



## Airlines &amp; Airports

**EasyJet Pilots Vote For Strike Action Over Fatigue Problem**

A spokesman for easyJet said: "EasyJet is committed to working with Balpa to find a resolution to the issues raised and we hope to reach a mutually agreeable solution. EasyJet can reassure its passengers that no industrial action is currently planned by its UK pilots."

[Read more](#)**JetBlue To Purchase 10 Years' Worth Of Renewable Jet Fuel**

The fuel will consist of 30% hydro-

**After Two Years, Lufthansa and Air China Finally Agree**

This joint venture will fundamentally

processed esters and fatty-acids (HEFA) renewable jet fuel blended with 70% traditional Jet-A fuel.

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### **Thomson Airways Calling for More Female Pilots**

Thomson Airways employs nearly 900 pilots, but just 3% are women, something which the airline is keen to change, with its latest pilot recruitment drive.

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strengthen our competitive position on routes between Europe and China.

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### **Austrian Airline To Launch The World's Shortest International Flight**

A contender for the world's shortest international flight – covering just 13 miles and lasting as little as eight minutes – has been launched by an Austrian airline.

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## Regulations & Safety



### **Air Safety Regulator Bans Pilots From Clicking Photos While On Duty**

HT had reported on April 28 that at least six pilots were investigated for taking selfies with family members and colleagues inside cockpits.

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### **Federal Aviation Administration Dedicates New Tucson Control Tower**

The new tower is 252 feet tall – about double the height of the old tower, which served the airport for 58 years.

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### **EASA: Requirements for Air Traffic Services**

As an innovation, the NPA includes a set of high-level requirements for the provision of Aerodrome Flight Information Service (AFIS), which is not explicitly addressed within the current ICAO framework.

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### **Egypt And Russia Agree To Resume Gradually Air Flights From October**

Air flights between Egypt and Russia may be resumed in October already, Egypt's Al-Masry Al-Youm said on Sunday referring to high-ranking officials at the Egyptian civil aviation authority.

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## Accidents



### **Plane Returns To LAX After Blowing Tire On Takeoff**

A Southwest Airlines flight bound for Nashville returned to Los Angeles International Airport after blowing a tire Monday evening on takeoff.

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## US Air Force TU-2S Crash Kills One Pilot, Injures Another

The incident occurred near Sutter Buttes, a geologic formation near a U-2S unit's base at Beale AFB, California.

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## Saudia Airlines Plane Isolated at Manila after False Distress Call

Manila airport manager Eddie Monreal said Flight SV872 from Jiddah made the distress call about 20 miles from the airport.

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General aviation



## 1 In 3 Pilot Applicants with Air India Fail Psychological Health Test

Air India sources have revealed that 130 of the 413 candidates had not passed this crucial test which was introduced by the airline in December.

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### **New Airborne Technologies Promise to Better Link Planes & Satellites**

If the Federal Aviation Administration agrees, Inmarsat's new network will be authorized for routine traffic control transmissions and surveillance.

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### **L-3 Selected By All Nippon Airways To Supply Airbus A320 FFS**

L-3 Commercial Training Solutions (L-3 CTS) has been awarded a contract by All Nippon Airways (ANA) to build and deliver an Airbus A320 Full Flight Simulator (FFS).

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## Manufacturers & MRO



### **Airbus And Boeing Get US Go-Ahead For \$50bn Aircraft Deal With Iran**

Airbus applied for two licences to cover its deal with Iran to ensure the fast delivery of some of the aircraft, said the Airbus spokesman Justin Dubon.

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### **First ATR 72-600 High Capacity Delivered to Cebu Pacific**

CEB will progressively replace its current fleet of eight ATR 72-500s - which are configured with 72 seats - with a fleet of 16 new ATR 72-600s, with 78 seats.

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## Russia's Technodinamika to Open Component Repair Center in Africa

According to Technodinamika more than 1,000 Russian and Soviet-built aircraft and helicopters operate in the region.

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## Malaysia Airlines Finalizes US\$630m CFM LEAP-1B Engine Order

The order is valued at more than US\$630m at list price. The airplane order was announced in late July.

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### Military & Defence



## US Approves \$1.9Bln Sale of Boeing Refuelling Aircraft to Japan

"The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to Japan for [four] KC-46A aerial refuelling aircraft and related equipment, training and support," the release stated on Wednesday. "The estimated cost is \$1.9 billion."

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## Korean Air To Partner With Boeing On Unmanned Helicopter Development

Korean Air has launched a new project



## China Air Force Holds Drills Near Japanese Islands

China's ties with Japan have been strained by a longstanding territorial

that will run until 2017 to remodel 500MD helicopters into unmanned armed helicopters.

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dispute over a string of islets in the East China Sea, known in China as the Diaoyu and in Japan as the Senkaku.

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