



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SACAA confirms the false hi-jack alert involving an SAA Flight

Midrand. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) was notified late on Monday evening about the false hi-jack alert that involved an SAA flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg. As a regulator the SACAA is studying the reports from the various service providers on this occurrence to determine if appropriate action was followed as stipulated in the regulations when a potential emergency incident unfolds.

According to reports at our disposal, the SACAA is satisfied with the actions taken by ATNS, ACSA and SAA when this occurrence unfolded. This demonstrates the state of readiness of the various South African civil aviation agencies when faced with a potential or real threat. We therefore commend all officials who immediately activated their emergency procedures upon learning of such a danger. This further means that South Africa is in good hands as far as civil aviation security is concerned.

The South African Civil Aviation Authority's mandate is to ensure the safety and security of civilians in the civil aviation space and we take this responsibility very seriously. We will stop at nothing in ensuring that all our operators adhere fully with applicable Civil Aviation Regulations.

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About the SACAA:

The SACAA promotes and maintains a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation environment, by regulating and overseeing the functioning and development of the industry in an efficient, cost-effective, and customer-friendly manner according to international standards.

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