

Key events in Lockerbie bombing case

Dec 21, 1988: Pan Am flight 103 from London to New York blown up over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people, all 259 aboard the plane plus 11 others on the ground



■ **1991:** U.S. and Britain accuse Libyans **Abdel Baset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi** (left) and **Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah** (right) of Lockerbie bombing. Libya denies involvement

■ **1992:** UN sanctions imposed after Libya refuses to hand over suspects

■ **1998:** Libya agrees to trial in Netherlands under Scottish law

■ **1999:** Suspects appear before court at Camp Zeist, Netherlands, charged with bombing and 270 murders

■ **2000:** Trial begins at Camp Zeist

■ **Jan 31, 2001:** Al Megrahi found guilty of murder. Fhimah acquitted. Al Megrahi gets life sentence in Scottish jail

■ **2002:** Al Megrahi appeals. Judges uphold his murder conviction

■ **2003:** Libya accepts civil responsibility and agrees to pay up to \$10 million per victim – UN Security Council votes to lift sanctions on Libya

■ **2007:** Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission announces High Court must hear new appeal by Al Megrahi. Move suggests there may have been miscarriage of justice

■ **2008:** Al Megrahi diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer

■ **2009:** Al Megrahi launches second appeal at Edinburgh's High Court

■ **Aug 24-27:** Al Megrahi expected to be freed on compassionate grounds and returned home to Libya in time for Ramadan on Friday