



GERMAN JET LANDS IN KUWAIT OVER HOAX BOMB THREAT

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Initial investigations confirm no explosives on the plane that was carrying 299 passengers.

A Germany-bound Eurowings passenger flight from Oman landed in Kuwait on Sunday over a bomb threat but no explosives were found on board, authorities said.

The plane from Salalah heading to Cologne was Eurowings flight No. EW117, an Airbus A330-203.

Emergency landing

The state-run KUNA news agency of Kuwait said 299 passengers on board were evacuated over the incident. It said the plane's captain had requested an emergency landing in Kuwait City.

KUNA quoted Mansour al-Hashemi, a spokesman for Kuwait's civil aviation authority, as saying "initial investigations confirmed the plane was explosives-free."

'Security reasons' Eurowings said the flight was a charter for tour company FTI.

The plane was diverted to Kuwait "for security reasons and in consultation with the relevant authorities," Eurowings said in an emailed statement, without elaborating.

Eurowings is a subsidiary of German air carrier Lufthansa. It began offering direct flights from Cologne to Salalah in October.

Tal Muscal, a spokesman for Lufthansa, confirmed the flight was diverted and that no explosives were found on the plane. "I do know there is nothing on board," he said.



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