



# PROJECT SQUADRON

## Crime and Counter Terrorist Strategy

### INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.2 – December 2010



Welcome to the second information bulletin for Project Squadron. Here are some items which may be of interest to you. This bulletin will hopefully provide information that is current and relevant. If you have any information you would like to share about these or any other matters concerning General Aviation please use the telephone number or e-mail address at the foot of this bulletin. If it is urgent then contact our control room on “999” in an emergency or 08450454545.

#### Possible Scam Bookings for Flying Lessons

At the beginning of December, a flight Centre in Surrey received an e-mail purporting to be from an international investment company called ‘M and G Investment International’ asking for the availability for 2 persons to have flying lessons and stating that the only method of payment would be by credit card. This was similar to a request they had received in 2009 which was deemed to be a scam. Checks on the supposed investment company have proven that the company does not exist. Should you get any enquiries from this company or other companies you are unhappy about, please contact us immediately by e-mail or telephone.

#### Possible Name Change for Project Squadron

Following the information in the last bulletin regarding a possible name change and re-branding of Project Squadron to a national project, Project Pegasus, we are able to confirm that this will take place shortly after the New Year. Further details will be sent to you as soon as this occurs. In addition, you will notice that the e-mail address for contacting us (details on the last page) has changed from [port.operations@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:port.operations@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) to [aviation.maritime@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:aviation.maritime@hampshire.pnn.police.uk). Please change this in your address book as it is the one-stop e-mail address for everything aviation including your GAR's.

#### Aviation Security News From Around The World

##### Passenger Mutiny on Moroccan Flight



More than 100 plane passengers brought a new meaning to 'in-flight turbulence' after staging a mutiny when the captain announced some unscheduled stops. An aircraft operated by Moroccan budget airline Jet4You had been due to make a 90-minute journey from Toulouse, France, to the Moroccan city of Casablanca. When the captain told the 137 passengers the plane would be stopping at Bordeaux and Lyon en route - adding four hours to the journey - the travellers refused to sit and buckle their seatbelts, leaving the plane stuck on the runway all night. And rather than reason with the paying customers, the captain simply turned off the lights and heating in the jet and left the passengers inside.





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The Jet4You flight had been due to fly from Toulouse to Casablanca (red route) but the captain told passengers he would be travelling via Lyon and Bordeaux (green route), leading to the mutiny. According to Toulouse airport officials, 52 of the 137 passengers asked to get off the plane during the night while 85 were still on the aircraft on Sunday morning. The mutiny comes a month after more than 100 furious passengers refused to leave a Ryanair flight that was re-routed to Belgium. The jet carrying mainly French travellers from Fez in Morocco was supposed to have landed at Beauvais airport near Paris but was delayed by weather. But because it took off three hours

### [FlyBe Announce 3 New Flights To France](#)

Flybe has announced it will operate three brand new services to France from Southampton Airport for next summer. The regional budget airline will operate flights to Beziers, Clermont-Ferrand and Pau between May and September. Mike Rutter, Flybe's Chief Commercial Officer, said: 'These three new routes complement our 10 existing routes for those travelling to and from regional France. They will further position Southampton as the most convenient gateway into the South of England from France and also serve to underpin inbound tourism that is so key to local economies especially in these hard-pressed times.'



### [United States](#)

**November 9** - Salina police seize 105 lbs of cocaine from plane. Salina, Kansas, police seized 105 pounds of cocaine from a private airplane at the Salina Municipal Airport. According to the Salina Journal, police announced the bust in late-September. The commander of the I-125/I-70 Drug Task Force said the cocaine has an estimated street value of more than \$2 million. Authorities turned over the cocaine to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The plane landed at the airport to refuel when the discovery was made. No arrests were made when the cocaine was first found, but several people were arrested in Hollywood, California the week of November 1, the commander said. One of the arrestees was a passenger on the plane that stopped in Salina.

### [Canada](#)

**November 8** - Canadian Border officers at the Edmonton International Airport have seized approximately \$430,000 worth of suspected heroin. The suspected heroin was found in a courier shipment bound for Edmonton, and following an investigation led by border officials and the RCMP. A 27-year-old Edmonton resident was arrested and charged in connection with the case. On November 8th, Canada Border Services Agency officers at the Edmonton International Airport were examining a courier shipment from the United Kingdom, which was declared as clothes and shoes, and noticed a large, soft-sided suitcase half full of clothing. Upon further examination, officers discovered a false compartment that contained four clear plastic packages of suspected heroin. It was at that point that the RCMP got involved. Officers searched a southeast Edmonton home and a 27-year-old individual was placed under arrest. The suspect has been charged with importation of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.



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### Indonesia

**November 15** - Indonesian authorities arrested two foreigners, one British, one Japanese, as well as one national for smuggling drugs into the country at island beach resort, Bali, local authorities said Monday. The three could face possible execution. A 39 year old from the United Kingdom, was arrested after arriving on a Qatar Airways flight at around 8 p.m. local time. He was carrying 3.1 kilograms (6.8 pounds) of crystal methamphetamine, which was hidden in the lining of his suitcase, airport official explained. The drugs, officials said, were worth around 9.5 billion rupiah (\$1.07 million). After his arrest at Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport, local authorities questioned Garcia, and according to his statements, he revealed the identities two accomplices. As a result, officials subsequently arrested a 31-year-old male, from Jakarta, who was staying in Bali at the moment and was reportedly supposed to receive the drugs and later distribute them. A 35 year old from Japan, was also arrested after arriving later in the evening from Bangkok, Thailand. He was carrying 6 kilograms (13.2 pounds) of hashish in his suitcase, which was calculated to be worth around 3.5 billion rupiah (\$395,500). All three suspects will be handed over to the Bali Police's Narcotics Division where they will be facing the country's harsh anti-drug policies.

late, by the time it reached Beauvais, the airport had closed. When it landed at the southern Belgian city of Liege, the militant travellers staged a four-hour sit-in, demanding to be taken back to France. Passengers claimed on that occasion, Ryanair cabin crew locked the toilets, turned off the lights and left them on the tarmac for four hours. The passengers finally agreed to board coaches for the three-hour drive back to Beauvais.

### Ban On Carrying Liquids To Be Eased

The ban on carrying liquids in hand luggage is to be eased, the Government hinted. Transport Secretary Philip Hammond signalled that the first steps to lift the restrictions on liquids in quantities of more than 100ml could come as early as next April. The ban has proved unpopular with passengers and airline operators since it was introduced in 2006 after police discovered Al Qaeda wanted to detonate bombs made from seemingly innocent liquids aboard aircraft bound for North America.

### Crocodile Causes Small Plane to Crash



A small airliner that crashed in late August killing 19 others appears to have occurred after a crocodile that was smuggled onto the aircraft in a sports bag escaped and started a panic. The plane came down despite no apparent mechanical problems during an internal flight in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has now emerged that the crash was caused by the concealed reptile escaping and causing a stampede in the cabin, throwing the aircraft off-balance. The crocodile survived the crash, only to be dispatched with a blow from a machete. The plane was on a routine flight from the capital, Kinshasa, to the regional airport at Bandundu when the incident took place as the plane began its descent into Bandundu.



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### [An Unidentified Flying Object flying from the East on 24<sup>th</sup> December](#)

And finally, one very important flight will take place on Christmas Eve. There are rumours that no GAR will be submitted which is currently under investigation!! For further information, log into <http://www.noradsanta.org/>.



The Project Squadron Team wishes you a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



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