



Garuda Indonesia Dbolehkan Terbang Lagi ke Amerika

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Maskapai nasional Garuda Indonesia kembali diizinkan terbang ke Amerika Serikat, sebagai hasil pengkajian keselamatan oleh badan keselamatan penerbangan AS.

Badan penerbangan AS, FAA menetapkan bahwa setelah satu dekade dilarang terbang ke AS, Indonesia telah kembali pada Kategori 1, peringkat puncak keselamatan penerbangan.

Pasar penerbangan yang tumbuh cepat di Indonesia didera sejumlah kecelakaan fatal, dan peringkat keselamatan Garuda diturunkan pada tahun 2007.

Belum lama ini Uni Eropa juga sudah mencabut larangan terbang bagi tiga maskapai Indonesia, Batik Air, Lion Air dan Citilink. Namun 52 maskapai Indonesia lain masih dalam daftar hitam otorita transportasi Uni Eropa.

Laporan-laporan mengatakan maskapai nasional Garuda Indonesia bisa mulai penerbangan ke Amerika Serikat tahun depan. Garuda sedang menjajaki layanan rute baru dari Jakarta ke New York atau Los Angeles, kata laporan itu.

India dan Filipina juga dikembalikan status ke Kategori 1 dalam beberapa tahun terakhir, sebaliknya Thailand justru diturunkan statusnya Desember lalu.

Questions:

1. What specific aspect Garuda Indonesia's operations does this news item focus upon?

2. What has been the situation with Garuda Indonesia since 2007 and what set of circumstances has brought about this situation?

3. What specific news is there about the other three Indonesian-operated airlines mentioned in this article?

4. What can you deduce about the overall safety standards of the Indonesian airline industry? Give your reasons for reaching this conclusion quoting evidence from the text.

5. When will Garuda Indonesia's operations be altered by the changed conditions and how is the airline planning forward for this?

6. What other airlines have been impacted by similar circumstances to Garuda Indonesia and when were the changes implemented for these airlines?

7. According to the article, are the operations of any other national carrier currently negatively impacted by FAA regulations and, if so, when were these enforcements enacted?

8. The word "*maskapai*" is used three times throughout the article. Look at the word in context and attempt to define its meaning.

9. Are you personally aware of any recent changes to Garuda Indonesia's operations that may have resulted in the decision discussed in the article?

READING COMPREHENSION

SUGGESTED ANSWERS

1. Answer: This article focusses on the lifting of bans by the FAA on Garuda Indonesia flying to the United States of America.
2. Answer: Since 2007 Garuda Indonesia's safety rating has been reduced to Category 2 by the FAA as the result of a number of fatal accidents in the Indonesian airline industry.
3. Answer: The European Union has already lifted flight bans placed on Batik Air, Lion Air and Citilink.
4. Answer: There are still serious safety concerns with the airline industry in Indonesia as 52 other Indonesian airlines are currently blacklisted by the European Union Transport Authority.
5. Answer: Garuda Indonesia will be permitted to start flying to the United States from 2017 and is currently investigating new routes from Jakarta to either New York or Los Angeles.
6. Answer: Both Air India and Philippine Airlines have had their Category 1 safety rating reinstated by the FAA in the past couple of years.
7. Answer: The safety rating for Thai Airways was lowered in December 2015 by the FAA.
8. Answer: In context the word "*maskapai*" could mean either "*airline*" or "*carrier*".
9. In recent years Garuda Indonesia has consistently ranked in the Skytrax Top 10 airlines in the world which has helped put the airline back on the world stage.