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Bush vows retaliation after hijacked jetliners destroy World Trade Center, set Pentagon ablaze



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- ... A lone jetliner plunges into the Pentagon. The fire burns for hours.
- ... Another hijacked plane crashes in rural Pennsylvania.



New York under fire: A plume of smoke rises from the World Trade Center after two hijacked planes crashed into the towers within 18 minutes of each other. A short time later, both skyscrapers toppled. Below, in the streets of Manhattan, workers and residents watched in horror as the events unfolded, comforting each other and rushing to help.

Today, our nation saw evil, Bush says

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NEW YORK In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever waged against the United States, knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center on Tuesday, toppling its twin 110-story towers. The deadly calamity was witnessed on televisions across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

Today, our nation saw evil, President Bush said in an address to the nation Tuesday night. He said thou-

sands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor.

Establishing the U.S. death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors. At the Pentagon, about 100 people were believed dead.

The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear, a visibly distraught Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

No one took responsibility for the attacks that rocked the seats of finance and govern-

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ment, but federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, as the prime suspect. Aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell-phone calls from at least one flight attendant and two passengers aboard the jetliners before they crashed, U.S. officials began assembling a case linking bin Laden to the devastation. U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Re-

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