
Global Pilots on Flydubai Incident

MONTREAL – The International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations (IFALPA) continues to monitor the developments related to the security incident that occurred onboard the Tel Aviv-bound flydubai Flight FZ1073 on September 30th, and which led to an emergency landing in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

IFALPA notes that this event has rightfully been taken extremely seriously by all the countries involved, with Saudi Arabia's National Transport Safety Center (NTSC) and the Ministry of Interior launching an air safety and security investigation, whilst the United Arab Emirates has categorized the incident as a terrorist attack, and opened a separate criminal and counter-terrorism investigation.

At this early stage, many critical questions remain unanswered, and IFALPA stresses that investigations must be conducted professionally and objectively, without speculation. All relevant facts must be gathered to ensure an accurate analysis of events.

Effective recommendations and mitigating measures designed to prevent the reoccurrence of such an event can only result from a combined effort by investigators, regulators, the aviation industry, and the community of pilots.

IFALPA will remain in close contact with our Member Associations in the Middle-East Region, and stand ready to provide relevant support, guidance, and coordination efforts.