

Turkish Airlines receives two new Aeroflot Airbus A350s

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Dhaka: Turkish Airlines received two more A350-900s that were initially destined to enter Aeroflot's fleet.

They join the first two that arrived in July, with two more still to materialise. It means the Star Alliance airline now has 11 A350s.

With sanctions on Russia unlikely to be removed soon, Aeroflot did not need the aircraft, so they were taken up by Turkish Airlines instead.

On August 2, Turkish Airlines received TC-LGK and TC-LGL. According to reports, the first to land at Istanbul Airport, Europe's busiest airport in June, was LGL.

After a three-hour flight from Toulouse, it arrived at 15:24 as Turkish Six Eight Three Zero. Some 21 minutes later, LGK arrived as Turkish Six Eight Three Two.

It is not yet known when they will enter commercial service.

Turkish Airlines now has four A350s that Aeroflot would have used.

Turkish Airlines' A350-900s have 329 seats. There are 32 in business and 297 in economy.

In contrast, the aircraft initially planned for Aeroflot have 316, with 28 in business and 288 in economy. They have 4 per cent fewer seats.

According to the latest data, some 20 routes from Istanbul Airport will now see the 316-seat equipment until the end of December.

For now, Dhaka will see the config the most, followed by Tashkent, JFK, Cape Town, and Casablanca.

Turkish Airlines has planned up to six departures a day using its 316-seat A350s, with the maximum occurring on September 3, 4, 10, 17, 18, 24, and 25.

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