



> Pilgrims of Hajj fly in portuguese aircrafts property of euroAtlantic airways from India and Senegal.

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EuroAtlantic airways (EAA) has an ongoing operation designed to transport Muslim pilgrims for the **Hajj**, the annual pilgrimage of the Islam, involving two aircrafts **Boeing B767-300ER** and almost one hundred crew members, coordinators and maintenance technicians. The frequency of departures to Jeddah, final destination the Meca, could be considered an <<air bridge>> from countries of Central Asia and West Africa. **The President/CEO and founder of EAA, Tomaz Metello**, stated: “**EAA and it’s crews, involved in the first phase of the Hajj, are transporting thousands of Muslim pilgrims, an opportunity for the sector of the national exports, services and highly qualified workforce**”, without revealing contract details.

EuroAtlantic airways is one of the companies most appreciated by the Saudi authorities as well as the countries involved in flights related to the **Hajj**, which include very specific and particular routines. Passengers usually tend to refer to the performance of the portuguese crews as having a very own facility to assume traditions, habits and costumes. **EAA** started these kind of operations some years ago and developed training programs for crews (**PNT** and **PNC**) which currently allow to reach specific levels of ability and to share their commitment with the contracting company to the final consumer. It should be pointed out that the **EAA** operation at the **International Airport of Jeddah**, in Saudi Arabia, is greatly facilitated by an own terminal, built for a movement of two million pilgrims annually. This number reflects a traffic volume towards Meca, which can be translated into billions of **US dolars**, attracting airlines in a global scale.



Image of the Hajj pilgrims aboard the EAA in the last year.

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