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**MANDATORY SAFETY AWARENESS EXERCISE FOR ALL
HELICOPTER OPERATORS IN MALAYSIA**

PUTRAJAYA – Following the third air accident involving helicopters in less than 6 months, the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) will be taking immediate action to address the safety concerns involving helicopter operations in the country. A mandatory safety awareness exercise will be conducted with local helicopter operators, maintenance organisations and helicopter pilots to ensure the law and regulations are fully complied with. This safety awareness exercise will cover safety management training, hazard identification and safety risk assessment and factors to be considered in safety management for everyone including small organisations.

CAAM wishes to clarify that all helicopter operators in Malaysia are fully inspected and are required to hold valid licences and maintenance certificates to ensure the validity of the pilot's qualification as well as the airworthiness of the helicopters.

Following the latest helicopter accident at Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, Subang, the Air Accident Investigation Bureau under the Ministry of Transport Malaysia will determine the root causes from the investigations carried out, whilst CAAM will carry out exercises to ensure these risks are mitigated to the best extent to prevent further incidences. This careful action is done in fair execution of Malaysian regulations and most importantly in the interest of the safety for all.

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