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Pakistan Social Media Post Sparks FIR in India

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A Pakistani social media user's post about a 1998 plane hijacking has unexpectedly triggered legal action in India after an AI-powered monitoring system misinterpreted it as a threat.

On August 14, an AI social media listening tool in India flagged a post on X (formerly Twitter) by user **@omeremran**, whose profile identifies him as an aviation enthusiast and history buff. The flagged content was escalated to a senior vigilance officer, who treated it as a potential "threat mail."

The next day, on August 15, an **FIR (First Information Report)** was filed at **Hyderabad Airport Police Station** in India. The case invokes **sections 351(4)** (criminal intimidation by anonymous communication) and **353(2)** (statements conducing to public mischief) of the **BNS**, along with **Section 66D** (cheating by personation) of the **Information Technology Act**.

The controversy stems from a thread that recounted the dramatic hijacking of **Pakistan International Airlines Flight PK-544** on **May 25, 1998**. The Fokker F-27 had taken off from Gwadar with 33 passengers and five crew members when it was seized by three armed men belonging to the **Baloch Students Organisation (BSO)**.

The hijackers demanded the aircraft be flown to New Delhi. However, Pakistani authorities outmaneuvered the group, diverting the plane to **Hyderabad Airport in Sindh**. There, commandos stormed the aircraft, arrested the hijackers, and ended the standoff without civilian casualties.

According to @omeremran's post, it is claimed that the three hijackers were later tried and executed, but this could not be independently verified. His thread, titled "**The Hijacking that Pakistan Outsmarted**", framed the episode as a historic moment highlighting the successful response by Pakistani authorities.

The AI system that flagged the post may have misread references to "Hyderabad airport," "Delhi," and "Bhuj" as a potential threat rather than a historical account. This led to heightened security alerts and the FIR against the Pakistani user.

The unusual case has sparked debate on the **limitations of AI-based surveillance** tools, particularly when monitoring cross-border social media activity that includes historical or contextual references. It also highlights the growing scrutiny applied to digital content, even when not intended as provocative.

As of now, @omeremran has not publicly responded to the FIR, and Indian authorities have not provided further clarification on the case.