

Dubai to launch new system to combat terror threat

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DUBAI AIRPORT: New security equipment is set for launch in November. (Getty Images)

New airport scanning equipment that can detect liquids inside bottles and plastic bags is launching in Dubai later this year, it has been announced.

London-based technology company Kromek has developed two new scanning devices which can pick up liquids concealed in a range of objects, a method used by terrorists to make bombs.

The highly sensitive equipment is likely to be used by Dubai International Airport as the authorities look to beef up security to combat the threat of terrorism.

Kromek, owned by New-York based Amphion Innovations, an investment company which operates in the medical and technology sectors, won a £1m contract from the British government to develop the equipment, designed for use in airports.

“These new baggage screening systems will have the ability to produce 3D images of a bag, giving operators a much better visualisation of objects inside and will automatically identify any threat material using new generation detectors,” Amphion said in statement.

The Threat Liquid Detection system is being launched in Dubai in November and Washington the following month.

The plastic bag scanning device will be unveiled in early 2009.

In 2006 the British authorities thwarted a major terrorist plot to detonate liquid explosives on multiple airlines travelling between Britain and the US.

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