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Union Protests Firing of Victoria Airport Security Screeners

The union representing 27 Victoria International Airport security screeners who were fired last week says the Crown corporation responsible for passenger and baggage screening interfered in the employer's decision to return the employees to work after an investigation. The 27 screening officers and nine salaried employees at the airport were terminated following an investigation into "screening irregularities," their union, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local Lodge 16, said in a statement posted online.



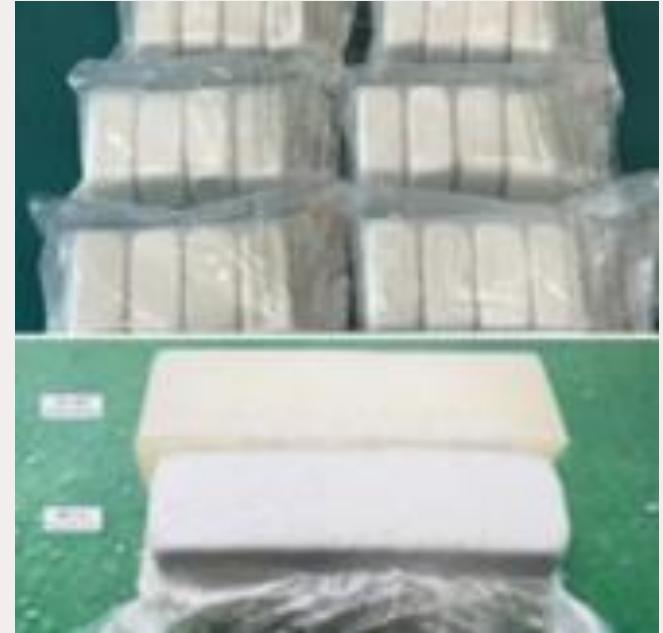


Two Women Arrested for Smuggling Cocaine Disguised as Soap Bars

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Customs officers arrested two women on Tuesday and Wednesday night after busting an attempt to smuggle cocaine via Hong Kong International Airport by disguising them as bars of soap. The first arrested woman arrived in Hong Kong from Hanoi, Vietnam, on February 13 (Tue). During customs clearance, when the check-in baggage passed the x-ray examination, there was something suspicious about the image, and upon further inspection, a batch of suspected cocaine was found concealed inside her check-in baggage.





How Russian Stowaway May Have Flown From Denmark to LA



A Russian man who was found guilty of sneaking onto a Denmark to Los Angeles flight in November without a ticket or passport was neither the first nor the last to attempt such a scheme, a former federal security director at LAX told The Post. Sergey Vladimirovich Ochigava, 46, was convicted last week of following another flyer through security at Copenhagen Airport, staying overnight at a terminal and sneaking onto the plane. The suspect, who told authorities he worked as an economist, was quickly taken into custody when the plane landed in LA, after officials found he did not have a passport and wasn't listed on the passenger manifest.

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An Airline Passenger in Germany Joked He Was Carrying 3 Grenades

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The German Federal Police are investigating a man who joked that he was carrying grenades at an airport because the security check was taking too long. The 37-year-old, whose name police didn't name, was close to missing his flight from Frankfurt, Germany to Graz, Austria, a statement from Germany's Bundespolizei said. And as he was facing a delay at security, he "repeatedly emphasized" to staff that he had three grenades, according to the police's statement. The statement said the man's "bad joke" meant the federal police were called in by Frankfurt Airport's security staff. They ordered a new check of the man, his luggage, and the people he was traveling with, the statement said. He then told officers he wasn't actually carrying any weapons and he was just frustrated with the long wait.





Kutaisi-Barcelona Flight Receives Bomb Threat, Returns to Kutaisi



Kutaisi International Airport reports that the decision to land the Kutaisi-Barcelona flight back in Kutaisi International Airport was made due to the alleged presence of explosive substances on board. “A few minutes after takeoff, the Kutaisi-Barcelona flight landed back at the Kutaisi International Airport.” The reason was the information provided by the airline about the probable presence of an explosive substance on board, on the basis of which the crew decided to return the flight to Kutaisi airport. “All relevant services are mobilized on site and are investigating the threat,” reads the announcement.

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- 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



Countries That Issue E-passports



Roughly 140 countries around the world, including the United States, issue electronic passports to citizens traveling and living abroad. An e-passport is a traditional passport with an electronic chip embedded in it. The radio frequency identification, or RFID, chip contains the passport holder's biographical information: a digital photograph; a biometric identifier, such as a fingerprint; and a unique, country-specific digital signature. The market for global e-passports, mostly driven by the increasing costs of related technology and infrastructure paid by public and private entities like airports and airline firms, was valued at approximately \$28.8 billion in 2022. This figure is set to hit \$256.2 billion in 2032 as more countries adopt the technology to combat identity theft and digitize airports.

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Etihad Cargo Boosts Safety and Security of Electronics

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Etihad Cargo is increasing its efforts to ensure the safe and secure transportation of consumer electronics with a new offering for customers from March 1. The airline has developed and launched SecureTech in response to growing global demand from its customers and partners for a product that addresses the challenges of transporting high-value electronic devices cost-effectively while minimising risks. Products transported via “SecureTech” are monitored during the build-up and break-down of pallets in secure and controlled storage areas at the origin, during transit and at the destination. Constant surveillance is provided by security personnel or CCTV systems to ensure only authorised personnel have access to shipments during transportation, said Etihad Cargo.





Bengaluru Airport Drug Bust Unmasks Global Smuggling Networks



In the early hours of a seemingly ordinary day, the Bengaluru airport became the epicenter of a major crackdown on international drug smuggling. Officials arrested a Venezuelan national attempting to smuggle cocaine worth ₹9.2 crore to Delhi, a stark revelation of the relentless battle against drug trafficking. This incident, coupled with the arrest of another foreign national for peddling synthetic drugs worth ₹83.4 lakh in Bengaluru, underscores a disturbing trend of sophisticated drug networks infiltrating global borders. Far from being isolated events, these cases are symptomatic of a larger, more systemic problem highlighted by the billion-dollar drug smuggling operation run by a Californian entrepreneur, Robert Carlson. Carlson's operation exploited the glaring vulnerabilities within the United States' aviation security system. By leveraging small airports devoid of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) oversight, he orchestrated the seamless transport of cartel contraband across the country.

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