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First British Airways flight lands in Lahore, its second destination in Pakistan

British Airways' first flight landed at the Allama Iqbal International Airport on Tuesday Oct 13. 'The first inaugural flight of British Airways flight BA-259 from London to Lahore with 194 passengers and 22 crew members arrived on Tuesday,' a CAA official told media. On arrival Airport Manager Akhtar Mirza, Deputy Airport Manager Anwar Zia, public relations officers SaadBinAyub and Iftikhar Ahmed Jan were among the officials of the CAA, ASF, SAPS and the British High Commission welcomed the passengers. A cake cutting ceremony was also held at CIP lounge to mark the resumption of the British Airways flight operation after several years. The government has granted permission for four flights a week to British Airways with the condition to review slots upon resumption of PIA flights to the UK.

British Airways began London Heathrow to Lahore on 12 October, its second destination in Pakistan after Islamabad.

The 6,328-kilometre route operates four-weekly using 214-seat B787-8s.

Despite Virgin Atlantic announcing the city first, British Airways pipped it to the post by starting it sooner.

Both full-service carriers have taken a strong interest in Pakistan following Pakistan International's ban from serving the EU.

Heathrow Lahore had 173,000 passengers last year, booking data from OAG Traffic Analyser indicates. It was down by 3% YOY.

The Pakistani city is a smaller market from Heathrow than Islamabad (244,000), but it is bigger than Karachi (113,000).

Qatar Airways and Emirates were by



British Airways began Heathrow-Lahore two months ahead of Virgin Atlantic, despite the latter announcing it first.

far the most important sixth freedom operators between the capital of Pakistan's Punjab and Heathrow in 2019. They were followed by Etihad, Gulf Air, and Turkish Airlines.

In terms of non-stop seats, Lahore to the UK had 176,000 last year down from a high of 304,000 in 2014. Heathrow, meanwhile, had 106,000.



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Saudia fined, ordered to compensate passenger over faulty services

A consumer court recently imposed a fine of Rs25,000 on Saudia airlines and directed its management to pay damages of Rs90,000 to a passenger for providing faulty services.

Judge Mukesh Kumar Talreja of the Consumer Protection Court Karachi (South) also ordered the management of the airline to pay Rs175,000 in compensation to the claimant.

The court ordered the national flag carrier of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to improve its services.

These directives came on a complaint filed by Mehmood Ali, who took the airline to court through its senior vice manager of Pakistan over faulty services provided by the carrier.

The complainant planned to perform Umrah in Saudi Arabia along with his family (his wife and two children) and for that purpose he, being a government forest officer, obtained a no-objection certificate from his parent department.

The complainant purchased four tickets on Sept 14, 2019 from the airline for Sept 17, 2019 through his travel agent.

However, due to visa policy of Saudi government they could not get visa and changed their reservations to another date ie Oct 4, 2019 for which they were charged cancellation charges of Rs59,912.

The complainant's counsel Masood Ahmed Janjua submitted that four tickets having confirmation number were reserved for Oct 4, 2019 for Saudia flight SV-701 having departure time at 09.45am from Karachi and its arrival at 11.40am at Jeddah.

However, suddenly six days prior to the scheduled flight, the flight was cancelled by the airline and the complainant's reservations were changed to another flight (SV-705) which had departure time in the night hours of Oct 4, 2019 whereas its arrival time was on Oct 5 at 12.05am.

The counsel submitted that as per Saudi government's Umrah policy it is mandatory to have confirmed non-returnable and non-changeable hotel and transportation booking before getting visa.

The airline was well aware of the facts even though they without any timely notice changed the flight timings, he argued.

The counsel submitted that the complainant's reservation of hotel and

transport started from Oct 4 as per schedule and due to the change his hotel and transport bookings got disturbed.

The counsel contended that his client suffered from severe stress, agony and mental infliction for this cancellation of flight without any reason and he had to check in and check out from hotel twice and paid extra charges for hotel accommodation and transportation.

He also emailed the airline, to which they did not reply.

The complainant asked the court to order the airline to pay Rs175,000 on account of financial losses suffered by him.

He asked the court to order the airline to pay Rs175,000 damages along with Rs55,000 professional fee charged by his lawyer.

Saudia through its counsel Mohammad Ameen Khan denied the allegations.

The counsel for the travel agent contended that the confirmed booked tickets were non-refundable and non-changeable as per required visa policy of Saudi Arabia, which forces its customers to purchase non-refundable and non-changeable air tickets, adding that it is prerequisite to obtain Umrah visa to have confirmed hotel accommodation and transportation facilities which are non-refundable and non-changeable.

The judge quantified the damages for suffering mental agony, torture and emotional distress as Rs175,000 as requested by the claimant and ordered the same to be paid to the claimant by the airline.

The judge ordered the airline to pay the complainant Rs90,000 against economic losses.

The court also directed the airline to improve its services and directed to pay Rs25,000 in fine to government treasury.

Gulf Air revised service charge "YR" to/from its network

Gulf Air will revise the current Service Charge "YR" on all passenger tickets for travel originating ex GF

network as from 15 November 2020, subject to the following conditions: The amount of surcharge is USD 7.00 (or local currency equivalent) per sector (transfer (nostopover) included). The Service Charge "YR" applicable to all GF tickets issued on/after 15 November 2020 for travel to/from GF network. The surcharge must be collected and shown as a "YR" in the Tax/Fee/Charge (TFC) Box on the ticket and must be collected at point of sale. The surcharge is not commissionable and shall accrue to GF. Applicable to all GF tickets issued on/after 15 November 2020 for travel on/after 15 November 2020 originating anywhere to/from GF network, (including PTA's for tickets for travel to/from GF network), all classes, all fare types (including normal, special, published, unpublished, market, ID/AD).

PIA to operate Manchester and London flights

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has made special arrangements for the convenience of its passengers and will operate flights to London and Manchester from October 30, 2020, a statement issued by the national flag carrier said on Saturday, October 17. The airline will operate state-of-the-art aircraft with in-flight entertainment availability, spacious flatbed business class seats, and comfortable economy seats with improved food menu and taste, it added. Initially, the flights will be operated on Islamabad-London, Lahore-London and Islamabad-Manchester routes. The bookings on these flights had already been started. PIA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Air Marshal Arshad Malik, sharing his views on the finalisation of flight arrangements, instructed the officials concerned to provide best services to the passengers of these flights, as well as all PIA flights. It is expected that more passengers will avail our flights on these sectors, as latest aircraft with enhanced services are being used for these sectors.

IATA says airline cost-cutting not enough to save jobs and millions at risk of unemployment



In January and February, Changi Airport in Singapore was full of passengers. Now a lone student waits to say goodbye to a friend in a nearly deserted departure hall.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) presented new analysis on Tuesday (27 October) during a media conference call that it said shows the airline industry cannot cut costs enough to avoid burning through cash and save aviation employees as well as hold off more bankruptcies next year. IATA reiterated its call for government relief measures to help airlines financially and avoid mass firings. The association also reiterated its call for pre-flight COVID-19 testing to open borders and enable travel without quarantines.

Airlines like Singapore Air have had to ground thousands of planes. (PHOTO: Steve Strike/Outback Photographics)

Total industry revenues in 2021 are expected to be down 46 percent compared to the 2019 figure of US\$838 billion, IATA said. The previous analysis was for

2021 revenues to be down around 29 percent compared to 2019. This was based on expectations for a demand recovery commencing in the fourth quarter of 2020. Recovery has been delayed however, owing to new COVID-19 outbreaks, and government mandated travel restrictions including border closings and quarantine measures. IATA expects full year 2020 traffic to be down 66 percent compared to 2019, with December demand down 68 percent.

IATA Director General Alexandre de Juniac (centre) and other IATA officials. (PHOTO: IATA)

“The fourth quarter of 2020 will be extremely difficult and there is little indication the first half of 2021 will be significantly better, so long as borders remain closed and/or arrival quarantines remain in place,” said Alexandre de Juniac, IATA’s director general and CEO. “Without additional government financial relief, the median airline has just 8.5 months of cash remaining at current burn rates. And we can’t cut costs fast enough to catch up with shrunken revenues.”

Although airlines have taken drastic steps to reduce costs, around 50 percent of airlines’ costs are fixed or semi-fixed, at least in the short-term. The result is that costs have not fallen as fast as revenues. For example, the year-on-year decline in operating costs for the second quarter was 48 percent compared with a 73 percent decline in operating revenues, based on a sample of 76 airlines, IATA said.

While IATA officials said they are not advocating specific workforce reductions, maintaining last year’s level of labour productivity (ASKs/employee), would require employment to be cut 40 percent. Further jobs losses or pay cuts would be required to bring unit labour costs down to the lowest point of recent years, a reduction of 52 percent from 2020 Q3 levels. Even if that unprecedented reduction in labour costs were to be achieved, total costs will still be higher than revenues in 2021, and airlines will continue to burn through cash.

“There is little good news on the cost front in 2021. Even if we maximise our



cost-cutting, we still won’t have a financially sustainable industry in 2021,” said de Juniac. “The handwriting is on the wall. For each day that the crisis continues, the potential for job losses and economic devastation grows. Unless governments act fast, some 1.3 million airline jobs are at risk. And that would have a domino effect putting 3.5 million additional jobs in the aviation sector in jeopardy along with a total of 46 million people in the broader economy whose jobs are supported by aviation. Moreover, the loss of aviation connectivity will have a dramatic impact on global GDP, threatening US\$1.8 trillion in economic activity. Governments must take firm action to avert this impending economic and labour catastrophe. They must step forward with additional financial relief measures. And they must use systematic COVID-19 testing to safely re-open borders without quarantine,” said de Juniac.



Dubai to introduce facial recognition system on public transport

Dubai is introducing a facial recognition system on public transport to beef up security, officials said on Sunday Oct 25, as the emirate prepares to host the global Expo exhibition. 'This technology has proven its effectiveness to identify suspicious and wanted people,' said Obaldal Hathboor, director of Dubai's Transport Security Department. The emirate already operates a biometric system using facial recognition at its international airport. Dubai, which sees itself as a lead-ing 'smart city' in the Middle East, has ambitions to become a hub for technology and artificial intelligence. Both sectors will be on show when it opens the multi-billion-dollar Expo fair. 'We aspire to raise our performance by building on our current capabilities, to ensure a high level of security in metro stations and other transport sectors,' said Hathboor. Earlier this week, under the watch of Dubai's Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, the city's police used facial recognition in a simulated scenario to identify gunmen launching an attack on a metro station. A special police unit, trained in the United States, helped 'evacuate' commuters from the station in the mock attack, before working in tandem with a control centre to apprehend the suspects. Members of the special unit will be sent to major metro stations during Expo 2020. The six-month event was delayed by one year due to coronavirus, and is now set to open in October 2020.

Emirates SkyCargo to set largest cargo hub for COVID-19 vaccine

Emirates SkyCargo considers reopening its SkyCentral terminal based at Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), Dubai. The carrier plans to set up the world's first cargo hub dedicated for potential COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Emirates SkyCargo considers to reopen its Emirates SkyCentral cargo terminal at Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), announced the carrier in a press release on October 22, 2020. In order to consolidate cargo operations and reduce costs, the company has temporarily suspended all operations at the DWC hub since April 1, 2020.

The air cargo carrier plans to set the SkyCentral hub as the largest airside facility for cold chain storage and allocation point for the COVID-19 vaccine. According to Emirates SkyCargo release, the hub would enable the carrier to transport vaccines from manufacturing sites all over the world as well as to store them and prepare shipments for further distribution.

Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, the Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Group, said that the company had proper infrastructure and logistics connections as well as an appropriate geographic location for fluent vaccine storage and transportation.

"Over the years, through our continuous investment in capabilities and processes for the transport of temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals, Emirates SkyCargo has managed to position Dubai amongst major global pharmaceutical customers as the year-round preferred point of transit for their valuable cargo.

Setting up a dedicated airside hub for COVID-19 vaccines is a keystone project harnessing our network, reach and competencies to positively impact the lives of people around the world," said Saeed Al Maktoum in a press release.

Emirates SkyCargo announced that the SkyCentral hub at DWC has over 4,000 square meters of temperature-controlled GDP certified dedicated pharma storage area which would enable the company to store the vaccine in large quantities. The air carrier also stated that the facility is equipped with all necessary technologies to hold "10 million vials of vaccine at a 2-8 degrees Celsius temperature range at any one point of time".

PIA cuts salaries, benefits of privileged employees

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has decided to cut the salaries and benefits of 450 pilots, 400 engineers and 27 finance department officials in a move geared at balancing the airline's more privileged class allowances and benefits with those of other employees. The head of PIA's human resources department issued a notification regarding the reduction in benefits recently. According to the notification, captains will be paid a 50-hour guarantee allowance instead of 75 hours. Previously, pilots were paid the guaranteed 75-hour allowance even if they did not fly. The PIA said the allowance will now only be paid after completing 50 flying hours a month. Applications for illness for more than five days at a time will not be acceptable without a medical board. Higher salaries and privileges for privileged engineers and employees attached to the finance department have also been integrated. The notification said concessions were cut in the wake of the financial crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic. PIA spokesperson Abdullah Hafeez Khan said that many PIA employees had had a long standing demand for equal concessions. He said the privileged and higher paid employees had gradually increased their privileged due to their power. Many PIA employees were uneasy about government audits and Supreme Court orders were also cited in this regard. He said that there are 450 pilots, 400 engineers and 27 finance department officials who will be affected by the reduction in salaries and benefits, but cabin crew are not among them.





