



NEW YORK (AP) – Mounting an audacious attack against the United States, terrorists crashed two hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center and brought down the twin 110-story towers Tuesday morning. A jetliner also slammed into the Pentagon as the seat of government itself came under attack.

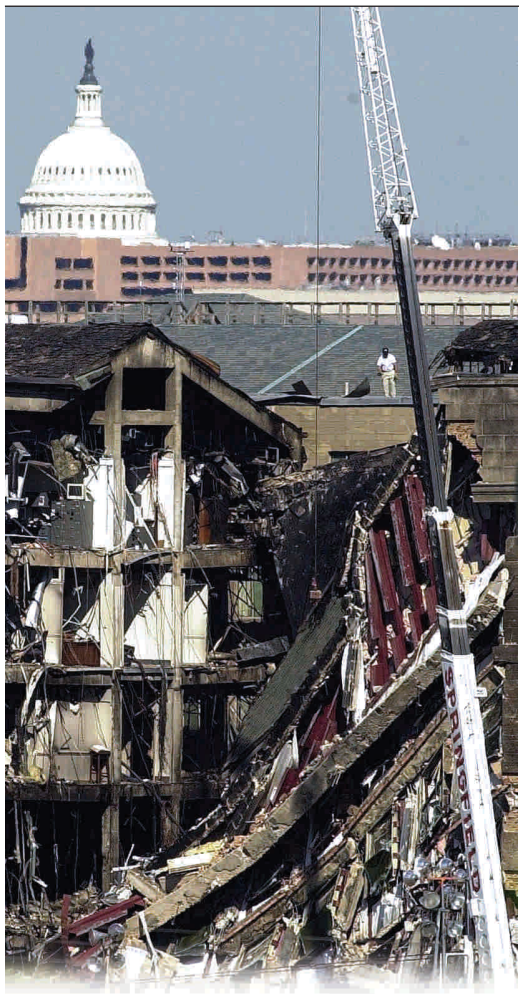
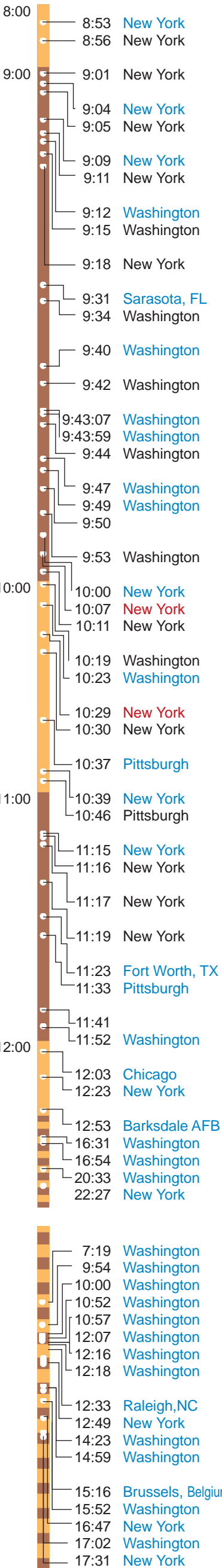
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Tuesday, Sept. 11

