



## A story of success

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### ABOUT IFALPA



- Stands for International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations
- Approaching 100 Member Associations world-wide
- In excess of 100,000 pilot members
- IFALPA Headquarters in Montreal, close to ICAO
- Full-time Secretariat employed

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## IFALPA's Mission



The mission of IFALPA is to promote the highest level of aviation safety worldwide and to be the global advocate of the piloting profession; providing representation, services and support to both our members and the aviation industry.

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## IFALPA'S AIMS



- To develop and promote a common pilot viewpoint on:
  - Technical developments in aviation
  - Air safety objectives
  - International standards and regulations governing air transport operations
  - Other professional matters
- To advocate for adoption of IFALPA policies in the State of each Association and ICAO

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## Safety and Technical Role



- Provides expert representatives who promote the Federation's safety and technical policies
- Vast network of relationships with international aviation industry organisations
  - IFALPA's global identity enables it to interact with complex web of international relationships - which cannot be dealt with at national level

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## Professional & Government Affairs Role



- Promote IFALPA professional and industrial expertise and network among all stakeholders in the aviation industry
- Initiate & facilitate a constructive dialogue between stakeholders
- Provide advice, analysis, assistance and training, on
  - Professional issues
  - Licensing issues
  - Legal Issues

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## IFALPA Publications



- Interpilot Magazine
  - Published digitally, quarterly
    - Keeps you in touch with IFALPA activities
- Position Papers and Briefing Leaflets
  - Published at regular intervals
    - To brief and educate on technical information and procedures
- Safety and Security Bulletins
  - Published regularly
    - To provide brief updates on safety events and topical information
    - Circulated throughout the industry

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## IFALPA WEBSITE



[www.ifalpa.org](http://www.ifalpa.org)

- Information and history of IFALPA
- Committees, Regions, Newsletters
- Hot Topics
- Professional Development Information
- Press Releases
- New Publications

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## The PIA case

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## Pakistan International Airlines



- Founded in 1946 as Orient Airways
- Nationalised in 1947 as Pakistan International Airlines (PIA)
- First Asian airline to operate jet aircraft (B707) in the region
- Current fleet includes ATR-42/72, Airbus A320 and Boeing B777



Data and image: Wikipedia & PIAC website

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## The safety link



- In May 2020, a PIA A320 flying from Lahore to Karachi crashed into a neighborhood near Karachi airport
- 98 fatalities



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## The licenses scandal



<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/06/25/business/pakistan-fake-pilot-intl-hnk/index.html>



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## PIA banned to fly to EU/US



- As a result of those safety problems, EASA and FAA promulgated a ban for 6 months on the Pakistani carriers.



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## What about Pakistani pilots?



- PALPA: Pakistan Air Line Pilots' Association
- Created in 1954 (as PPA)
- Member of IFALPA since 1956
- IFALPA has been regularly providing assistance to PALPA



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## First contacts



- The situation was deemed critical (accident investigation, reputational damage, banned flights)
- IFALPA, in collaboration with PIA and PALPA, organized an on-line safety seminar to address safety issues in Pakistan
- Other organizations collaborated: ICAO, IATA, FSF.



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## Proposing solutions

- IFALPA played a **facilitator role** by sitting parties at the table
- The basic concept was to build a respectful dialogue between parties



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## Cautious optimism

- Loss of mutual trust was the main obstacle
- Media “noise” did not help
- But discussions took place...



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## Safety is first



- It was important to demonstrate a total commitment in safety matters by all involved parties



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## And then, Kabul...



- Two PIA aircraft sent to Kabul for repatriation purposes
- A B777 departed right before the Taliban took control of the airport
- An A320 remains on the ground when ATC sends the message that "pilots should take their own decisions"
- The captain of the flight decides to depart immediately after two fighter jets in order to not get caught in the chaos
- The captain of this flight was Maqsood Barajani, VP of PALPA

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## Hope



Capt. Masdooq Barajani & PIA CEO Air Marshal Arshad Malik  
after the "Kabul flight"

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## The role of IFALPA



- IFALPA promotes the establishment of relations between employers and pilots
- Different views / common interests
- And safety first!



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## Conclusion



- Pilots share common interests with airlines & regulators
- Pilots want to collaborate in finding solutions (solution-seekers)
- There's no magic in this:

dialogue & respect

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