

# Commission will examine new allegations on Flight 103 bombing

U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) said recently that the Presidential Commission investigating the terrorist bombing of Pan Am flight 103 will examine new allegations that U.S. authorities had early warnings of the attack and that lack of cooperation between law enforcement agencies has hampered the investigation.

"Press reports from around the world bring us mixed news. Investigators appear to be narrowing their sights," D'Amato, a commission member said, "but there are also U.S. authorities 24 to 36 hours in advance of the bombing that Flight 103 was a target.

"If this is true, it is a matter of great concern," D'Amato stated.

"In addition, some reports suggest that there has been a lack of coordination--or worse--a lack of cooperation between international investigators," he added. "It will be the task of the commission to establish what part of these reports are true."

The senator noted that the seven-member President's Commission on Aviation Security

and Terrorism is beginning its investigation this month. The executive order creating the panel requires that it review and evaluate aviation security policies in general and the Flight 103 incident in particular.

"Pan Am Flight 103 was blown out of the sky on Dec. 21, 1988," D'Amato said, "Ten months later, there is a continuing urgency to get to the bottom of this act of terrorism, and to make sure we have done the best job we can to be sure the disaster is not repeated."

He added, "The commission is committed to that goal."

D'Amato, speaking at a Capitol Hill news conference with families of the victims, said, "I want to applaud the work of the families of Pan Am 103 victims, whose resolve to get to the truth of this terrible crime and bring the guilty parties to justice has remained firm."

The senator added, "The President has created the Commission on Aviation Security and Terrorism also to report to the President with recommendations on how to prevent aviation terrorism, how to handle terrorist threats, and the treatment of families of the

victims of terrorist acts."

He concluded, "I am proud to be one of the seven commission members. I look

forward to working with the families to do our best to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again."

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