Transport Security Expo 2011

02 May 2011 - Aviation world on heightened alert following Bin Laden death.

London, 2 May 2011 - The capture and death of Osama Bin Laden has prompted a global step up in security in case of retaliatory action by those loyal or affiliated to the Al Qaeda terrorist organization. Bin Laden's demise was announced in the early hours of the morning (UK time) by the White House and followed an American led operation on his heavily fortified hideout in Pakistan.

The announcement brings closure to the American public on an event that has defined an era, but conversely places the United States and it's Allies in the so called War on Terror at greater risk of retaliatory attack. Advise issued today by the US, UK and other governments is for travelers to be vigilant, avoid crowded spaces and maintain a low profile. Moreover, authorities are beginning to take additional measures to protect those traveling by air.

A resurgence in attacks (most notably at the instigation of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula) against civil aviation has emerged within the past two years. These attacks include the Christmas 2009 attempt by Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab to blow up Northwest Airlines flight 253 and the recent attempt to blow up two cargo planes whilst in flight over North America.

Transport Security Expo, the global event held annually in London, focuses on aviation security and wider issues including security of the global supply chain networks. The issues the industry faces will be the subject of debate when specialists within the respective fields meet again in September.

The aviation conference will inevitably focus on recent, current and future threats, with issues such as the ongoing debate over liquids on planes and the emergence of other innovative methods terrorist organizations use to circumvent the measures arrayed against them, placed under the microscope.

Transport Security Expo 2011 will next be held just days after the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, which defined current aviation security policy and elevated Osama Bin Laden to the position of being the worlds most wanted man.

Editors Note

Transport Security Expo remains the world leading global event bringing focus and clarity to the complex and multifaceted task of ensuring the public transportation and commercial supply chain networks remain protected from acts of terrorism and incidence of organised criminal activity.

This is highly specialised and unique event gathers the world's leading experts from the areas of aviation, air cargo, maritime, and supply chain security, alongside government officials, the military, security services, law enforcement, industry, and academic circles to determine effective solutions to the challenges faced in these uncertain times.

Transport Security Expo features an extensive annual exhibition, conference and knowledge centre workshop programme.

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