



# Security Snippets

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## Bomb Goes Off In Athens

In the night of 3 February 2023, at 00:48 am local time a suspected anarchist 'Revolutionary Self-Defense Organisation' member called the 'Newspaper of the Editors' and stated "In 40 minutes it will explode. It's not a joke." 40 minutes later, at 1:29 am, an IED did detonate at an Alpha Bank branch opposite the Ministry of Labor, at the Junction of Stadiou & Psmazoglou Street, Athens, Greece. Police forces had time to shut down any traffic on the Stadium from the height of Psmatzoglou Street, resulting in the bomb only causing material damage.





# Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) Announces the End of Operation Dara-e-Bolan in Mach City

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On 31 January 2024, the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) concluded Operation Dara-e-Bolan following successful retaliatory actions by the Pakistani Army. The operation launched on the night of January 29, involved around 300 BLA militants besieging Mach City and its surroundings. The city experienced a two-day lockdown, resulting in an estimated 50 casualties among security forces. The BLA officially declared the end of the operation on social media, sharing photos of the militants involved. Pakistani authorities reported 22 attackers, including five suicide bombers, killed during the counteroffensive.

Separatist sources admitted to 15 casualties and a wounded field commander. The incident showcases BLA's military capabilities just days before Pakistan's general elections on 8 February 2024. While Islamabad may emphasize connections to Iran, the BLA's decision marks a significant attack in recent months.





# Al-Shabaab Carries Out Multiple Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) and IED Attacks in Mogadishu, Somalia



In a series of coordinated attacks on 6 February 2024, Al-Shabaab's bombing brigades targeted the busy Bakaara Market in central Mogadishu. Multiple Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIEDs) were detonated, resulting in the death of at least 22 and 39 civilians. This incident is part of Al-Shabaab's ongoing bombing campaign in Mogadishu, constituting the 28th attack in the city within a span of 37 days. The militant group has predominantly relied on IED explosions to carry out these assaults. The choice of targeting shops and streets in Bakaara illustrates Al-Shabaab's deliberate intent to inflict harm on civilians. Notably, this attack follows two recent large-scale assaults in the capital, resulting in the death of 36 individuals, including both military personnel and civilians. The relentless and frequent nature of these attacks underscores the security challenges posed by Al-Shabaab in Mogadishu.

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# 33 Kg of Cannabis Found at Airport

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Police arrested two men, 20 and 28, suspects in a drug bust at Paphos airport, where police found 33 kg of cannabis in their suitcases. The Ykan drug squad worked together with customs authorities, and arrested the two men during their arrival in Cyprus. Both are being held in custody, while police continue their investigation.





# Striking Airport Security Staff Ground Flights Across Germany



Security staff at 11 German airports, including the global hub Frankfurt, walked off the job on Thursday to press for higher pay, grounding flights and inflicting more pain on Europe's largest economy. The 24-hour strike, called by labour union Verdi, is the latest in a series of industrial actions that have plagued the country's transportation sector in recent weeks. The union said it was demanding a pay rise of 2.80 euros (\$3.04) per hour and more generous overtime on behalf of 25,000 workers.

## 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



## Fed Up of Flying With Only 100ml Liquids? Good News As European Airports Bring In High-tech Scanners



New 3D scanners could spell the end of frustrating liquid limits at airports. Here's how they'll keep flying safe. Mini shampoo bottles have long been a staple of the European holiday. But that could change as airports begin to ease security measures later this year. High-tech CT scanners will eliminate the need for the 100 ml liquid rule at major hubs, promising to streamline security checks and slash queue times. But why was the 100 ml rule implemented in the first place - and will removing it make flying less safe? Here's everything travellers need to know.

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# ALPA President Calls Effort to Remove Pilots from the Flight Deck ‘Single Greatest Threat’ to Aviation Safety

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In a speech at the Air Line Pilots Association Int'l (ALPA) Cargo Symposium this week, ALPA president Capt. Jason Ambrosi discussed current industry-led efforts to eliminate pilots from the flight deck and called it the “single greatest existential threat” to the piloting profession, making clear that the effort would eventually expand beyond cargo operations and include passenger flights as well. The symposium brought together participants from every corner of the aviation industry for an in-depth look into air-cargo operations and the impact on airline pilots in the United States and Canada.





# Aviation Industry to Tackle GPS Security Concerns



Aviation companies and European regulators say they will increase documentation and alert procedures about GPS tampering after a recent uptick in incidents near war zones.

Commercial airlines raised concerns after an increase in so-called GPS jamming, when geopositioning signals are blocked so a flight location isn't shown, and spoofing, when a GPS shows a false location, in particular in the Middle East and around Ukraine and Russia.

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