



ROYAL BENGAL AIRLINE

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### **Bangladesh government welcomes Royal Bengal Airline with open arms.**

Royal Bengal Airline was welcomed with opened arms on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in a meeting held in Dhaka with Bangladesh's foreign affairs advisor, Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury.

Royal Bengal Airline was part of a group of delegates lead by Mohammed Monchab Ali JP of the Greater Sylhet Development & Welfare council of the UK. Royal Bengal Airline managing director Mohammed Shalim Rahman and other senior directors Shahidul Islam, Mizanur Rahman, Forhad Hussain were present at the meeting which also included high profile Bangladesh government officials.

The team will also meet with the President Dr. Iazuddin Ahmed, Chief Advisor Dr. Fakruddin Ahmed, Advisor to Foreign and Commonwealth Ministry, Chief Election Commissioner and the British High Commissioner in Dhaka.

Although Royal Bengal Airline was high on the agenda the delegates discussed the issues relating to British Bangladeshi Expatriates and Bangladeshi expatriates living across the Globe such as problems with Bangladesh Biman, harassments in Bangladeshi airports, forced occupation of expatriates properties, inward investment, personal safety and security, voting rights for expatriates and greater access to private sector investment in particular the banking, education and healthcare sectors.

The Bangladesh foreign affairs advisor, Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury said "the Bangladeshi government welcomes Royal Bengal Airline and gives them our full backing, we will help them in any way possible" he also expressed his delight that third and fourth generation British Bangladeshis were behind this venture. Mohammed Shalim Rahman said "I am proud of my young and energetic team and their hard work in London and in Bangladesh; we have a fine balance of youth and experience". The Royal Bengal Airline managing director also expressed his gratitude to the great hospitality of the Bangladeshi government and announced that "Royal Bengal Airline will be creating many employment opportunities in our mother land. We will train pilots, engineers, cabin crew and encourage the training of individuals in other aviation related roles".

The Royal Bengal Airline team also met with the British High Commission in Dhaka where they had several meetings with Stephen Bridges, the deputy high commissioner. Royal Bengal Airline strategic business plans were high on the agenda with the deputy high commissioner giving his full backing of the project and that he and the Bangladeshi government will do everything possible to help the inward investment programme and the success of Royal Bengal Airline.

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