

Security Forces Christian Man Off Plane for 'Prayer' Message on His Phone

Armed security guards removed a Christian man from a plane because a fellow passenger saw a "prayer" message on the Christian man's phone.

"Someone felt I was a terrorist because they saw the word 'prayer' on my phone and now I stand in uncertainty about my freedom of movement in and out of the United Kingdom," Laolu Opebiyi said.

According to *The Sun*, Opebiyi was arranging a conference call prayer session as the flight was about to take off. A fellow passenger on the flight from London to Amsterdam was reading over Opebiyi's shoulder and reported Opebiyi to the crew.

The title of the group was "Isi Men," according to *The Sun*, which the passenger may have read as "ISIS men."

"They asked me which church I attend and how long I have been going there," Opebiyi said after he showed the interrogators his Bible. "They also ask if I have ever thought about changing my religion to which I replied 'no.'"

Despite being cleared, Opebiyi was unable to board the flight again.

"That guy doesn't know me, and within two minutes, he's judging me," Opebiyi told the *Guardian*. "Even if I was a Muslim, it was pretty unfair the way I was treated. I don't think anyone, irrespective of their religion, should be treated in such a way.

"If we keep on giving into this kind of bigotry and irrational fear, I dare say that the terrorists will have achieved their

aim.” 