make the Cox's Bazaar airport suitable for wide body aircraft operation at a cost of Tk 1193,32,40,000. For that, the following steps are being taken and the projects are likely to be completed by 2018.

**a. Terminal Building:** The building will have an area of 10,912 square metres; and the apron and taxiway will be 49,753 sq. meters.

**b. Extension and strengthening of runway and taxiway:** This will be the first phase of Cox's Bazaar Airport development. The area of extension and strengthening will be 197,000 square metres.

#### BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIB INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**Feasibility Study:** With the present

and planned expansions completed, the airport at Kurmitola can operate for about 25 years more. This is because the existing runway will not be sufficient to cope with increasing flights. Therefore, CAAB has undertaken a feasibility study by Nippon Koei Co. Ltd for a new airport. The study will identify a possible location, cost and other requirements. This study, costing Tk 136,75,00,000, is likely to be submitted in June 2018.

#### OTHER AIRPORTS

CAAB is also undertaking many projects to bring about an overall improvement in Barisal, Saidpur and Osmani International Airport, which are likely to be completed in 2018. Yooshin Engineering Corporation of S. Korea is extending its consultancy services.

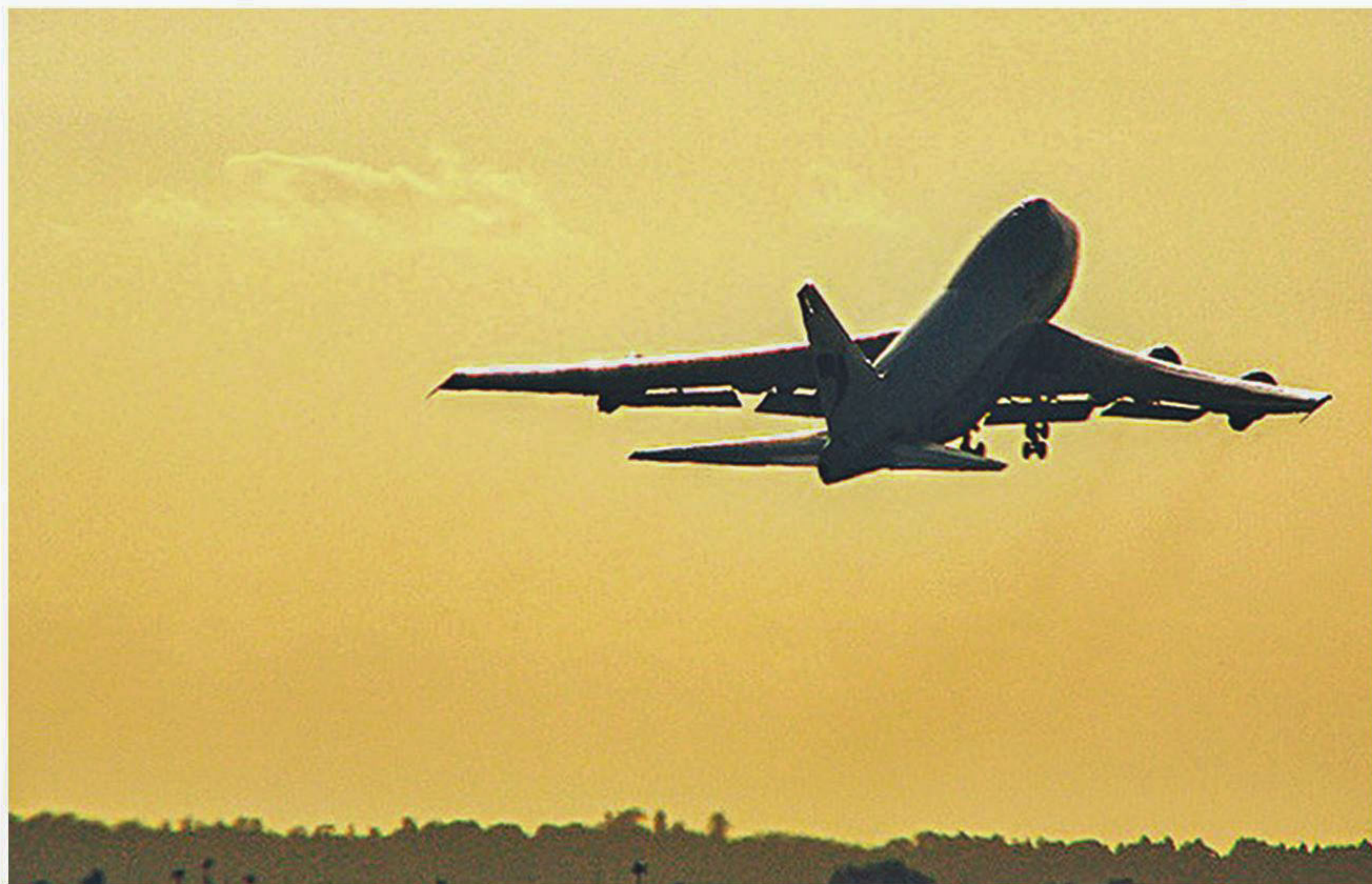
The problems inherent with the regulatory roles of the CAAB are complex. Although the problems are being

tackled on an *ad hoc* basis, a more permanent solution is essential. For that, a study should be taken up to reorganise the CAAB with new terms and conditions of service.

A vibrant civil aviation is not only good for job creation, but it has positive impact on the country's economy as a whole. For a safe and efficient aviation industry, a lot of infrastructure development and investment is required. This article has mentioned

some of the important on-going projects only.

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