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## Advance in bottle scanning could enhance airport security and benefit passengers

Los Alamos scientists have advanced a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) technology that may provide a breakthrough for screening liquids at airport security. They've added low-power X-ray data to the mix, and as a result have unlocked a new detection technology. Funded in part by the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, the new system is named MagRay. Read more



### Homemade gun reveals airport 'security threat'

A US man had used an instructional video to show how a potentially deadly gun can be built using everyday items available at airport retail stores. Evan Booth said he created the online tutorial to show how easy it is for a weapon to be fashioned from a few dollars worth of items including a hair dryer, batteries, deodorant can, condom and dental floss. Read more



### Hind High Vacuum develops 'fluorescence filter' for bomb detectors

Bangalore based Hind High Vacuum Company (HHV), has developed 'fluorescence filter' for bomb detectors. Prasanth Sakhamuri, Managing Director of HHV said, "The fluorescence filters from HHV will meet the challenging task of detecting the explosive in surface/ land mines with handheld bomb detectors." HHV's 'fluorescence filter' which is integrated with the explosive detecting device, allows to a particular wavelength of fluorescence light and this will be enhanced for accuracy of the detection process. Read more

### Woman denies making bomb threats

A 33-year-old Milton woman accused of making bomb threats against Gulf Power Company pleaded not guilty Monday, according to a U.S. attorney's office news release. Eboni Parker allegedly made, aided or abetted the making of false bomb threats with a cellphone Jan. 30 and Feb. 20, according to the release. Gulf Power reported receiving bomb threats at its Milton office via telephone on those dates. Read more

### 2 weeks after Yolanda, Tacloban airport still in 'dark ages'

More than two weeks after super typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) battered Visayas and Southern Luzon, the airport here continues to operate in the dark. With power still out except for some vital areas as of Tuesday morning, airport personnel had to conduct check-in and security procedures manually. Megaphones were used instead of public address systems while posters of missing persons were plastered on the airport's posts instead of being flashed on TV monitors. Read more

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### 60kg car bomb partially explodes in Belfast city centre

A bomb that partially exploded inside a car in Belfast city centre contained 60kgs (132lbs) of home-made explosives, police have said. A masked gang hijacked a car at 21:30 GMT on Sunday, placed a bomb on board and ordered the driver to take it to a shopping centre. It exploded as Army bomb experts prepared to examine the car left at the entrance to Victoria Square car park. Read more



### **UN Envoy: Syria War Fueling Iraq Terrorist Threat**

The conflict in Syria is helping fuel terrorism and sectarian tensions in neighboring Iraq, enabling groups like al-Qaida to forge links with similar factions across the border, the U.N. envoy to Iraq said Monday. Nickolay Mladenov told the U.N. Security Council that resolving the Syrian crisis and adopting a regional strategy against all forms of religious or sectarian extremism "are vital to bringing stability to Iraq." Read more

### Saudi Arabia seeking to obtain atomic bomb: Report

Saudi Arabia is reportedly trying to obtain atomic bombs as Iran and the west reach a deal over Tehran's nuclear energy program. Abdullah al-Askar, the chairman of the foreign affairs committee in Saudi Arabia's appointed Shoura Council, said he was worried after Iran and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council -- the United States, China, Russia, France and Britain -- plus Germany sealed the deal. Read more



### US government rarely uses best cybersecurity steps: advisers

The US government itself seldom follows the best cybersecurity practices and must drop its old operating systems and unsecured browsers as it tries to push the private sector to tighten its practices, technology advisers told President Barack Obama. "The federal government rarely follows accepted best practices," the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology said in a report released on Friday. Read more



### NATO launches largest-ever cyber security exercises in Estonia

NATO on Tuesday launched its largest-ever cyber exercises to practise warding off massive, simultaneous attacks on member states and their partners. Based at the alliance's cyber defence centre in EU member Estonia, the exercises will last three days and include participants in over 30 European states. Read more



### Canada's snubbing of asylum-seekers spurs human smuggling: Harvard

A new Harvard Law School study paints a scathing portrait of Canada as a country that's increasingly slamming its doors on asylum-seekers and thereby unwittingly contributing to the human smuggling crisis. Read more





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