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PIA's former MD Haroon arrested for 'illegal' hiring

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) recently arrested former managing director (MD) of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and a senior officer on charges of illegal appointment of a Pakistani American to a senior position at the national flag carrier at a huge salary package in violation of human resource department rules, according to officials.

The FIA's Corporate Crime Circle, Karachi arrested former PIA MD Aijaz Haroon and former Human Resource director Mohammad Haneef Pathan, said FIA Deputy Director Abdur Rauf Shaikh.

The officer said the FIA had registered an FIR against the two suspects on charges of illegal appointment of Salim Sayani as deputy managing director (DMD) in PIA in 2009 in "clear violation of PIA HR rules". Mr Sayani has also been booked in the case.

The FIA officer said the DMD had been appointed on a monthly salary of \$20,000 along with other perks and privileges that caused huge loss to the national exchequer.

Sharing details of the perks and privileges, the officer said apart from the salary in US dollars, he was allowed to stay at a five-star hotel for three months and his family was also provided accommodation in Dubai on PIA's expense.

Mr Shaikh said that one such illegal appointment of Mr Sayani in PIA for a period of two years caused a loss between Rs200 million and Rs250 million to the national exchequer.

The arrests were made after an initial inquiry that traced violations of regulations for the appointment of deputy managing director of the national flag carrier. Nor any advertisement was published in newspapers before the appointment nor other candidates were invited to complete the hiring process in accordance with PIA rules. The inquiry also revealed that the human resource department failed to adopt any procedure to ascertain market-based salary.

According to the FIA, the appointment of Mr Sayani was made in

clear violation of PIA Act 1956, and even the approval of the then federal government was not obtained for the appointment as per record.

Last year, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) had arrested Mr Haroon, the former managing director of the national carrier, who was also chairman of the 'Overseas Cooperative Society', for allegedly selling a dozen of plots to fake allottees. He allegedly used fake bank accounts to launder Rs144m for Omni Group, according to the bureau.

PIA to continue functioning under essential services law

The federal government on Wednesday Oct. 28 extended the enforcement of the Essential Services Act, 1952 for a period of six months in the Pakistan International Airlines Company Limited (PIACL) to maintain smooth functioning of its flight operations, public safety and welfare of people.

A PIA spokesman said the aim to extend the Essential Services Act was to overcome difficulties being faced by the national flag carrier and to continue its flight operation uninterrupted during Covid-19.

He said the act will remain effective for a period of six months from Oct 28, 2020.

A notification issued by the Ministry of Interior said the federal government was of the opinion that employment in the PIACL was essential for maintenance of smooth functioning of flight operations, public safety and welfare.

"Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Pakistan Essential Services Act 1952, the federal government is pleased to declare all classes of employment in the Pakistan International Airlines Company Limited to be the classes of employment to which the said act shall apply for a period of six months with effect from October 28, 2020."

Offences under the Act include disobeying any lawful order given in the course of such employment or attempts to persuade any person to disobey any such order or without reasonable excuse abandon such employment or absent himself from work or refuses to work or to continue to work, whether or not acting in combination with or under a common

understanding of any other person engaged in such employment or departs from any area specified in an order under section of the Act without the consent of the authority making that order. Similarly, whoever instigates or incites any person engaged in any employment or class of employment, to which the Act applies, to commit an offence shall be deemed to have committed that offence.

Penalties

Under the Essential Services Act, any person found guilty of an offence under the act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term that may extend to one year and shall also be liable to fine.

In a letter to its employees, the PIA advised them to refrain from indulging in any activity that may tantamount to an offence under the said Act, failing which they become liable to prosecution in a court of law, besides disciplinary action under the PIACL rules.

Earlier on April 29, the federal government had implemented The Pakistan Essential Services (maintenance) Act, 1952 for a period of six months in order to "ensure uninterrupted operation of rescue, evacuation and repatriation of Pakistanis and other foreigners stranded in different countries" in the wake of coronavirus outbreak.

After the government implemented the said Act in April, the PIA said that in order to ensure uninterrupted and continual operation of rescue, evacuation and repatriation efforts, the PIACL services had been put under the Essential Services (Maintenance) Act 1952, with immediate effect and for a period of six months by the government.

It was hoped that through the implementation of this act, the departments and employees of the company would generate greater synergy in achieving the objective of complete repatriation of stranded Pakistanis across the world and the company would contribute positively to this National Service, which was a gigantic task considering the number of expatriate Pakistanis stranded abroad.

Demand for employees' rights

Meanwhile, the general secretary of the PIA officers association, Safdar Anjum, said in a tweet that expansion of Essential Services Act in PIA was a manifestation of the cruel thinking of the present deputation administration.

"No organisation can thrive by constantly harassing employees. PIA is a commercial institution, which does not work by gun force."

The PIA officers association general secretary demanded that the Act be immediately withdrawn and the basic rights of PIA employees be restored.

American Airlines posts \$2.4 billion net loss, cuts cash burn

American Airlines Group, the holding company of American Airlines (AIG) (AAL) (AA), announced a \$2.4 billion loss in Q3 2020, compared to a \$425 million profit it made in 2019.

Despite the fact that the airline kept doing “a remarkable job taking care of the customers,” according to the chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of American Airlines Doug Parker, the times remain challenging. Parker highlighted the negative financial impact of the crisis, which resulted in the airline posting a two billion loss in the quarter.

According to the financial report of Q3 2020, AA's revenue dropped by 73% to \$3.17 billion in comparison to \$11.9 billion in the same period of 2019. The CEO of American Airlines (AIG) (AAL) commented that in order to preserve cash, the carrier had started an aggressive cost reduction program that resulted in removing up to \$17 billion from the airline's operating and capital expenses budgets for 2020.

“We have a long road ahead and our team remains fully engaged and focused not just on managing through the pandemic, but on making sure we are prepared for when demand returns. We are confident that the continued efforts of our team and the actions we have taken will drive customer confidence and strengthen our company for the future,” stated Parker on October 22, 2020.

American Airlines (AIG) (AAL) sent more than 150 of its aircraft into early retirement. After removing its Boeing 757s, Boeing 767s, Embraer E190s, Airbus A330-300s and Bombardier CRJ-200s from the fleet, the airline also decided to retire all of its 15 Airbus A330-200 planes.

In addition to the measures taken, the

company also cut its cash burn by reducing the non-aircraft capital expenses. Meanwhile, the airline rejected all its plans

IATA data reveals slowdown in aviation recovery

Figures from the International Air Transport Association have confirmed that passenger demand in September remained highly depressed.

Total demand (measured in revenue passenger kilometres or RPKs) was 73 per cent below September 2019 levels.

This is only a slightly improvement over the 75 per cent year-to-year decline recorded in August.

Capacity was down 63 per cent compared to a year ago and load factor fell 22 percentage points to 60 per cent.

International passenger demand in September plunged 89 per cent compared to September 2019, basically unchanged from the 88.5 per cent decline recorded in August.

Capacity plummeted 79 per cent, and load factor withered 38 percentage points to 43 per cent.

Domestic demand in September was down 43 per cent compared to the previous year, improved from a 51 per cent decline in August.

Compared to 2019, capacity fell by a third and the load factor dropped 12 percentage points to 70 per cent.

“We have hit a wall in the industry's recovery.

“A resurgence in Covid-19 outbreaks - particularly in Europe and the US - combined with governments' reliance on the blunt instrument of quarantine in the

of ground service equipment purchases as well as suspended all non-critical investments.

Earlier in October 2020, American Airlines (AIG) (AAL) began furloughing its 19,000 employees after the \$25 billion state-backed CARES Act for the crippled airline industry expired.

absence of globally aligned testing regimes, has halted momentum toward re-opening borders to travel.

“Although domestic markets are doing better, this is primarily owing to improvements in China and Russia.

“And domestic traffic represents just a bit more than a third of total traffic, so it is not enough to sustain a general recovery,” said Alexandre de Juniac, IATA director general.

Thai Airways have listed 34 used passenger aircraft for sale



The airline is invites people to participate in the Bidding Process for the sale of THAI's Used Aircraft. The aircraft for sale include: A300-600, B737s, B747s, A340s, and B777s.

Aircraft & Engine Type	Unit (s)	MSN	YR	Condition	Expected Delivery
A300-600	1	881	1981	As is	Q1/21
747-400	2	26013, 26014	1982/1982	As is	Q1/21
CFM56-3C1					
A340-300	3	624, 618, 775	2001-2007	As is	Q1/21
8211 TRNT 532					
A340-600	6	677, 681, 688, 710, 718, 912	2001-2008	As is	Q2/21
8211 TRNT 556					
B747-400	10	26620, 26616, 27724, 27725, 28701, 28706, 32369, 32370, 32770, 32771	1993-2003	As is	Q2/21
CF6-80C2-31F					
B777-300	6	27756, 27727, 27728, 27729, 27730, 27731	1994-1998	As is	Q2/21
8211 TRNT 875					
B777-300	6	25150, 25151, 25211, 25212, 25213, 25214	1998-2000	As is	Q2/21
8211 TRNT 882					

All Aircraft data is subject to be verified/revised as necessary.

Available for delivery from early 2021, these Boeing 747s were manufactured between 1993 and 2003.





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Qatar Airways took delivery of three brand new Airbus A350- 1000s via the UK

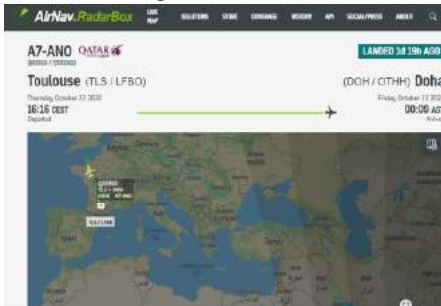


Qatar Airways confirmed that it had taken delivery of three Airbus A350-1000s on Thursday. However, the aircraft did not travel directly from Toulouse, France to Hamad International Airport, Doha.

These A350s until heading east slightly south of London and towards Doha, they followed a little side trip through the English Channel.

These three brand new Airbus A350-1000s, registered as A7-ANO, A7-ANQ, and A7-ANR, is leased to the Gulf carrier by an unspecified leasing company.

Therefore, the plane needed to gain some time in British airspace for specific financial issues to still be in place. After spending few minutes these A350s flew to Doha in Qatar with all documentation and the nominal logistical run done.



The A350-1000s took off from Toulouse as Flight QR3350, QR3351, and QR3358 with scheduled one-hour intervals, starting at 16:00.

In a press release, Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, said:

“Qatar Airways is one of the few global airlines to have never stopped

flying throughout this crisis. As one of the only airlines to continue taking delivery of new aircraft at this time, our strategic investment in modern, fuel-efficient twin-engine aircraft has enabled us to continue flying taking over 2.3 million people home on more than 37,000 flights since the start of the pandemic.”

With these latest additions, Qatar Airways now has 52 Airbus A350s in its fleet.

Qatar Airways receives three more Airbus A350-1000



Qatar Airways announced that it has taken delivery of three additional Airbus A350-1000 aircraft. They will be deployed on long-haul routes to Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, and Europe.

The carrier is the largest operator of Airbus A350 aircraft with a fleet of 52 aircraft, including this delivery. “As one of the only airlines to continue taking delivery of new aircraft at this time, our strategic investment in modern, fuel-efficient twin-engine aircraft has enabled us to continue flying, taking over 2.3 million people home on more than 37,000 flights since the start of the pandemic,” Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said.

Qatar Airways found out that the A380 emitted over 80% more CO2 per block hour than the A350 on the routes it services. “Due to COVID-19’s impact on travel demand, we will continue to fly greener and smarter by keeping our fleet of Airbus A380 grounded, as it is not commercially or environmentally justifiable to operate such a large aircraft in the current market,” Al Baker commented.

With Qatar Airways expecting to keep the Airbus A380 grounded for at least two years due to low demand, the carrier

prefers to operate the Airbus A350 and the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, two more efficient alternatives for the long-haul market. “Until passenger demand recovers to appropriate levels, Qatar Airways will continue to keep its A380 aircraft grounded, ensuring it only operates commercially and environmentally responsible aircraft,” the carrier said.

Qatar Airways could keep its A380 grounded for two more years Akbar Al Baker, Qatar Airways CEO, said a return to service of the Airbus A380 would be unlikely for at least two years, as he did not expect demand to recover in that timeframe.

Qatar Airlines fined for violating SOPs

The government of Pakistan has imposed a fine of Rs100,000 on Qatar Airways for violating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for prevention of Covid-19 on its flight.

Aviation Division spokesman Abdul Sattar Khokhar in a press release said the government had taken serious notice of the violation which had put the health and safety of the passengers as well as personnel working at the airport at risk.

He said the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) imposed a fine of Rs100,000 on the Qatar Airways.

The airline shall also be responsible for all expenses incurred on the testing of Covid-19 and quarantine of the passengers and the staff, he said.

He said one of the passengers with a positive Covid-19 test report had travelled on the Qatar Airways flight to Islamabad.

The CAA has already directed the airlines operating flights to and from Pakistan to ensure compliance with the SOPs that have been devised and implemented to protect passengers from contracting the virus.

