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9.11.2001 A DAY OF TERROR



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Skyline: The Statue of Liberty stands as smoke billows Tuesday from the World Trade Center in New York City. Mounting an attack against the United States, terrorists crashed two hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center and brought down the twin 110-story towers. A plane also crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

AMERICA RESPONDS

Nation struggles to cope with aftermath of attacks

MORE COVERAGE

Local reaction

Airport closed: Like other U.S. airports, Palm Springs International was deserted Tuesday afternoon. **A6**

Community reacts: Residents line up to donate blood; volunteers prepare for possible deployment. **A6**

Marine base: Twentynine Palms Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command is put on highest stage of military alert. **A8**

Local fatality: Members of St. Theresa Catholic Church mourn reported loss of parishioner. **A7**

Ripple effects: Thousands of miles away, the Coachella Valley was not immune to the devastation caused by at least four separate acts of terrorism in Washington, D.C., New York and in the air. **A9**

School as usual: Coachella Valley school districts continue to hold classes but offer special crisis counseling. **A9**

Personal stories: Read examples of how the terrorist attacks have affected Coachella Valley residents at home and abroad. **A9**

Pictures

Photos: Color images tell the sequential story of the two plane crashes into the World Trade Center in New York City Tuesday. **A10**

Sports

Canceled events: The national sports landscape shut down Tuesday. Major League Baseball's games were postponed and college football and NFL games, scheduled for this weekend, are in question. **C1**

Business

Standstill: Attacks hurt an already weak economy as Federal Reserve pledges to pump more cash into the banking system. **C7**

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Search: Firefighters pick through the rubble Tuesday after two airliners crashed into the World Trade Center in New York.

Where to find daily features

Due to expanded coverage of the attack on America, regular features of The Desert Sun have moved in this edition of the newspaper. Here's where you'll find these features:

- **State, nation and world news:** In the B section behind the expanded Opinion pages.
- **Business:** In the C section behind the Sports pages, which are reduced today due to games being canceled after the attacks.

There are no stock market reports because the markets closed after the attacks.

- **Weather:** On the last page of the C section.

Continuing coverage through these media partners

In coming days, you can turn to The Desert Sun newspaper for more local reactions, along with the latest from across the nation, including stories about the victims and the hunt for those responsible for the attacks.

Also, limited quantities of the Sept. 11 Extra Edition are still available for 50 cents at the newspaper offices at 750 N. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs.

Send your comments about the attacks on America to Letters@thedesertsun.com.

If you have connections to the disasters and want to comment for a news story, call the newsroom at 778-4659.



Continuous updates of local reaction and commentary, along with national headlines, are available online at thedesertsun.com



Watch **KMIR** for local updates starting at 4 a.m. today with NBC's "Today Show," followed by a commercial-free local newscast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and continuing coverage throughout the day.



"America Under Attack" continues today on **KESQ**, News Channel 3 with local newscasts at 5 and 6 a.m., noon and 5, 6 and 11 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP

Bush vows to fight 'evil,' commends nation's unity

President Bush uses a nationally televised primetime speech to comfort families of victims and buoy citizen morale saying, "Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature, and we responded with the best of America." Bush's challenge is to help Americans feel safe. **Full text A4; Analysis A2**



RESCUE EFFORTS

Establishing the death toll could take several weeks

The four airliners had 266 people aboard, and there were no known survivors. Three hundred firefighters who first reached the trade center, where 50,000 people worked, died. Dozens of police officers were missing.

Officials put the number of dead and wounded at the Pentagon at about 100 or more, with some news reports suggesting it could rise to 800. Crews will continue to search through the rubble for survivors.

INVESTIGATION

Law-enforcement officials name bin Laden as suspect

U.S. officials began piecing together a case linking terrorist Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect, to the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters. **More on B6**

Both the United States and Afgan rebels deny responsibility for rocket attacks north of the Afgan capital of Kabul. A spokesman for the Taliban, the rulers of Afganistan, blamed the blasts on a fire at an ammunition depot. **More on A5**

NATIONAL REACTION

Witnesses describe horror of death and destruction

New Yorkers watched in horror as two hijacked commercial airliners crashed into the World Trade Center Tuesday morning. Many workers tumbled to their deaths from the gaping holes in the buildings. **More on A4**

The Federal Aviation Administration grounds all air traffic for the first time in history, although some airports are expected to resume flights around noon today. For information about specific flights, call the airlines.

WORLD REACTION

Leaders express sympathy as some rejoice in streets

Stunned leaders in countries all over the world boost their security measures at airports and government buildings and offer condolences to the U.S., as Palestinians and Iraqis celebrate in the streets. **More on A5**

President Vladimir Putin of Russia expressed his condolences, saying the international community needs to unite against terrorists. The attacks are "a national act of defiance against mankind," he said.