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- **TWA Flight 847:** En route from Cairo to San Diego with stops in Athens, Rome, Boston and, Los Angeles. On June 14, 1985, members of Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad hijacked the plane shortly after take off in Athens after smuggling a gun and grenades through airport security.
- A U.S. Navy diver was murdered and his body was thrown onto the tarmac. Dozens of passengers were held hostage for over two weeks.



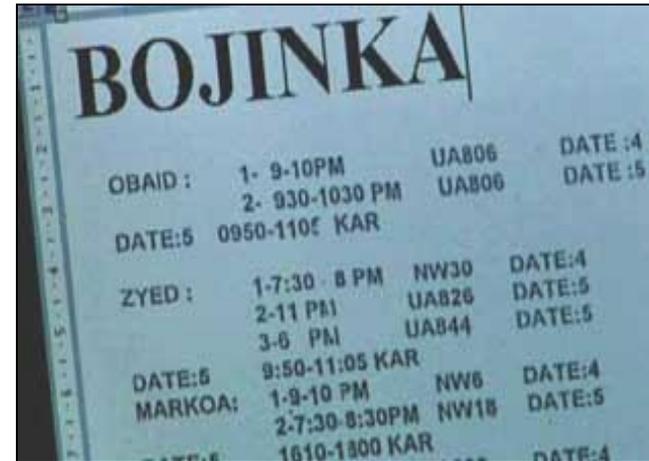
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- **PanAm 103:** On Dec. 21, 1988, a timer-activated, semtex explosive bomb hidden by terrorists in a cassette player (in a suitcase onboard) exploded as the flight reached 31,000 feet over Lockerbie, Scotland.
- All 259 passengers and crew members were killed. Falling wreckage destroyed 21 houses and killed an additional 11 people on the ground.



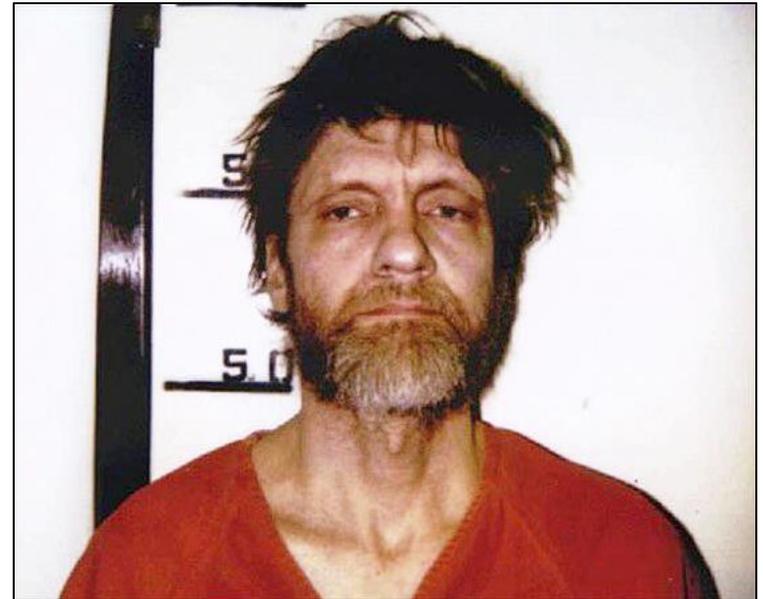
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- 1995 Bojinka Plot: This was a plot in Manila, Philippines by terrorist operative Ramzi Yousef after the initial World Trade Center truck bombing in 1993. The term “Bojinka” is Serbian for “loud bang.” Yousef and his associates began working on explosives and timing devices for use on trans-Pacific aircraft as well as in a variety of public venues, locally and internationally, with perceived U.S. interests.



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- **Unabomber:** Between 1978 and 1995 Ted Kaczynski mailed or hand-delivered a series of increasingly sophisticated bombs that cumulatively killed three people and injured 23.
- He targeted universities and airlines – hence UNABOM for UNiversity and BOMber.



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- **9/11:** In the most catastrophic attack on the U.S. homeland, terrorists utilized hijacked aircraft to strike both towers of the World Trade Center in New York (AA11 and UA175), the Pentagon in Washington, DC (AA77), and a fourth aircraft crashed in a Pennsylvania field (UA93) thought to be the result of passenger and crew resistance.



