
QATAR, IRAQ COOPERATE IN CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY, SAFETY

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Doha: Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) on Thursday announced steps towards cooperation with and providing support for the civil aviation sector in the fraternal Republic of Iraq.

QCAA said the move enhances the recent achievements of Iraqi Airways, which reflects positively on air transport in Iraq and the region as the authority seeks to boost cooperation and exchange expertise in the field of civil aviation with counterparts in fraternal and friendly countries.

The announcement came during the official visit of HE Minister of Transport of the fraternal Republic of Iraq, Kadhim Finjan Al Hammami, and the delegation accompanying him to the State of Qatar, during which he met Minister of Transport and Communications Jassim bin Saif Al Sulaiti and QCAA Chairman Abdullah bin Nasser Turki Al Subaey, and discussed aspects of cooperation between the two fraternal countries in air transport.

The two sides also agreed on some proposals, including the possibility of exchanging visits, information and expertise, and helping in preparing and issuing new regulations and legislations on civil aviation safety in Iraq in line with European and U.S. systems. This step stems from CAA's experience in the field, particularly after the EU recognized the air safety systems implemented in the State of Qatar in accordance with the memorandum of understanding that was signed between the State of Qatar and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in 2017.

CAA expressed its readiness to offer its expertise in airport safety to the Republic of Iraq after the State of Qatar ranked as one of the world's top countries in implementing civil aviation safety measures, according to official data released by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 2017.

Qatar scored 99.1 percent in applying the guidelines of annex 17 on safeguarding international civil aviation, which is the main criterion of aviation safety. As a result, this showed the qualitative leap that Doha has made in the field and enhanced its status among world countries in the aviation sector. (QNA)

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