

# FINANCIAL POST

## **Corporate responsibility of AirBlue**

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I would like to commend the 'Financial Post' for highlighting the plight of families of crash victims of AirBlue. Not a single passenger or crew member survived to narrate what happened during the crucial last moments of the flight before landing at Islamabad airport.

The article by Junaid Hamid narrating the dilemma of running back and forth since the crash occurred was indeed an eye-opener as to how the families of the victims are caught in the games being played by the AirBlue management and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The CAA is fast losing its credibility due to its lack of will and commitment in carrying out a proper investigation of the accident and grounding of the airline.

We are unsure as to the safety methods of air traffic rules being observed in toto by the CAA. We as travellers and passengers on board a flight are not even sure anymore if the civil aviation is monitoring the take-off and landing of the flights in a professional way. We are even unsure if the aircraft we are flying is airworthy and has gone through proper maintenance and timely checks by the managements of various airlines.

Sad, but true, is the reality that unless the Defence Ministry and its Minister Chaudhry Mukhtar Ahmed takes immediate note of the failure of AirBlue management to carry out investigation by independent officials with honest repute, no relief seems to be forthcoming for the grieving, confused and hapless families of the victims.

If the government is not planning to take stern note of the delays being caused then it would be befitting for the Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan to take suo moto action against all those involved in the delay tactics agenda.