

Canada, US Ground Boeing 737 Max 8s

Aftermath Of Plane Crash In Ethiopia

OTTAWA/WASHINGTON: Canada joined some 40 other countries in barring the Max 8 from its airspace, saying satellite tracking data showed possible but unproven similarities between the Ethiopian Airlines crash that killed 157 people and a previous crash involving the model five months ago.

President Donald Trump issued an emergency order Wednesday grounding all Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft, a reversal for the U.S. after federal aviation regulators had maintained it had no data to show the jets are unsafe.

The decision came hours after the U.S. also grounded a larger version of the plane, the Max 9.

The Federal Aviation Administration said "new information from the wreckage" of the Ethiopia crash, along with satellite-based tracking of the flight path,

indicated some similarities with a Lion Air crash in the Java Sea that killed 187 people in October.

The information "warrants further investigation of the possibility of a shared cause for the two incidents that needs to be better understood and addressed," the FAA said in a statement.

Trump, who had received assurances Monday from Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg that the Max aircraft was sound, said the safety of the American people is of "paramount concern."

Trump said any plane currently in the air will go to its destination and then be grounded, adding that pilots and airlines have been notified. Boeing issued a statement saying it supported the FAA's decision even though it "continues to have full confidence in the safety of the 737 MAX." The company also said it had itself



Passengers line up at an Air Canada check in desk at Trudeau Airport in Montreal, Wednesday, March 13, 2019, following the government of Canada's decision to ground all Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft from departing, arriving or flying over Canadian airspace. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Graham Hughes

recommended the suspension of the Max fleet after consultations with the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We are supporting this proactive step out of an abundance of caution," Boeing said.

Canadian Transport Minister Marc Garneau said a comparison of vertical fluctuations found a "similar profile" between the Ethiopian Airlines crash and the Lion Air crash. Garneau, a former astronaut who flew in the space shuttle, emphasized that the data

is not conclusive but crossed a threshold that prompted Canada to bar the Max 8.

He said the new information indicated that the Ethiopian Airline jet's automatic system kicked in to force the nose of the aircraft down after computer software determined it was too high. In the case of the Lion Air crash, the pilot fought against computer software that wanted to drop the nose of the plane.

"So, if we look at the profile, there are vertical fluctuations,

in the vertical profile of the aircraft and there were similarities in what we saw," Garneau said. "But I would repeat once again. This is not the proof that is the same root problem. It could be something else."

Canada lost 18 of its citizens in Sunday's crash.

The European Union has also barred the Max 8. China ordered its airlines to ground the planes — they had 96 Max 8 jets in service, more than one-fourth of the 370 Max jets in circulation.

Ontario Launches \$30 Billion Infrastructure Program

BADEN: The Ontario Government has announced new infrastructure funding that will also help create and protect good jobs across the province.

"When it comes to delivering core services that matter to people, our government is putting people first," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure on Tuesday. "Today's historic infrastructure investment marks the start of billions

of dollars in funding that will improve the wellbeing of the people of Ontario. And it is part of our plan to balance the budget in a responsible, sustainable way while creating and protecting good jobs."

The first stream of the funding, the Rural and Northern stream, is open to cities and Indigenous communities with populations under 100,000. Those communities, about 500 of them, will have eight weeks

beginning March 18 to nominate road and bridge projects.

McNaughton said: "This first stream of funding is an invitation to all those communities to get started on the crucial process of project nomination."

The funding falls under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, which will unlock up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial, and local investments in communities across the province over the next 10 years.

"Our economy, communities, and families all depend on infrastructure. This program will bring major infrastructure investments that people rely on," said McNaughton.

"And when we invest in smart infrastructure, we create jobs and grow the economy, shaping the future for hard-working families in Ontario. Our province

is open for business and open for jobs."

Jamie McGarvey, AMO President and Mayor of Parry Sound, said: "The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) welcomes this federal and provincial commitment to infrastructure funding across our province.

Rural and northern communities depend on safe and reliable roads and bridges. They are essential to local quality of life and prosperity. Importantly, the 'one-window' approach that Ontario and the federal government have put in place will offer Ontario's municipal governments an efficient means to access infrastructure funding."

The Grants Ontario website will be a "one-window" source for applicants, handling application intake, review, nomination, reporting and transfer payment management processes — all in one place.

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