

Delta Plane Nearly Collides with Air Force Jet Near Reagan National Airport

A Delta Air Lines plane narrowly avoided a midair collision with a U.S. Air Force T-38 jet on Friday near Reagan Washington National Airport, marking another close call just months after a tragic January crash near the airport claimed 67 lives.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Delta Flight 2983 was cleared for takeoff around 3:15 p.m. on March 28 while four T-38 Talon jets were inbound for a ceremonial flyover at Arlington National Cemetery. During its ascent, the Delta aircraft received an onboard alert indicating another aircraft was in close proximity. Air traffic controllers quickly issued corrective instructions to both planes, averting disaster.

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“Nothing is more important than the safety of our customers and people,” a Delta spokesperson told Fox News Digital. “That’s why the flight crew followed procedures to maneuver the aircraft as instructed.”

The FAA has launched an investigation into the incident to determine what led to the near-miss and whether any safety protocols need to be adjusted.

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Last month, Japan Airlines aircraft taxiing at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport collided with a parked Delta Air

Lines plane. The incident took place at approximately 10:17 a.m. local time when the wing of the Japan Airlines plane struck the tail of the Delta aircraft. No injuries were reported among passengers or crew members.

Following the collision, emergency response teams and airport personnel assisted in safely deplaning passengers.

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The impacted aircraft were removed from the taxiway to prevent disruptions. Airport officials stated that while the collision caused a temporary delay in operations, there were no major cancellations as a result. Passengers were advised to check with their airlines for any potential changes to flight schedules.

Japan Airlines and Delta Air Lines have both launched internal investigations into the cause of the incident. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is also reviewing the event to determine whether any procedural violations or mechanical issues contributed to the collision. Preliminary reports indicate that the Japan Airlines aircraft may have been directed incorrectly by ground control or misjudged its clearance while taxiing.

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