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Eastern's Miami-to-Nassau Jet Carrying 79 Is Hijacked to Cuba

MIAMI—A Miami-to-Nassau Eastern airlines jet with 79 persons aboard was forced to fly to Havana yesterday. It was the third hijacking of the new year and the second involving an Eastern Airlines plane in less than a week.

The hijacking occurred 17 minutes after the plane took off from Miami and was passing over the island of Bimini.

The first hijacking of the year was on Jan. 3 when an Eastern plane with 146 persons aboard was commandeered on a flight from New York to Miami.

Four days later, a Colombian airliner with 60 aboard was forced to fly to Havana by a defecting Colombian.