

War on terrorism

Agency works to fix errors in 'no-fly' lists

The federal government said Tuesday that it is taking steps to prevent innocent people from being detained by airport security because of mistaken identity. The announcement came on the same day that Rebecca Gordon and Jan Adams, who publish *War Times*, a magazine critical of the U.S. war on terrorism, sued the Transportation Security Administration and other government agencies. They say that they and hundreds of others were detained by police for questioning at a San Francisco airport after being told they were on the TSA "no-fly" list. That database was created after the Sept. 11 attacks as a way to prevent potential terrorists from boarding planes. The TSA gets names from law enforcement officials and then gives the lists to airlines to screen passengers.

The lawsuit seeks access to records on "no-fly" lists. A TSA spokesman said that his agency is addressing the problem and that the action isn't connected to the lawsuit. He said airlines' computer software misidentified many of the people involved.