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News Review

Singapore bars Boeing 737 Max 8 planes

The story

Singapore's aviation regulator says it has temporarily suspended the operation of all variants of the Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft in its airspace following two fatal accidents, the most recent on Sunday, involving an Ethiopian Airlines jet that killed 157 people.

Vocabulary

suspends

stops or pauses

- The school automatically suspends any pupil who is caught taking or selling drugs.
- Factory operations have been suspended over health and safety concerns.

airworthy

suitable and safe for flying

- By modern standards, the first aeroplanes ever designed were barely airworthy.
- Sorry sir, but your car is unroadworthy. Please park it and take public transport.

mounting

gradually increasing

- Despite mounting production costs, the product made a profit.
- Children's excitement often mounts as Christmas gets closer.

Language challenge

Which word means 'a thing that is slightly different to other things of the same kind'?

- a) knock off
- b) duplication
- c) variant

Answer

- c) variant