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Crying baby sparks brawl among women passengers on Hong Kong flight

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A woman is out of her seat with her hair flailing during the brawl. Photo: SCMP pictures

A brawl between four women from mainland China on a Hong Kong-bound flight over a noisy baby almost forced the plane to return to Chongqing on Wednesday, according to reports.

The incident occurred only days after a group of mainland tourists were blacklisted by authorities for scalding a flight attendant with hot water and noodles on an AirAsia flight.

One of the women in the latest incident was lifted from her seat, with her head almost hitting the overhead luggage cabinet during the brawl, a picture published by the *Beijing News* on Wednesday showed.

The four, said to be middle-aged, were seated on two adjacent rows on Air China flight CA433, which left from Chongqing around 9am on Wednesday.

According to the report, when the plane reached about 7,500 metres altitude, two women became angry at the noise from a baby on the row behind them. They apparently retaliated by reclining their seats as far as possible.

An argument ensued and then a brawl started. The scuffle went on for a while before cabin crew stepped in, warning that the flight would return to Chongqing if they did not stop.

The crew alerted Hong Kong police after touching down at Chek Lap Kok airport around 10.20am.

The brawl was the latest in a string of aircraft dramas reported this week.

The story of a Chinese passenger pulling open a door to "get some fresh air" as the plane prepared for takeoff went viral earlier in the week, while at the weekend four Chinese tourists threw hot water and noodles at a AirAsia flight attendant in anger over their seating arrangement and a spat over a purchase receipt.

The Jiangsu Provincial Tourism Bureau said this week they had asked the provincial tourism association, an industry group, to blacklist the passengers who disrupted the AirAsia flight from Bangkok to Nanjing on Thursday.

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mjqhkg Dec 18th 2014 3:15pm Regardless of race, gender, sobriety, whatever - there needs to be zero tolerance of this kind of behaviour. Any aggressive behaviour on any plane anywhere in the world should equal an immediate landing, a lifetime ban on flying and a handover to the authorities of whatever country the plane happens to land in. People do this because other people let them get away with it.

ninacheung Dec 18th 2014 1:07pm Hilarious! Keep it coming! The mainlanders will just never learn, no matter from how high up in the government the proper behavior instruction "manuals" are issued, and no matter how many times they've already made themselves the world's laughing stock!

AlexanderP Dec 18th 2014 2:09pm I can't stand adults that complain about children and then behave like spoiled little brats. I wish I could find the irony funny but it hurts my head.

robkemp Dec 18th 2014 2:34pm I thought us Brits held all the records for bad behaviour. This is a serious challenge.

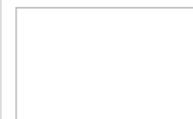
sipsip1238 Dec 18th 2014 5:06pm Yep, and Beijing Loyalists wants us all to become just like that! Terrific!

Ant Lee Dec 18th 2014 3:30pm Welcome Hong Kong's full integration with mainland china

andreaswagner Dec 18th 2014 2:47pm This is a different league. Even my countrymen from Australia can not match this:)

bagelbagel Dec 18th 2014 6:24pm Now you know why most Hong Kong people write down " Hong Kong" when it comes to nationality, instead of "Chinese".

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