

Palpa blames management for harassment

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LAHORE - Pakistan Airline Pilots Associations PALPA members have blamed PIA management for harassing pilots in the name of disciplinary actions. A senior office-bearer of PALPA seeking anonymity said that PALPA in a letter written to MD has warned that if the said orders were not withdrawn, the management would be responsible for all sort of circumstances. He said that how can a pilot fly plane with good number of tensions given to him by management.

He said that in the presence of Policy and Procedures Manual PPM there was no need of removal from Service Ordinance RSO 2000 under which PIA was taking action against

pilots.

He said that one captain Zahid Bharola was transferred from Islamabad to Karachi and when he claimed accommodation in Islamabad during his stay, the management coloured it as his dishonesty.

Another captain Nadeem Ch. had to leave for Riyadh KSA in emergency as his sister suffered from heart attack there. On his return, management issued him show cause notice. Later, in his defence, he confessed his mistake and said that he had to go Riyadh in emergency. Despite his confession, an inquiry was initiated by management.

After confession or acceptance of crime or mistake there was no reason for inquiry said a legal expert.

Punitive action against pilots for violating 'Service Rules'

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KARACHI - The PIA Management is determined for disciplinary and punitive action against such pilots who violated discipline and unauthorised absence from duty during the 'Go-Slow' causing unnecessary inconvenience to the travelling passengers and considerable financial losses to

the airline, PIA spokesman said here on Monday.

He said pressure tactics by PALPA would not be allowed. Strict action would be taken for violating Corporation rules and regulations and not performing duties. Discipline and authority has to be maintained for smooth and efficient functioning of the airline and in the best interest of the travelling

public, efficiency and profitability of the national carrier.

PIA spokesman explained that 'Flight Safety' and standards are never compromised by the airline and its operations have always been conducted within the ambit of the relevant rules and procedures laid down by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). PIA is proud to state here that it is among

few airlines to have achieved prestigious IOSA certification, (International safety Audit of ICAO), under the present management, he added.

Besides, it is the policy of the PIA that it does not censure any person without being heard and also provides employees the right and full opportunity to justify their position through proper inquiry and laid down Service Rules. As far as the question of RSO 2000 is concerned, it should be borne in mind that it is the de-facto and de-jure law to deal disciplinary cases in Pakistan. PIA being government organisation is bound to comply with the government laws.

PIA cockpit crew members under enquiry were also given ample time to clarify their position. Now, disciplinary action has been initiated against Captain Murad Arbab, First Officers Salahuddin, Mohammad Sohail and Farrukh Wasim for refusal to operate flights on false, implausible reasons and unauthorised absence from duty during the April'09 'Go Slow' by PALPA.

While, First Officer Adnan Andalib Siddiqui is being investigated for obtaining a fam-

ily card issued in favour of his step-father and availing free and concessions on air tickets on international and domestic routes and also availing medical facilities of more than Rs 2.2 million whereas only real dependant parents are entitled for air tickets and medical facilities and in no case step parents.

Another, First Officer Zahid, Joint Secretary PALPA, is being investigated and has been served show cause notice for falsely claiming hotel stay and allowances without entitlement. PIA spokesman said that PALPA is again threatening and trying to coerce the airline in an illegal and unlawful way by another 'Go Slow' which is always disturbing for the travelling public and additionally cause substantial financial losses to the national flag carrier.

PIA management has once again suggested to PALPA to resolve their pay and privileges matter through arbitration as agreed upon in the memorandum of understanding and not indulge in any illegal trade union activities so that their image as a pilots' association should not become questionable.

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Boeing, PIA and Emirates partner to bring needed medical supplies to Pakistan



Boeing collaborated with PIA and Emirates on a second relief flight to deliver medical supplies to Pakistan. Picture show J Miguel Santos (C) Boeing Director International Sales and Capt Qasim Hayat (4th R), along with other PIA officials after delivering the relief goods at Benazir Bhutto International Airport, Islamabad.

KARACHI: Boeing has said that it has collaborated with PIA and Emirates on a second relief flight to deliver medical supplies to Pakistan. The supplies were donated by AmeriCares, a nonprofit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization operating worldwide. The relief supplies will be distributed in Pakistan to the displaced peoples of the Swat Valley by International Medical Corps (IMC), a non-government relief organisation

that has been operating in Pakistan since 1984. The pallets of medical supplies, weighing just over 16,000 pounds, were loaded onto a newly delivered Emirates 777-300ER that departed Paine Field in Everett, Wash., last week. Emirates, the world's largest 777 operator, ferried the goods to Dubai, where they were then transferred to a PIA 777 flight en route to Islamabad. PR