# Passengers cheer as mother and daughter cause emergency landing on Jamaica flight



A recent incident involving a mother and her daughter on a UK-bound flight to Jamaica has sparked significant attention, particularly due to the disruptive nature of their behaviour, which resulted in an emergency landing in Canada. On May 28, passengers aboard the flight from Manchester experienced a considerable delay before chaos erupted as the duo, reportedly having consumed alcohol prior to boarding and during the flight, began shouting and swearing at airline staff.

As documented in a TikTok video shared by another passenger, the women, both with blonde hair, were seen being escorted off the plane by police, eliciting applause from other travellers. Witnesses noted that earlier in the journey, the daughter had been drinking from the duty-free alcohol she had purchased, leading to a series of confrontations with the crew. Passenger Mandy recounted that despite several attempts by the airline staff to calm the pair, the situation escalated when the daughter began yelling that she wanted to disembark mid-flight. Following persistent disturbances, the captain announced an emergency landing would be necessary due to the rowdy behaviour.

Once safely on the ground, law enforcement officers boarded the aircraft to apprehend the mother first, who allegedly resisted arrest by kicking the officers. Shortly thereafter, the daughter was also taken into custody. After nearly six hours of delays, the flight finally reached Jamaica at 7:30 PM, significantly later than the scheduled arrival.

This incident is not an isolated one; recent records show a troubling trend regarding passenger behaviour on planes. For instance, another recent case involved a mother and daughter who were jailed following their drunken antics on a flight from Manchester to Agadir. During that incident, the women disrupted the safety briefing and engaged in disorderly conduct that warranted the plane to return to the gate while taxiing, further illustrating the ongoing issues faced by airlines in ensuring passenger compliance and safety.

Similar disturbances have become more prominent in aviation news. In Ireland, a woman was fined €1,500 for a violent outburst towards cabin crew after her flight was diverted due to her abusive remarks. Meanwhile, flights have also faced diversion due to passengers claiming false health emergencies, as seen with a WestJet flight returning to Toronto after a man claimed to have been exposed to the coronavirus. Such incidents raise important questions surrounding not only personal responsibility but also the protocols in place for managing unruly passengers in transit.

Aviation experts note that disruptive behaviour can pose serious safety risks, not just to the individuals involved but also to the entire flight. In this context, the prudent response from airlines and authorities is to maintain strict enforcement of conduct rules and, when necessary, involve law enforcement to mitigate such episodes promptly.

As air travel continues to recover from pandemic-related declines, an increase in disorderly conduct among passengers poses a growing challenge for airlines and their crews. The further preservation of safety and decorum in the skies will likely depend on effective communication, firm policy enforcement, and perhaps tougher penalties for those who choose to breach the trust required for a peaceful flying experience.

With passengers expressing relief and support for the crew involved in managing the situation aboard the recent flight, this incident serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility that travellers share in maintaining a safe and enjoyable atmosphere while flying.

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2. <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-greater-manchester-police-16829844> - A mother and daughter were jailed after their drunken behaviour led to a flight from Manchester to Agadir being delayed. The captain turned the plane around while taxiing, ordering the women to be ejected. Both were seen drinking from an open bottle of duty-free spirit and disrupted the plane's safety briefing. The daughter, Kodie Richardson, was sentenced to ten months in a young offender's institution after admitting to being drunk on an aircraft, racially aggravated harassment, and assaulting police officers. Her mother, Kelly Meadowcroft, received a two-month jail sentence after pleading guilty to entering an aircraft when drunk.
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