Meanwhile, Aviation Minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan chaired a meeting regarding outsourcing of major airports, aviation division, the spokesman said.

Mr Khan was informed that as per directions of the cabinet, an audit firm shall be hired in the initial phase to carry forward the process in accordance with the best international practices.

The minister for privatisation, adviser to the prime minister for institutional reforms and austerity, the Board of Investment chairman and aviation secretary were also present in the meeting.

First Emirati passenger flight lands in Israel

The first ever passenger flight from the United Arab Emirates to Israel landed near Tel Aviv on Monday Oct-19, a month after the countries signed an agreement normalising ties.

Ethihad Airways flight EY 9607 from Abu Dhabi landed at Ben Gurion airport early in the morning with only crew on board, a spokeswoman for the Israel Airports Authority said.

The plane picked up Israeli tourism professionals, who would be flying to the UAE for a two-day visit organised by Israeli company Maman Group, the spokeswoman said. The UAE carrier said it had made "history".

"Etihad has become the first Gulf airline to operate a passenger flight to Israel. And this is only the beginning," the airline said on Twitter.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the inaugural flight "a great thing".

"We are making historic changes here," he told a meeting of his Likud

party.

Etihad planes had landed at Ben Gurion with medical supplies in May and June to help the Palestinians tackle the coronavirus pandemic.

The Palestinians, who oppose the agreement Israel forged with the UAE, refused to receive the aid.

In August, Israel and the UAE announced that they had reached a US-brokered deal to normalise ties, following years of discreet economic and security cooperation.

Israel's parliament, the Knesset, ratified the UAE deal recently.

The UAE and Israel were due to sign an agreement authorising 28 weekly commercial flights between the countries, a transportation ministry official said.

In Manama, Israel and Bahrain signed a deal to establish relations, formalising a deal agreed at the White House last month.

The UAE and Bahrain are only the third and fourth Arab states to normalise ties with Israel, following

Israel's 1979 peace deal with Egypt and a 1994 pact with Jordan.

On Monday Oct-19, the Emirati and Bahraini governments ratified the normalisation agreements with Israel, according to the two countries' state news agencies.

Netanyahu visited the Israeli Mediterranean port of Haifa where a cargo ship from the UAE was moored.

"This is the second visit to Israel of a ship from Dubai that has anchored in Haifa port," he said in a statement after boarding the vessel.

"I asked what is in the containers and they explained to me washing machines," he said.

"Everything that arrives here simply lowers the cost of living and every citizen of Israel will feel the impact of it." The first cargo ship from the Emirates docked in Haifa a week ago carrying electronics and other goods and a port spokesman said that such arrivals were expected to become a weekly occurrence.

After peace treaty, flydubai launches flights to Israel

In the wake of the historical Peace Agreement, United Arab Emirates and Israeli citizens are finally able to travel to each other's countries without applying for a visa. Flydubai announced the launch of regular flights between Dubai International (DXB) and Tel Aviv Ben Gurion (TLV) airports.

Dubai state owned airline flydubai will start the flights on November 26, 2020. There will be a twice-daily route with a total of 14 flights a week. The economy class fares will be starting from \$360 and business class from \$1,600.

The airline said that travelers would be able to use these flights not only for visiting Israel but also for stopovers on the way to Indian Ocean, Far East and Africa.

"Following the recent bilateral agreement, the start of scheduled flights will contribute to economic development and create further opportunities for investment in pursuit of our shared



interests and values," said flydubai CEO Ghaith Al Ghaith.

The US assisted the Abraham Accords peace deal between UAE and Israel. "The Parties acknowledge the importance of ensuring regular direct flights between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, for passengers and cargo, as an essential means for developing and promoting their relations", stated the treaty.

On October 19, 2020, Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways operated the first

passenger flight to Tel Aviv. It brought Israeli delegation to the UAE capital for a visit. El Al Israel Airlines, the country's biggest carrier, has also operated flights carrying official delegations.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that more countries are seeking to normalize ties with Israel and put the Palestinian issue behind. However, Saudi Arabia said it will not follow UAE's example for diplomatic relationships without a resolution to a Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

New ACI-ICAO Airport Safety professional qualification programme launched

Airports Council International (ACI) World and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) have recently launched a new global qualification programme for airport safety professionals and civil aviation regulators.

The ACI/ICAO Airport Safety Professional (ASP) programme is the first and only joint professional aviation programme of its kind and will help to support global airport industry recovery by assisting airports to align safety practices with ICAO.

Designed by industry leaders from both organizations, it validates an individual's dedication and expertise by promoting professional excellence in the field of airport airside operations. Graduates will be able to use the industry designation of ASP which is a welcomed addition to the global ACI-ICAO International Airport Professional management designation of IAP.

"The safety of our passengers and collaborators is our number one priority, and this new programme promotes ACI's leading practices alongside ICAO industry safety standards and recommended practices giving students an invaluable/extensive learning experience," ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira said. "This programme was developed through our strong relationship with ICAO and our joint efforts to offer only the highest quality of training in the industry. Partnerships like this, forged with our global partners, are key in promoting the development of the entire aviation ecosystem and providing the skills and expertise need to carry the industry through recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic."

"The successful recovery and resumption of global air transport operations relies significantly on the technical and managerial skills of airport safety professionals and airport civil aviation regulators, and on their capacity to innovate in the face of the many challenges now confronting our sector and the societies and industries it serves", remarked ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu.

"This new ICAO-ACI initiative will help assure we maintain a safe, secure, and efficient aviation system supporting both current essential air cargo and other services, and pandemic air transport recovery more generally."

The new ASP, while the first in the area of safety, is the second successful initiative jointly offered by ICAO and ACI. The Global ICAO-ACI Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme (AMPAP) was first introduced in 2007 and has since recognized more than 1,000 International Airport Professionals (IAPs) globally.

To be accredited as an Airport Safety Professional and awarded the ASP designation, candidates must pass the online validation exam within one year after successfully completing the required mandatory courses and elective course. The mandatory and elective courses must be completed within a three-year timeframe.

Each course is delivered exclusively by certified ICAO and ACI instructors and based on ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and ACI industry best practices.

The pilot programme took place in Brazil, with several others already lined up. While initially delivered in English, ACI and ICAO plan to expand the number of languages offered for each course using global and local case studies.

Gulf Air offers Boutique Fares

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PIA losses decline 5pc to Rs 39.9bn



Pakistan International Airlines Corporation Ltd (PIA) announced unconsolidated loss for the nine months ended Sept 30 at Rs39.9 billion and loss per share at Rs7.61 for "A" class shares and Rs3.81 for "B" class shares.

The loss for the period decreased from Rs42.0bn and LPS at Rs8.02 and Rs4.01 for the nine months of the previous year. The PIA's revenue dropped to Rs74.4bn, from Rs107.3bn earned in the same period last year. The company made a gross loss of Rs71 million against gross profit of Rs4.71bn same time last year.

Loss from operations also surged to Rs8.7bn from Rs4.9bn. Exchange loss declined to Rs7.6bn from Rs11.7bn while finance costs also showed minor drop to Rs23.6bn from Rs25.0bn.

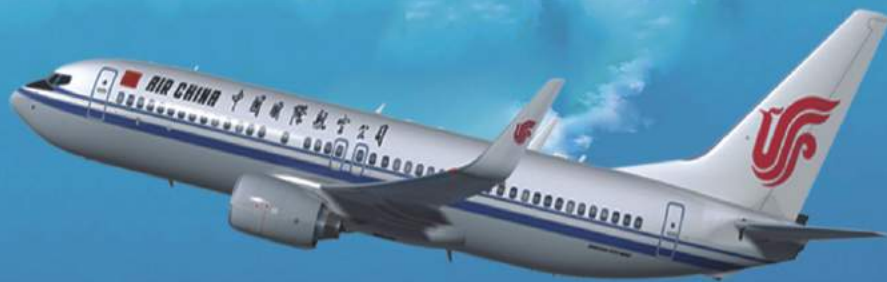
Zong tests 5G voice and video

Zong 4G announced that it has successfully placed what it said was the first 5G NSA call between Beijing and Islamabad in collaboration with Beijing Mobile on Thursday.

Minister of IT & Telecom Syed Amin Ul Haque experienced the 5G call in person. "We congratulate Zong on placing the country's very first international 5G call to Beijing," said Haque. "We're pleased how Zong is helping Pakistan enter the era of future ICT technologies including 5G. It's through disruptive measures like these that we can live the dream of Digital Pakistan and reduce the inclusion gaps."



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CA946	伊斯兰堡-卡拉奇-北京 Islamabad-Karachi-Beijing	20:30-00:05-09:10	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	A330-200



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Berlin's much-delayed new airport welcomes first flights

Berlin's new international airport officially opened on Saturday Oct 31 nine years late, massively over-budget and in the middle of a virus-induced air transport crisis.

The first flights operated by low-cost pioneer EasyJet and German national carrier Lufthansa touched down at Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) around 2pm after flying in from nearby Tegel Airport and Munich respectively. Many Germans had almost given up on the airport after years of delays and spiralling costs which saw the facility finally open nine years late.

When it did, there was little fanfare given the deep crisis the aviation industry is going through amid the global coronavirus pandemic which has decimated travel demand.

As a result, "We will simply open, we will not have a party," Engelbert Luetke Daldrup, president of the airport's management company, had said beforehand.

Edging further away from any feeling of celebration, climate

demonstrators marched on the building to show their opposition to the new facility.

Some brandished a banner reading "BER?: Take off! A crash flight into the climate crisis." The new airport was meant to celebrate German reunification but became mired in years of delays, scandals and false steps, as well as the added complications wrought by Covid-19.

It is designed to replace ageing Tegel, along with Schoenefeld, which is next door.

The opening is nonetheless a watershed moment for the project, intended as a symbol of German unity and engineering prowess after the country came together after being divided for



nearly half a century.

Economy Minister Peter Altmaier spoke Friday of his "joy and happiness" at the airport finally being able to open.

"It weighed on all of us that there were no prospects of (the airport) getting up and running for many years," he said. "We are obviously glad that it is now possible."

Since construction began in 2006, the project has been dogged by one failure after another that turned it into a financial black hole and a national laughing stock.

PIA sacks 23 more employees

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has dismissed 23 employees for possessing fake academic certificates, taking bribes, indulging in smuggling and stealing official record and exonerated 10 others after completing the due process.

PIA spokesman Abdullah Khan said recently that action had been taken in accordance with the airline's rules and regulations.

He said the process of accountability was going on without any pressure and it would not stop.

Mr Khan said the number of employees dismissed from service so far had crossed the figure of 700 as the process of reforms and accountability in the airline was moving forward.

According to the airline's human resource department, the PIA management initiated action against 38 employees in October this year.

The total number of staffers shown the door tops 700

"Discipline is the most important aspect of any organisation as it binds the employees and motivates them to follow the rules and regulations. It ensures that individuals maintain harmony at the workplace and work as a team to achieve organisational goals.

"Discipline is in fact the lifeline of an organisation. It is, therefore, important to

appreciate hardworking and dedicated employees and punish defaulters found guilty after transparent and unbiased inquiries as per law," the department said.

The PIA spokesman said the national flag carrier had fired five employees for having fake academic credentials and six on charges of long absence from duty without notice.

He said another employee was dismissed for illegally disclosing official information, while two others were sacked for committing corruption and embezzlement. Three employees were dismissed for involvement in an illegal/immoral act of omission.

An employee was dismissed for doing smuggling, while five were sacked for stealing and destroying official records, he added.

PIA has demoted three employees for non-compliance of orders and reduced salaries of five others for violating standard operating procedures.

The spokesman said letters of displeasure had been issued to seven employees, while 10 workers have been found innocent.

Abdullah Khan said the management had also issued certificates of appreciation to 11 employees for commitment and high degree of professionalism and gave cash awards to five others for working beyond

the call of duty.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) held its fourth e-kachehri in Islamabad.

A spokesman for the Aviation Division said in a press release that CAA Director General Hassan Nasir Jamy presided over the e-kachehri and invited people to come up with queries regarding civil aviation issues.

The deputy DG airport services, deputy DG regulatory (on telephone) and the director HR also joined the CAA chief at e-kachehri.

During the kachehri, 51 queries were received regarding provision and maintenance of facilities at airports, upgrade of Instrument Landing System based on Artificial Intelligence Safety systems, mobile signals and free Wifi internet registration issues at Islamabad airport, reopening of pilots' and other licensing exams, e-gates installation for immigration at all international airports, resolution of pending issues of commercial land lease/agreement, domestic flight operation for Chitral and Muzaffarabad airports, CAA employees, etc.

The spokesman said the CAA director general responded to most of the queries on the spot and directed the quarters concerned to sort out things as per merit at the earliest.

New Chairman ACAAP M Yousaf honoured



Mr. Irfan, Mr. Fraz Akram, Mr. M. Azam Sulehri, Mr. Afzal Deura, Syed Liaquat Ali Shah, Mr. Amjad Fakhri, Haji Tariq Hussain and Mr. Sheikh Zameer presenting a banquet to Mr. M. Yousaf new chairman ACAAP.



World Wide Group congratulates new Chairman ACAAP. Photo shows 2nd from left Mr. M. Sajjad Azam of WWG and Mr. M. Yousaf cutting the cake, Sheikh Zameer, Mr. Atiq Yousaf and a guest also share the occasion.



