



KOREAN AIR JET HAS APPARENT ENGINE FIRE AT TOKYO AIRPORT

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An engine fire broke out on a Korean Air jet about to take off from a Tokyo airport Friday, and seven people may have been injured, an official said.

Firefighters put out the blaze within the hour, and all 302 passengers and 17 crewmembers were evacuated, said Kyosuke Okada, a government official assigned to Haneda. There were unconfirmed reports that two men and five women were injured, but Okada said details were unknown.

Japanese television broadcast live images of at least two fire trucks blanketing the left-side engine and almost the entire side of the plane with what appeared to be white foam as smoke came out the back of the engine. A large crowd was gathered on a wide grassy area next to the runway and near the choppy waters of Tokyo Bay. Emergency chutes were deployed from the plane's doors.

Flight 2708 was headed to Seoul. The runway the plane was using has been closed and all other flights have been temporarily halted, Okada said. He said the cause of the fire was still unknown.

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