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Turkey forces Syrian plane to land over suspected cargo

Late Wednesday, Turkish fighter jets ordered a Damascus-bound Syrian Arab Airlines plane to land in Ankara, while en route from Moscow, after receiving word it was carrying non-civilian cargo. After inspection, it was determined the plane was carrying legal cargo. There were 30 passengers from Moscow onboard.

Syria's transport minister reportedly called the aircraft interception an "act of air piracy". This latest event has only intensified growing tension between the two nations following Turkey's recent warning that troops would act with greater force if Syrian shells continued to strike Turkish land. Turkey insists it acted within international law, and would continue to investigate Syrian civilian aircraft using its airspace if needed.

Brazil's Gol buys rival WebJet

Following the approval of antitrust regulator Cade, Brazilian airline Gol purchased its rival WebJet on Wednesday.

As one of the main conditions of the BRR96 million reais (USD\$47 million) transaction, Gol agreed to continue minimum service standards at Rio de Janeiro's domestic airport.

A piece of aviation history for 12 October

1943 - The U.S. Army Air Forces' Fifth Air Force conducts the largest Allied airstrike thus far in World War II in the Pacific, sending 349 aircraft to attack the Japanese airfields, shipping, and supply depots at Rabaul, New Britain, losing five aircraft. Allied airstrikes on Rabaul will continue for much of the rest of the war.

Quote of the day

There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered. - Nelson Mandela

A bit of light relief

A woman seated at the movies was surprised to find, sitting in the two adjacent seats, a man with his arm around a sheep dog. All through the movie, she noticed the dog watching the picture with apparent understanding snarling when the villain appeared, yelping happily at the funny parts. At the end of the movie, she tapped the man on the shoulder.

"I just can't get over how much your dog enjoyed the movie," she said.

"It surprises me too," the man answered, "He absolutely despised the book."