

World leaders gather for Queen Elizabeth II funeral



One of five Boeing 747's landing at Stansted was of Qatar government



South African Air Force Boeing 737 BBJ on finals at Stansted



The Cyprus Air Force took delivery of this ERJ-135 only 3 weeks before arriving at Stansted



One of the C-32A's that arrived together with Air Force 1



The Japanese Air Force arrived with this Boeing 777, after a long flight from Japan



The Kuwait Government A-340 arrived on Sunday afternoon

Queen Elizabeth II was the beloved Queen of the United Kingdom and same say the world. After Elizabeth's father, King George VI, died on 6 February 1952, Elizabeth acceded to the throne of England that same day. The official coronation and crowning took place on 2 June 1953. After fulfilling her duties for more than 70 years, the Queen died on 8 September 2022 at the age of 96, ending the longest reign of a monarch in British history. Planning of the funeral already started several years ago, under the codename "Operation London Bridge". Everyone involved knew the importance of the event and the amount of effort it would take to get all the details right. It took a lot of precision to secure the extraordinary level

of action required by all arms of the British state, including a vast security operation to manage unprecedented crowds and travel chaos that could happen.

The funeral took place 10 days after the Queen passed away, on 19 September 2022. Around 500 foreign dignitaries were attending the service at Westminster Abbey and descended on the United Kingdom's capital to pay their respects to the late monarch, as the country prepared to say goodbye in grand style to its head of state for seven decades. Leaders touched down over the weekend ahead of royal funeral and a reception hosted by the new King Charles III on Sunday night. The State funeral involved the biggest security operation the British capital had ever seen. The funeral of

the only monarch most Britons have known was expected to bring central London to a standstill.

The foreign dignitaries that made it to the UK were asked to travel as much as possible on commercial flights, in order to prevent airports around London to become overloaded. The magnitude of extra flights, transportation from the airports into London and the security of the transport was immense. The main airport for arrivals was Stansted Airport, situated 40 miles north of Central London. Other airports used during the weekend leading up to the funeral were Gatwick Airport, Luton Airport, Farnborough Airport, Birmingham Airport and RAF Northolt. Due to different restrictions on size and number of aircraft,