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New International Airport in Bangladesh May Finally Begin Construction Process

The Bangladeshi government is slated to begin construction of the new Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib International Airport this year despite reports that no definitive site has been established for the airport.

Rashed Khan Menon, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister, announced in 2016 that airport construction would begin in 2018. According to news sources, over Tk 100 crore (\$12 million) has been [spent on feasibility studies for suitable areas](#) following a 2011 failed start on the project that resulted in [violent protests killing one police officer and injuring many other law enforcement officials and protesters](#). Another feasibility study has been ordered by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to avoid a similar situation.

Menon has been quoted to say that the new airport would [be crucial to meet the growing demands in both international travel and trade](#).



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