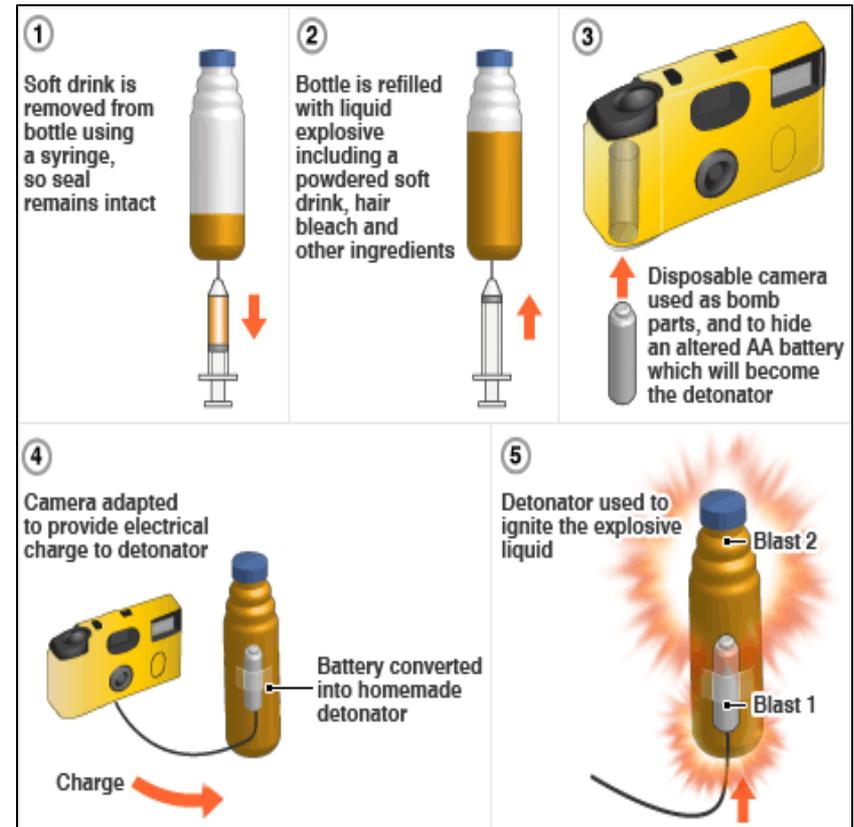
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- **Shoe Bomber:** Richard Colvin Reid (born 12 August 1973), also known as the Shoe Bomber, is a British man who attempted to detonate explosives packed into the shoes he was wearing. On 22 December 2001, he boarded American Airlines Flight 63 between Paris and Miami, wearing shoes packed with explosives, which he unsuccessfully tried to detonate. Passengers subdued him on the plane, which landed at Logan International Airport in Boston, the closest US airport.



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- **Liquids Plot:** This was a 2006 plot by British citizens of Pakistani descent to simultaneously blow up as many as 10 U.S.-bound passenger jets with liquid explosives hidden in carry-on luggage. British authorities had been secretly watching the alleged conspirators for over a year in advance of the proposed date of the attack (August, 2006).



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- **Underwear Bomber:** Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a Nigerian man who, at the age of 23, confessed to and was convicted of attempting to detonate plastic explosives hidden in his underwear while on board Northwest Airlines Flight 253, en route from Amsterdam to Detroit, Michigan, on Christmas Day, 2009.



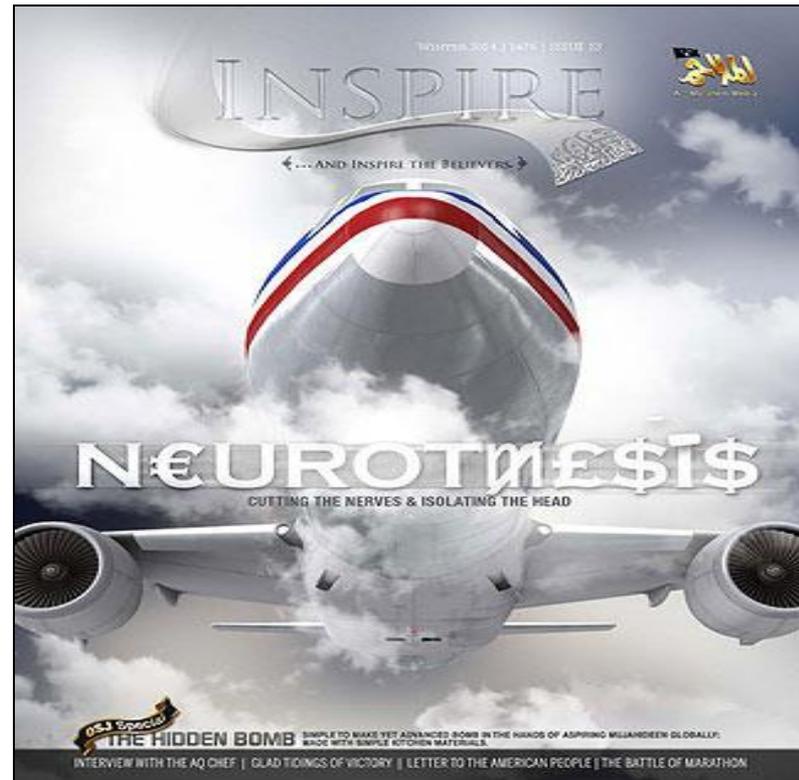
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- **Printer Cartridge in Cargo:** In 2010, UK police found a bomb in a printer cartridge onboard a UPS cargo plane at East Midlands airport after receiving detailed information from Saudi Arabia via intelligence channels. The package originated in Yemen and is believed to have been addressed to a Chicago Synagogue by al-Qaeda militants.
- According to the November 2010 issue of 'Inspire' magazine, the ink cartridge plot ("Operation Hemorrhage") cost AQAP just \$4200 (£2615), demonstrating how a relatively cheap operation can still inflict massive economic and financial damage.



