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(WROC-TV)

This terror plot threat is impacting some local college students who are currently overseas.

A delegation from RIT made up of 14 students from the



National Technical Institute For The Deaf are in England for a week long workshop. They're staying at the Herstmonceaux Castle, which is three hours south of London.

They arrived last Saturday for a leadership workshop for deaf students from five different countries. This is the first workshop of its kind created to boost diversity and global communication. The group found about the terror plot on television. Students quickly contacted their family by phone and email. They say they feel safe because the castle is located in a quiet and isolated area. But for now, they say they're continuing with the workshop and plan to leave for home as planned.

PEN-International Director James DeCaro says, "We do have state department numbers in every country that we travel to, but in this instance we didn't think it was necessary to do so. We're having our travel agent follow it for us in terms of the potential restrictions we might face on our return trip."

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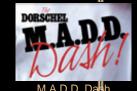
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RIT students return from England.

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(Katrina Irwin, WROC-TV)

About 14 students, faculty and staff, from R.I.T's National Technical Institute for the Deaf returned home from London on Sunday. The group was at a leadership conference in England when London authorities foiled the alleged terror plot.

The group faced a series of travel delays but say they were impressed with the way authorities at London's Heathrow airport handled the situation. R.I.T. student Lizzie Sorkin says, "when we first heard about the incident, we were disappointed because, here we are at this great conference talking about cooperation and leadership, and then this thing happens. It was disappointing to think so many are creating this peaceful activity, creating peace, and so many are the antithesis of that."

The students and teachers say that despite the delays and inconvenience they would go back to London tomorrow if they had the chance.

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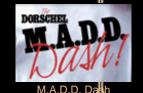
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