

### **A woman opens the emergency exit door on a plane by mistake - 4 July, 2019**

On Friday, 7 June, a Pakistan Airlines flight was ready to leave Manchester Airport for Islamabad in Pakistan. All the passengers were on the plane. The departure time was 21.20. The seatbelt signs were switched on, so passengers were not allowed to stand up and had to remain in their seats. Then something unusual happened.

A woman decided that she had to go to the toilet. So, she got up and walked to the back of the plane. The toilet door was clearly marked 'TOILET', but the woman opened a door next to the toilet. This door was the emergency exit and, when she opened it, the evacuation slide opened. Because of this, the plane was not able to take off.

All the passengers had to leave the plane. When the evacuation slide has opened, there are two possibilities. Workers can replace the slide at the airport, but the flight will be delayed for a long time. Or the plane can take off without an evacuation slide and replace it when it has landed. In this situation, the number of passengers on the plane must be smaller for safety reasons.

38 passengers had to stay at a hotel at Manchester Airport and take a flight the next day. The other passengers got back on the plane, and it finally took off at 05.00 on Saturday morning. It arrived in Islamabad at 14.10 – more than seven hours late.

What happened?

When did the incident take place?

What was the original departure time?

Where was the flight going to?

What happened when the woman opened the wrong door?

What could the plane not then do?

What happened to the passengers?

What are the 2 options when an evacuation slide opens?

What happened in this case?

How many passengers had to stay at a hotel overnight?

What time did the flight finally take off?

How late was it getting to Islamabad?