



Security Snippets

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11.6kg Cocaine Smuggling Operation at Sydney Airport Intercepted

A 38-year-old Canadian national faced court on Friday after being charged with attempting to import over 10kg of cocaine into Australia. The man was arrested at Sydney Airport the previous day when Australian Border Force (ABF) officers discovered 11.6kg of the illicit drug in his luggage. The drugs, which were found in 10 vacuum-sealed packages, were uncovered during a routine baggage examination after the man arrived on a flight from the United States. Initial testing of the white substance confirmed it was cocaine, with an estimated street value in the millions of dollars. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) charged the man with importing a commercial quantity of a border-controlled drug, a crime that carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment under the Criminal Code Act 1995. The accused was remanded in custody and will appear in court again on February 12, 2025, at Sydney's Downing Centre Local Court.



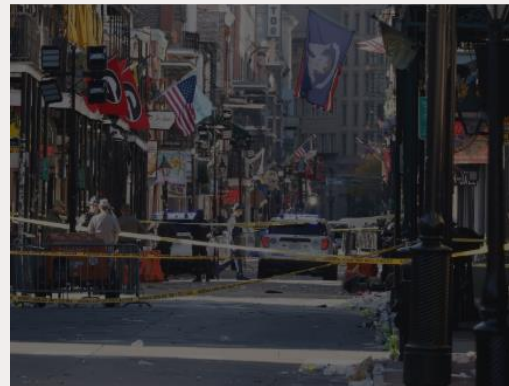


The Latest on The Deadly New Orleans Attack

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The Army veteran from Texas who rammed a rented pickup truck into a crowd in New Orleans on New Year's Day was "100% inspired by ISIS" but acted alone, the FBI said, describing the deadly attack as "an act of terrorism." Here's a timeline of the attack. The attacker killed 14 people and wounded dozens more. Victims include a student, a former college football player, and parents of young children. Here's what we know about them. • The attacker had planted two explosives in ice coolers in the French Quarter, both of which were rendered safe by bomb technicians. Investigators searching the attacker's Houston home found chemicals typically used to construct explosives, a law enforcement source said.





Fraudulent Passports



Police arrested two air passengers at the Trichy International Airport on Tuesday for using passports obtained using false information. The arrested were J Fakhruddin, 51, of Thiruppanthuruthi near Thiruvaiyaru in Thanjavur district, and N Senthilkumar, 51, of Devakottai in Nagappattinam district. Fakhruddin came to the airport to board an Air India express flight to Sharjah on Monday while Senthilkumar was there to board a Batik Airlines flight to Kuala Lumpur. Immigration officials found that information provided in their passports were false. Officials on Tuesday handed both men over to Airport police, who booked them under the Passports Act, 1967.

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ASF Foils Drug Smuggling Attempt

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Airport Security Force (ASF) on Wednesday claimed to have foiled a drug smuggling attempt at Karachi International Airport. According to the details, ASF officers discovered clothes soaked in liquid narcotics hidden within the passengers' luggage.





Four More Afghans Caught Using Fake Kazakh Passports



The Thai immigration office at Phuket International Airport arrested three Afghan men and a woman on charges of possessing fake Kazakh passports. The four men were trying to pass through passport control with fake Kazakh passports when they were identified and detained. The office released a picture of the four detained and said that they were arrested on December 10 at 8:50am local time. According to a statement from the Immigration Office at Phuket International Airport, all four people have been handed over to the police for legal formalities. In August this year, officers from the Phuket Immigration Department had arrested another Afghan on similar charges.

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



Man Arrested By Police After TSA Detects Loaded Gun at Philadelphia International Airport

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A West Chester, Pa., man was arrested by police after Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers at Philadelphia International Airport intercepted a handgun among the man's carry-on items on Monday, December 9. The .38 caliber revolver was loaded with six bullets along with an additional nine bullets for a total of 15 bullets. The firearm was intercepted when the checkpoint X-ray unit alerted a TSA officer of the gun inside the carry-on bag. Police responded to the checkpoint and confiscated the firearm from the man and arrested him on a weapons charge. The man also faces a stiff Federal financial penalty that is likely to run into the thousands of dollars.



This firearm was detected at a checkpoint by TSA officers at Philadelphia International Airport on December 9. (TSA photo)



Steady Leadership Prepares TSA to Face Evolving Cyber Threats



New presidents bring new policies. But amid rapidly expanding cyber threats, steady leadership at the federal agencies charged with securing critical infrastructure is, well, critical. David Pekoske, a retired U.S. Coast Guard vice admiral and administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, is uniquely positioned to provide that leadership. Congress showed foresight in 2018 by creating five-year terms for TSA administrators, ensuring stability for the agency's long-term planning. With dozens of government cyber leaders departing as President-elect Donald Trump appoints his new team, Pekoske's steadfast commitment to remain in his role until 2027 provides continuity to secure America's transportation sector against national security threats.

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JNIM Attacks in Benin Represented Group's Growing Operational Strength in Periphery

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On July 25–26, just as the Group for Supporters of Islam and Muslims (JNIM) and Coordination of Azawad Movements (CMA) were conducting their massacre of dozens of Wagner fighters and allied Malian troops, another attack took place in Benin. This attack killed 12 individuals, including five park rangers and seven members of the Beninese security forces (BobNews24, July 28). The non-profit organization African Parks, which takes responsibility for the long-term management of protected areas in partnership with regional governments and local communities, acknowledged the deaths shortly after (African Parks, July 27).

