

Delta Boeing catches fire shortly after takeoff

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Dhaka: A Delta Air Lines flight bound for Atlanta made an emergency return to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) after one of its engines caught fire shortly after takeoff.

Flight DL446, operated by a Boeing 767-400 (registration N836MH), had just departed when flames were observed coming from the left engine.

Footage captured from the ground showed the aircraft circling over southern Los Angeles before safely landing back at LAX.

No injuries were reported. Fire crews met the aircraft on the runway and confirmed the fire was extinguished. Passengers described staying calm as the captain kept them informed.

The FAA has launched an investigation into the incident. The aircraft, nearly 25 years old, is powered by two General Electric CF6 engines.

This is the second time this year Delta has reported an engine fire. On 1 January, a Delta A330neo (Flight DL105) returned to Atlanta after a similar fire shortly after departure for São Paulo.

The July 18 incident drew wide attention, including live YouTube footage that showed flames from the engine and real-time air traffic control coordination.

Delta says it is cooperating fully with authorities and reviewing its safety protocols.

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