26R at Bucharest is SHORT! 2 aircraft have now run off the end

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A recurring theme at Bucharest, Romania: Runway 26R is shortened by about 1250m/4000 feet, and on Tuesday a Ryanair 737 became the second aircraft to run off the end in a couple of weeks: on June 22, a Turkish A321 did the same thing.

So, first, if you're planning to land on 26R at Bucharest, be aware that it's about 2200m/7000 feet long instead of the previous 3500m/11500 feet.

Word on the street is that there isn't much in the Notams to remind you of this: there's a (yawn) Trigger Notam pointing to an AIP Supplement that nobody will have on board:

A1240/17 NOTAMN
A) LROP B) 1706220000 C) 1707060000
E) TRIGGER NOTAM – AIRAC AIP SUP 03/17 WEF 22 JUN 2017
WORK IN PROGRESS AT BUCURESTI/HENRI COANDA AIRPORT.

Maybe a simple Notam that said …

A1240/17 NOTAMN
A) LROP B) 1706220000 C) 1707060000
E) **Runway 26R is much shorter now! LDA 2237M**

… would be better? Of course, since we haven't evolved to using ASCII yet in the Notam system, we can't use exclamation marks or correct case, but you get the idea.

Either way, heads up when heading to LROP.