PM to Inaugurate Cox's Bazar International Airport in October

Prime Minister Tarek Rahman. Photo: collected

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister M Rashiduzzaman Millat has said Cox's Bazar International Airport will be formally inaugurated in October, with Prime Minister Tarek Rahman scheduled to inaugurate the facility.

The minister made the disclosure on Monday (August 24) during a courtesy meeting with members of the Aviation and Tourism Journalists Forum of Bangladesh (ATJFB) at the Bangladesh Secretariat.

Millat said work to upgrade Cox's Bazar Airport to international standards is progressing. Following the inauguration, Biman Bangladesh Airlines as well as several foreign airlines are expected to operate international flights from the airport.

He said several foreign airlines have already expressed interest in operating direct international flights from Cox's Bazar, and initiatives are underway to coordinate with them and launch the services.

The minister also spoke about the third terminal at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, saying preparations are progressing with a target to make the terminal operational by December.

He added that an agreement with a Japanese consortium regarding the construction and operation of the third terminal is expected to be signed next month.

According to the minister, once the third terminal becomes operational, Shahjalal International Airport's capacity to handle passengers and flights will increase. It will also create greater opportunities to improve passenger services and ensure international-standard facilities.

During the courtesy meeting, ATJFB President Tanzim Anwar congratulated M Rashiduzzaman Millat on assuming office as the civil aviation and tourism minister. ATJFB General Secretary Baten Biplob and other members of the organization were also present.