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- **Inspire Aviation Targets:** In December 2014, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula releases an issue of Inspire magazine, which discusses aviation as a target of attack and details how to build nonmetallic IEDs, which airlines to attack and where to place the devices on a plane.



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- **Metrojet Flight 9268:** On October 31, 2015, Metrojet Flight 9268 disintegrated about the northern Sinai following its departure from Sharm El Sheikh International Airport, Egypt, en route to Saint Petersburg, Russia. All 217 passengers and seven crew members were killed.
- In the November issue of Dabiq, ISIS claims to have brought the plane down with a purported improvised bomb inside of a Schweppes soft drink can.



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- **Daallo Airlines Flight 159:** On February 2, 2016, an explosion occurred on board the aircraft 20 minutes after it took off from Mogadishu. The airplane was able to return to the airport safely, with one fatality reported (the bomber). Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack. The bomb is was likely concealed within the laptop of a passenger, who investigators now believe, had some type of connection to airline or airport personnel after security footage from the airport shows two men, seemingly airport workers, giving a laptop to the passenger prior to boarding.



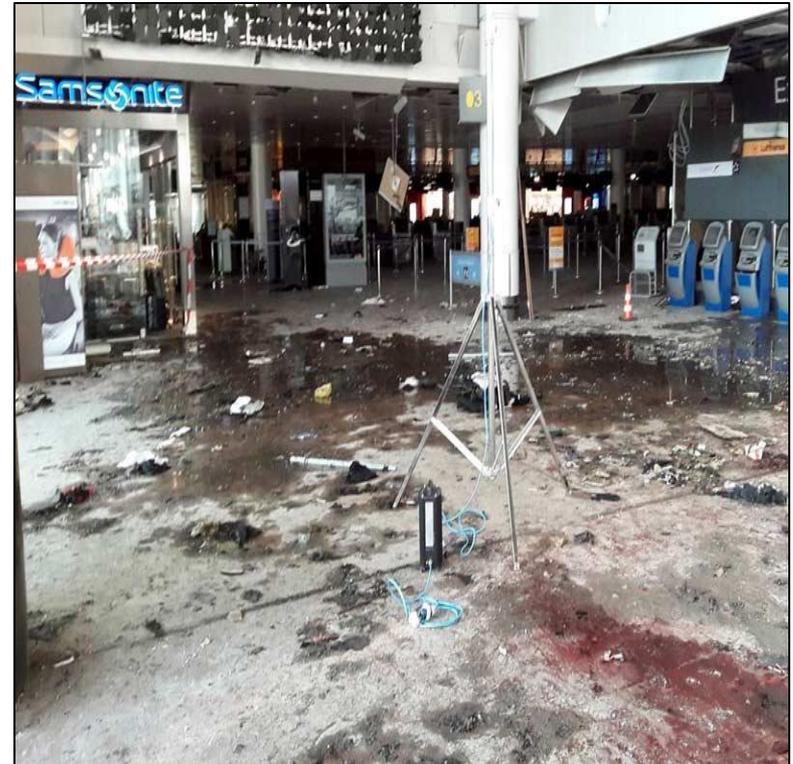
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- **Brussels Airport Bombing:** In March 2016, three coordinated suicide bombings occurred in Belgium: two at Brussels Airport and one at Maalbeek metro station in central Brussels. Thirty-two civilians and three perpetrators were killed, and more than 300 people were injured. Another bomb was found during a search of the airport. ISIL claimed responsibility for the attacks.



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- **Istanbul Airport Bombing:** In June 2016, gunmen armed with automatic weapons and explosive belts staged a simultaneous attack at the international terminal (Terminal 2). Forty-five people were killed and more than 230 were injured. Although no groups claimed the attack, experts believe the attack was coordinated by ISIL.



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- **Sydney Etihad Airways Plot:** In July 2017, two Lebanese-Australian brothers were charged with “preparing for, or planning, a terrorist attack” by Australian Federal Police. The ISIS inspired and directed plan was to detonate an IED concealed within a commercial meat mincer inside of checked luggage while on board a flight.
- The high-grade military explosives used to build the bomb were sent by air cargo from Turkey to Australia. The plot targeted an Etihad Airways flight on July 15 but the bomb never made it past airport security.



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## US, UK impose ban on electronic devices

SOURCE: REUTERS

### AFFECTED AIRLINES

Egyptair  
Saudia  
Royal Jordanian Airlines  
Turkish Airlines

Kuwait Airways  
Royal Air Maroc  
Qatar Airways  
Emirates  
Etihad Airways

British Airways  
EasyJet  
Jet2.com  
Monarch Airlines  
Thomas Cook  
Thomson  
Atlasglobal  
Pegasus Airlines  
Middle East Airlines  
Tunisair



### COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY RESTRICTIONS

- Direct flights to the UK and US
- Direct flights to the UK
- Direct flights to the US



# Our Reality...

At the end of the day there are numerous regulators, regulations, and alternate inputs of information.

We still have choices and decisions to make based on all of the information from all of the sources mentioned.

Security departments face these decisions day-to-day.

