



# Security Snippets

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## Sydney Knife Attacker Shot Dead After Killing Six People in Rampage

Six people were killed and several others injured – including a nine-month-old baby – when a knife-wielding man attacked shoppers at a busy Sydney mall on Saturday (Apr 13). Emergency services were called to Westfield Bondi Junction just before 4pm local time. The attacker was tracked down at the scene and shot dead by a policewoman who is being hailed as a national hero. Eight people were taken to hospital with stab wounds, including a baby who was undergoing emergency surgery, New South Wales Police Commissioner Karen Webb told a press conference.





# IS Militants Attack HQ of Syrian Armed Forces

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On 11 April 2024, suspected Islamic State (IS) militants conducted an armed assault on the headquarters of the Syrian Armed Forces (SAA) and seized several anti-tank missiles (Konkurs) with precision targeting at a distance of 13 km in the south of Abu Kamal District, Deir Ezzor. This is the second time in a matter of three days that Islamic State fighters successfully targeted the headquarters of a military organisation. On 9 April 2024, a similar armed assault targeted the HQ of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Mayadin, an hour away from Abu Kamal City.





# Terminal Evacuated at Copenhagen Airport



Police rushed to Copenhagen Airport this afternoon to “investigate” a suspicious situation. Due to the discovery of a suspicious object, the security checkpoint and the surrounding area have been closed. We are cooperating with the police regarding the incident. If you are going to travel today, you must head towards the airport as usual. Stranded at Copenhagen airport for over an hour! Security check has been suspended and parts of the airport have been closed off. Reason being given is that a suspicious object has been found in security check area.

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# International Skies Open Wider with ICAO's Latest Drone Regulations

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The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council has adopted new standards and recommended practices (SARPs) aimed at enhancing safety and facilitating the integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the international airspace system. This development, announced on April 5 at the conclusion of ICAO's 231st Session, represents a major step forward in the organization's ongoing effort to improve the global air navigation system.





## 7.94 Kg Gold Seized at Mumbai Airport, Four Held



Customs officials at Mumbai Airport on Friday claimed to have seized about 7.94 kg gold from four passengers during April 8-10. The estimated value of seized gold is Rs 4.69 crore. Officials said the the gold was seized in various forms like gold in wax, rhodium plated wires and buckle, washer shaped rings and crude gold jewellery (pendant, payal etc). Four passengers have been arrested in this connection, they said.

Three of them have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody, they added. According to officials, two foreign nationals, who were in transit, travelling from Abu Dhabi to Male/Bangkok were intercepted and 24 carat gold dust in wax (02 pouch) having net weight 3.46 kg was found concealed in undergarments. Another foreign national, travelling from Colombo to Mumbai was found carrying crude gold jewellery weighing 307 grams concealed on the body.

### 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



# ICAO and WCO Join Forces to Strengthen Air Cargo Security



ICAO and the World Customs Organization (WCO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on increased cooperation to protect air cargo from acts of terrorism or other criminal activity and for speeding up the movement of goods by air worldwide, with more than 40% of freight by value travelling by air every year. “The global air cargo system is a complex, multifaceted network for transporting vast amounts of freight, packages and mail on both passenger and all-cargo aircraft. The solution to improving security without sacrificing speed of delivery is through the consistent application of relevant and effective controls, from start to finish during the shipping process,” said Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO.

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# Baggage Handler's Incredible Haul of Stolen Items She Took While Working at Heathrow

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A Heathrow Airport baggage handler who stole £29,000 worth of jewellery from a lost suitcase has been spared jail. Priti Sthankiya wheeled away the bag from Terminal 2 and hid under a carousel before pulling out a string of luxury items on January 20 last year, the Old Bailey heard last week. Among the items were designer handbags containing £500 in cash, Ray-Ban sunglasses, a designer watch, a MacBook and a diamond ring.



Priti Sthankiya wheeled away her bag under a carousel (Picture: BPM)



# Dublin Airport Rolling Out New Security Scanning Technology



The rollout of new and improved security scanning technology at Dublin Airport will continue to pick up pace over the coming months, according to airport operator daa. Around one third of the airport's 30+ existing X-ray scanners have already been replaced by new cutting edge C3 scanners, with the airport on track to have replaced all scanners in both of its terminals by October 2025, ahead of the regulatory deadline of 31 December 2025. The new C3 scanners are best in class when it comes to detection standards and also passenger experience, allowing passengers to leave all liquids and laptops inside their cabin bags with the systems working like CT scanners in hospitals to generate 3D images of bags.

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