- ▶ **Plane crashes into World Trade Center, according to television reports**
- Smoke poured out of a gaping hole in the upper floors of the World Trade Center on Tuesday and there were broadcast reports a plane had struck it.
- An aircraft crashed into the upper floors of one of the World Trade Center towers Tuesday morning, and black smoke poured out of two gaping holes.
- ▶ **Explosion rocks second World Trade Center tower**
- An aircraft crashed into the upper floors of one of the World Trade Center towers Tuesday morning. Shortly afterward a second explosion rocked the other tower.
- ▶ **Plane crashes into second World Trade Center tower**
- An aircraft crashed into the upper floors of one of the WTC towers Tuesday morning. Shortly afterward a second plane hit the other tower.
- ▶ **FBI investigating reports of plane hijacking before World Trade Center crashes**
- The FBI is investigating reports that two plane crashes at the WTC are the result of foul play, The AP has learned.
- Planes crashed into the upper floors of both WTC towers minutes apart Tuesday in a horrific scene of explosions and fire that left gaping holes in the 110 story buildings.
- ▶ **Bush calls World Trade Center crashes apparent terrorist attack**
- President Bush said Tuesday that two plane crashes into the WTC were "an apparent terrorist attack on our country."
- ▶ **First plane to hit World Trade Center was hijacked after takeoff from Boston, U.S. official says**
- One of two planes that crashed into the WTC was hijacked after takeoff from Boston, a U.S. official said, citing a transmission from the plane.
- ▶ **An aircraft has crashed into the Pentagon, witnesses say**
- ▶ **West Wing of White House evacuated amid terrorist threats**
- An aircraft crashed near the Pentagon and the West Wing of the White House was evacuated amid threats of terrorism.
- ▶ **White House threatened with terrorist attack, source says**
- ▶ **The Federal Aviation Administration has shut down all aircraft takeoffs nationwide**
- The White House was evacuated after the Secret Service received credible threat of a terrorist act against the presidential mansion and residence.
- Aircraft crashed near Pentagon. White House evacuated after bomb threats. FAA shuts down all air traffic.
- ▶ **Explosion hits another building near World Trade Center**
- ▶ **One World Trade Center tower collapses**
- Two planes crashed into WTC. Bush says "apparent terrorist attack." Witness saw people falling and jumping from towers.
- State Department evacuated due to a possible explosion.
- ▶ **Car bomb explodes outside State Department, senior law enforcement officials say [Note: Officials' version later proved unfounded]**
- ▶ **Second World Trade Center tower collapses**
- In a horrific sequence of events, terrorists crashed planes into the WTC, and explosions rocked the Pentagon and the State Department, spreading fear through the country.
- ▶ **Large plane crashes in western Pennsylvania, officials at Somerset County airport confirm**
- ▶ **Fourth explosion at World Trade Center**
- A large plane, believed to be a 767, crashed north of Somerset County Airport, near Pittsburgh.
- ▶ **Mayor Giuliani says: "I have a sense it's a horrendous number of lives lost."**
- Terrorists crashed planes into the WTC. Explosions also rocked the Pentagon. Mayor Giuliani: "I have a sense it's a horrendous number of lives lost."
- Authorities had been trying to evacuate WTC. Expert: "I would name at the top of the list Osama Bin Laden." Aircraft crashed into Pentagon.
- In Pennsylvania, a large plane believed to be a 747 crashed. Nation's air traffic halted. New York "like a war zone."
- ▶ **American Airlines says it "lost" two aircraft carrying 156 people**
- ▶ **United Airlines confirms flight from Newark, NJ, to San Francisco crashed near Pittsburgh**
- Pittsburgh, San Francisco witness account of Pennsylvania crash.
- ▶ **Federal Reserve reports it is prepared to provide additional money to nation's banking system as needed following terrorist attacks**
- ▶ **United Airlines confirms second plane crashing, location not given**
- ▶ **High-ranking city police official says the number of people killed or injured could be in the thousands**
- ▶ **Bush says military on high-alert status**
- ▶ **President Bush is returning to the White House, spokesman says**
- ▶ **United States suspects Osama bin Laden in terrorist attacks, two U.S. officials say**
- ▶ **Bush says "thousands of lives were suddenly ended" in terrorist attacks**
- ▶ **Mayor says some people alive in Trade Center**

Wednesday, Sept. 12

- ▶ **Powell says U.S. will go after terrorists responsible for assault**
- ▶ **Pentagon says no more survivors expected; 80 bodies retrieved so far**
- ▶ **Officials say no more survivors expected to be found in Pentagon wreckage**
- ▶ **Bush says terrorist attacks were "acts of war"**
- ▶ **Bush calls attacks, "acts of war." Says he will ask Congress for money for recovery.**
- ▶ **Pentagon evacuating building due to threat of spreading fire**
- ▶ **Pentagon recalls evacuation order**
- ▶ **World's richest countries vow that terrorist attack in United States "will not be compounded by disruption of global economy."**
- ▶ **Midway Airlines suspends all flight operations; 1,700 employees lose jobs immediately**
- ▶ **Osama Bin Laden information. More details of the Pentagon damage.**
- ▶ **FAA allows flights diverted Tuesday to resume; others grounded**
- ▶ **White House spokesman says Air Force One and White House were intended targets in Tuesday attacks**
- ▶ **NATO says terror attacks in U.S. can be considered an attack on the whole alliance**
- ▶ **Attorney General John Ashcroft says government has several leads in terrorist attacks**
- ▶ **New York Stock Exchange does not expect to open before Friday, official says**
- ▶ **Government not ready to resume normal air traffic operations**
- ▶ **The remaining portion of south World Trade Center tower collapses**



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A stunning 48 hours of news

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and their immediate aftermath were one of the biggest breaking stories AP has ever covered. As one stunning event succeeded the next, AP broke developments to its members in two flashes, 25 APNewsAlerts and 18 bulletins in the first day.



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