

Obama Reviews Christmas Bombing Attempt

President Obama spoke on Thursday about what the U.S. has learned since the failed attack on Christmas Day.

He said, again, that the U.S. had information on the bombing suspect -- but did not follow up on it enough. He has ordered agencies to make reports more quickly, so information gets to those who need it.

Obama also said that airport security cannot find all possible dangers. For example, "He [the suspect] passed through a metal detector. But a metal detector can't detect the kind of explosives that were sewn into his clothes."

He said he did not want to blame anyone for not preventing the attack. He also said he did not want to take away Americans' freedoms to keep them safe.

Obama said the U.S. must tell Muslims everywhere that "Al Qaeda offers nothing except a bankrupt [poor, empty] vision of misery and death -- including the murder of fellow Muslims".

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