Mr. Afzal Deura congratulates new chairman Mr. Yousaf, Mr. Amjad Fakhri EC member and Mr. Irfan Younus EC member ACAAP



Mr. M. Azam Sulehri garlands Mr M. Yousaf Chairman and Mr. Amjad Fakhri member EC.



Haji Tariq Hussain garlands Mr. Yousaf and Mr. Amjad Fakhri.



Mr. Fraz Akram congratulates newly elected members ACAAP.



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Sabre strengthens partnership with Qantas to offer travel industry more rich content

SABRE, a leading software and technology provider that powers the global travel industry, has recently announced an enhancement to its agreement with Qantas that will offer agents access to richer information about the airline's fares, products and services.

Sabre's graphical Sabre Red 360 interface will now showcase Qantas products with rich, relevant and engaging content through the airline's connection with ATPCO.

□ Sabre will integrate Qantas' UPAs (Universal Product Attributes), or targeted visual content, that bring unique airline fares, products and services to life. This content has recently expanded into Reassurance UPAs which highlight messaging and graphics about the additional health measures airlines like Qantas are taking to ensure a safe travel environment.

□ Sabre Red 360 will also showcase Qantas Amenities, such as seat pitch and power outlets, and UTAs (Universal Ticket Attributes) which are consumer-friendly benefits such as baggage allowance and seat selection.

The connection to Qantas' ATPCO Routehappy Rich Content expands on Sabre's existing partnership with Qantas through its Branded Fares solution to deliver greater value to the industry.

Sabre Vice President, Regional General Manager, Asia Pacific, Travel Solutions, Airline Sales, Rakesh Narayanan welcomed the expansion of its longstanding partnership with Qantas.

"We're delighted Qantas has enabled Routehappy Rich Content program through Sabre Red 360," said Mr Narayanan.

"This will provide our agency partners with an even richer shopping experience when booking and servicing Qantas customers.



"Qantas is one of the world's most innovative airlines and this latest initiative demonstrates their commitment to the agency distribution channel and the use of Sabre technology to support booking growth and industry recovery."

Qantas Executive Manager, Global Sales and Distribution, Igor Kwiatkowski, said the airline was pleased to showcase Qantas' Routehappy Rich Content to agents through Sabre Red 360.

"For more than ten years, Sabre has provided Qantas with a marketplace to promote our products to the industry in new and different ways," said Mr Kwiatkowski.

"The addition of Qantas' Routehappy Rich Content builds on our relationship with Sabre and will enable us to provide

agents with even more information about our fares and services.

"This includes more descriptive and engaging content around features such as lounge access, baggage allowances and more recently, our Fly Well program to help inform customers about the health and safety measures we've put in place to ensure a safe travel environment."

ATPCO said it was fantastic to have Qantas enable its Routehappy Rich Content via Sabre.

"At a time when situations can change rapidly as we navigate our way through this pandemic and airlines need to make the most of every seat, ATPCO's Routehappy Rich Content can provide a win-win-win scenario for travel consultants to better navigate important content, for airlines to differentiate their offer, and for travellers who are ultimately able to get the personalized travel experiences they want and expect," said Dari Brooks Ahye, Senior Merchandising Strategist at ATPCO.

Sabre and American Airlines renew global distribution agreement as the industry eyes recovery

SABRE, a leading software and technology company that powers the global travel industry, and American Airlines have renewed their long-term, worldwide distribution agreement.

Under the renewed agreement, Sabre will continue to distribute American Airlines flights and services through the Sabre travel marketplace, ensuring that Sabre connected-agencies will continue to have access to the same American Airlines content, including branded fares, ancillary products and services.

"It's been a challenging year for the travel industry, and it is critical to us that we support our agency community well," said Alison Taylor, chief customer officer of American Airlines. "Sabre remains important to American, as we work together with our mutual agency partners to facilitate bookings."

American Airlines is a long-standing Sabre customer employing Sabre's travel marketplace as well its SabreSonic reservations system, and multiple other airline IT solutions. With a partnership that extends over 20 years, Sabre and American are committed to delivering relevant and meaningful content that

helps connect travelers with experiences that matter in their lives.

"As the industry continues to deal with the fallout from COVID-19, distribution of air content through the Sabre global distribution system (GDS) remains an important part of a carrier's distribution strategy" said Roshan Mendis, chief commercial officer for Sabre Travel Solutions. "This agreement strengthens our long-term and ongoing collaboration with American Airlines and demonstrates our shared commitment to providing the hundreds of thousands of Sabre-connected travel agencies and the travelers they serve with the most relevant air content."

In addition, American continues to collaborate with Sabre on NDC as part of the company's ongoing commitment to providing a seamless booking experience and the development of next-generation retailing, distribution and fulfilment solutions that benefit airlines, travel retailers and consumers. Sabre recently announced it had achieved Level 4 Certification and is partnering with several airlines as part of its Beyond NDC initiative.

Emirates SkyCargo to set up the world's largest GDP compliant air cargo hub in Dubai

Emirates SkyCargo is stepping up its readiness to handle the logistical complexities of distributing a potential COVID-19 vaccine globally by creating the world's first dedicated airside cargo hub for the vaccine in Dubai. The air cargo carrier is taking a global leadership position by announcing that it will be re-opening its Emirates SkyCentral DWC cargo terminal in Dubai South to serve as a dedicated anchor hub for cold chain storage and distribution of the vaccine.

The freight division of Emirates has also set up a dedicated rapid response team to coordinate requests from the various partners involved in the international vaccine distribution ecosystem and to streamline the carrier's response to vaccine transportation requests.

HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Emirates chairman and chief executive said: "Dubai is well positioned to serve as a gateway and distribution hub for COVID-19 vaccines to the rest of the world. We have the infrastructure and logistics connections, and a geographic location that puts markets representing more than two-thirds of the world's population within an 8-hour flying radius. Over the years, through our continuous investment in capabilities and processes for the transport of temperature sensitive pharmaceuticals, Emirates SkyCargo has managed to position Dubai amongst major global pharmaceutical customers as the year-round preferred point of transit for their valuable cargo. Setting up a dedicated airside hub for COVID-19 vaccines is a keystone project harnessing our network, reach and competencies to positively impact the lives of people around the world."

World's first dedicated airside hub for COVID-19 vaccine

Emirates SkyCargo's vaccine hub in Dubai South will be the largest dedicated airside facility in the world for COVID-19 vaccines. The Dubai hub will allow the air cargo carrier to fly in vaccines from manufacturing sites globally, store and prepare shipments for regional and global distribution.

Emirates SkyCentral DWC has over 4,000 square metres of temperature controlled GDP certified dedicated pharma storage area allowing for large scale storage and distribution of the potential COVID-19 vaccines. Overall, it is estimated that the facility can hold around 10 million vials of vaccine at a 2-8 degrees Celsius temperature range at any one point of time.



The state of the art infrastructure at Emirates SkyCentral DWC is also complemented by one of the world's largest fleet of Cool Dollys helping protect temperature sensitive cargo during transit between the aircraft and cargo terminal. Additionally, the availability of a large number of temperature controlled trucking docks and the proximity of the terminal to the aircraft parking gates will ensure rapid and efficient clearance of cargo for further distribution.

In addition to cold storage, Emirates SkyCargo will also offer dedicated zones for value-added services such as re-icing and repackaging of vaccines for global distribution for its customers.

The extensive size of the facility, which can potentially handle millions of vaccine doses, along with the creation of a dedicated team to handle and execute requests will allow Emirates SkyCargo to be able to effectively handle the large volume of time critical requests for cross-border vaccine movement that will follow the successful introduction of a vaccine.

Through a combination of scheduled and charter flights, the cargo carrier will then be able to fly the vaccines to markets where they will be most needed.

Emirates' pharma transportation capabilities

Emirates SkyCargo is harnessing decades of experience gained from transporting temperature controlled pharmaceutical products and vaccines for global manufacturers to develop innovative solutions that will meet the challenge of distributing a potential

COVID-19 vaccine globally within a short timeframe.

Since 2016, the air cargo carrier has invested substantially in its capabilities for the transportation of temperature sensitive pharmaceuticals. This included the introduction of a specialised product Emirates Pharma and the development of dedicated GDP certified 'fit for purpose' infrastructure pharma both at Dubai as well as at major origin and destination points under its pharma corridors programme that currently covers more than 30 cities. Emirates SkyCargo has moved more than a quarter million tonnes of pharmaceutical cargo in the last four years.

With its fleet of modern and efficient all wide-body aircraft and a network that currently spans more than 130 destinations across six continents, combined with the strategic geographic location of its Dubai hub, Emirates SkyCargo will be able to rapidly move vaccine shipments from manufacturing sites to the vaccine hub and then onwards to the rest of the world on a combination of scheduled and passenger flights.

Over the last few months, however, Emirates SkyCargo has worked on restoring its worldwide network and cargo connectivity with flight services restored to 75 destinations by May, 100 by July and nearly 135 destinations by early October. Emirates SkyCargo's network covers all major pharmaceutical clusters and manufacturing locations, facilitating the eventual transportation of the COVID-19 vaccine once manufacturing commences.

What is Virgin Australia serving for lunch in business class?

It has been a tough six months for Virgin Australia. There has been broad public support to keep it in the air. But in recent weeks, that support and goodwill have eroded slightly as word leaks of costs getting reined in and frills being cut. Proving that you should never get between a passenger and their next meal, reductions to inflight catering at Virgin Australia are getting a significant amount of attention.



What you used to get in Virgin Australia business class on a transcontinental trek. Photo: Virgin Australia

Virgin Australia loses its reputation for good business class food

Before it collapsed in April, Virgin Australia had a good reputation for its business class meals, many considering its catering offering superior to what was available on local rival, Qantas.

After Virgin Australia's collapse, the airline found new owners. Understandably, the new owners have a laser-like focus on the bottom line. That focus manifests in a lot of areas passengers don't notice. But one thing they do notice are cuts to inflight catering.

It's fair to say catering at Virgin Australia has fallen off a cliff this year.

For a while, catering cuts were attributed to health and safety concerns. But that argument wore thin as other airlines, including Qantas, began to step up their in-flight catering again. Soon, it became clear, the catering cuts at Virgin Australia were more about saving money. Despite this, Virgin Australia continues to say guests' safety and well-being is behind the scaled back catering. A spokesperson told Simple Flying today;

"The safety and wellbeing of our guests is always our top priority, and we have a variety of safety measures throughout our customer journey to minimize risks associated with COVID-19, including reducing contact by offering a limited-service onboard temporarily."

Instant noodles get everyone's attention

Travelers who stalk frequent flyer forums had been highlighting the issue for some time. But it burst into the spotlight recently when mainstream media

reported a disgruntled business class passenger posting pictures of their in-flight lunch cheap instant noodles.

The original social media post referenced lunch on a transcontinental flight, taking around five hours and costing approximately US\$1800.

Virgin Australia's new owners, Bain Capital, has torn up contracts with the airline's previous caterer, Gate Gourmet. They'd also cut loose their former in-house celebrity consultant chef, Luke Mangan. Virgin Australia 2.0 was feeding its passengers from stored supplies.

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A leaked internal memo surfaced on Executive Traveler's Twitter feed. That memo instructed flight attendants to only offer one complimentary snack in business class and not to offer food at all in economy class unless specifically asked.

Even worse, they'd run out of wine.

Since that low point, Virgin Australia has ordered in more drinks. They've also embraced the idea that's there's no such thing as bad publicity, using the noodle fiasco in a sales promotion last week.

Chickpea mix rumored to be sticking around

Meanwhile, improved business class meals are due to commence in November. They still won't be flash. The ubiquitous chickpea mix is rumored to feature heavily. This time around, Virgin Australia can't even call it a Luke Mangan inspired chickpea mix.

"From recent week, our business class guests will enjoy a selection of tea, coffee, wine, beer, and soft drinks onboard, and from next week they'll also enjoy a more substantial food offering," Virgin Australia's spokesperson said.

"We are currently reviewing our onboard catering offer for the future, and are looking forward to developing a new experience to suit customer needs."

Whether you need a full meal on a short 90 minute or two-hour flight is an open question. But on longer flights, particularly those Darwin and east-west runs, many passengers appreciate decent catering.

But the signs are Virgin Australia is heading downmarket. They wouldn't use that term, of course. But however you phrase it, the good times and decent meals in the Virgin Australia business class cabin are probably over.

In the meantime, you can always BYO food.

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decades of insight behind him. Working closely with airlines including Qantas and Virgin Australia, Andrew's first-hand knowledge of the challenges and

opportunities facing Australian airlines adds exciting depth and color to his work and sees him providing commentary to ABC News and more. Based in Melbourne, Australia.

