

Toilet door falls onboard Cathay Pacific flight, no casualty

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Dhaka: An unhinged toilet door onboard a Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong to New York fell during take off earlier this week. However, passengers were lucky not to have been hit as they were in their seats with seat belts on during the incident.

“I believe the incident was due to loose screws, which the airline neglected to check,” said reports citing Lo Kok-keung, a retired veteran engineer from Polytechnic University.

The incident came to light after images were posted online showing a female flight attendant in a cabin crew seat on the Airbus A350 with her hand holding down the detached door.

The photos, taken by passengers, were posted with comments saying the incident happened three minutes after take-off.

The pictures show the toilet door had fallen outwards into the aisle where passengers typically wait for their turn to use the lavatory. In one picture, a crew member is seen trying to fix the door.

Reports said citing Lo that the chances of the aluminium-made door falling outward rather than inward were 50-50. Despite being lightweight, the door was capable of causing harm if it fell on passengers' heads or torsos, he added, as per reports.

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