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# Concorde's Flights

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door, officials said.

Britain and France launched supersonic commercial travel yesterday, with Concorde jets carrying passengers at speeds of more than 1000 miles per hour.

Taking off only seconds apart, a British Airways flight from London reached Bahrain in the Persian Gulf in three hours, 38 minutes, more than three hours faster than the speediest subsonic jet. Police had to restrain a large crowd scrambling to see the jetliner after it completed its 3500-mile nonstop trip.

Air France's Concorde was seven minutes ahead of schedule on a refueling stop at Bakarl Senegal, but arrived at its destination in Rio de Janeiro a half-hour behind schedule because it was held up on the ground at Dakar by a minor problem with a

Geoffrey Holmes, environmental health officer at Reading under the British Concorde's takeoff path, said instruments monitoring the Concorde registered 134 perceived noise decibels, compared with the Heathrow limit of 110. n

Some studies have asserted the noise from the Concorde is nearly six times that of other new passenger jets. There have also been protests against the outlay of government money on its development.

In the United States, there have been charges the Concorde would help deplete the layer of ozone that surrounds the earth and protects the surface from dangerous rays of the sun.

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