THAI flies from London to Bangkok with "Thailand Homecoming" campaign

Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI) launches the "Thailand Homecoming" campaign to operate special London-Bangkok flights now until December, accommodating passengers who need to travel to Thailand. Mr. WiwatPiyawiroj, THAI Executive Vice President, Commercial, said in response to high travel demand at the year end, THAI partnered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Royal Thai Embassy in London to operate flight TG917 every Sunday, now until December 2020, which departs from London at 21.35 hours (local time) and arrives in London at 16.00 hours for Thais in the United Kingdom and neighboring countries who wish to return to Thailand, foreign businessmen, and foreigners holding work permits. Passengers may also purchase THAI Economy Plus seats in the first four rows of THAI Economy Class with passengers seated in every other seat, which provides more convenience and privacy. Special services for the seats include priority checkin, extra five-kilograms of baggage allowance, and additional meal selection. THAI's tickets on this route are sold as one-way tickets. Passengers can use existing tickets and ROP award tickets on these special flights, terms and conditions apply. Reservations can be made at <https://www.thaiairways.com/>. For more information, please contact the THAI Ticket Office in London at thaiticketing@thaiairways.co.uk or the THAI Contact Center at tel. 0-2356-1111 from 08.00-20.00 hours. Passengers are required to register at <http://www.thaiembassy.org/london/> prior to traveling. THAI prioritizes passenger safety and hygiene in offering services. COVID-19 preventive measures and social distancing approach are applied in every aspect of service. Cargo will also be delivered on roundtrip flights.

THAI operates semi-commercial flights to London, Frankfurt, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Taipei and Sydney

Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI) operates semi-commercial flights to seven destinations which are London, Frankfurt, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Taipei and Sydney, beginning now until December 2020 in order to accommodate passengers demand.

Mr. Wiwat Piyawiroj, THAI Executive Vice President, said THAI is operating semi-commercial round trip flights from Bangkok to London, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Osaka, Taipei, and Sydney, beginning now until December. The flights will accommodate passengers with travel, education, and business needs, including Special Tourist Visa (STV) holders. Flight details are as follows:

1. Bangkok-London round trip, one flight per week on Sundays
2. Bangkok-Frankfurt round trip, one flight per week on Fridays
3. Bangkok-Copenhagen round trip, one flight per week on Sundays
4. Bangkok-Hong Kong round trip flight on 4 and 18 November 2020 as well as one flight per week on Wednesdays throughout December
5. Bangkok-Tokyo (Narita) two round trip flights per week
- Bangkok-Tokyo (Narita) on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Tokyo (Narita)-Bangkok on Thursdays and Sundays
6. Bangkok-Taipei round trip, one flight per week on Fridays and Wednesday 4 and 18 November 2020 as well as on Friday 4, 11 and 18 December 2020 and Wednesday 23 December 2020
7. Bangkok-Sydney round trip, one flight per week

Bangkok-Sydney on Sundays (Passengers are required to contact the Australian Embassy, Thailand prior to making reservation)

Sydney-Bangkok on Mondays

For return flights, THAI has cooperated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to operate special flights to fly Thais home and also deliver cargo on roundtrip flights.

For more information and reservation, passengers may visit thai airways. com website or THAI sales offices and Travel Agency nationwide or THAI Contact Center 0-2356-1111 (08.00-17.00). Passengers traveling from

The U.K., Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Hong Kong, Japan, Taipei, and Australia may contact THAI office in local area for further details.

EU wins tariff clearance on \$4bn of US imports in Boeing case

The European Union on Tuesday Oct. 13 won the right to impose tariffs on \$4 billion of US goods in retaliation against subsidies for planemaker Boeing, deepening a record trade spat that has already prompted Washington to slap duties on EU imports.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) tariff award, which confirms a decision first reported by Reuters on Sept 30, threatens to intensify transatlantic trade tensions just three weeks ahead of the US presidential election.

However, negotiators on both sides say it could also lead at last to discussions to resolve a 16-year legal battle over subsidies to aircraft manufacturers Boeing and Airbus.

Both the United States and the EU have signaled interest in settling the dispute over planemaker subsidies, while accusing the other of refusing to talk seriously.

Tuesday's decision, delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic, follows a WTO ruling last year allowing Washington to impose tariffs on \$7.5bn in EU goods over state support for Airbus, which has sites in Britain, France, Germany and Spain.

Combined, the two cases represent the world's largest ever corporate trade dispute.

Consuming thousands of pages of testimony and an estimated \$100 million in costs since 2004, the aircraft spat has tested the resolve of the WTO, which is busy selecting a new leader.

The state of Washington has since repealed an aerospace tax break that benefited Boeing, while Airbus has announced it will increase loan repayments for the A350 plane to France and Spain in bids to settle the matter.

Boeing shares fell two per cent.

The US government said there was no legal basis for the European Union to impose tariffs since the contested measure had been eliminated, a view echoed by Boeing, which said it had already complied with WTO findings.

The EU says the same is true of US tariffs imposed against subsidies to the

The Company operates all flights with strict security and health standards in accordance to guidelines issued by the Covid-19 Situation Administration, Ministry of Public Health and the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT). Passengers traveling to Thailand must go through 14-day quarantine upon arrival, and all aircrafts are required to be disinfected sprayed, and go through deep cleaning.

A380 plane which is being taken out of production.

US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said any move by the EU to slap tariffs on \$4bn of American airplanes and other goods would be "plainly contrary to WTO principles and will force a US response." Airbus, which also says it has obeyed WTO rulings, said global trade judges had "spoken" and that the EU could therefore impose tariffs, while calling for an agreed solution.

The European Commission said it would pull back from imposing duties if Washington withdrew its tariffs on European goods such as wine and whisky. The two sides could then work together to find common ground.

The spirits industry on both sides of Atlantic urged restraint and an end to tariffs. EU producers have already been hit and US makers are in EU cross hairs.

The Commission has drawn up a list of US products it could target including planes, wine, spirits, suitcases, tractors, frozen fish, and produce from dried onions to cherries.

The earliest it could act is after a WTO meeting on Oct 26, but few analysts expect it to do so before the US election.

The \$4bn tariff window means European airlines that import Boeing jets could have to pay tariffs expected to match US border taxes on Europe-built Airbus jets, currently 15pc.

But Boeing's top European customer Ryanair has called on Boeing to pay the tariffs and is expected to use this as leverage in negotiations to buy more of its grounded 737 MAX.

On top of Tuesday's \$4bn, European sources have said the EU could also use dormant tariffs on a further \$4bn of US products left over from an earlier case, giving it firepower similar to that which Washington is able to use.

Dismissing this, US sources say the previous award, allowing the EU to retaliate against former perks for US exporters, is no longer valid and that the balance of awards demonstrates Airbus is more to blame for distorting trade.



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Governor State Bank of Pakistan visits SIAL

Governor, State Bank of Pakistan Dr. Reza Baqir has said that the people of Sialkot deserve congratulations for creating positive image of Pakistan by building an international standard airport on self-help basis by the business community of Sialkot. He expressed these views while addressing a function held in his honor after visiting Sialkot International Airport. Chairman SIAL Mian Naeem Javed presided over the function.

Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan Miss Sima Kamil, Vice Chairman SIAL Chaudhry Muhammad Afzal Shaheen, Managing Director Muhammad Ashraf Khan, Director Exchange Policy Department Arshad Mehmood Bhatti, Regional Head Central Javed Ahmed Bhatti, Chief Manager Sialkot Ansar Iftikhar Butt, Joint Director Protocol Muhammad Aqeel Ashraf Rana, Deputy Chief Manager Sialkot Imtiaz Ali, Assistant Chief Manager Sialkot Sohaib Khalil, Security Officer Col (R) Riasat Ali, Former Chairman SIAL Naeem Akhtar, Sheikh Muhammad Yaqoob, Engineer Khawar Anwar Khawaja, Chief

Financial Officer Bashir Ahmed, Manager Airport Handling Services Muhammad Tariq, Manager Business Development Amir Yaqub, Public Relations Manager Abdul Shakoor Mirza and Assistant Manager Customer Services Adnan Hameed Khalil and other officials were present on the occasion. Chief Guest Dr. Reza Baqir said that what he had heard about Sialkot Airport is now a matter of great pleasure and satisfaction to see for himself the quality of the airport. He added if the business community can make the airport so beautiful, they can also establish a bank for small and medium businesses. He said that the bank could also set up its own bank for the development of which could be a more exemplary example of Pakistan. He also promised to set up a booth of National Bank of Pakistan at Sialkot Airport and remove the requirement of signing of all directors for opening SIAL account in any bank.

Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan Miss Sima Kamil shared her views. Expressing that the success of SIAL is a shining example for all of us. We pay tribute to the business community of

Sialkot for this achievement. Chairman Sialkot International Airport Limited Mian Naeem Javed thanked Governor SBP and his team for the visit of SIAL. He said that the name that SIAL has earned all over the world needs to be publicized at the official level. On this occasion, Mian Naeem Javed mentioned in detail the problems faced by SIAL and requested him, mention the achievements of Sialkot Airport in the country and abroad where he get the opportunity, which will inspire the business community of Sialkot.

Mian Naeem Javed also demanded the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan to help to get tax exemption for three years to offset the financial loss caused by COVID-19 to SIAL. And to give Sialkot the status of an export zone. Former Chairman Engineer Khawar Anwar Khawaja congratulated the Governor and his team on the increase in the country's reserves by the SBP and prayed for their further success. Gifts were also presented to the Governor and Deputy Governor on the occasion. Earlier, the Governor along with his delegation visited the airport and lauded its quality.



Chairman SIAL Mian Naeem Javed presented SIALShield to Governor, State Bank of Pakistan Dr Reza Baqir. Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan Miss Sima Kamil. Group photo taken on the occasion shows Vice Chairman Chaudhry Muhammad Afzal Shaheen, former Chairman Naeem Akhtar, Sheikh Muhammad Yaqub (on cover photo) Eng. Khawar Anwar Khawaja former chairman and other officials are also present.

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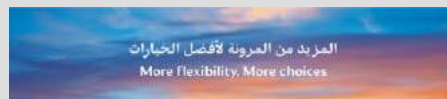
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If you have booked your ticket directly with us, you can change the date of your flight by visiting 'Manage My Booking' on our mobile app or on our website www.gulfair.com (for tickets issued on or after 10th March 2020), or by contacting the Gulf Air Contact Centre (for tickets issued before 10th March 2020).

If you have booked your ticket through a travel agent, you will need to contact them to make changes to your booking, subject to the above conditions. Can I get a refund instead?

If you do not wish to change your travel dates as set out above you can request a refund by contacting the Gulf Air Contact Centre. If you have booked your ticket through a travel agent, you will need to contact them to request a refund.



Air Sial (expected to launch its flights operation in mid of Dec. in Pakistan) has appointed Bukhari Travel and Tourism Services as its PSA. Picture shows Mr. M. Rafiq Khan Chairman Bukhari group signs the agreement, while Mr. Tariq Ameen COO Air Sial and others are also seen in the picture.



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Sabre and Google develop industry-first AI technology

SABRE), the leading software and technology company that powers the global travel industry, has announced that Sabre and Google are developing an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven technology platform that is an industry first in travel. The technology, known as Sabre Travel AI™, is infused with Google's state-of-the-art AI technology and advanced machine-learning capabilities that will help customers to deliver highly relevant and personalized content more quickly, deliver personalized content that better meets the demands of today's traveler, and create expanded revenue and margin growth opportunities. The Company is integrating Sabre Travel AI into certain products in its existing portfolio, with plans to bring those to market in early 2021.

"Sabre Travel AI is a game-changer. We are proud to be working with Google to build technologies that will seek to re-define the way travel companies do business, and turn the insights derived from analyses into repeatable, scalable operations. The development of Sabre Travel AI marks a milestone in our technology transformation and a significant step toward achieving our 2025 vision of personalized retailing," said SundarNarasimhan, president of Sabre Labs. "With the creation of Sabre Travel AI, we are rebuilding our platform on cloud-native, data-driven technology that can be integrated into the existing and future products that Sabre offers. We are combining Google Cloud's infrastructure, AI and machine-learning capabilities with Sabre's deep travel domain knowledge to create, not next, but third-generation solutions that we believe are smarter, faster and more cost-effective a first-of-its kind in travel."

Travel AI: Industry-first innovation using data insights and state-of-the art intelligence

Sabre Travel AI will deliver next-generation technology advancements that enrich products across the Sabre retail, distribution and fulfillment portfolio. Specifically, Sabre Travel AI capitalizes on Google Cloud AI solutions and automated machine learning tools that sense, analyze and predict consumer behaviors using real-time shopping information and sophisticated travel-

specific business insights.

This game-changing innovation is designed to enable airlines, agencies, corporations, hoteliers and other travel partners to take their retailing and digital customer experience strategies to the next level. By delivering the right offer, at the right time across all relevant channels, they will be positioned to deliver tailored personalization to travelers that should drive higher conversion rates and build traveler loyalty. Beyond retailing, customers will be able to power distribution strategies across all channels with the same unified approach and even deploy these Travel AI powered solutions in airports or mobile apps to better serve the traveler. For more information on these capabilities visit <http://your.sabre.com/SabreTravelAI>.

In the future, we expect that Sabre customers will be able to seamlessly integrate their own proprietary solutions with Sabre's new Travel AI to create true differentiation in the marketplace. Sabre Travel AI will provide access to cloud-based, advanced technology tools to help prepare and store data sets, augment them with customer proprietary or other third party databases, rapidly test and learn with experimentation frameworks, develop and deploy proprietary machine learning models, understand model performance and quickly optimize and deploy new solutions in a scalable environment. Sabre Travel AI will help to accelerate the Company's digital transformation by developing critical products and solutions focused on its customer's current and future needs. The Company also stated that its strategic partners, like Google, will not have the right to access or use any of the Company's or its customer's data. How that data resides in Google Cloud is managed by the Company.

