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SURABAYA, 1st JANUARY 2015 – AirAsia Indonesia wishes to update on the development of the on-going search and rescue mission of flight QZ 8501.

The Disaster Victim Identification Police Department of Republic of Indonesia (DVI POLRI) today confirmed that the remains of one passenger on board QZ 8501 was identified as Hayati Luthfi Hamid (female). The confirmation was announced upon matching forensic and ante-mortem tests with the DNA evidence submitted by the families.

Sunu Widyatmoko, Chief Executive Officer AirAsia Indonesia handed the remains to her family at a ceremony held at Bhayangkara Hospital, Surabaya.

Sunu said, "On behalf of everyone at AirAsia, we extend our profound condolences to the family and friends of late Hayati Luthfi Hamid. AirAsia will support everything that the family may need during these difficult times."

Earlier today, BASARNAS also confirmed that a total of six out of seven remains of QZ 8501 passengers which were recovered in Karimata Strait had been transported in Bhayangkara Hospital this morning for immediate identification by Disaster Victim Identification Police Department of Republic of Indonesia (DVI POLRI).

DVI team are now working on thorough identification which includes DNA check and forensics examination.

Meanwhile, the search and rescue effort still continues. Indonesian Minister of Transportation has deployed 5 additional vessels to the searching area. To date, there are more than 90 vessels and aircraft from numerous countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, United States, involved in the operation.

Further information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families and friends of our passengers and colleagues on board QZ8501.

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