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# AMERICA'S

# BLOODIEST DAY

## 'This is the second Pearl Harbor'

### ➤ Hawai'i victims

At least two local women may be among the victims, including one aboard one of the hijacked planes.

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### ➤ Rescuer deaths

Among the harrowing tales of survival and death are the sacrifices of more than 300 rescue workers killed when the World Trade Center collapsed.

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### ➤ Prime suspect

Osama bin Laden, the shadowy mastermind behind other terrorist acts, may have plotted the attacks.

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### ➤ Pentagon ruins

The Pentagon, fortress of the American military, was to reopen today, even as rescuers searched for bodies in the smoldering ruin.

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### ➤ How and why

Well-coordinated and precisely timed, the hijackings and attacks were planned for maximum destruction.

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A fireball explodes from one of the World Trade Center towers after a hijacked jetliner crashed into the building.

## Terrorists in jets kill thousands

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America bleeds today, wounded but resolute in the aftermath of the deadliest terrorist attack in our history.

In a nightmare captured on video and replayed endlessly for an astonished nation yesterday, three hijacked jetliners, turned into missiles by teams of suicidal terrorists, slammed into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon, killing thousands. A fourth hijacked plane crashed in Pennsylvania.

"This is the second Pearl Harbor," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

Official suspicion quickly fell on terrorist Osama bin Laden.

Addressing the nation, President Bush said, "Today, our nation saw evil." He said the United States would retaliate against the terrorists and any country that harbors them. "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

All flights in the United States were grounded until at least today. The failure of airport security was unexplained. Early reports suggested some of the hijackers were armed with knives and boxcutters.

Altogether, the four downed planes carried 266 people. All were killed.

More than 50,000 people work in the World Trade Center towers. More than 300 firefighters and police officers may have been killed when the towers toppled.

At the Pentagon, hundreds died.

Until yesterday, the bloodiest day in U.S. history was Sept. 17, 1862, when about 4,700 Union and Confederate soldiers died in the Civil War battle of Antietam.

The attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 killed 2,395.

As rescuers search the rubble, it appears the toll for Sept. 11, 2001, will be the highest yet.

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### What you need to know today in Hawai'i

- Honolulu International Airport and airports on the Neighbor Islands are closed until at least 6 a.m. For an update, monitor news reports and check with the airlines.
- U.S. stock markets will remain closed today and it is unclear when they will reopen. Most banks and businesses are open.
- Public schools on military bases in Hawai'i are closed with the exception of

- Mōkapu Elementary. All other public schools are open.
- Military bases remain on high alert. Nonessential workers at Army and Navy installations are asked to stay home. The Spark Matsunaga Veterans Administration Medical Center, Hickam Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Hawai'i are open to civilian workers.