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SURABAYA, 6TH FEBRUARY 2015 – AirAsia Indonesia would like to confirm the latest developments on the search and rescue (SAR) operations of QZ 8501 led by the National Search and Rescue Agency (BASARNAS) Republic of Indonesia.

SAR operations around Karimata Strait and Java Sea continued today as SAR vessels mobilized around the primary search area and sea divers descended to observe the sea floor. Earlier today, four additional remains suspected to be that of QZ 8501 passengers were recovered from the Java Sea floor near the fuselage wreckage. The four remains are still on their way to Pangkalan Bun, Central Borneo.

Meanwhile, SAR operations in Makassar Strait is still underway with SAR vessels, sea riders and inflatable boats being mobilized in the vicinity of West Sulawesi stretching to South Sulawesi. In addition, following continuous recoveries, SAR team in Makassar decided to relocate its operation base from Majene, West Sulawesi to Pare-Pare, South Sulawesi effective today. Earlier today, local fishermen located additional remains suspected to be that of a QZ 8501 passenger on the shoreline of Pinrang, South Sulawesi. The remains are now on its way to Makassar, South Sulawesi and will be flown to Surabaya for identification purposes.

In Surabaya, the Disaster Victim Identification Police Department Republic of Indonesia (DVI POLRI) today announced that a passenger has been identified as Ingrid Jessica Winata (female). AirAsia Indonesia has officially handed over the remains to her family this afternoon.

To date, 68 out of the 97 remains have been identified, while 24 are still being identified and 5 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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