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Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific Told To Investigate How Woman Managed To Get On Plane, Reportedly Without Boarding Pass



Hong Kong authorities have demanded flag carrier Cathay Pacific Airways investigate how a passenger, reportedly without a boarding pass, managed to get on a plane scheduled to fly from Tokyo to the city. The Civil Aviation Department issued the request on Sunday, with Cathay Pacific confirming the “unauthorised access during the boarding” of its aircraft at Narita International Airport in Tokyo, which took place on Thursday. The flight did not take off with the passenger on board, according to the carrier.



Tiruchi Airport's New Terminal Building To Be Equipped With Hi-tech Security Machines

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The Tiruchi International Airport's new integrated passenger terminal building, which is all set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 2, will be equipped with 28 hi-tech security machines to detect potential threats including concealed weapons, explosives or contraband inside bags, at the airport. Vehant Technologies, a home-grown technology firm specialising in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning-based image processing, has delivered the security machines to the government for deployment at the Tiruchi airport to facilitate swift and accurate identification, isolation and mitigation of potential threats.





Authorities Arrest a 30-Year-Old Tajik Suspect Amid Concerns Over an Islamist-Linked Attack Threat in Cologne



On 26 December 2023, reports surfaced regarding the arrest made on December 24 of a 30-year-old Tajik individual suspected of planning an attack on Cologne Cathedral during New Year's Eve. The arrest occurred in the evening in Wesel, North Rhine-Westphalia, followed by a search of the suspect's residence. This incident follows recent alerts highlighting potential threats to Cologne Cathedral, prompting heightened security measures to protect churchgoers. After the arrest, authorities searched the Cathedral premises aided by sniffer dogs, indicating that the planned terrorist act involved an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

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Al-Shabaab Shells the Presidential Palace with Artillery Fire, Killing Five, Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Somalia

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On 28 December 2023, in the early morning hours, Shabaab artillery brigades targeted Villa Somalia, the Presidential Palace, in central Mogadishu. The militants shelled the infrastructure with heavy artillery fire, employing mortars and rockets. The roof and the entrance of the building were severely damaged. One security vehicle stationed in front of Villa Somalia was hit by a rocket and destroyed. Two passengers, one Somali National Army captain, and the driver were killed. Three military members of the presidential guard were killed by a rocket that fell inside the structure, while two others sustained life-threatening injuries. According to official sources, the Somali president was not present at the time of the attack.





Islamic State (IS) Double-Tap Suicide Improvised Explosive Devise (IED) Attack Kill at Least 95 and Injures 211

On 03 January 2024, two Islamic State (IS) suicide bombers targeted the road near Qassem Soleimani's shrine, resulting in the death of at least 95 and the injuring of 211 more, in the city of Kerman, Kerman province. The explosions hit a procession of people walking towards the Soleimani's tomb, near the Saheb al-Zaman mosque.

Aviation & Maritime Training

- Aviation Security for Senior Management, Supervisors
- AVSEC for front-line Security Officers
- Tactical Profiling Course
- Bomb Threat Handling
- Document Verification Course (Travel documents)
- Check-point Screeners Course (x-ray)
- Regulated Agent Regime for Airfreight
- Understanding Explosives
- International Ship & Port Facility Security Code
- Maritime Security Audits & Inspections



Mumbai Model Arrested For Bomb Threat At Dehradun Airport



A Mumbai-based model was arrested for misbehaving with security officers posted at Dehradun's Jolly Grant airport and allegedly threatening to "blow up the building" late Friday evening. Megha Sharma, 32, was later granted bail. Doiwala SHO Hoshiyar Singh Pankholi said, "We received a complaint from CISF sub-inspector Sunita Devi. The issue arose when the image of Megha's handbag wasn't clear on the scanning system."

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Intoxicated US Marshal Arrested, Accused Of Inappropriate Act On NYC Flight

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A deputy US marshal was detained in the UK on suspicion of acting inappropriately while intoxicated on a flight from New York, the agency said Wednesday. The deputy was one of two who flew on a Delta Airlines flight to London Tuesday to bring back a person suspected of a crime when the federal agent was accused of acting inappropriately toward at least one woman on board the flight, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. The second deputy was also briefly detained and later sent back to the United States, the person said. The official was not authorised to publicly detail the ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.





Woman Furious At Airline's Response After Drunk Passenger Vomits On Her Bag



An American Airlines passenger says she was horrified when a fellow traveller vomited all over her bags – but what she really couldn't stomach was the airline's blasé response. Nicole Schreib was travelling the second leg of a trip from Buffalo, New York to Miami, Florida on November 30 when the alleged culprit sat in the seat in front of her. When she questioned the airline staff about what happened, a flight attendant supposedly told her they “can't do anything about that. It's bodily fluids, and we can't touch that,” Ms Schreib claimed.

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GIAA Evacuated Due To Suspicious Package

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The Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) was evacuated earlier due to a suspicious package in outbound baggage. Airport police conducted a partial terminal evacuation. As a precautionary measure, persons in the airport terminal were advised to vacate the West side of the airport, due to a possible explosive weapon detected in passenger baggage. The US Navy EOD mobile unit is responding. Information will be released as the situation progresses. Outbound operations may experience a delay. Inbound operations are not affected at this time.

