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Wealthy Private School Boy Allegedly Makes Bomb Threat on a Plane

A private student has been hauled off a Virgin plane after he allegedly made a bomb threat in a 'spur-of-the-moment' comment in front of his peers. The ninth-grade student boarded the plane at Melbourne Airport last Wednesday on a trip with other Mentone Grammar students. On the plane, he made a 'threatening remark', allegedly similar to a bomb threat, which concerned flight staff. Cabin crews approached Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers, who arrived at the departure gate to escort the young boy from the plane.





New Air Transport Security Measures Add Costs For Travelers

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Air travelers will eventually pay the cost of the new security measures being implemented by the Belize Airport Authority (BAA) in the wake of the Holy Thursday, April 17, hijacking of a Tropic Air domestic flight, admitted Chief Executive Officer Narda Garcia of the Ministry of Civil Aviation at a press conference addressing the incident at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Belize City on Wednesday afternoon, April 30. The April 17 hijacking of a Cessna Caravan aircraft with 15 people on board, which resulted in 3 persons injured and the hijacker shot dead, was Belize's closest equivalent to 9/11, and the Belize Airport Authority has immediately implemented pre-flight screening of passengers with walk-through metal detectors and handheld electronic wands at all of Belize's airports.





Young Couple Arrested in \$14.8m Suspected Heroin Bust at HK Airport



Customs officers arrested a young couple on suspicion of drug trafficking after seizing HK\$14.8 million worth of suspected heroin at Hong Kong International Airport on Tuesday (May 6). Authorities intercepted the pair upon their arrival from Bangkok, Thailand, discovering 60 blocks of suspected heroin weighing a total of 21 kilograms in their possession.

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Airport Security Enhanced: Visitors Banned, Secondary Checks Mandatory

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The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday banned entry of visitors to the terminal building of airports and also made secondary ladder point checking compulsory for all flights as part of enhanced security arrangements. The detailed advisory comes at a time when tensions between India and Pakistan have escalated. "In view of the recent attack in Pahalgam and subsequent surcharged security scenario, it is necessary to enhance security measures at all the civil aviation installations like airports, airstrips, airfields, air force stations, helipads, flying schools, aviation training institutes... so that no untowar incident takes place in the country,"





India Launches Nationwide Rollout of Chip-based E-passports to Boost Security



India has commenced the phased rollout of epassports, integrating advanced security features through embedded Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chips and antennas. These chip-based passports combine physical and electronic documentation, offering dual-layer data protection by storing information both in printed form and encrypted within the chip. This significantly strengthens security, making forgery attempts more difficult. The e-Passports adhere to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards, enabling seamless interoperability with international epassport verification systems and automated border control facilities.

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



Celebi to Challenge Termination of India Operations After Security Clearance Revoked

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Turkiye's Celebi Hava Servisi AS on Friday said all available administrative and legal remedies will be pursued to challenge the unilateral termination of various licence and concession agreements in India after the security clearance for its Indian company was revoked. Citing national security interests, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday revoked the security clearance for the ground handling and cargo services provider Celebi. The development came days after Turkiye backed Pakistan and condemned India's strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country.



Sangster International Airport Accelerates Digital Transformation with Full Biometric Passenger Experience Vision



MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ), operator of Jamaica's Sangster International Airport (SIA), is marking 22 years of operations by fully unveiling its plans to digitise the traveller experience. CEO Shane Munroe said the goal is a "single biometric identity" that allows passengers to move through arrivals and departures seamlessly, integrating with third-party systems for efficiency. Biometric verification is already used at the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA) eGates, where travellers can complete the arrival process without interacting with an Immigration officer. A similar setup is planned for Departures, with seamless check-in, security, and boarding.

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Beirut Airport Security Overhaul Thwarting Hezbollah Smuggling, Satisfying Israeli, US Officials — Report

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Lebanon has conducted a major overhaul of security at its sole international airport in Beirut to prevent Hezbollah smuggling, satisfying Israeli and US officials and giving them hope that the Lebanese state will take full control over the country's ports of entry from the terror group, The Wall Street Journal reports. Senior Lebanese security and military officials tell the outlet that no planes are now exempt from security checks, while flights from Iran have been suspended since February. Airport staff linked to Hezbollah have been fired, smugglers detained, and new surveillance mechanisms using AI are being put into place, the report says.

