



## Kanishka Tragedy

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Recently, Canada has said that the investigation into the **1985 bombing of Air India Flight 182 is still "active and ongoing"**.

- On **23<sup>rd</sup> June 1985, Montreal-New Delhi Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182** travelling from **Canada to India** via London, exploded off the **Irish coast** killing all **329 people** on board, mostly Indians.
- Another explosion at **Tokyo's Narita airport** killed two Japanese baggage handlers while the flight was still in the air.
  - Investigators later revealed that this bomb was connected to the attack on Flight 182 and was meant for **another Air India flight to Bangkok**, but it **detonated prematurely**.
- The bombing was attributed to **Sikh militants (Khalistanis)** in retaliation for '[Operation Bluestar](#)' by the Indian Army in **1984**.
  - '**Operation Bluestar**' was a **military operation** ordered by the Indian government to remove Sikh militants from the **Golden Temple in Amritsar**.
  - The **Khalistan movement** is a **separatist movement** seeking to **create a homeland for Sikhs** by establishing an **ethno-religious sovereign state** called Khalistan in the **Punjab region**.

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