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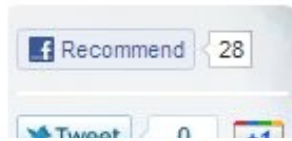
IN WAKE OF FAILED AIRLINE BOMBING OVER DETROIT,  
PRESSURE MOUNTS TO COUNTER TERROR PLOTS



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The plot to blow up an American passenger jet over Detroit was organized and launched by al Qaeda leaders in Yemen who apparently sewed bomb materials into the suspect's underwear before sending him on his mission, federal authorities tell ABC News.



**Hundreds of people in Detroit area were almost killed by This Christmas M Bomber** Investigators say Abdul Farouk Umar Abdulmutallab, a 23-year-old Nigerian Muslim student whose birthday was last Tuesday, has provided detailed information about his recruitment and training for what was supposed to be a **Christmas Day suicide attack**. According to the authorities, Abdulmutallab says he made contact via the internet with a radical imam in Yemen who then connected him with al Qaeda leaders in a village north of the country's capital. Authorities say they do not yet know if the imam was the same one who was in contact with Maj. Nidal Hasan prior to his alleged attack on soldiers at Fort Hood last month. American-born Anwar Awlaki has lived in Yemen since 2002 and is considered a major recruiter for al Qaeda by U.S. authorities. Authorities say the combination of the liquid in the syringe with the powder created the flash bomb, which was extinguished by passengers and air crew.

## The New York Times

Nov 28, 2011 Federal agents arrested Faisal Shahzad, 30, a naturalized United States citizen from Pakistan, for driving a car bomb into Times Square on Saturday evening in what turned out to be an unsuccessful attack. The United States attorney general, Eric H. Holder Jr., said **Times Square was “milliseconds” away from “mass casualties” in Saturday’s attempted bombing.**