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All Member Associations

Dear Colleagues

On Friday, 9 April 2013, two Turkish Airlines pilots were kidnapped while travelling on a bus from Beirut airport, and are currently being held hostage by a group called Zuwwar al-Imam Rida. This group has stated that they will release the hostages in exchange for the release of nine Lebanese citizens currently being held in Syria.

IFALPA will shortly issue a press release on this situation.

All Member Associations are asked to contact their governments and airline to ensure crew layover security is adequate. Furthermore, operators shall take measures that no pilot is sent against his or her will to a destination where he or she feels uncomfortable with local security.

IFALPA encourages all Member Associations to participate in its work on aviation security by sending representatives to the IFALPA Security Committee.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Wykoff', written in a cursive style.

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