

ISIS pranksters in New York threaten to 'blow up train'

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New York: Two mischievous straphangers broke into the conductor's booth aboard a Brooklyn-bound train in Manhattan and announced on the public address system that Islamic State is 'hijacking the train and will blow it up'.

The startling announcement aboard the Brooklyn-bound R train had riders scurrying out of the train when it pulled into the next stop. The suspects also slipped off the train at the next stop.

According to police, the two mischievous pranksters, in their 20s, broke into the conductor's booth last Thursday and announced over the loudspeaker that they were ISIS members set to 'blow up the train'.

Passenger Lauren Crozier, a 30-year-old actor, was aboard the train heading to her home in Sunset Park when the declaration came over the loudspeaker.

"At first there was some singing, it wasn't really audible. Then we heard, All hail ISIS!" Crozier said.

"Everyone took their earbuds out and stared at each other. I'm not sure any of us thought it was a credible threat. Not after the first moment, anyway," he said.

Crozier said the suspects making the announcement also said, "This train has been hijacked".

She said that once the train pulled into the next station, "the whole train emptied out".

The train was taken out of service and taken to the Jamaica Yards in Queens, where an investigation was conducted.

A police source was quoted as saying, "it was a hoax and there was no credible threat."

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