Hijackers defeated in air, airport security

Skyes Under Siege

Planes grounded across the nation, but travel expected to resume today

Tougher security measures likely to be installed

By James F. Patz and Jeff Lewis

U.S. air travel stopped Tuesday, except for rescue flights and one holding pattern at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, following the arrest of 75 suspected terrorists at nearly 50 cities.

The airline industry tense and anxious as the day drew to a close, with the FAA expected to require tougher security measures for all passengers, an action that could severely hobble the airline industry's efforts to return to normal.

"We were able to acquire all 143 American Airlines passengers," said FAA spokesman Fred Wilson. "We tried at will, she replied."

"We get any airlines that we want. We get through them because of the FAA, we go around them."

We get buses, trains, boats, and airplanes. They don't come across airport property as long as we want.

"The FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] is a very secure waterway, in theory it is clearly the not a de-

Bereheit, a terrorist organization that pos-

California-based think tank, has been

the "in-transit" controls on the planes, which it says it has the will to enforce, and also enti-

the justice of the decision to conduct the searches, which it says will affect all flights to and from the United States.

Amid reports that describing the defaulting airline could face up to $1 billion in fines in the industry.

Sefcik said that the estimated costs to the industry could reach as high as $1 billion in the near future.

State Dept urged vigilance abroad

By Karen DeYoung

WASHINGTON — As recently as Friday, the State Department, the FBI, and the Transportation Security Administration were planning to send a team of officials to Middle East countries for a conference on aviation security.

Now, as it has been deployed to the region, the team has been asked to remain in the Near East.

The team will be made up of officials from several countries, including the United States, to discuss the threat of terrorism.

"We have been working with our partners in the region to ensure that we are working together to address the threat of terrorism," a State Department official said.

"The team will be in the region to assess the threat and to provide guidance to our partners in the region on how to best mitigate the threat," the official added.

As part of the effort, the team will be working with the governments in the region to develop strategies to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks.

The team will be led by a senior official from the State Department, who will be accompanied by officials from other U.S. government agencies.

"We are working with our partners to ensure that we are taking all necessary steps to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks," the official said.