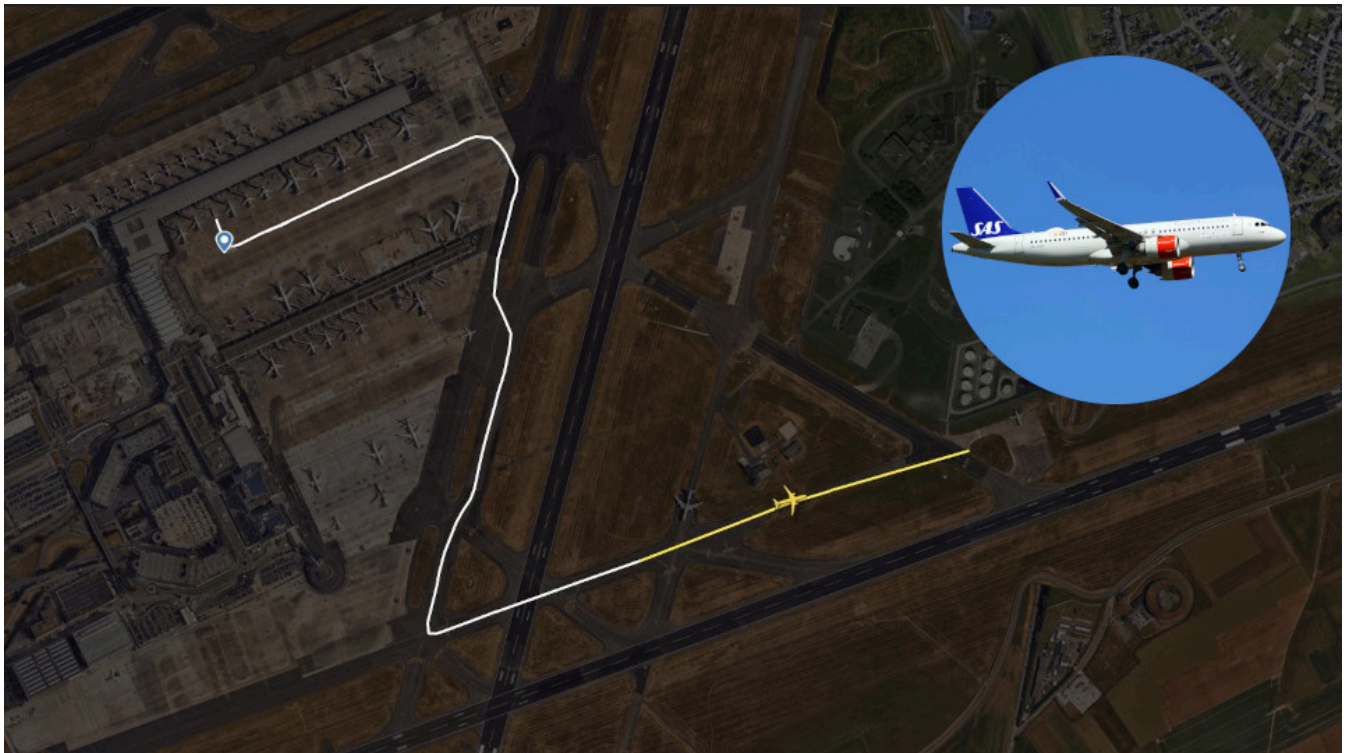


Scandinavian Airlines flight attempts taking off from taxiway at Brussels Airport

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Dhaka: Another incident involving a commercial passenger jet attempting to take off from a taxiway took place recently, when an SAS—Scandinavian Airlines flight began its takeoff roll on a taxiway at Brussels Airport.

90-minute-long SAS Flight SK2590 is a regular daily service from Brussels to Copenhagen. On Thursday, February 5, the airline was operating the flight using a seven-year-old Airbus A320neo, registered SE-ROM.

At around 21:54 local time, the flight departed Terminal A and taxied for takeoff after receiving clearance for runway 07R. However, the pilots mistakenly lined up on a parallel taxiway and began the takeoff roll.

ADS-B flight tracking data shows the A320neo reached a top speed of

107 knots before the crew finally noticed the error and aborted the takeoff. The aircraft then came to a safe stop on the taxiway and returned to the terminal.

Upon returning to the terminal, passengers were disembarked, and the flight, SK2590, was subsequently canceled. Media reports, citing official sources, confirmed no injuries were reported among passengers or crew.

Afterwards, maintenance teams inspected the aircraft's landing gear and braking systems. Following the initial inspection, the aircraft was taken out of service, which indicates it received damages during the high-speed abort.

A spokesperson on behalf of the airline said they were conducting a thorough internal investigation initially and collaborating with Belgian aviation authorities to understand the sequence of events.

The incident raised concerns across the aviation industry. Consequences could be catastrophic if another aircraft or objects were on the taxiway. In addition, passengers and cabin crew on board could sustain serious injuries as the aircraft aborted takeoff at a very high speed.

Earlier, in March 2025, a similar incident was reported involving Southwest Flight WN3278, which attempted to take off from a parallel taxiway at Orlando Airport. Although that flight was stopped relatively earlier, at 70 knots, compared to 107 knots the SAS A320neo reached.

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