



FIRST ATTACK

New York's World Trade Center's North Tower is rocked by an explosion at 8:45 a.m. — Associated Press



THIRD ATTACK

At 9:45 a.m. the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. takes a devastating hit from an aircraft.



SECOND ATTACK

New York's World Trade Center's South Tower is about to be hit by a hijacked Boeing 757 at 9:03 a.m. — Associated Press

AMERICA

UNDER ATTACK

A DAY OF HORROR UNFOLDS ...



NEW YORK: It was a scene of a nightmare: people on fire jumping in terror from the World Trade Towers just before the buildings collapsed.

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WASHINGTON: The Pentagon took a direct hit. Bush ordered the nation's military to "high-alert" status.

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NEW YORK: Thousands of workers walked for miles to flee lower Manhattan after the attack.

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"TERRORISM AGAINST OUR NATION WILL NOT STAND."



ALEXANDRIA: Approximately 100 people attend noon prayer service shortly after attack.

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Terrorists hit Trade Center, the Pentagon

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 Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever waged against the United States, 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.

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, but it was expected casualties would be in the thousands. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors.

In addition, a firefighters union official said he feared an estimated 200 firefighters had died in rescue efforts. Dozens of police officers were believed missing.

No one took responsibility for the audacious events that rocked the seats of finance and government, but federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden — who has been given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers — as the

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

President George W. Bush
 in address to the nation

Bush: 'Today our nation saw evil'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A grim-faced President Bush mourned the deaths of thousands of Americans in Tuesday's atrocities and vowed to avenge their killings. "Today, our nation saw evil," he said.

In his first prime-time Oval Office address, Bush said the United States would retaliate against "those behind these evil acts," and any country that harbors them.

Bush spoke from the Oval Office just hours after bouncing between Florida and air bases in Louisiana and Nebraska for security reasons. Fighter jets and decoy helicopters accompanied his evening flight to Washington and the White House.

With smoke still pouring out of rubble in Washington and New York, he said,

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