



ORIGINAL TITLE MOGADISHU
CAST THOMAS KRETSCHMANN NADJA UHL SIMON VERHOEVEN
HERBERT KNAUP JÜRGEN TARRACH CHRISTIAN BERKEL SAÏD TAGHMAOUI A.O.
WRITTEN BY MAURICE PHILIP REMY AND DR. GABRIELA SPERL
DIRECTED BY ROLAND SUSO RICHTER
PRODUCED BY TEAMWORX
CO-PRODUCED BY DEGETO AND SWR
PRODUCED FOR ARD
GENRE EVENT DRAMA
RUNNING TIME 107 MIN
VERSION GERMAN (OV), ENGLISH SUBTITLED

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THE HIJACKING OF FLIGHT 181



In October 1977, a terror squad called the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine hijacks Lufthansa Flight 181 from Palma de Mallorca with 86 people on board. In solidarity with the German terrorists of the Red Army Faction (RAF), the PFLP wants to force the release of 11 RAF prisoners from German jails, plus \$15 million in cash. When German chancellor Helmut Schmidt decides not to give in to the terrorist's demands, an odyssey begins which leads the flight from Rome to Cyprus, Bahrain, Dubai and Aden, to Mogadishu in Somalia. Led by „Captain Martyr Mahmud“ and consisting of two men and two women, the hijackers grow ever more nervous and ruthless. In Yemen, the government blocks the runway to prevent their landing, and Captain Schumann has to emergency-land in the sand. When the pilot takes too long inspecting the plane afterwards, Mahmud kills him execution-style in front of all the passengers in the aisle. The co-pilot is forced to fly the plane to Somalia, with the captain's body still on board. That's when the green light is given to take the plane by force, and one of the most daring and successful counter-terror operations ever begins. Based on dramatic real events, Germany's top director Roland Suso Richter („Dresden“, „The Tunnel“) has created a breathtaking thriller with German Star Actors **Thomas Kretschmann** („Valkyrie“, „The Pianist“, „King Kong“), **Herbert Knaup** („The Life Of The Others“) and **Nadja Uhl** („The Baader-Meinhof Complex“) as well as French César Award winner **Saïd Taghmaoui** („The Kite Runner“, „Three Kings“, „La Haine“).