

Lockerbie revisited

On 21 December 1988, a terrorist bomb destroyed Pan Am flight 103 above Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people. The official British and U.S. versions of the event claim Libya alone sabotaged the plane.

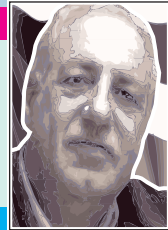
Other evidence suggests that it was an Iranian-financed, Syrian-based revenge bombing for America's shooting down of an Iranian Airbus over the Gulf the previous July – and that the real targets may have included members of a CIA 'drug-sting' and key players in a counter-terrorism team involved in a hostage rescue mission in the Lebanon



The Scapegoat

Colonel Gadaffi of Libya

Publicly blamed by the West – allowing the U.S. and Britain to absolve Syria and Iran when help was needed to free western hostages and when the U.S. was urging Syria to join coalition forces in the Gulf War



The Mastermind

Ahmed Jibril – leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC). Original suspect after Lockerbie-type bomb found by German police, eight weeks before bombing, during raid of PFLP-GC house near Frankfurt

The official theory

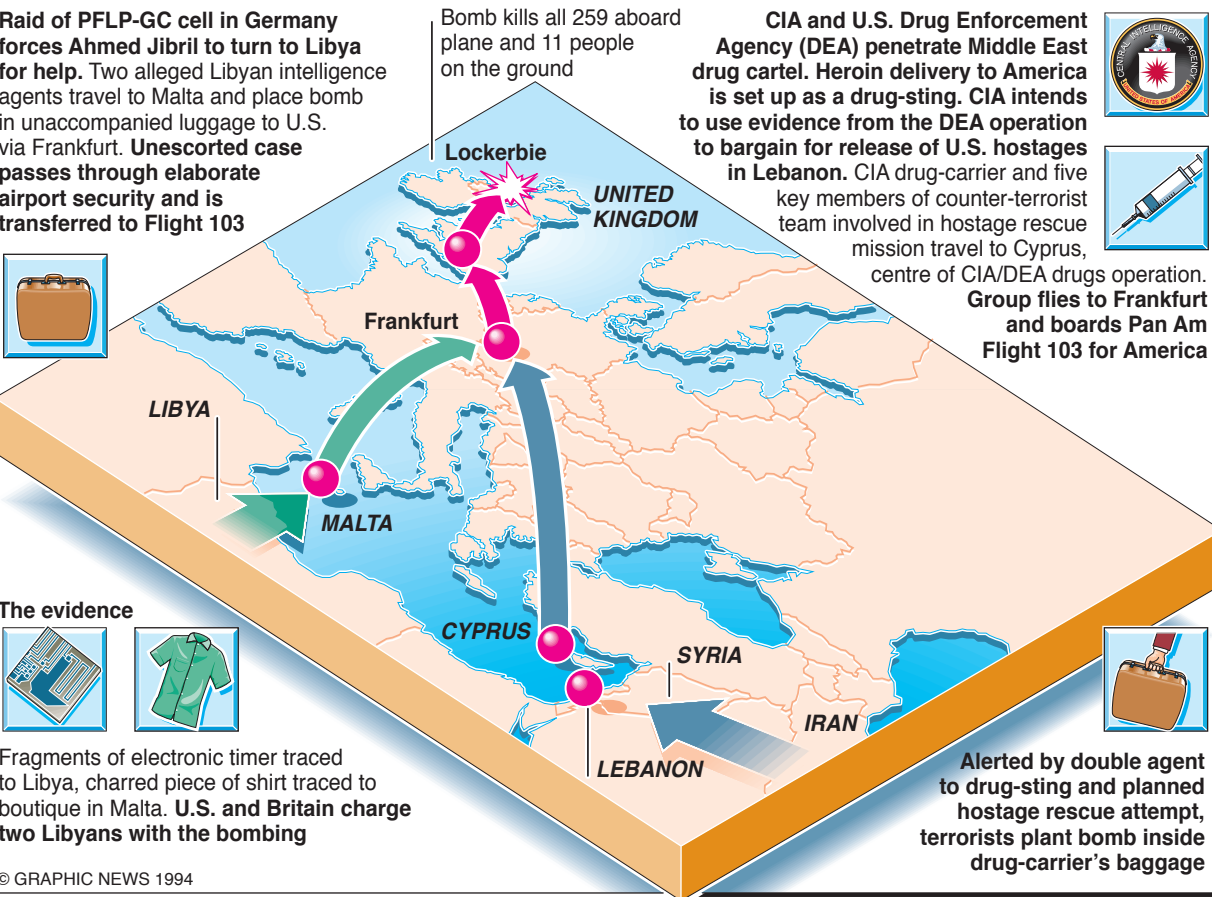
Raid of PFLP-GC cell in Germany agents Ahmed Jibril to turn to Libya for help. Two alleged Libyan intelligence agents travel to Malta and place bomb in unaccompanied luggage to U.S. via Frankfurt. **Unescorted case passes through elaborate airport security and is transferred to Flight 103**



Bomb kills all 259 aboard plane and 11 people on the ground

The 'drug-sting' theory

CIA and U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) penetrate Middle East drug cartel. Heroin delivery to America is set up as a drug-sting. CIA intends to use evidence from the DEA operation to bargain for release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon. CIA drug-carrier and five key members of counter-terrorist team involved in hostage rescue mission travel to Cyprus, centre of CIA/DEA drugs operation. **Group flies to Frankfurt and boards Pan Am Flight 103 for America**



The evidence



Fragments of electronic timer traced to Libya, charred piece of shirt traced to boutique in Malta. **U.S. and Britain charge two Libyans with the bombing**



Alerted by double agent to drug-sting and planned hostage rescue attempt, terrorists plant bomb inside drug-carrier's baggage