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C/S - AIRLINER GROUNDED

RABAT, MOROCCO, AUG 22, REUTER-- A CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINER WAS GROUNDED AT RABAT AIRPORT AFTER A BIRD STOPPED

ONE OF ITS JET ENGINES, AIRPORT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

THE 104 PASSENGER TUPOLEV OF CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES WAS TAKING OFF FOR DAKAR, ON A SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM PRAGUE TO FREETOWN VIA RABAT AND CONAKRY, WHEN THE BIRD FLEW INTO THE ENGINE INTAKE.

THE PILOT SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING THE CRAFT DOWN ON THE RUNWAY AND SCREAMED TO A HALT AT THE EXTREME LIMIT OF THE AIRFIELD. OFFICIALS SAID THE PLANE WAS NOW AWAITING SPARE PARTS FROM MOSCOW.

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