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Hijackers ordered passengers to call relatives

Poll: Americans see attacks as acts of war on U.S.

Giuliani says toll 'will be more than any of us can bear'

Drake graduate killed when plane plows into Pentagon

BUSH VOWS TO STRIKE BACK



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New York, N.Y. — 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.

Bush condemned the ghastly attacks and vowed to "find those responsible and bring them to justice." He said the United States would retaliate against "those behind these evil acts," and any country that harbors them.

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 death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard, and there

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'Our nation saw evil,' Bush says

President Bush spoke from the Oval Office late Tuesday after bouncing between Florida and air bases in Louisiana and Nebraska for security reasons:

"These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

President Bush condemned attacks in Washington and New York and vowed to "find those responsible and bring them to justice." **Page 17A**

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Attack: Pedestrians flee the area of the World Trade Center on Tuesday as the center's south tower crashes following an attack on the New York landmark. Two jetliners crashed into the towers, and thousands were believed to have been killed by the impacts and subsequent collapses.

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