

# Bomb plot causes global chaos

A plot to simultaneously destroy up to nine U.S. planes flying from Britain to the United States is believed to involve as many as 50 people in several countries. The terrorists' aim was to smuggle liquid explosives – masked in everyday items – in carry-on luggage and to detonate these in mid-flight

**United States:** Threat level of all flights from UK raised to **Red (Severe)** for first time. Other international and domestic flights raised to **Orange (High)**

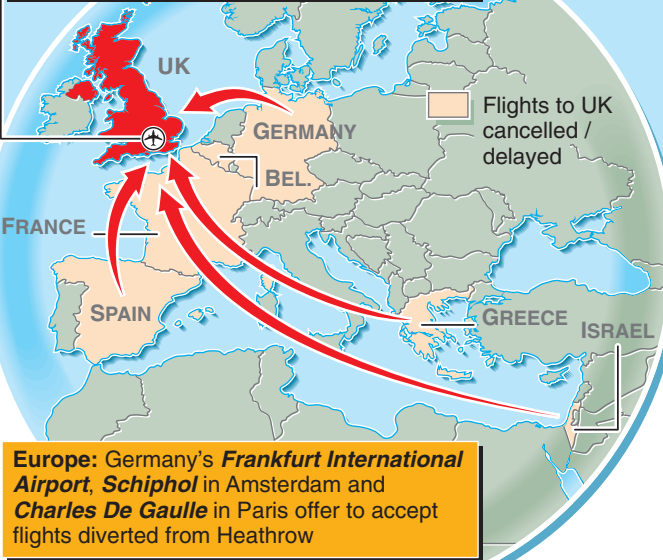
**TARGETS:**  
*American Airlines, United and Continental*

flights to Washington DC, New York and California

**United Kingdom:** Threat level raised to **Critical** – *Attack imminent*. Heathrow closed to all new incoming flights. All UK airports badly affected. BA short-haul flights cancelled

**Asia-Pacific:** Delays to Japan's *All Nippon Airlines, Thai, Cathay Pacific* and *Air New Zealand*. *Qantas* has restricted hand luggage on UK-bound flights, liquids banned from all flights to U.S.

**Africa:** *Kenya Airways* – hand luggage restricted on UK-bound flights



**Europe:** Germany's *Frankfurt International Airport*, *Schiphol* in Amsterdam and *Charles De Gaulle* in Paris offer to accept flights diverted from Heathrow

## Flight essentials allowed to be carried in transparent plastic bags

- No liquids or gels permitted except for verified medicines, baby milk
- Travel documents. Small wallets / purses with money, credit cards, identity cards etc
- Spectacles, sunglasses, contact lenses, no cases or bottles of solution
- Female / baby sanitary items, tissues – unboxed
- Keys – but no electrical fobs