Forging the Future of Travel: Partnering with Google Cloud to Accelerate Innovation.

Creating an Innovation Framework to create the future of travel, Sabre and Google Cloud joined forces in January 2020 to imagine, develop and deploy capabilities that will advance the travel ecosystem. Sabre's Travel AI is an output of that framework, and over time, the Company plans to integrate its intelligent and scalable technology across the breadth

of the Sabre omni-channel retail, distribution and fulfillment offering.

"Since the inception of our strategic relationship with Sabre, one of our goals has been to bring together the talent and technology of both our companies to create the future of travel," said

Rob Enslin, president of Google Cloud. "Sabre Travel AI perfectly represents Google Cloud's strategic vision to partner deeply with thought leaders in industry verticals to utilize Google Cloud's innovative technologies to transform and create industry firsts. Announcement is what we hope will be the first of many concepts generated from our partnership."

Sabre is building upon foundational, proven products like dynamic availability and dynamic pricing for ancillaries, already using ML models. Through its partnership with Google, Sabre plans to continue to innovate using the new power source of Sabre Travel AI and launch more new retailing capabilities in the market beginning early 2021.

Falcon sells for record \$170,000 in S.Arabia

A young falcon in Saudi Arabia has sold for more than \$170,000, the most expensive sale ever of that type of bird and the costliest purchase so far at an annual 45-day auction. The bird was sold on Tuesday Oct 13 for 650,000 Saudi riyais (\$173,000) by virtue of its unique characteristics and scarcity, the auction's organisers, the Saudi Falcon Club, said in a statement. The club said it was the most expensive sale everglobally for its type a young Shaheen breed, a type of peregrine falcon. Falconry is an important part of the cultural desert heritage in Saudi Arabia and neighbouring countries going back thousands of years. Falcon owners in the Gulf, seeking hunting opportunities, commonly travel with their birds inside plane cabins to Pakistan, Morocco and the central Asian region during colder months.

'China committed to making CPEC a high quality model project'

The newly appointed Ambassador of China to Pakistan Nong Rong recently said China wanted to build China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a high quality model project of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

During a meeting with CPEC Authority Chairman Asim Bajwa, the envoy said China and Pakistan were all-weather strategic partners, and the CPEC is a pilot project of all-round cooperation between the two countries, adding that with the care and support of the top leaders of the two countries, the construction of the CPEC has continuously achieved positive results.

"The embassy in Pakistan is willing to strengthen communication and cooperation with the authority, further implement the consensus of the leaders of the two countries, actively prepare for the 10th JCC, deepen and expand cooperation in the areas of industrial parks, agriculture, and social-economy under CPEC," Nong added.

Bajwa said that the traditional friendship between China and Pakistan was deeply rooted in the hearts of the people and will grow stronger over time. "The CPEC is an important project to change the destiny of Pakistan, and it has received the heartfelt support of the Pakistani government and people."

He added that the authority is committed to providing a windowed one-stop service for the corridor project, and is willing to further strengthen communication and coordination with China to jointly promote new progress in cooperation in important areas such as Gwadar Port, infrastructure, industry, agriculture, social-economy, and will effectively protect the safety of CPEC projects and personnel so that the corridor



An aerial view of Thar Coal Block 1- a project which is part of the CPEC

can exert greater economic and social benefits and better benefit the people of the two countries"

CPEC Central Asia conference to be held in Gwadar

A three-day business conference on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Central Asia organised by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) will be held in Gwadar from Nov 16 to 18; the conference has been organised to deliberate investment opportunities and trade ties with Central Asian countries.

This was stated by RCCI President Mohammad Nasir Mirza said while addressing a press conference on Friday.

CPEC is a game changer, not just for Pakistan but the entire region, and will pave the way towards creating links between Pakistan and Central Asia, he said, adding government officials including chief minister, governor of Balochistan, ministers, senior government officials, ambassadors along with business and industrial delegates will attend the conference which will include presentations about key topics and ongoing development projects.

The chamber has always taken the lead in many matters and we want the business community to play its full role, he said, adding a trade fair titled 'Build 2020' is also being organised next month in the city for the construction sector.

The fair will be held from Dec 18 till 20, he said, adding the construction sector should be developed as more than 40 allied industries are associated with it and this can contribute towards reducing unemployment in the country.

Group leader Sohail Altaf said that RCCI is in touch with ministries concerned, especially the foreign ministry so that no objection certificates (NOCs) could be issued to ambassadors soon.

PIA Chairman Arshad Malik, who visited the chamber a few days back had assured full cooperation, he added.

RCCI Senior Vice President Osman Ashraf, Vice President Shahraiz A. Malik, former Presidents Zahid Latif Khan, Saboor Malik, Gwadar Conference Chairman Mohammad Badar Haroon, chairman of the trade fair Sardar Tanveer Sarwar along with members of the executive committee and chamber were also present on the occasion.

Ultra-rare pink diamond to go under the hammer in Geneva



An extremely rare pink diamond will be auctioned in Geneva on November 11 by Sotheby's, which says it is worth between \$23 and \$38 million.

Named "The Spirit of the Rose" after a famous Russian ballet, the 14.83-carat diamond mined in Russia is the biggest ever to go under the hammer in its category "fancy vivid purple-pink".

"The occurrence of pink diamonds in nature is extremely rare in any size," Gary Schuler, head of Sotheby's jewellery division, said in a statement.

"Only one per cent of all pink diamonds are larger than 10-carats."

Benoit Repellin, head of fine jewellery auctions at Sotheby's Geneva, said the oval-shaped diamond was "completely pure." The rough diamond was unearthed by Russia's Alrosa one of the world's leading diamond producers in the Republic of Sakha in the northeast of the country in July 2017.

Repellin said it took a painstaking year for cutting masters to turn the diamond into its polished form.

Sotheby's said the world auction record for a diamond and any gemstone or jewel was the "CTF Pink Star", a 59.60-carat oval pink diamond that sold for \$71.2 million in Hong Kong in 2017.

According to Repellin, five out of the 10 most valuable diamonds ever sold at auction were pink.

The sale of this gem coincides with the closure of the world's largest pink diamond mine in Australia after it exhausted its reserves of the precious stones.

The Argyle mine, in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia, churned out more than 90 percent of the world's pink diamonds.

Knives, footballs and riches

What do swords and the football-loving British have in common? Not much except the start of a heritage that enabled Sialkot to become the richest city in Pakistan.

The blacksmiths of the region had been known to produce swords and daggers for the Mughal emperors. At the end of the 19th century, the manufacturing of surgical instruments began when the American Mission Hospital in Sialkot got its instruments repaired from the local blacksmiths.

In 1918, a British army officer brought his frayed football to be mended. A local craftsman stitched it up as well as replicated it, or so the story goes. A practice was started, which a century later made the region famous for its prestigious FIFA footballs.

Today, the city has the highest income per capita in the country. "At our peak, the per-capita income was \$2,800. Adjusting for rupee depreciation, it is about \$2,200-2,400," says the former senior vice president of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), Waqar Akram Awan.

Resistant to the economic fallout of Covid-19, Sialkot retained its workforce during the pandemic with no mass layoffs. Using regression techniques, an analyst argued that Sialkot's surgical goods' exports increase after economic shocks compared with Pakistan's more traditional exports. One theory she postulated was that in years of diminished GDP growth, governments tend to increase public spending, including in the health sector. This results in an increase in the purchase of surgical goods, which helps insulate the city against adverse economic events.

The multi-commodity market of Sialkot works with over a hundred international brands and is dominated by small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that include various sectors, such as leather and textiles along with surgical and sports goods. Entrepreneurship and artisanal skill sets are handed down from generation to generation since before the partition, making export-oriented ventures part of the city's culture.

Funds are raised for welfare projects and infrastructure projects such as roads through a self-imposed tax. A small percentage of each shipment is charged

that contributes towards the Sialkot city package, which is managed by the SCCI.

"About 8,000 different products are manufactured, which is more than any other city in the world," boasts Sialkot International Airport Ltd Chairman Mian Naeem Javed. The former SCCI president asserts that 97 per cent of Sialkot's production is export-oriented; even goods that can be consumed domestically are intended for international markets.

Businessmen travel five to seven times a year with staff to promote their products making a domestic airport essential. "No airport except ours is privately owned; government priorities are political and ours is incompetent," says Mr Javed. Taking matters into their own hands, business leaders built their airport. Where the government had estimated a cost of Rs18 billion, the private investors had it up and running in Rs3bn.

With the airport, the city's exports increased from \$700 million to roughly \$2.5bn. Annually, the airport is used by about 1.2m travellers. "PostCovid-19, the number will increase to 1.5m," says Mr Javed.

While Sialkot's exports are roughly 10-12pc of Pakistan's exports, Mr Awan believes that it has the potential to earn about \$10bn in five years if obstacles are removed and new products and innovations are launched. Sialkot is part of an export triangle with Gujrat and Gujranwala that specialise in furniture and light-engineering goods such as fans. He attributes lofty dreams of \$5bn in half a decade to Gujrat and Gujranwala.

While joint ventures and introduction of new product lines by international companies are welcome, Mr Awan narrates the cautionary tale of blankets in Gujranwala where Chinese producers set up competing products to the detriment of local producers.

Though Sialkot's jewel-in-the-crown surgical goods sector caters to quality-conscious countries such as Germany and Japan, it is not even among the top 30 exporters of instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical or dental sciences a sector that had global exports of \$134bn in 2019, according to International Trade Centre data. Pakistan's name may be reputable, but at \$409m exports last year, its slice of the international market is

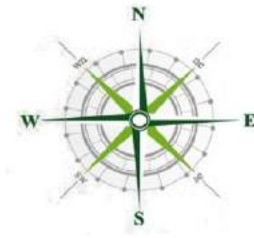
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The involvement of the business community has enabled Sialkot to prosper without being dependent on the government's aid. A dry port, an airport, a self-imposed tax to maintain infrastructure and welfare projects such as Khud Kafalat Rozgar Trust are initiatives of the private sector that have allowed the city to flourish while the state's draconian laws have left the government's export-processing zone barren in an export-oriented region.

However, there is a long way to go from being a successful cottage industry of Pakistan to a global leader a journey that the sector may not be able to undertake without active government support.

New WeBOC module to facilitate TIR cargo movement

Pakistan Customs will develop a multimodal module in WeBOC to facilitate the movement of TIR cargo via different means of transport. TIR stands for 'Transports Internationaux Routiers' or International Road Transport in English. A Customs official said the new module will include transit TIR cargo arriving via sea-port and subsequently transported by road/rail; import TIR cargo arriving via sea-port and export TIR cargo exported through sea-port. The multimodal module will incorporate the relevant IT tools for seamless processing of multimodal operations. The multimodal system will be linked with IRU system for real time issuance and acknowledgement of messages relating to predeclaration (EPD), t e r m i n a t i o n a n d discharge of multimodal TIR. According to the Customs, the multimodal system will provide for recording of events relating to sealing, examination, assessment, etc at each step of change of conveyance. The system will provide for processing of TIR Carnet and enforcement of guarantees by Customs in case of any violation of TIR Rules.



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International tourism down 70% as travel restrictions impact all regions



Restrictions on travel introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to hit global tourism hard, with the latest data from the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) showing a 70% fall in international arrivals for the first eight months of 2020.

According to the newest UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, international arrivals plunged 81% in July and 79% in August, traditionally the two busiest months of the year and the peak of the Northern Hemisphere summer season.

The drop until August represents 700 million fewer arrivals compared to the same period in 2019 and translates into a loss of US\$ 730 billion in export revenues from international tourism. This is more than eight times the loss experienced on the back of the 2009 global economic and financial crisis.



Zurab Pololikashvili, UNWTO Secretary-General, said: "This unprecedented decline is having dramatic social and economic consequences, and puts millions of jobs and businesses at risk. This underlines the urgent need to safely restart tourism, in a timely and coordinated manner".

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All world regions recorded large declines in arrivals in the first eight months of the year. Asia and the Pacific, the first region to suffer from the impact of COVID-19, saw a 79% decrease in arrivals, followed by Africa and the Middle East (both 69%), Europe (-68%) and the Americas (-65%).

Following its gradual reopening of international borders, Europe recorded comparatively smaller declines in July and August (-72% and -69%, respectively).

The recovery was short-lived however, as travel restrictions and advisories were reintroduced amid an increase in contagions. On the other side of the spectrum, Asia and the Pacific recorded the largest declines with -96% in both months, reflecting the closure of borders in China and other major destinations in the region.

Demand for travel remains largely subdued due to the ongoing uncertainty about the pandemic and low confidence. Based on the latest trends, UNWTO expects an overall drop close to 70% for the whole of 2020.

UNWTO's Panel of Experts foresees a rebound in international tourism in 2021, mostly in the third quarter of 2021. However, around 20% of experts suggest the rebound could occur only in 2022.

Travel restrictions are seen as the main barrier standing in the way of the recovery of international tourism, along with slow virus containment and low consumer confidence.

The lack of coordinated response among countries to ensure harmonized protocols and coordinated restrictions, as well as the deteriorating economic environment were also identified by experts as important obstacles for recovery.



PCAA asks passengers, flight operators to follow Covid SOPs

In order to contain the second wave of Covid-19 outbreak in the country, the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) has directed its officials to strictly implement the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) formulated for passengers and operators of charter and private flights.

