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Ottawa airport to test dirty bomb sensor

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The Canadian government is using Ottawa's international airport to test a new system designed called 'dirty bombs', it is reported Wednesday.

According to a statement on a government website, the project is being overseen by the Chemical, Radiological and Nuclear Research and Technology Initiative (CRTI).

The project will implement an operational radiological security system at the Ottawa International Airport which will provide a model transferable for the protection of other airports in the national aviation system.

By monitoring radiation levels in the air, the system should detect whether airline passengers have been in recent contact with radioactive materials.

According to security analysts, the devices are aimed at stemming fears of a crude nuclear device over the airport or a crowded city center.

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