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Full Scale Airport Emergency Exercise to be held on April 19, 2016 At Benazir Bhutto International Airport Islamabad

Islamabad: Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) has planned to conduct a Full Scale Airport Emergency Exercise – 2016 on Tuesday, the 19th April, 2016 at 1030 hrs to test the response of all concerned agencies involved in aircraft accident or incident according to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Crisis & Emergency Response Plan (CERP).

The purpose of this exercise is to establish coordination amongst the participating agencies to carry out rescue and fire operations in case of aircraft crash or any untoward incident at the airport. The exercise will enable the management to assess the prompt response and coordination between all the agencies in case of emergency situation at the airport.

General public residing around the airport vicinity are cautioned not to panic as this will be a mock exercise involving participation of fire and rescue departments, ambulances, Rescue 1122 and Armed Forces.

An Airbus A-320 aircraft will be used for this emergency exercise which involves boarding of mock passengers and casualties, manning of aircraft by crew (cockpit & cabin), while ASF will cordon off the aircraft and observer area. Triage area (Assembly point for critically injured) will be established at the airport to classify the casualties according to priority. Rescue and evacuation of passengers from the aircraft will begin and volunteers acting as injured passengers will be transported in ambulances and helicopters to the nearest hospitals.

On receiving the emergency call, fire brigades will respond to the simulated scene of aircraft accident and extinguish the fire by following procedures as laid down in the Crisis & Emergency Response Plan.

Ambulances from Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, Pakistan Army, Pakistan Air Force, Punjab Emergency Services Rescue-1122 and various hospitals will also participate in this exercise.

Emergency exercise will be conducted under the command of Airport Manager. After the exercise, a panel of experts from airlines, hospitals, security agencies and PCAA will assemble and evaluate the response. The panel will also highlight the deficiencies in the mock exercise and suggest improvements for smooth real-time execution.


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