



IRAN'S MERAJ AIR ACQUIRES AN EX-PAKISTANI A340 FOR GOV'T OPS

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[Meraj Air](#) (JI, [Tehran Mehrabad](#)) has taken delivery of its maiden [A340-300](#), ex-[AirBlue](#) (PA, [Karachi Int'l](#)) machine EP-AJA (cn 257), that was originally reported as being destined for [Asian Express Airline \(Tajikistan\)](#) (KV, [Dushanbe](#)). Originally listed as heading for [Singapore Changi](#), the quadjet was seen arriving at [Tehran Mehrabad](#) on Tuesday, September 15.

Reports out of Iran indicate the aircraft has already been reconfigured for VIP operations for the Iranian government and is sporting "Islamic Republic of Iran" titles.

Earlier this year, [Mahan Air](#) (W5, [Tehran Mehrabad](#)) acquired a fleet of seven ex-[Virgin Atlantic](#) (VS, [London Heathrow](#)) and [Hi Fly Malta](#) (5M, [Malta](#)) [A340-600s](#) as well as an ex-[Virgin Atlantic](#) [A340-300](#) through its Iraqi proxy [Al-Naser Airlines](#) (NR, [Baghdad](#)).

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