

# GX Airlines sues Air Guilin over dispute

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Guangxi Beibu Gulf Airlines (GX Airlines) has filed a lawsuit against Air Guilin over a contract dispute.

The case, which is scheduled for 25 March 2024, will be held at a Haikou court in Hainan province.

Both GX Airlines and Air Guilin are subsidiaries of Hainan Airlines, while the specific details of the dispute are yet to be disclosed.

Air Guilin has been grounded since 3 November 2023 due to a shareholder dispute between its two major shareholders, Hainan Airlines and the Guilin government. Hainan Airlines sent a letter in October last year to Guilin Airlines to terminate their agreements and services.

In 2014, HNA Group and the Guilin government jointly established Guilin Airlines Travel, with Hainan Airlines holding 65% of the shares.

Guilin Airlines Travel established Air Guilin in 2015 and directly held 40% of its shares, while the remaining 60% was held by Guilin Tourism Development on behalf of the Guilin government.

The equity composition of Air Guilin remains in contention between Hainan Airlines and the Guilin government, after the initiation of HNA Group's reorganisation in 2019.

Currently, Guilin Airlines has a fleet of 10 aircraft, including two Airbus A319s and eight A320s. It has not introduced any new aircraft since July 2018.

GX Airlines has 22 aircraft, including 13 A320s and nine Embraer 190s, *Airfinance Journal's* Fleet Tracker indicates.

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