

## **Air India cancels flight to Tel Aviv**

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**New Delhi: Air India has cancelled its flight to and from Tel Aviv after Hamas attacked Israel. In response to the attack by the militant group, Israel had declared a "state of war".**

An Air India spokesperson said, "AI139 from Delhi to Tel Aviv on 07 October 2023 and the return flight AI140 from Tel Aviv to Delhi have been cancelled in the interests and safety of our guests and crew. Passengers are being extended all support, as per their requirements."

The commercial airline announced the cancellation after an unprecedented attack on Israel by Hamas, with the militant group firing a barrage of rockets from Gaza and sending fighters across the border. The gunbattles between bands of Palestinian fighters and security forces in southern Israel claimed the lives of over 100 Israelis while 740 were injured in the early morning attacks.

The Indian Embassy in Israel issued an advisory for Indian citizens on Saturday as a 'state of war' was declared in Israel following attacks by Hamas militants from Gaza. The officials asked Indians in Israel to remain vigilant and to observe safety protocols.

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"In view of the current situation in Israel, all Indian nationals in Israel are requested to remain vigilant and observe safety protocols as advised by local authorities. Please exercise caution, avoid unnecessary movement and stay close to safety shelters," the embassy said in a statement.

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