

Grounded Thai aircraft leaves Kolkata

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Dhaka: A Thai Lion Air flight bound for Bangkok was forced to return to the parking bay shortly after pushback from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport due to a technical issue, according to airport officials.

Flight TLM 242 was carrying 130 passengers and seven crew members when the snag was detected. The aircraft had just begun taxiing when the crew reported a problem and requested to return.

All passengers were safely deplaned, and no injuries were reported. Technical teams were deployed to inspect the aircraft.

Flaps in an aircraft are very important during both take-off and landing, an official said.

"Thai Lion landed at Kolkata Airport at 1.23 am, with 151 passengers on board from Don Mueang International Airport in Bangkok, Thailand.

The aircraft took push back from parking bay 60R at 2.35 am. After taking push back it reported a technical problem and requested return to bay.

The flight once again parked at parking stand 34 at 2.43 am. All 130 passengers were sent to hotel," an Airports Authority of India spokesperson said.

According to an airline official, the flight was cancelled for the day since "safety of passengers is paramount". All the passengers were provided hotel accommodation, airline sources said media.

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