



# Security Snippets

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## French National Charged Over Alleged 22kg Meth Import at Sydney Airport

A French national has been charged with allegedly trying to import 22kg of methamphetamine into Australia, hidden in his luggage. Australian Border Force (ABF) officers stopped the man, 20, for a routine examination after he arrived at Sydney Airport on a flight from Amsterdam on 20 July, 2025. They allegedly found 22 vacuum-sealed bags containing a clear crystalline substance. Presumptive testing of the substance returned a positive result for methamphetamine, with an estimated weight of 22kg. The matter was handed over to AFP officers, who arrested the man and seized the illicit drugs. The seizure has an estimated street value of more than \$20 million and could have equated to 220,000 individual street deals.





# Cambodian Civil Aviation Authority Bans Flights from Flying Across Fighting Zones with Thailand

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Cambodia's State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA) on Saturday prohibited all flights from flying across fighting zones with Thailand, a spokesperson said. Sinn Chanserey Vutha, who is also the SSCA's secretary of state, said all airlines had been informed to avoid flying over conflict zones and the scope of prohibition had been expanded to Poipet City, Pailin province and part of Siem Reap province. "All flights have been instructed to avoid flying over these airspaces, and the planes must not fly lower than 1,200 meters above sea level," he said in an audio message released to the media.





# Iranian Hackers Target Global Airlines to Steal Sensitive Data



APT39, a hacker collective connected to Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS), was exposed as operating through the compromised internal systems of the Iranian company Amnban, Sharif Advanced Technologies, in a significant cybersecurity incident. Launched in 2018 with credentials from Sharif University and Amir Kabir alumni, Amnban presented itself as a legitimate penetration testing and security consulting entity via its website at [www.amnban.ir](http://www.amnban.ir).

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- Security Threats
- Security Management
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# Cyber Vulnerabilities in Aviation Industry

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In the modern age of technology and globalization, the aviation industry is facing a silent threat in the form of cyberattacks. The aviation industry has undertaken a massive digital transformation in the last two decades to enhance operational effectiveness and the experience of travelers. Thales' 2025 report revealed a drastic 600% increase in digital attacks at the global level in just one year. On 9th July, Qantas Air faced a digital breach that compromised the personal data of 5.7 million customers, further exposing underlying cybersecurity vulnerabilities in this industry. The rising frequency of cyberattacks in the global aviation industry due to heavy digitalization



# Ahmedabad Airport Gets Bomb Threat Email, Nothing Suspicious Found After Search



The Ahmedabad airport on Tuesday received a bomb threat, leading to a thorough sweep of the premises by security agencies during which nothing suspicious was found, officials said. The bomb threat was sent by an unidentified person to the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport through an email. On receiving the email, local police rushed to the spot and scanned the entire airport premises with the help of the cyber crime branch and other security agencies, said Assistant Commissioner of Police, 'G' Division, VN Yadav. The threat turned out to be a hoax as nothing suspicious was found. The Airport police as well as cyber crime are conducting further investigation," he informed.

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- AVSEC for front-line Security Officers
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# EFCC Probes Woman Arrested with Undeclared \$14,567, £1030, CA\$40 at Lagos Airport

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The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has commenced investigations into Phil-Olumba Sheila, who was arrested by operatives of the Nigeria Customs Service for allegedly failing to declare significant sums of foreign currencies at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja. Sheila was intercepted by Customs officers during a routine check on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, while attempting to board a flight to the United Kingdom. Upon interrogation, she claimed to be in possession of only \$4,000.

However, a further search revealed she had \$14,567, £1,030, and CA \$40 in her possession, all of which she allegedly failed to declare.





## This Indian Duo Tried to Outwit Oman Airport Security... But Their Bags Told a Different Story



An Indian duo tried to pull off a bold smuggling stunt at Oman's Salalah Airport, hiding a whopping 11.65kg of marijuana in their luggage. They thought they had it all figured out—until sharp-eyed customs officers uncovered the stash. The bust, carried out in coordination with anti-narcotics authorities, has sparked questions about a possible wider drug network.

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# ACSA Terminates Contract with Service Provider After Security Breach at OR Tambo International Airport

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Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) has ended its contract with Aviation Coordination Services (ACS) following a serious security incident at OR Tambo International Airport. The breach involved a passenger who boarded a flight to Ethiopia with two training grenades in their checked luggage. This mistake drew a hefty R2 million fine from the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and sparked widespread concern over airport safety. The incident happened earlier this year when security scanners failed to detect the grenades during hold baggage screening. The passenger reached their destination without issue, but the error was later uncovered, leading to an investigation. ACSA blamed ACS for the oversight, while ACS argued that airlines should handle hold baggage checks. In a statement on Thursday, ACSA made its position clear: “ACSA’s position, which is also shared by SACAA, is that ACSA, as the licensed aerodrome operator, is responsible for conducting HBS services on behalf of the State.”





# 'Ashamed' Plane Passenger Strapped to Seat After Downing Half a Bottle of Rum



A drunk plane passenger, Mohammed Ridwan Ali had to be strapped down to his seat when he became "disruptive" after downing half a bottle of Captain Morgan's rum. He was travelling back from Bangladesh to Manchester Airport.

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