This time the PCAA has decided that pilots will make an announcement twice or thrice during the flight in both English and Urdu about the issues involved.

"Assalam-o-Alaikum. This is the captain of the aircraft. In view of spread of Covid-19, all passengers are required to ensure wearing of masks throughout the air travel. Non-compliance will result in initiation of legal actions against violators at the time of disembarkation. Thank you," reads the text of an announcement drafted for the purpose.

When a senior official of the Pakistan International Airlines was asked whether the pilots or cabin crew members had been following the fresh SOPs regarding making announcements to ensure wearing of masks throughout the air travel, he said: "Sometime the new SOPs are followed and sometimes ignored."

He said about "90 per cent of the cabin crew members don't bother to ask passengers to wear masks or any other things".

Airports in Pakistan had started following SOPs for Covid-19 after the government announced measures for controlling the spread of the virus in the country.

Last month, the Aviation Division constituted a seven-member committee, comprising officials from the PCAA, airlines and the Airport Security Force (ASF) to ensure implementation of SOPs to prevent the spread of Covid-19 at airports.

The committee members were directed to ensure compliance of SOPs at each airport and take administrative action against the management in case any violations were observed.

The government had taken notice of SOP violations by a foreign airliner that took onboard a passenger who had tested positive for Covid-19 hence putting the health of other passengers along with airport personnel in danger. The PCAA had imposed a fine of Rs100,000 on the airline.

Makkah's Grand Mosque opens for prayers after seven months



Saudi Arabia opened on Sunday Oct-18 Islam's holiest site for prayers for the first time in seven months, and expanded the umrah pilgrimage to accommodate 15,000 worshippers as it relaxed coronavirus curbs.

Mask-clad Saudi citizens and residents of the kingdom were allowed to pray inside the Grand Mosque in Makkah, amid what authorities called extensive health precautions.

"Citizens and residents have performed Salat Al-Fajr (dawn prayers) at the Grand Mosque as (authorities) start implementing the second phase of the gradual resumption of umrah," the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

Earlier this month, Saudi Arabia allowed up to 6,000 citizens and residents per day to perform the umrah after it was suspended in March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Under the second stage that began on Sunday, the number of umrah pilgrims was increased to 15,000 per day.

A maximum of 40,000 people including umrah pilgrims will now be allowed to perform daily prayers at the mosque.

Under a third stage, set for November 1, visitors from abroad will be permitted. The limit on umrah pilgrims will then be raised to 20,000, with a total of 60,000 worshippers allowed.

A raft of precautions have been adopted, according to state media.

The revered Black Stone which is customary but not mandatory to touch during the pilgrimage will be out of reach.

The Grand Mosque is to be sterilised before and after each group of

worshippers. Thermal sensors have been installed to measure the body temperature of pilgrims, authorities said.

The umrah usually attracts millions of Muslims from across the globe each year. Authorities said the umrah will be allowed to return to full capacity once the threat of the pandemic has abated.

Saudi Arabia hosted the Hajj in late July, on the smallest scale in modern history.

Only up to 10,000 residents of the country were allowed to take part, a far cry from the 2.5 million who participated last year.

Saudi Arabia has recorded more than 342,000 cases of Covid-19 and 5,185 deaths since the pandemic began.

Stage set for Umra by foreign pilgrims monitoring desk



After a seven-month hiatus, some 10,000 pilgrims were scheduled to arrive in Saudi Arabia from abroad to perform Umrah and visit Masjid-i-Nabawi in Madina on Sunday 1st Nov, the first day of the third stage of the resumption of Umrah.

The 10,000 international pilgrims will first have to obtain a permit and upon their arrival in Saudi Arabia they will be kept in isolation for three days before being transported to Miqat sites, principal boundaries at which pilgrims intending to perform Umrah must change into Ihram.

The kingdom's deputy minister of Hajj and Umrah, Dr Amr Al-Maddah, said that the 10,000 pilgrims can stay in the country for up to 10 days, three of which are for isolation. As per protocol, 500 groups of international pilgrims are dispersed throughout the day, each with 20 pilgrims. The maximum age limit for international pilgrims is 50.

According to Arab News, the deputy minister said that countries are subject to

continuous evaluation as part of the government's approved standards and protocols. Visas for pilgrims arriving from countries that are seeing a noticeable increase in numbers will be placed on hold.

With the start of the third stage, the holy mosques will be working at 100 per cent capacity, a pivotal stage for companies in the sector.

According to the deputy minister, if at any stage there is a cause for concern or danger to pilgrims, the ministry will evaluate the situation and return to previous stages and decrease capacity

1,700 houbara bustards released in Cholistan desert

The third batch of highly rare bird species, houbara bustard, which were bred in captivity in a Gulf state, were released in the Cholistan desert, it is learnt here reliably.

According to sources, the rare birds were bred and raised by the International Fund for Houbara Conservation (IFHC), Abu Dhabi, in captivity and were released in the southern Punjab desert jointly by the IFHC and a local non-governmental organisation, Houbara Foundation International Pakistan.

HFIP chief retired Brig Mukhtar said that these 1,700 birds, which had been bred and raised by the IFHC at its facility in the United Arab Emirates, were brought in by the IFHC's representative Philippe Gerard Martial, on board a special flight and were quarantined, checked and certified fit by animal health departments.

He said that prior to bringing in these rare species birds here, proper documentation, including export/import permits under the CITES Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Flora and Fauna had been completed in the UAE as well as in Pakistan.

He said that the 1,700 birds were in addition to 500 and 1,000 IFHC's captive bred houbaras that were released in Cholistan in March and September, respectively, earlier this year.

Mr Mukhtar said that the HFIP has been collaborating with the Pakistan Army for over past couple of decades for aerial broadcast of seeds of desert vegetation to restore the habitat in Cholistan.



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Rs1.2bn to be spent on tourist activities, festivals in tribal districts

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government will spend Rs1.2 billion in three years on organising festivals and tourist activities in the merged tribal districts despite the fact that neither any infrastructure exists there nor has any tourist spot been identified there.

The newly-established Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cultural and Tourism Authority will sponsor the festivals, an international cycle rally, a motorbike rally, winter season adventure sports tourism and other cultural activities in the erstwhile Fata.

These activities will be funded from the multi-billion rupees Accelerated Implementation Programme, a joint venture of the federal and provincial governments. The authority has yet to start homework in the area for facilitating tourists.

The Provincial Working Development Party recently approved Rs494 million for holding festivals during the current financial year alone and okayed PC-I of the project in this regard.

An outlay of Rs1.2 billion has been allocated in the annual development programme 2020-21 for the promotion of tourism in the erstwhile Fata.

Hamidullah Jan said the residents of Tirah Valley had got weary of the uninvited visitors but they had to extend hospitality to them due to traditional and cultural values.

He said the poor people couldn't sustain to provide free accommodation to them.

The residents said a large number of tourists had been visiting Tirah valley since the construction of the metal road few years ago.

The tourism department has yet to maintain the data of tourist attraction and historical sites in the tribal districts.

The defunct Fata Development Authority had launched a project in 2007 for identification of tourist sites and Lahore-based consultancy firm was hired at Rs1.6 million to conduct study. This study did not see light of the day.

Two years to the merger, the tourism department has yet to identify tourism sites in tribal districts.

Spokesperson for the tourism department told recently that the site identification study in tribal district was in the pipeline.

He said a big chunk of funds had been

allocated for the establishment and development of tourist destinations, tourism information centre and protection and management of archeological sites.

Officials said the project had been designed to increase the flow of domestic tourists to the merged districts besides equipping the tourism corporation in term of creating enabling environment for tourism promotion.

Under the PC-I of the project, an

KP set to get control of PTDC properties

The federal government is set to transfer the properties of the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to the provincial government.

The information was shared with participants of a meeting here, said a statement.

The meeting was chaired by KP Chief Minister Mahmood Khan and attended by a special assistant to the premier Zulfi Bukhari.

The officials told the meeting that the provincial government had approved Rs360 million for the human resource liabilities of the PTDC and Rs250 million for its contribution to the endowment fund.

They said the Integrated Tourism Management Plan 2020 had been developed to attract local and foreign tourists to the newly-identified tourist sites across the province in the upcoming season.

The officials said a 'tourist facilitation hub' had been set up at the provincial level to monitor the completion of the tasks given to the departments and receive complaints from tourists, while a mobile application and web portal had been developed to provide all required information to tourists.

Mr. Mahmood expressed satisfaction with the arrangements

amount of Rs306 million would be spent on tourist festivals in all seven merged districts, jeep rally, cycle rally, motorbike rally and winter sports tourism in three years. An amount of Rs30 million will be spent on holding festivals in every district in three years.

In addition, Rs188 million, including Rs69 million for the promotion of tourism, has been allocated for advertisement in media, feasibility of adventure tourism, marketing videography and social media projection, hiring of small-scale consultancies and sponsorship for small scale promotion of tourist festivals and tourist events.

of the tourism department and called for the development of a uniform and coordinated strategy on part of both provincial and federal governments to promote tourism in line with the vision of the prime minister.

The chief minister termed the Integrated Management Tourism Plan a milestone for the promotion of tourism in the province and directed the relevant quarters to ensure the completion of the tasks given under the plan within the stipulated time.

He also ordered the launch of a comprehensive communication campaign to project the province's tourism potential both at national and international levels.

Mr. Bukhari said the federal government was working on the branding of the entire country to project it as a tourist destination internationally and that initiative was expected to be launched by the prime minister in the middle of the next month.



Twin islands along Karachi's coast are not viable for development

The twin islands of Bundal and Buddu, which have recently been taken over by the federal government through a presidential ordinance, are located at the mouth of Korangi Creek and spread over 10,000 acres.

The islands have escaped the onslaught of real estate developers twice over the past two decades, first in 2006 and then in 2013. They are in the limelight again when the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government unilaterally took control of the islands from the Sindh government, which vowed to resist the centre's move alleging that it was against the Constitution.

No study, however, has recently been done to assess the ecology of the area where these islands exist.

A 2008 survey done by the World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-P) had recorded 96 fish and 54 bird species along with three species of marine dolphins and turtles here. The mangrove cover was about 3,349 hectares.

"The fragile ecosystem of this area is already under pressure from growing pollution that will intensify in case of any [concrete] development. We should have an environmental audit of this place so that strategies could be developed for its protection. It has no potential for ecotourism whatsoever," said WWF-P's regional director Tahir Rasheed.

The islands have no potential for ecotourism as they are already under threat due to sea intrusion, mangrove deforestation, growing pollution

He also referred to Article 8 (A) of the Convention on Biological Diversity to which Pakistan is a signatory and required to respect and protect social, cultural stakes of indigenous people.

It may be mentioned here that

Korangi Creek is considered to be one of the worst affected water bodies in terms of destruction caused by heavy discharge of hazardous effluent from Karachi's industrial areas, including the export processing zone. The continuous flow of waste water from Cattle Colony has also contributed to pollution.

'No-go areas'

Recently, a media team, accompanied by some fishermen, visited the islands. As our boat chugged away from the jetty, the foul smell filling the air started losing its intensity, letting us notice a few seabirds among the crows dominating the skyline, the mangrove forests covering a sizable area and some mudflats. The water, too, changed its hues, indicating the ambient conditions in which it existed.

"These fertile channels are a source of livelihood for thousands of fishermen and serve as our fishing routes. We also use them as a stopover to relax," explained Shafi, a fisherman.

He operates a wooden boat from Ibrahim Hyderi's Jamote jetty, one of the 16 jetties located in the area, which receives untreated waste in its channels from the city before it gets discharged into the sea.

Within half an hour or so, we reached Buddu island, also called Dingi in local parlance, where the team was welcomed by a pack of dogs, occasionally fed by fishermen. The land as one could see from one end of the muddy shoreline was covered with wild bushes and grass. Also visible was a recently built concrete watchtower.

"That specific point is now a no-go area for fishermen as guards stationed there don't let them cross over water from there," shared Kamal Shah, a local activist representing the Pakistan Fisherfolk

Forum (PFF).

"We remember how the community was barred from fishing along Karachi's coast, first in the Gizri Creek area and then along the Phutta island, the area where the Marina Club stands today.

"These kinds of restrictions are suffocating fishermen already facing hardships due to steep reduction in catch that they are forced to sell at low price, rising cost of living and operation of foreign trawlers," he said, worryingly.

Saint's annual urs on Bundal Island

Soon, the team left for the adjacent Bundal Island and reached there in an hour as the boat crew, better aware of wave conditions, took a long turn so that the vessel didn't get stuck in shallow water.

We had to jump into waist-deep water to get to the shore that had ample evidence of mangrove trees that once existed there. Three empty makeshift huts stood some distance away, apparently erected by fishermen for resting purposes. Cautiously walking up a small hill, soon we were standing in front of a shrine with 11 graves. Two smaller ones were, perhaps, of two children.

"This place has been known to us as the shrine of Hazrat Yousuf Shah for a long time. In the coming days, the whole place will come to life when fishermen will visit the place in large numbers and hold the annual urs here," said Mr Shah.

As far as one could look, the land was covered with grass and bushes. There was no soul, no sound except that of strong howling winds.

