

Strange, the letter bombs from Penang

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YOUR editorial comments (ST Oct. 12) on the Affair of the Penang Letter Bombs are extremely interesting. Having followed the various reports on these bombs with great assiduity, I cannot help noticing some remarkable characteristics.

As you remarked the letters seem to have arrived at their destinations bypassing one link in the usual postal channels. They apparently gained entry into the postbags of the countries of their destination

without passing through the local post office. This is slightly unusual.

The other interesting fact is that they all failed. The recipients either became suspicious and refused to open the letters or if opened the bombs failed to detonate.



Of course we all know how technically incompetent the Arabs are. But they seem to have perfect knowledge of the whereabouts of prominent Jews in such diverse places as Australia, Italy and Rhodesia.

Such knowledge speaks of a technical incompetence.

The third interesting point is the choice of Penang by the Arabs. In the whole of S.E.A. and the non-Communist Far East, Malaysia is the only country which has Al

Fatah representatives.

It would seem that in choosing Penang to mail their letters the "Arab terrorists" were deliberately pointing the finger at themselves.

Malaysia is not going to be hospitable to terrorists who kill in such a cowardly manner. To abuse Malaysian hospitality is certainly not in the interest of the Palestinians.

A possible reaction would be to expel the Al Fatah representatives here.

Yet with all the countries available, Malaysia is chosen for mailing the bombs. The Arabs must be more stupid than they appear to be, or perhaps there is more to The Affair of the Penang Letter Bombs than meets the eye.

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