

## Flynas carries record 11m passengers in 2023

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Dhaka: Saudi Arabian low-cost carrier Flynas announced it experienced a record-breaking year as the airline carried over 11 million passengers in 2023, representing a growth of over 28 per cent compared to 2022. The carrier took delivery of almost 20 aircraft in 2023, which resulted in 22 per cent more seats in Flynas' network.

According to reports, it has taken delivery of 19 new aircraft in 2023, ending the year with a fleet of 64 aircraft. This resulted in a 35 per cent increase in operated aircraft Year-on-Year (YoY).

On the development, Bander Almohanna, Chief Executive Officer, Flynas said, "Our continued investments to increase the fleet size and destinations network have contributed to enhancing our leading regional and global position and to advance in the Skytrax classification, the most prestigious reference in the aviation industry, to be among the top 4 LCC in the world and the best in the Middle East."

Its flight route network grew by 57 destinations to 10 countries during 2023, while Flynas had also opened a base at Medina Prince Mohammed Bin Abdulaziz International Airport (MED), its fourth base within its network. In total, the network growth resulted in 22 per cent more seats internationally and domestically.

During the Paris Air Show in June 2023, Flynas firmed up a further 30 Airbus A320neo family aircraft. At the time, the airline's backlog included 120 A320neos, including ten A321XLR variants. Almohanna detailed that the low-cost carrier plans to increase its order book to 250 aircraft.

The Saudi Arabian low-cost carrier began operations in 2013, with the airline basing its operations at Riyadh King Khalid International Airport (RUH). The airline's fleet is split between Airbus A320ceo, A320neo, and A330-300 aircraft.

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