

# IFALPA Press Release on the missing Flight QZ8501

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONTREAL – The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) is closely monitoring reports of the missing Air Asia Flight QZ 8501, an Airbus A320-200 aircraft enroute from Surabaya to Singapore.

Our thoughts and best hopes are with the 162 crew and passengers onboard the aircraft, and their families.

Whilst the search and rescue efforts are taking place, IFALPA stresses the need to avoid speculation as to what happened to the aircraft.

The Federation has reached out to the Malaysian Air Line Pilots' Association (MAPA) and will keep its resources at the disposal of the relevant investigative agencies in order to help gather facts and any other information which may be pertinent to this event.

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*Note to Editors: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. IFALPA's mission is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations.*

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