

Global Pilots on Air India 171 Preliminary Report

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MONTREAL - The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) has reviewed the Preliminary Report released July 11, 2025, by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) of India regarding the accident of Air India flight 171 that took place in Ahmedabad on June 12, 2025.

IFALPA again cautions against hasty conclusions published by the media and social media based on this report. As a reminder, a Preliminary Report is merely the means of communication used for the prompt dissemination of data obtained during the early stages of the investigation and only contains factual information and an indication of the progress of the investigation. In accordance with the provisions of ICAO Annex 13, such Reports are published within thirty days of the occurrence.

Whilst this preliminary Report by its very nature raises many questions, it does not provide answers, and any extrapolation of its content can only be regarded as guesswork, which is not helpful to the good conduct of the investigation. IFALPA also notes that the Report clearly states that no safety recommendations are being provided at this stage. The Federation remains committed to supporting the efforts of the AAIB of India as they work to determine the contributing factors of this accident.

IFALPA urges all parties to refrain from speculation, allow the investigation to run its full and proper course, and avoid drawing conclusions from preliminary information. The victims, including the families of the crew and passengers of Air India 171, deserve our collective professionalism while the full investigation is conducted.

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