

Dubai up +6.3% to 43m pax in HY1 as June reached 6m

Dubai International Airport (DXB) has reported a 6.3% increase in passenger numbers to 43m in the first half of 2017 and a 3.9% rise in June traffic to 6,084,674, with the modes growth level due to the holy month of Ramadan falling in June, which airport management points to as 'a traditionally slow month'.



The top country destinations by passenger volumes were India (5,943,359); Saudi Arabia (3,108,492); the UK (3,064,172); Pakistan (2,207,497); and the US (1,561,559).

By contrast, the top regions over the same period and their traffic shares were South America (36.4%), Eastern Europe (28.7%) and Asia (18.7%). The most popular cities by passenger volumes included London (1,893,038 passengers), Mumbai (1,205,504), Bangkok (1,037,606) and New Delhi (1,016,183).



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Commenting on the results, Paul Griffiths, Dubai Airports CEO said: "We are pleased with the growth in the first half and with the rush of travellers expected to hit peak at the end of school holidays later next month, we are looking forward to another quarter of positive growth.

The average number of passengers per flight [*load factor-Ed*] during the first half stood at 218 (+6.9%) compared to 204 during the same period in 2016.

"We will continue to focus on improving service quality at DXB by bringing in new experiences and services to engage and delight our customers," concluded Griffiths.

Flight movements in the first half totalled 205,996, compared to 207,970 recorded during the same period in 2016 – a marginal contraction of 0.9%. Interestingly, June's flight movements actually totalled 30,841 a fall of 4.7% compared to 32,363 during June 2016.

Meanwhile, during the first half of 2017 air cargo volumes totalled 1,302,911 tonnes, up 1.6% compared to 1,282,025 tonnes handled during the same period in 2016. DXB handled 215,668 tonnes of freight in June compared to 226,174 tonnes during the same month



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