**Engine explosion jet returns to skies**

Airliner take-offs happen several times every second of every day somewhere throughout the world, but this one is worth reporting. The British Airways Boeing 777 that caught fire at Las Vegas International Airport in September has departed after 171 days.

British Airways confirmed that the airliner departed the gambling oasis’s McCarran International Airport on Saturday (Australian time) for a short flight to Victorville, California, where it was to be repainted before returning to the United Kingdom.

Engineers at Las Vegas had replaced the destroyed engine and repaired the fuselage and wing. At $US375 ($A525) a day, the airport received a parking charges jackpot of about $US65,000 ($A91,000).

The Boeing 777-200ER, had been scheduled to fly British Airways Flight 2276 to Gatwick International Airport on September 8 but had an uncontained failure that started [a fire in its left engine](http://www.flightsafetyaustralia.com/2015/09/passengers-flee-burning-777-grab-luggage-first/) while on take-off before reaching V1 decision speed. The 157 passengers and 13 crew evacuated on emergency slides. As reported in *Flight Safety Australia*, some passengers were [criticised for taking their baggage](http://www.flightsafetyaustralia.com/2016/02/let-it-go-people/) with them, in clear contravention of evacuation instructions.