

Pants on Fire

Some years ago, I was a good citizen who largely trusted what the news media reported, in particular what the government and its brave defendants were concerned. That has all changed with George W. Bush (but there was reason to be suspicious long before). Now I *know* that they are all lying and that journalists pose no questions when confronted with incredible official stories. The same happened shortly after Christmas, when this drama was told:

The Official Story

On Dec. 25, 2009, a Nigerian man was accused of trying to detonate a powdery substance on a plane from Amsterdam as it prepared to land at Detroit with 278 people on board. Suddenly, his pants were on fire. Another passenger jumped to him and extinguished the flames, where after he was moved to a front seat. The incident was noticed in the cockpit as fire in the cabin, and the pilots told the ground about the emergency. Upon landing, the passenger was arrested.

In the coming days, the story was made more 'differentiated.' The bomb consisted of a powder sewn into his trousers, which he mixed up with some liquid. The man later confessed to the authorities that he was acting on behalf of Al Qaida [1].

The young man was the son of a wealthy Nigerian banker, who should have reported his concern to the authorities that he had interrupted relations to the home (some abbreviated the story so that the father had reported directly to the American authorities). There were some diverging stories about him being on the ever growing no-fly list [2,3] and the question why this was not the case, with all the information which Homeland Security claimed to be in their possession, of course only in critical blogs. Rivero wrote: "First, he was allowed on board the plane despite being in the terror database. Then the story changed to, "Well, he was mentioned in some US Intelligence reports but not on the terror list." And now it is back to his being on the terror list after all. So how did he get on the plane?"

Similar can be said to the information that he entered the plane without a valid passport. This is difficult to imagine. French and Dutch planes have been refused permission to overfly American territory without intention to land there because they had a passenger onboard whom the Americans did not like. Biometric passports have been required from numerous countries and information of all passengers is transferred hours before take-off. In Amsterdam, security is taken care of by the Israeli-owned firm ICTS, which was also responsible for airport security on 9/11 [4] and train security on 7/7 [5]. Perhaps they have a different understanding of security?

The Loose Ends

What made me first doubt the story by its first referral was the absolute illogical plot, trying to explode an aircraft during its preparations for landing and not during the long flight across the Atlantic. Later, other circumstances were added.

In an early statement of the rescuer, Jasper Schuringa – the passenger who leapt out of his seat on the other side of the plane and put out the fire, it is claimed, "*He was shaking. He didn't resist anything. It's just hard to believe that he was trying to blow up this plane. He was in a trance. He was very afraid.*"

In later interviews, he added "*Suddenly, we hear a bang. It sounded like a firecracker went off. I saw smoke rising from a seat ... I didn't hesitate. I just jumped ... pulled the object from him and tried to extinguish the fire with my hands and threw it away,*" he then told CNN [6]. We do not hear more about the crucial object, from which the flames originated. A powder and a liquid were hardly designated this way.

1 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1137738.html>

2 <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20091227/ARTICLE/912271053/2416/NEWS?Title=Nigerian-man-was-in-terror-database>

3 <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,581153,00.html>

4 <http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/Responsible%20for%209-11.pdf>

5 <http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/Responsible%20for%207-7.pdf>

6 http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2009/12/northwest_flight_253_passenger.html

The passengers were punished for being there. It was suspected that there might be a bomb onboard. It was given 20 minutes to ignite after the plane had landed, before the passengers were allowed to disembark. Afterwards they were held for three hours in the airport terminal.

The confessions 'leaked' to the press are multiple and different, to be considered to a greater extent in the last part of this essay. Here it should only be mentioned that it is generally impossible to learn about an indicted persons first statements, making it either up to the phantasy of the press or indiscretion from the prosecutors, probably both.

What Probably Really Happened

From what we know above, compare it to the statement of an electrical engineer [7]: "The description of the explosion sounds just like a faulty battery on a personal electronic device (PED). If the plane was just starting its descent, it could be he was stowing his device at the time of the explosion, a more likely time for the battery to explode if it were faulty. These PED battery explosions are typically "small" and limited in area, consistent with the reported events." The object which Mr. Schuringa removed was probably such a laptop.

Hypotheses 1: Thinking the worst of the American authorities – the precondition for finding them able to destroy a young innocent man (as they did with several of them in Guantánamo Bay) – they may just have used the occasion. Anti-terror authorities over the world, and in particular in the USA, live from their population's anxiety for terror attacks and are gladly exaggerating events to let them appear as the real thing. In a first stage, perhaps the 20 minutes where the assumed bomb failed to explode, the suitability of the patsy was determined. In the following three hours, the story was cemented with a mutual inquest for the remaining passengers, possibly getting further information from the 'friendly' firm ICTS in Amsterdam. Then in the days that followed, different government institutions required various suspicion moments, explaining the ever larger circles drawn.

Hypotheses 2: Taking the information for granted that Mr. M. was escorted by a well-dressed man in Amsterdam, was allowed to enter the plane without a passport, was betrayed (?) by his father to the Americans and showed certain indications of mental inferiority, it seems alternatively likely that he was a protected patsy, prepared for an intended terror-hoax for the below drafted intentions. The laptop or DVD-player was perhaps prepared for exploding with impressive flames on descendance of the plane or the patsy released it himself. Military explosives give little flames, therefore big damage. The absence of (other) victims in this hoax is noticeable.

Hypotheses 3 (for the stupid majority): The Americans are right in their claims and it would be naughty if anybody questioned it.

Intention of the Official Versions

On Dec. 30, 2009, the Independent wrote: It leaves little doubt that Yemen, where the attack *appears* to have been planned, will become a de facto third front in America's "war on terror" after Afghanistan and Iraq. It could also further delay the President's promise to close the prison at Guantanamo ... It now *seems* that at least two detainees from [Guantanamo] who were released to Yemen are part of the al-Qa'ida affiliate group, that has claimed responsibility for the attack [8] (*accentuation* JS). Congressman Ron Paul fears that the agenda behind the Flight 253 bombing incident is to expand the war on terror into Yemen while stripping Americans of more liberties [9]. Indeed, several European politicians supported that approach, as if extended limitations had not been installed and were used against the other passengers in Amsterdam – but if potential terrorists are exempted, they will be of no big use.

It deserves notice that Al Qaida must be considered an American phenomenon, geographically situated in Pentagon [10], from where the hoaxes attributed to Moslem terror are coordinated.

30.12.09 / J. Schou

7 <http://www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-374564>

8 <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/bomb-plot-ringleaders-were-freed-from-guantanamo-bay-1852811.html>

9 <http://www.prisonplanet.com/ron-paul-says-agenda-behind-bombing-incident-is-more-war-more-attacks-on-liberty.html>

10 http://english.pravda.ru/mailbox/22/101/397/13821_AlQaeda.html