

ROYAL BRUNEI AIRLINES' FIRST ALL-FEMALE PILOT CREW TOUCHES DOWN IN SAUDI ARABIA

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Royal Brunei Airlines has introduced its first all-female pilot crew.

Captain Sharifah Czarena and senior first officers Sariana Nordin and Dk Nadiah Pg Khashiem were pictured in the cockpit of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner before their inaugural flight on February 23, which is Brunei's National Day.

The trio made their maiden flight together from Brunei to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia - a country where women are forbidden from driving cars.

Nordin was Brunei's first ever female pilot, and has been flying with Royal Brunei Airlines since 2006.

In 2012, Czarena made history by becoming the first female captain of a flag carrier airline in Southeast Asia, according to an article in the Brunei Times.

At the time, she said of her career: "Being a pilot, people normally see it as being a male dominant occupation. As a woman, a Bruneian woman, it is such a great achievement.

"It's really showing the younger generation or the girls especially that whatever they dream of, they can achieve it."

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