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Airlines & Airports



U.S. Airlines See Higher Labor Day Travel Demand

The major U.S. airlines expect 15.6 million passengers to fly over the seven-day Labor Day travel period, up 4% from the analogous period a year ago, according to Airlines for America, the leading industry trade group.

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Nigeria Sues Turkish Airlines for Consumer Rights Violations

The Nigerian government has taken



12-Minute Flight From Toronto to Niagara Falls Arriving This September

Turkish Airlines to court for refusing to cooperate with the West African nation's Consumer Protection Council (CPC).

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Cathay Cuts A340s as A350s Roll In

Cathay Pacific is moving to retire all its Airbus A340-300s by the end of 2017, as it prepares to take A350-900s in quick succession over the next two years.

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Starting this September, travelers will be able to fly direct from Toronto, Canada, to Niagara Falls—a trip that will take all of 12 minutes.

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British Airways Cabin Crew Vote for Industrial Action

British Airways cabin crew have voted for industrial action over the airline's new "unfair" performance scheme.

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Editor's Review



Is Russian MS-21 Good Enough to Join the Oligopolistic Market?

Russians call the MS-21 their biggest investment in the revival of Russia's commercial aviation industry. With composite wings, Pratt & Whitney geared turbofan engines, a full fly-by-wire system and a bit wider cabin than the Airbus A320, the MS-21 appears to

become a serious competitor for both Airbus and Boeing.

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Regulations & Safety



EASA Strengthens Medical Requirements for Pilots

EASA published a set of proposals to the European Commission for an update of the rules concerning pilots' medical fitness, as part of its Action Plan following the Germanwings Flight 9525 accident.

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US Still Fails to Issue Norwegian Permit for Transatlantic Flights

Despite every effort, Dublin-based Norwegian Air International (NAI) has still failed to persuade the US authorities to issue a permit to enable it to fly transatlantic routes to America.



China to Raise Standards for New Airline Entrants

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) is expected to raise the bar on approving new entrants in the domestic airline industry in light of market saturation and possible excessive competition.

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IATA: Governments Must Clamp Down on Rogue Lithium Battery Shippers

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) partnered with leaders of the lithium battery supply chain to demand stricter enforcement of international regulations regarding the transport of lithium batteries.

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FAA Announces Aviation Safety Rating for Indonesia

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that Indonesia complies with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) safety standards and has been granted a Category 1 rating.

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Manufacturers



Airbus Delivers World's First A330-300 Regional to Saudi Arabian Airlines

Saudi Arabian Airlines, the national carrier of Saudi Arabia, has taken delivery of its first A330-300 Regional, making it the launch customer for this new member of the versatile and successful A330 family.

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Boeing and Nok Air Partner for Humanitarian Aid Flight

Boeing and Nok Air launched a special humanitarian aid mission to Thailand. With the help of the international non-profit organization the airline's Boeing 737-800 will transport and deliver nearly 30 boxes full of relief items.

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Boeing Delivers 50th 787 Dreamliner to ANA

Boeing and ANA celebrated the delivery of the airline's 50th 787 Dreamliner during a ceremony today at Boeing's Everett Delivery Center. ANA becomes the world's first airline to operate 50 787 Dreamliners.

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Military & Defense



Afghan Air Force Needs More Pilots and Planes

The Afghan air force is limited not only by its size. Despite numbering only 130 aircraft, there are not enough pilots and crews to fly them all. The shortage is hampering Afghan security forces' ability to fight Taliban terrorists.

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UK Orders Third Airbus Zephyr-S UAV

The UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) has ordered a third Zephyr-S Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), as part of a £13-million contract with Airbus.

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Boeing Awarded \$2.8B for KC-46A Tanker Initial Production

The U.S. Air Force awarded Boeing \$2.8 billion on Aug. 18 for KC-46A tanker low-rate initial production. The award includes the first two “production lots” of 7 and 12 planes.

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Accidents



China to Limit North Korean Airline’s Operations After Forced Landing

China will limit the operations of North Korean carrier Air Koryo after one of its aircraft made an emergency landing in a northeastern Chinese city last month.

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Qatar Airways Jet Makes Emergency Landing In Istanbul

A Qatar Airways passenger plane en route from Istanbul to Doha had to make an emergency landing at Istanbul’s Ataturk Airport on Thursday.

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