

Jersey Jihadis

Two young men from New Jersey, USA, were arrested in New York City on Saturday as they tried to fly to Egypt, on the way to Somalia. They are charged with planning to go overseas to fight a jihad (Islamic holy war).

Mohamed Mahmood Alessa and Carlos Eduardo Almonte are both U.S. citizens. In 2006, the FBI got a tip about them. An undercover police officer began meeting with the two. The officer saw that they were gathering equipment and training for battle, the charge says. Later they bought tickets to Egypt. They planned to go on to Somalia and join a terrorist group, Al Shabaab, the charge says.

The police officer recorded Alessa saying, "We'll start doing killing here, if I can't do it over there."

When the two men got to the airport, police were waiting with warrants for their arrests.

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