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8:51 a.m.



7 DEAD: First blast hits train 100 yards from Liverpool Street station near the financial district

8:56 a.m.



21 DEAD: Explosion hits train between Russell Square and King's Cross stations

9:17 a.m.



7 DEAD: Near Edgware Road station, explosions hit at least two trains

9:47 a.m.



2 DEAD: Bomb blast rips the top off a double-decker bus at Tavistock Square

56 minutes of terror

AL-QAIDA SUSPECTED IN LONDON TRANSIT BOMBINGS THAT KILL DOZENS, INJURE HUNDREDS



SANG TAN / Associated Press

A forensic officer walks next to the wreckage of a double-decker bus with its top blown off Thursday at Tavistock Square in central London after four rush-hour explosions rocked the heart of Britain's capital.

TRANSIT: Nation's buses, trains remain vulnerable

By **MARY CURTIUS** and **MAURA REYNOLDS**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — In the nearly four years since the Sept. 11 attacks, security experts scouring American cities have found — as London learned Thursday — that public transit systems are among the most vulnerable and most difficult to defend from terrorists.

And yet, such systems have received just \$250 million in federal funding to beef up security since 2001, compared with \$18 billion for the nation's airports. Regional transit systems have spent \$2 billion of their own on security enhancement, officials say, but have identified \$6 billion more in needed improvements.

New York City has deployed thousands

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Bombing chronology



Sources: Metropolitan Police Station; ESRI; AND Associated Press

NO WARNING: Blasts at height of commute

By **ROBERT BARR**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — The first bomb went off at 8:51 a.m., on a London Underground train just outside the financial district. Five minutes later, another train exploded, then another, and finally a crowded red double-decker bus. In 56 minutes, a city fresh from a night of Olympic celebrations was enveloped in eerie, blood-soaked quiet.

Terror had struck the British capital at the start of a busy work day, just as it had a year ago in Madrid and in 2001 in New York and Washington.

London police said they could confirm at least 37 people had been killed and 700 injured Thursday in the worst attack on London since the blitz in World War II.

The French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said the death toll was 50, citing a conversation with his British counterpart, and Australian Prime Minister John Howard today said the toll was 52; he did not disclose the source of his information.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair blamed Islamic extremists and said the bombings were designed to coincide with the opening in Scotland of a G-8 summit of the world's most powerful leaders.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the bombings — which came the day after London won the bid to host the 2012 Olympics — have the "hallmarks of an al-Qaida-related attack."

Police said there had been no warning. Authorities initially blamed a power surge but realized it was a terrorist attack.

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