



ADMINISTRATION CENTRE
PIARCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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PIARCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OPERATIONS
UNAFFECTED BY CAL BOMB THREAT

At approximately 3:00 p.m. on 17th December, 2022 the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago's ("the Authority") Security Department received an anonymous telephone call alerting of a bomb threat against an aircraft of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) servicing the domestic route.

As a precaution and in keeping with well established procedures for such an event CAL and the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority were advised and passengers in the process of boarding a Tobago bound aircraft were evacuated. As a further precaution, the passenger holding area and check in counters in proximity to CAL aircraft parking positions were evacuated and closed as part of the incident management plan for such a situation.

Contrary to information circulating on media platforms, there was no full-scale evacuation at the Piarco International Airport or any of its terminals. While several airport users saw it fit to leave the terminal, this was not based on any instruction given by officials of the Authority. In fact, once the Authority became aware of the action taken by these individuals, officials immediately responded and returned them safely to the terminal building.

Some international flights were delayed as a consequence of this incident, however operations have continued at the international terminal. The Authority further assures the public of its commitment to the safety and security of all airport users and guarantees that incidents such as these are managed and mitigated in accordance with the highest international standards.