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SURABAYA, 4TH FEBRUARY 2015 – AirAsia Indonesia wishes to confirm the latest development on the search and rescue operations of QZ 8501 led by The National Search and Rescue Agency (BASARNAS) Republic of Indonesia.

SAR operations around the Karimata Strait and Java Sea continued with SAR vessels mobilized in the primary focus area to observe the sea floor using side-scan sonar equipment and Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). However, SAR divers were unable to descend into the Java Sea floor due to strong underwater currents. No additional recoveries were reported from Karimata Strait and Java Sea today.

Meanwhile in the Makassar Strait, SAR operations continued as SAR vessels, sea riders and inflatable boats were mobilized in the vicinity of Mamuju and Majene West Sulawesi, stretching to Pinrang and Selayar Island, South Sulawesi. Local fishermen located two additional remains suspected to be that of QZ 8501 passengers on the shoreline of Pinrang, South Sulawesi. The two additional remains are now on their way to Makassar and will be flown to Surabaya for identification purposes.

In Surabaya, the Disaster Victim Identification Police Department Republic of Indonesia (DVI POLRI) announced that three more passengers were identified as: Indah Yuni (female), Saiful Rachmad (male), Joe Jeng Fei (male). DVI POLRI team also confirmed that the remains that were recovered in Majene, West Sulawesi (coffin No. B-077) were non-human, bringing the total number of recovered remains to 92.

To date, 67 out of the 92 remains have been identified, while 10 remains are still being identified and 15 remains have yet to arrive in Bhayangkara Hospital, Surabaya.

AirAsia Indonesia would like to take this opportunity to urge the public seeking progress on the search and evacuation and identification process of QZ 8501 passengers to refer solely to official information from BASARNAS and DVI POLRI.

You may also obtain substantiated information only from authorised AirAsia social media accounts: Facebook ([www.facebook.com/AirAsia](http://www.facebook.com/AirAsia)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/AirAsia](http://www.twitter.com/AirAsia))

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families and friends of our passengers and colleagues on board QZ 8501.

Note to Editors: We ask that members of the news media do not call the AirAsia Emergency Call Centre, as this line is reserved for family members seeking information about those who may have been on board.

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