



# IRAN OFFICIALS SAYS RUSSIANS OFF THE TENDER LIST FOR NEW AIRCRAFT

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An Iranian official has said that it is unlikely that Iranian airlines will be buying Russian-made passenger aircraft anymore after a turbulent history.

As they move away from Russian aircraft it is becoming more likely that Iranian companies would seek Airbus and Boeing products, said Maqsood Samani Assadi, secretary of Iran's Airlines Association in an interview with Trend News Agency.

Both Airbus and Boeing have a good history in terms of maintenance and staff education that makes them a good option for Iranian civil aviation companies as fleet sizes start to expand.

Assadi said: "We had a growth of over 10 percent in terms of the fleet size. In the emerging situations, also, the companies will provide for their needs according to the contacts and relations they have."

Under sanctions, Iran began to assemble a passenger aircraft, the Iran-140, which proved highly unsafe after fatal crashes in 2009 and 2014. But the industry is hoping the country will soon be

free from sanctions, allowing the aviation fleet to expand.

The Iranian aviation industry will be supporting Aviation Iran - an event to explore aviation opportunities in Iran – which will take place at Le Meridien Hotel & Conference Centre, Dubai, UAE on 2nd and 3rd March 2016.

The event is organised by Times Aerospace Events, a sister company of Arabian Aerospace and in conjunction with Aerocomm Ltd and the Access Group.

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