



Incident Monitoring Center



Microsoft MapPoint 2004

ALERT SUMMARY: LONDON TERRORISM PLOT

DATE
August 9, 2006

LOCATION
International Flights
London, United Kingdom

INCIDENT SITUATION

British law enforcement officials arrested 24 people on August 9, 2006 who were suspected of plotting to bomb and destroy up to 10 transatlantic flights from the United Kingdom to the United States. The key suspects were reportedly British-born Muslims and allegedly planned to smuggle peroxide-based liquid explosives in carry-on luggage and detonate them in mid-flight. The potential explosives are thought to be possibly triacetone triperoxide (TATP) or hexamethylene diamine (HTMD) based and were to be hidden in the false bottoms of sports drinks. As of September 6th, 17 suspects have been charged with various terrorism offenses.

As a result of the investigation and arrests, the terror alert level was raised from "severe" to "critical" in Britain. The heightened threat level led to the elimination of carry-on luggage allowance on British flights and a major disruption to international flights in Europe and abroad. The United States also raised the threat level from "orange" or "elevated" to "red" or "severe" for flights originating in the United Kingdom. All liquids and gels were also banned on flights in the United States and the National Guard was activated in Massachusetts and California to assist in the new security measures.

NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provides ongoing updates to members as the incident unfolds through the NC4 Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC). NIMC analysts follow the incident using official government sources as well as national and international media sources. - linking to the BBC article, "Plot to Blow Up Planes Foiled" including images from the scene and video statements from British officials.

Selected NIMC Updates:

London police arrest several suspects in alleged terror plot targeting UK-US flights. (2006-08-09 22:41 PDT)

Some flights leaving UK airports, although numerous short-haul flights cancelled after terror plot. (2006-08-10 05:29 PDT)

Thousands stranded due to cancellations and flight delays after foiled trans-Atlantic terror plot. (2006-08-10 09:27 PDT)

Intelligence suggests cooperative teams on each plane would mix distinct components for bombs. (2006-08-10 09:49 PDT)

Officials order 20% cutback in carrier flights and delays continue; UK and US alert level lowered. (2006-08-14 06:31 PDT)

Pakistani media report four Islamic groups suspected in UK terror plot. (2006-08-14 10:54 PDT)

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- Incident Channels:** NIMC Incidents, Alert Profiles, Crisis/Security, Active Incidents, NED Profiles, NIMC Map with Refresh, NIMC in Google Earth, Virtual Earth (ALPHA).
- Special Events:** Avian Flu, Ernesto, 2006 World Cup.
- NINNYCT Transportation:** Transportation Incidents, Transportation Alert Profiles.
- User Profile Administration:** my profiles.
- Facility Management:** Create Facilities, Facility Status, Facility Map.

The 'Incident Detail' section shows:

- Terroism (Police Activity)**
- When:** 2006-08-09 22:28 PDT
- Where:** Heathrow International Airport, London, United Kingdom
- Synopsis:** Heightened alert and long delays at international airports and the UK-France channel tunnel. In response to the terror arrests in the UK, a number of alerts were raised in the UK and elsewhere.
- What:** The Channel Tunnel between the UK and France is on high alert and numerous European airports went on alert. In the UK, all inbound and outbound short-haul flights at Heathrow International Airport were cancelled. Flights longer than 2 hours in duration are moving out of Heathrow, but with severe delays. It is unclear if inbound flights are arriving at Heathrow. Carry-on luggage is now [Link].
- Special Program/Event:** N/A
- Last Updated:** 2006-08-10 05:51 PDT by NC4 Analyst 42
- Notification Rule:** Use Perimeter
- Alert Level:** Severe (indicated by a red triangle icon), Media (indicated by a green 'M' icon), Attachment(s) (indicated by a paper icon).

At the bottom of the incident detail section are buttons for 'Forward', 'Comment', and 'Cancel'.