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Soccer star repatriated by LAR

One of our air ambulance jets has been making headlines worldwide over the past 24 hours. The reason - a celebrity has put their trust in us and our state-of-the art jets.

Without violating medical confidentiality, we can confirm today that, as reported in many media outlets, LAR has transported Cristiano Ronaldo. How did this happen?

In order to safeguard our "objet social" (meaning our mission to save human lives and preserve people's health by operating rescue helicopters and ambulance aircraft in Luxembourg, the Greater Region and throughout the world 365 days a year by applying high safety and quality standards), we also fly missions for Insurance and Assistance companies around the globe. Such flights are fully paid for by the clients (more than cost covering).

Our subsidiary Luxembourg Air Ambulance S.A. carries out such international patient transportations in order to fulfil one of the requirements for financing and operating a non-profit air rescue service in Luxembourg.

The income from these flights contributes to the financing of services for our members or Luxembourg Air Rescue. Without this substantial source of income, air rescue would not have been feasible over the past 32 years in the way we have been able to provide it, at least not without charging an extremely high membership fee.

Since the beginning of the Corona pandemic, we have transported a large number of COVID-19 patients both domestically and abroad. We benefited from the experience we gained during the Ebola crisis. We are the only such service worldwide, which has equipped our fleet with the highly specific equipment needed to transport COVID-19 patients internationally, without any risk for the pilots or medical crew.

Founded in 1988 as a non-profit organization, Luxembourg Air Rescue (LAR) now has 183,000 members. The organization, with its subsidiary Luxembourg Air Ambulance (LAA), is made up of six MD902 helicopters and six state-of-the-art Learjet 45XR aircraft. With 190 employees, LAR is dedicated to saving lives and rescuing those in distress in Luxembourg and in the Greater Region 24/7 and 365 days a year. LAR applies the highest safety and quality standards in the fields of medicine, technology and aviation to its life-saving mission. www.lar.lu

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