

# Aviation terror plots

■ **June 23, 1985:** All 329 passengers and crew aboard **Air India** Flight 182 from Montreal to New Delhi are killed when bomb causes it to plunge into Atlantic Ocean, south of Ireland. Victims include 82 children and 280 Canadian citizens

■ **December 21, 1988:** **Pan Am** Flight 103 from London to New York is blown up over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people – all 259 aboard plane as well as 11 on the ground. Libyan **Abdel-Basset al-Megrahi** (right), is sentenced to life imprisonment in Scotland. In 2002, Libyan government offers \$2.7 billion to settle claims by families of victims. In 2003 Libya accepts responsibility for bombing



■ **December 11, 1994:** **Philippine Airlines** Flight 434 is on second leg of flight from Philippines to Japan when bomb explodes killing one passenger. The Boeing 747 successfully makes an emergency landing. Bomb is experiment to test effectiveness of new liquid explosive – nitroglycerin, disguised as bottle of contact lens fluid



■ **January 1995:** **Al-Qaeda** financed plan, code-named **Operation Bojinka**, is foiled when

documents and laptops are seized in raid on Manila apartment of **Ramzi Ahmed Yousef** (right), later convicted of masterminding 1993 World Trade Centre bombing in New York. Yousef and **Khalid Shaikh Mohammed** (centre) plan to use liquid explosive to bomb 11 U.S. airliners



flying between east Asia and United States. Flights have two legs – plan involves placing bombs aboard planes on first legs, and detonating them on their second legs



■ **September 11, 2001:** Twin towers of the World Trade Center both collapse when two hijacked airliners slam into them



Third plane ploughs into Pentagon in Washington. Fourth aircraft crashes into field in Pennsylvania. The attacks – masterminded by Khalid Shaikh Mohammed – kill over 2,970 people

■ **December 22, 2001:** "Shoe bomber" **Richard Reid** (left) is caught trying to blow up **American Airlines** Flight 63 from Paris to Miami with explosives hidden in his shoes

■ **August 10, 2006:** British police foil plot to blow up planes heading from UK to America