

# Milan Linate closed next summer

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With planned runway and terminal constructions, **LIML/Milan Linate** will be closing from **July 27, 2019 until October 27, 2019**. Work has already begun with Assoclearance (slot coordination) to work out summer schedules.

**Today**, September 20, a coordination meeting will take place to clarify the slot allocation process for S19. Following this, a **September 25th** meeting at Linate will be held to discuss the operational impact of the closure.

Milan Linate handled over nine million passengers in 2017, so a large portion of this traffic **will now have to operate through LIMC/Milan Malpensa**, which already stands as the second busiest airport in Italy, handling over 22 million passengers in 2017.

We'll have more information after both the slot and operations meetings this coming week.

Do you know more? Feel free to comment or **drop us a line!**

# Dash 8 set on fire in Papua New Guinea, airport closed indefinitely

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**AYMN/Mendi** has been closed indefinitely after protesters set fire to and destroyed an Air Niugini Dash 8 aircraft, which had just arrived from Port Moresby. The protest was in response to a court ruling confirming the election of the Southern Highlands governor William Powi.

Radio New Zealand reported:

“(Initially) the local police station commander Gideon Kauke had said police were guarding the aircraft to ensure there was no further damage, after its tyres had been flattened.

But he said his team of about ten police couldn’t contain a mob of uncountable numbers, particularly after missiles were thrown, forcing them to retreat; “we were guarding the plane but compared to them we were outnumbered and they came in all directions, all corners. Missiles were thrown, bush knives were thrown.”

Mr Kauke said some of the protestors, who continue to behave menacingly in Mendi as their numbers build up, were carrying guns. He said the protest was in response to a court ruling in Waigani confirming the election of the Southern Highlands governor William Powi.”

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs is cautioning all to **“reconsider your need to travel”** to the regions affected by the unrest and to also **“exercise a general degree of caution”** for the whole of PNG.

The local NOTAM says it all.

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Additional reporting indicates that the aircraft was shot at on landing, deflating the tyres.

Are you currently in PNG and can fill us in on more? Please comment below, or email us.