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Air India incidents spark passenger unrest

Last Friday, Air India Captain Rupali Waghmare issued a hijack message to officials upon arrival at the Thiruvananthapuram airport. According to the pilot, passengers attempted to break into the cockpit and threatened her after the flight, from Abu Dhabi to Kochi, was rerouted due to fog.

Local media is reporting that six passengers were arrested in relation to the incident. The passengers have refuted the pilot's claims.

On Saturday, a second incident arose involving an Air India redirection. This time, passengers on an Air India Express flight destined for Calicut were diverted to Cochin International Airport due to poor weather conditions. Passengers of the flight were then asked to continue their route to Calicut by road transport.

When the pilot reportedly refused to continue the flight to Calicut after weather conditions improved, angry passengers declined to leave the airport and instead began to protest on the runway.

Five hours later, as the protest began to mount, Air India had a new pilot operate the flight to its original destination. Passengers complained that the airline had not even offered them water after the flight landed at Cochin at 6:30AM.

Berlin Airport closes three gates due to fumes

On Saturday, Berlin Tegel Airport was forced to close three gates due to toxic fumes. The police forensic department reportedly detected a high level of ammonia in the air, possibly caused by employees who used the wrong mixture of disinfectant during overnight cleaning. In all, 53 people were sickened by the fumes, suffering irritation of the eyes and respiratory tract. Some of the firefighters who responded to the call also fell ill to the fumes.