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### AIRASIA INDONESIA FLIGHT QZ 8501 UPDATE - AS PER 8 JANUARY 2015 20:00 HRS LT (GMT+7)

**SURABAYA, 8TH JANUARY 2015** – AirAsia Indonesia wishes to update on the latest developments on the search and evacuation process of QZ 8501, lead by The National Search and Rescue Agency (BASARNAS) Republic of Indonesia.

The SAR team were able to continue the search operations this morning despite of the less than ideal weather conditions with some light rain and clouds. Sea divers were deployed to continue with the underwater search following the finding of QZ 8501's tail yesterday.

BASARNAS said that the operation began at 7 am this morning and the sea divers have been observing the second focus area where the tail part was found yesterday, in order to find where the black box is located. However, due to swift underwater currents and limited visibility, the divers were only able to find more debris which is presumed to be the interior part of the aircraft and baggage compartment.

The tail part will be the main focus of the SAR operation and BASARNAS said that once the black box is found, the SAR team plans to lift the tail piece out from the water with the permission from Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Committee (KNKT).

Meanwhile, BASARNAS today confirmed they recovered one more remain today from the search area. The remain has arrived at Juanda Airport, Surabaya this evening.

Separately, the Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Police Department of Republic of Indonesia (DVI POLRI) today announced that they were able to identify one more remain, identified as: Djoko Suseno (male).

To date, BASARNAS confirmed to have recovered a total of 41 remains of which 25 remains have been identified by DVI POLRI and 16 remains are still being identified.

AirAsia 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.

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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