

Press release: Man who planned to detonate pipe bomb on a plane has had his sentence increased

The Court of Appeal has today increased the sentence of Manchester man, Nadeem Muhammed who was convicted of trying to take an improvised explosive device onto a plane.

On 30 January 2017, Muhammed was stopped by security staff at Manchester International Airport on his way to Bergamo in Italy. A small pipe bomb was found in the zipped lining of his carry-on suitcase, which he was planning on detonating on the plane.

Muhammed, 43, was convicted at Manchester Crown Court in August of possessing an explosive with intent to endanger life or property and was sentenced to eighteen years imprisonment with an extended licence period of five years.

Following a referral by the Attorney General Jeremy Wright QC MP under the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme, the Court of Appeal has today increased Muhammed's sentence to one of 22 years with an extended licence period of 5 years.

Speaking after the hearing, the Attorney General said: "This is a very disturbing case that could have had a devastating impact.

"I am pleased that the Court of Appeal has sent a strong message, that this type of offending merits very significant sentences."