

《上海浦东机场惊魂一幕，80岁老太太当刺客...》



A superstitious passenger delayed a flight for over four hours after throwing coins at the plane's engine for good luck at an airport.

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The woman, 80, tossed nine coins towards the engine when she was boarding a flight by China Southern Airline in Shanghai today.

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She was detained by police following the incident, which forced nearly 150 passengers to be evacuated from the flight CZ380 bound for Guangzhou.

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'A senior passenger threw coins to the plane's engine and delayed the flight. The passenger involved has been taken away by police,' China Southern Airlines said in a statement on its social media account.

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The statement continued: 'In order to make sure the flight is safe, China Southern maintenance has conducted a full exam of the plane's engine.'

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Shanghai police bureau also issued a statement on Weibo today, confirming the incident. The statement said the passenger causing the delay was 80-year-old and her surname is Qiu.

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Ms Qiu threw nine coins into the left engine as she ascended the stairs to go into the plane in the Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

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She was reported to the airport police by other air passengers.

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Eight of the coins missed their target but one got into the engine, airport police said.

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Qiu was confirmed to have no previous criminal records and no history of mental illness.

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The police added in a statement: 'After investigation, the involved passenger said she threw the coins to pray for safety.'

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According to Qiu's neighbour, Qiu is a Buddhist.

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The plane resumed its route to Guangzhou at 4:53pm, four hours later than the scheduled departure time.

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