



# Security Snippets

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## MFA Director-general Charged Over Use of Diplomatic Bags to Plead Guilty

On the A director-general at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Singapore, is set to plead guilty in a case where he was charged over the use of diplomatic bags for boxes of Panadol and luxury watches. Gilbert Oh Hin Kwan, 45, indicated at a further mention of his case on Thursday (Mar 21) that he is pleading guilty. This was on the last day for stage 1 plead guilty indication, which allows an accused person some discount in the sentence if they admit guilt. Oh faces three charges for deceiving MFA, abetting this deception and providing false information to a public servant.

He allegedly concealed from MFA that a package containing boxes of Panadol, sent to Beijing from Singapore in December 2022, was for his personal acquaintance. He is also accused of instigating an MFA colleague to dispatch a package containing branded watches from China to Singapore via the diplomatic bag service in January 2023.





# Hong Kong Customs Seizes Suspected Cannabis Buds Worth About \$1.7 Million at Airport

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Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 14) detected a drug trafficking case involving baggage concealment at Hong Kong International Airport. About 8.2 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds with an estimated market value of about \$1.7 million were seized. A 19-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During Customs clearance, Customs officers found 14 bags of suspected cannabis buds, with a total weight of about 8.2kg, inside his check-in suitcase. The male passenger was subsequently arrested. The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. The case will be brought up at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (March 16).





## Three Arrested With Fake Passports at Paphos Airport



Police at Paphos airport arrested a total of three people who were found to be in possession of forged passports on Thursday. Speaking to the Cyprus News Agency (CNA) on Friday, Paphos police's assistant operations director Michalis Nikolaou said that at around 1.30pm a 27-year-old man and his 25-year-old wife presented themselves at passport control on the departures side of the airport. Both had tickets to Sofia, and both presented Syrian passports. However, after they successfully entered the departure lounge, suspicions were raised by police. A subsequent search found that both were also in possession of forged British passports and tickets to Dublin. At the same time, a 25-year-old man presented himself to passport control on the departures side of the airport with a ticket to Sofia and a Syrian passport.

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- Understanding & Managing Security Threats
- Security Management
- Security Awareness for Employees
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# The Aviation And Aerospace Sectors Face Skyrocketing Cyber Threats

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Resecurity reported about the increasing wave of cyber incidents targeting the aerospace and aviation sectors. The experts emphasized the importance of rigorous cybersecurity risk assessments for airports and proactive threat intelligence in the context of the activity of major ransomware groups and advanced threat actors. As geopolitical tensions rise globally, there's a heightened risk of destructive cyberattacks in the civil aviation industry and aerospace sector. Resecurity has detailed recent notable activities of threat actors targeting these sectors.

Lockbit targeting these sectors, has launched attacks on several notable companies. It attacked Bangkok Airways, a major airline company in Thailand, in September 2021, Israeli aerospace and defense firm E.M.I.T Aviation Consulting in October 2021, Kuwait Airlines in June 2022 and Air Albania in 2023 with the most recent update in March 2024.





# IGI Airport Police Bust Fake Visa Scheme, Arrest Punjab-based Agent



Delhi's IGI Airport Police team has arrested a Punjab-based agent for his involvement in a fake VISA scheme. The police received the information about the agent through an anonymous source at the IGI Delhi Airport Police Station. The arrested accused was identified as Sultan Singh (32) son of Sardar Jagjit Singh resident of Norangabad, Tarntaran, Punjab. According to the Police, the breakthrough came after a meticulous investigation following the deportation of an Indian passenger, Gurpreet Singh (22), from Kazakhstan. Gurpreet Singh was deported back to India after Kazakh authorities discovered tampered pages in his passport, which were believed to contain a fake Brazil visa or fraudulent immigration stamps.

## 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



## Plane Passenger Told Staff at Edinburgh Airport to 'F\*\*\* Off' After Her Flight Was Cancelled



An angry plane passenger told airline staff to “f\*\*\* off” and gave them the middle finger during a shocking outburst at Edinburgh Airport. Raza Anum became enraged after her flight to London had been delayed for more than six hours and she could not book herself onto a later flight. The computer specialist confronted Ryanair staff before telling them to “f\*\*\* off” and making the obscene gesture when she was told they could not help her. Police were contacted and the 39-year-old was arrested and charged following the incident at the Capital airport in September last year.

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# Passengers Denied Entry Into Philippines Stuck At NAIA

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Some arrivals at NAIA Terminal 1 are now stuck in the transit lounge area after the Bureau of Immigration denied them entry into the country for various reasons. According to Bureau of Immigration (BI) deputy spokesperson Melvin Mabulac, possible reasons include having been charged with or convicted of crimes involving moral turpitude, such as sex offenses; having been blacklisted; or having Interpol alerts issued against them. To provide them with some privacy, wooden dividers with a sign saying "Inadmissible Passenger Holding Area" have been set up for them. Some have settled into the gang chairs, while others have laid down cardboard on the floor to sleep on.

