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HAMAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCES FIVE ADDITIONAL AIRLINES TO BEGIN OPERATIONS FROM NEW AVIATION HUB THIS WEEK

Operations expand at Qatar's new Hamad International Airport with the move of Etihad Airways, Royal Jordanian Airlines, SriLankan Airlines, Kuwait Airways and inaugural flight of Bangladeshi United Airways

12 May, Doha, Qatar: Hamad International Airport (HIA), Qatar's new world-class gateway has announced an additional five airlines will be operating from the new airport in the coming week. Passengers travelling on *Etihad Airways, Royal Jordanian Airlines, SriLankan Airlines* and *Kuwait Airways* will now depart from HIA instead of Doha International Airport (DIA) from Wednesday 14th May, while Bangladeshi airline, *United Airways,* from Thursday 15th May.

From Wednesday 14th May, four airlines will begin to operate their services from Hamad International Airport with their first arriving and departing flights as follows:

- Etihad Airways: Flight EY399 from Abu Dhabi International Airport, arriving to HIA at 0240, and flight EY390 to Abu Dhabi International Airport, departing from HIA at 0415
- **Royal Jordanian Airlines:** Flight RJ646 from Queen Alia International Airport in Jordan, arriving to HIA at 1130, and flight RJ647 to Queen Alia International Airport in Jordan, departing from HIA at 1230
- **Kuwait Airways**: Flight KU617 from Kuwait International Airport, arriving to HIA at 1645, and flight KU618 to Kuwait International Airport, departing from HIA at 1745
- SriLankan Airlines: Flight UL217 from Bandaranaike International Airport, Sri Lanka, arriving to HIA at 2115, and flight UL218 to Bandaranaike International Airport, Sri Lanka, departing from HIA at 2230

In addition, from Thursday 15th, May Bangladeshi airline *United Airways* will also start operating for the first time in Qatar with their inaugural flight 4H583 arriving to HIA at 0245 from Dhaka International Airport, Bangladesh. The airline's first departing flight 4H584 from HIA will be at 0400.



Abdulaziz Al-Mass, Senior Manager, Public Relations and Communications, DIA/HIA said: "Today's announcement is part of Qatar's exciting new chapter in aviation, as airline operations begin transferring from DIA to HIA. Passengers are advised to double check their departing airport before travelling to avoid any unnecessary delays. During this transitional period, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank passengers for their positive response since HIA's soft opening and for their continued patience as we strive to provide the best possible experience. The new airport will exceed expectations and redefine passengers' experience, whether they are departing, arriving or travelling onwards."

This latest announcement is part of the phased opening of HIA following the soft opening on April 30th and the upcoming full opening on May 27th.

Passengers looking for further information on flights and airline operations should check with their respective airline, visit <u>www.dohaairport.com</u>, or alternatively check updates via DIA social media channels including; Twitter (@dohaairport), Facebook (Doha International Airport) and Instagram (dohaairport).

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Notes to Editors:

Hamad International Airport is the world's newest aviation hub, a world-class facility that is set to exceed expectations and redefine the passenger and transit experience.

Positioned at the edge of the Arabian Gulf, Hamad International Airport's tranquil waterside setting provides a perfect backdrop for its stylish architectural elements, underpinned by advanced airport systems. It features two runways, among the longest in the world, a state-of-the-art air traffic control tower, a stunning passenger terminal with an initial design capacity of 30 million passengers per year, over 40,000 square meters of combined retail, food and beverage facilities and a uniquely shaped public mosque.

For more information about Doha International Airport or Hamad International Airport, please visit <u>www.dohaairport.com</u>