

## LOCKERBIE DISASTER STORY IS HOLLYWOOD-BOUND

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Former Israeli agent Juval Aviv, the man who wrote the story behind Stephen Spielberg's thriller *Munich*, is turning his attention to the Lockerbie jetliner disaster in which [270 people died](#) when an aircraft exploded almost directly over the quiet Scottish town. But Aviv is laying blame for the bombing of the U.S.-bound Pan American aircraft on Iran, not Libya.

Aviv's new book *Flight 103* is a fictional account, but he is fervently hoping Hollywood will want to turn it into a major movie, just as Spielberg did with blockbuster *Munich*. The former Mossad agent says he is talking to a number of Hollywood directors about his book, which is due to be published in January, in the 20th anniversary year of the bombing, which happened in December 1988.

Speaking in New York Juval Aviv said: "I believe the book will have an impact around the world because [what happened over Lockerbie that day](#) affected so many people in so many countries, and continues to do so. It's a powerful story that will make a fantastic movie. Some very high-profile directors in Hollywood have seen the book and are very interested. Nothing has been signed yet, but I'm very optimistic that a deal will be done."

Aviv was a lead investigator for Pan Am during the Lockerbie inquiry and admits his book is his account of what he is convinced actually happened in December 1988. In his story a retired Israeli agent discovers Tehran ordered an American plane to be destroyed as retaliation for the U.S. downing an Iranian airliner with 133 civilians on board earlier in 1988.

***Flight 103* by Sam Green is published by Century on January 24.**