"These islands formed by the silt that freshwater brings into the sea are natural assets and should be preserved. They have been facing high degradation and erosion as discharge of freshwater downstream Kotri has almost stopped for many years. Factors like mangrove deforestation and growing pollution have contributed to the damage," said senior nature conservationist Jahangir Durrani, adding that islands were not viable for development.



Country's first major mass transit project opens

The Orange Line Metro Train, the country's first electricity-run mass transit project, was inaugurated on Sunday Oct. 25 with the ruling PTI and opposition squabbling over the credit.

Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, Chinese Consul General Long Dingbin and Transport Minister Jehanzeb Khan Khichi jointly inaugurated the project by pressing a button, allowing Punjab Mass Transit Authority (PMTA) to start commercial operation of the train service from Monday Oct 26.

A similar ceremony was simultaneously held in Beijing where top authorities of National Development Reforms Commission, CR-Norinco and Chinese officials concerned inaugurated the project by pressing a button. It was also shown to the audience in Lahore through video link.

"Under the CPEC, Orange Line Metro Train has been inaugurated for providing international standard transport facilities to the citizens. We think that the project will not only help strengthen urban development but also become a factor in the GDP growth," Mr Buzdar said while speaking on the occasion.

"The PTI government has set a new political tradition by successfully completing the projects of the previous governments and did not let any project falling victim to politically differences.

Since the project is the first of its kind in Pakistan, the people from various walks of life were anxiously waiting for its opening.

"It is good to hear that the project has

been completed and it is being opened for the people from Monday Oct 26. I will definitely avail this modern facility since I used to go Chuburji from Thokar almost on a daily basis by motorcycle amid traffic chaos," Anwar, a resident of a nearby locality, told media at a soft-drink shop at Thokar intersection.

"I think many people will travel by the train since its route connects a number of residential and business areas," he said.

The project is the first large-scale technologically advanced rail transit project under the Belt and Road Initiative and CPEC. The project was jointly undertaken by China State Railway Group Co. Ltd. and China North Industry Co. Ltd. (CR-NORINCO), with a total track length of 27.1 km and 26 stations, including two underground stations: one at Anarkali and the other at GPO.

A depot is located at Dera Gujran which is the northern end of the route and another at Ali Town located at the southern end of the route. The one-way fare is Rs40 and the end-to-end travel time will be 45 minutes.

The government expects the use of the facility by about 245,000 passengers on a daily basis.

In the past, the civil society held a series of protests, terming the project damaging for a number of heritage sites, including Shalamar Garden. Over 600 trees had to be cut to make way for the route.

Speaking on the occasion, CM Buzdar said the PTI government was also working on the completion of the collapsed/delayed projects of previous governments.

"Moreover, in order to operate the Orange Line Train service successfully, transparency has been ensured in the tendering of operational and maintenance works.

Speaking on the occasion, Chinese Consul General Long Ding Bin said the Punjab government had provided full support in the completion of the project, enabling the authorities to start commercial operation of the train service.

"I congratulate the Punjab government and the people of Pakistan on this occasion," he said, terming the project a milestone of Pakistan-China friendship.

"This is the first state-of-the-art rail project in the country which has been successfully launched. This project has given a new dimension to Pakistan-China friendship as the CPEC project is the best example of partnership between Pakistan and China," Provincial Minister for Transport Jehanzeb Khan Khichi said.

On the other hand, Dr Shahbaz Gill, SAPM (for political communication), termed the train service a failed project.

"The incompetent N-league is inaugurating the project as it has been funded by it. For running train, the government will have to pay Rs12 billion subsidy per annum. The operating cost will be Rs274 per ticket whereas the fare is Rs40," he deplored in a tweet.

He said the Punjab government should declare the day (Orange Line Project inauguration) as Youm-i-Saug (day of mourning). "It is a failed project," he said.



The Orange Line Metro Train arrives at a station after its official opening in Lahore on Sunday 25 Oct.. A man collects a token from an automatic ticket vending machine at a station. Staffers welcome passengers to the train. People wait for the train at a station. Passengers pictured on the train.



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Roosevelt shuttering after nearly a century

The Covid-19 pandemic has decimated the tourism industry across America and New York, which has lost more people to this disease than any other city in the world, has been hit the hardest.

Before the pandemic, New York's Times Square never slept but now its once crowded streets are often empty, and Manhattan looks like a ghost town at night.

With tourists unwilling to risk visiting the city, New York hotels too are running out of business. "Several big hotels in the city have announced that they are closed for good, and some experts say that more shutdowns are coming," The New York Times reported.

In recent months, the W Hotel in downtown Manhattan, the Hilton in Times Square, the Courtyard Marriot in Herald Square and the Omni Berkshire Place hotel have announced permanent closures.

The Roosevelt Hotel, which is known as the Grand Dame of New York, also announced that it's shuttering after nearly a century in operation. The 1,015-key hotel in the heart of Manhattan is owned by Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and managed by United Hotels Company.

Owned by PIA the hotel not the only victim of Covid-19 crisis

The 18-story building, constructed in 1924, has 22,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and underwent an \$8.2 million renovation in 2011.

The hotel management announced recently that "due to the current economic impacts ... the hotel is regretfully closing its doors permanently." Its final day of operation will be Oct 31. The hotel employees, however, have filed two lawsuits against their management for failing to notify them.

"It's like a slap in the face. This is a hotel that has produced a lot of revenue throughout the years," Marlene Cardenas, a front desk agent, told *Spectrum News*, an outlet associated with the Time Warner media group.

Ms Cardenas said she and her co-workers learned about the decision from messages on the hotel's website and its Facebook page.

The workers, who gathered outside the union offices of the Hotel Trades Council in New York, said the announcement was also a violation of their contract. "By law they're supposed to give us a 60-day notice of when they're closing" said Ms Cardenas.

The Roosevelt Hotel did not respond to requests for comment and now "we are

going to be thrown on the street" said Jin Jae Li, an employee for 24 years.

Hotel insiders say that the management shut down its operations because it was losing money since late 2019, when the pandemic hit New York. "Most rooms remained empty and the management did not have the resources to continue paying the employees," one of the sources said.

September is the most lucrative month for New York hotels. The United Nations holds its General Assembly during this month, which brings tens of thousands of people to the city, including heads of state and government. This year, the pandemic forced the UN to go online. Speeches were recorded in home countries and broadcast as live through the UN system.

Expedition set to make attempt on K2 in winter

An international expedition is preparing to attempt to scale K2 this winter and some of them plan to do it without bottled oxygen obviously depending on the state of Covid-19 in Pakistan and elsewhere, said the Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) on Sunday 1st Nov.

"Nearly a dozen climbers from Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Bulgaria are part of this expedition besides scores of Nepali Sherpas that will accompany the climbers and assist with fixing ropes along the route," ACP Secretary Karrar Haidri told media. More climbers are expected to join the expedition, he added.

The 8,611 metre-high K2 is the only peak that has never been conquered in the winter season, and has become one of the biggest challenges for veteran climbers. Summit options that are already scarce in the winter drop to nearly nothing if climbing without supplemental oxygen is not an option, said the ACP, quoting the Seven Summits Trek, which is the organiser of the expedition.

Most climbers have experience of climbing in the Himalayas, Iceland's John Snorri, and already attempted the peak last winter. The ACP official expressed the hope that they would climb the peak with

This allowed leaders to still reach out the world but deprived New York hotels of their best season to make money. "During the General Assembly, even an average hotel charged as much as \$300 a night. Roosevelt charged more. But this September, you could get a room for \$100 or less in some hotels," said a UN diplomat.

Another Roosevelt insider said shutting the doors could also save the management from paying "huge severance packages to its employees".

But others warned that it may not be easy to do so. Late last month, The New York City Council passed a law to provide vital security to hotel workers, and for enhancing consumer protections.

Under the new law, any hotel that changes management or ownership, or goes into court-ordered receivership, is required to retain the employees for at least 90 days at the same or a higher wage rate.

Pakistani ace Ali Sadpara. Ali Sadpara has made the first winter ascent on Nanga Parbat.

Similarly, two other mountaineers, Russian-American Alex Goldfarb and Hungarian Zoltan Szlanko, have also set an ambitious goal of attempting to summit Broad Peak this winter, the ACP said, adding the expedition, which was likely to attract more climbers, would reach Pakistan in December.

The latest attempt on the 8,051-metre-high mountain was in the winter last year by Poland's Denis Urubko.

Urubko was unsuccessful after his partner Don Bowie fell sick and he had to help him down the mountain. He then launched a bold solo attempt that was ultimately thwarted by extremely dangerous conditions.

According to Mr Haidri, Zoltan Szlanko intends to add more challenge to his summit attempt by also carrying his skis for a possible ski descent though the priority would remain getting to the top of the peak.

Mr Haidri said the winter ascent on K2 is one of the toughest climbs where climbers have to brave extreme weather conditions such as hurricane strong winds and 20 degrees to 30 degrees below temperatures and fatigue.

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Hashoo Group and Faysal Bank Limited join hands for a National Cause

Pakistan's leading hotel group along with one of the country's most progressive banks will offer travel packages to the Bank's Overseas Pakistani customers, at selected hotels and resorts in Pakistan's most scenic destinations.

Faysal Bank in partnership with Hashoo Group has invited Overseas Pakistanis to open their FaysalIslami Roshan Digital Account. When maintaining a minimum deposit in their account, customers will be able to avail exclusive discounts at Pearl-Continental Hotels & Resorts and Hotel One properties across Pakistan.

In Phase one, customers may avail exclusive packages at all Hotel One and Pearl-Continental Resorts in Muzaffarabad, Gwadar, Bhurban, and Malam Jabba, with access to all Pearl-Continental and Marriott city hotels to be included soon after.

Hashoo Group is the leading owner and operator of hotels in Pakistan, running Pearl-Continental Hotels & Resorts, Marriott Hotels, and the Hotel One in the country, whereas Faysal Bank Limited is amongst the most significant and



progressive Islamic banks in Pakistan's banking industry offering a wide range of Sharia compliant banking and investment solutions.

In this connection, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Hashoo Group and Faysal Bank Limited at Pearl-Continental Hotel Karachi on Monday, 26th October 2020.

At the MoU signing ceremony, Hashoo Group Deputy Chairman and CEO Mr. Murtaza Hashwani, expressed: "Working in line with the government's mission to promote tourism be it domestic, or international, we are pleased

to collaborate with Faysal Bank Limited and offer their Pakistani clientele abroad a unique opportunity to explore the natural beauty and warm hospitality that our country is recognised for."

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Mr. Yousaf Hussain, President & CEO - Faysal Bank Limited, said, "Faysal Bank is fully committed towards the State Bank led national cause of promoting the Roshan Digital Accounts. Through FaysalIslami's Roshan Digital Accounts, Overseas Pakistanis can now easily avail a range of Shariah compliant banking and investment solutions such as Islamic Naya Pakistan Certificates with only a few clicks on their mobiles or computer while in the comfort of their homes. By joining hands with Hashoo Group we are happy to collaborate and promote fantastic deals to our Overseas Pakistani customers, so when they visit their homeland, they can explore and enjoy some of Pakistan's top tourist attractions with ease, comfort and affordable rates that no one else is offering."

This collaboration aims to make travel and tourism to some of Pakistan's most exciting destinations more accessible for both individuals and families among Overseas Pakistanis and Faysal Bank Limited customers when they return to their native country.

Hashoo Group & Imperial Builders partner to re-launch historical Cecil Hotel in Murree

Pakistan's leading hotel group will manage the heritage hotel building, introduce five-star standards and bring back its past glory.

Imperial Builders are restoring the heritage building of Cecil Hotel in Murree, which dates back to the British Era to its past glory, in collaboration with Hashoo Group who will manage the completed hotel.

Hashoo Group are the owners and operators of Pearl-Continental Hotels, Marriott Hotels, and Hotel One in Pakistan, whereas Imperial Builders are recognised in the construction industry for completing outstanding structures around Pakistan.

In this connection, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Hashoo Group and Imperial Builders at Pearl-Continental Hotel Karachi on Monday, 26th October 2020.

"In line with the Prime Minister's vision to promote tourism in Pakistan, we are delighted to collaborate with Imperial Builders to restore and manage this historical, prestigious hotel," expressed Mr. Murtaza Hashwani - Hashoo Group

Deputy Chairman and CEO, at the MoU signing ceremony.

"It makes us immensely proud to partner with Hashoo Group for restoring the historical Cecil Hotel, and developing it to modern-day construction standards, to welcome travellers and tourists to this area," expressed Mr. Hunaid Hussain Lakhani - Imperial Builders CEO.

Cecil Hotel, dating back to 1851, is one of the oldest hotels in Pakistan, and has a rich history almost as old as the discovery of the region. Located in the scenic surroundings of The Murree Hills, this hotel has always been the favourite of millions for decades.

The historical hotel building is now being completely restored to its former glory, and will be operated as a luxury Pearl Continental (PC) Hotel. In addition to the PC hotel, Imperial Builders will also be

constructing an additional, contemporary Hotel One close by, with the first wing due for completion in Spring 2021. This dual branding development is the first of its kind in Pakistan, and will ensure that travellers from all walks of life can find accommodation according to their affordability and taste. The final facilities will also include unique tree houses so that guests may have one of a kind stay experience.

This private sector investment in Murree district will not only provide excellent, first-class tourism and resort services in the area, but also boost the local employment and add value to the domestic tourism infrastructure of the country.



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