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Finally.

On June 23, 1985, 329 people — most of them Canadian — were on Air India Flight 182 when a bomb on board exploded over the Irish Sea. Fifteen years later, two B.C. men are charged with the biggest mass murder in Canadian history.

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The seemingly endless investigation into the 1985 bombing of Air India Flight 182 ended Friday when two B.C. Sikh separatists were charged Friday with

murdering the 329 people who perished in the world's worst act of aviation terrorism.

Vancouver millionaire and Sikh power-broker Ripudaman Singh Malik was arrested just after noon Friday at Surrey's Khalsa School, the government-funded institution he has headed since

1986.

Ajaib Singh Bagri, a leader of the militant Sikh separatist group Babbar Khalsa and a close associate of the late terrorist leader Talwinder Singh Parmar, was arrested outside his home in Kamloops.

The RCMP's Air India Task

Force would not comment on reports that both men might have been about to flee the country, but said more charges are planned against additional suspects.

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A door from the Air India jumbo jet floats off the Irish coast in 1985.