

# 12 suspects eyed in hijackings; grim search for victims goes on

## 3 men trained to be pilots are key to probe

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Three men who were trained as pilots have emerged as the central figures in the hijacking of two Boston-to-Los Angeles flights that were deliberately crashed into the World Trade Center towers.

The trio are among a dozen men with Arabic surnames who were the focus yesterday of the massive investigation here trying to determine who commandeered the two Boeing 767s that formed half of the biggest terrorist attack ever against Americans.

Sources close to the investigation said that investigators had recovered from a car rented by a suspected hijacker a so-called "ramp pass," which gives the holder access to restricted areas at Logan Airport. Evidence also suggests the rental car was used to cause the airport during the week leading up to the attack.



**MOHAMED ATTA**  
May have guided plane

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As investigators retraced the steps of the men, using an extensive list of Visa credit card receipts, evidence pointing to the plot having its roots in the Middle East was piling up.

The names of the 12 men with Arabic surnames were not on a passenger list made public yesterday by American Airlines and United Air Lines, whose planes were hijacked Tuesday morning. But The Boston Globe obtained the complete list, and law enforcement sources confirmed that they were focusing on up to a dozen of the Arabic men as they piece together how the two Boston flights were hijacked.

One of the suspects, Mohamed Atta, 33, is a Saudi national who trained as an airline pilot. The other two, Waleed Alshehri and Marwan Alshehri, are believed to be brothers from the United Arab Emirates, and are also trained to fly heavy commercial aircraft like the ones that were commandeered and flown into the World Trade Center towers.

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## US asks NATO, big powers, and Pakistan for help

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WASHINGTON — Seeking a worldwide united front, the Bush administration yesterday asked NATO allies, Russia, China, several Arab countries, and scores of other nations for their help in hunting down those responsible for the attacks this week and in mounting a defense against all acts of terrorism.

For the first time in its 52-year history, NATO yesterday invoked an article in its charter that says any attack on a member state is considered an attack against the entire 18-nation alliance — if the attacks in New York and Washington are proven to have been directed from abroad.

The significance of NATO's action could go beyond the symbolism. If the US decides to take military retaliation for the deadly attacks, it could seek assistance from those allies, analysts said.

But along with its global outreach, US officials yesterday signaled that they sought immediate intelligence and logistical help for a possible reprisal specifically from Pakistan, where officials in Islamabad debated last night whether to assist the United States actively.

The demand for Pakistani help was yet another strong sign that the US investigation continued to zero in on Saudi terror financier Osama bin Laden as the possible mastermind of the attacks. Bin Laden is believed to be hiding in Afghanistan, Pakistan's western neighbor.

Pakistan has a longstanding, if sometimes troubled, alliance with the United States, as well as a controversial friendship with the fundamentalist Muslim Taliban leadership in Afghanistan. It has a major interest in maintaining a stable Afghan government because of domestic concerns that it could be overwhelmed by an influx of refugees if the situation there became even more dire.

Late yesterday, General Pervez Musharraf, the Pakistani president, said in a statement issued by his embassy in Washington that he would give the United States "unstinted cooperation" in the investigation. But the

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Rescue workers searching through the rubble of the World Trade Center yesterday. Fears rose of a body count in the tens of thousands.

## Few survivors found in day of fervent action

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Sifting through tons of rubble and hundreds of leads, authorities intensified parallel searches yesterday for victims and perpetrators of the attacks that gouged the Pentagon and knocked the front teeth from Manhattan's skyline.

The deadliest acts of terrorism in US history continued to reverberate around the world, as President Bush declared them "acts of war," suspicion grew that the White House had been a target, America's military allies stood firm, Congress began work on a \$20 billion response, and another New York skyscraper neared collapse.

At the same time, the fears of untold families turned to grief as loved ones remained unaccounted for. Or, worse, were added to the slowly growing list of the dead.

In Boston, preparations began for sweeping new security measures at Logan International Airport, the origin of two of the flights that were commandeered early Tuesday and piloted into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon, and a grassy field in Pennsylvania. The Logan security plans included elimination of curbside check-in, an increased number of random identification checks, and a ban on knives — even plastic ones.

Boston also was the scene yesterday of a dramatic police tactical squad raid on the Westin Copley Plaza Hotel that led to the detention of three people. Initial reports that they were associates of the terrorists were soon dismissed, and authorities said privately it appeared to have been a case of mistaken identity. Police also seized evidence including a piece of furniture from a Chestnut Hill hotel where some of the suspects were believed to have stayed before the attacks.

The hotel raids were two of the most high-profile events in an investigation that spread quickly to Canada, Florida, New Jersey, Maine, and throughout Massachusetts.

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## Gloom envelops an unflappable city

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A New Yorker protecting self and children.

NEW YORK — Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani tried to rally his besieged city back to life yesterday, urging New Yorkers to "get out, don't feel locked in."

"Go to stores, go to restaurants . . . get on with our lives," he said.

But all across Manhattan, though many were making the effort, they were finding it hard.

Bruce Lieberman was one of hundreds walking down the middle of Sixth Avenue in Greenwich Village, where — like everywhere south of 14th Street — motor vehicles were banned by the state of emergency.

"You don't feel as though you're living a normal life when you don't see any traffic, when you've got a knot in your stomach," he said. "Yes, you have to transcend what happened, but it will take some time to do it."

His companion, Rachelle Jacobs, pointed out the obvious change. "Look down the street," she said. The World Trade Center's 110-story twin towers had loomed large at the southern tip of Sixth Avenue ever since they went up 30 years ago. "Something that's been part of your life for so long — it's gone, just gone."

Farther north, sitting in Bryant Park on 42nd Street, Andreas Bonotto, 35, made a

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### Markets shut

The devastation in Manhattan will keep the world's biggest stock exchanges closed until at least Friday. **Business, C1.**

### Feeling a stigma

The worries about mistreatment build for Muslim-Americans. **Living/Arts, D1.**

### More victims

Several former New England collegiate athletes died in Tuesday's terrorist attacks. **Sports, D9.**

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## FAA boosts security; Logan opening unclear

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The federal government announced sweeping security measures for the nation's airports yesterday, and Acting Governor Jane Swift vowed that Logan International Airport would reopen only after she could be assured that passengers could travel safely.

No planes landed last night at the still-closed airport, and it is not clear when regular flights will resume. When they do, it will be in a very different atmosphere.

The security changes will include such measures as placing armed guards at baggage checkpoints, retraining airlines personnel, and removing plastic knives from bagel stands.

But even as the Massachusetts Port Authority was under intense national scrutiny for possible security breaches, the state agency rebuffed federal help in coordinating the armed checkpoints at



AP PHOTO

Some 2,000 cars have been removed from Logan Airport in a security sweep. Directing tow trucks yesterday was Chris Ferguson of Massport.

Logan, provoking a stern rebuke from high-ranking US officials, two federal law enforcement sources told the Globe.

Later, Massport executive director Virginia Buckingham apologized to the US Marshal's office for excluding the

agency.

"Their assistance was not requested, but is welcome now," said spokesman Jose Juves. "As far as we're concerned, it's worked out and we're moving forward."

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