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Second Pearl Harbor



AP Photos

People run from the collapse of World Trade Center Tower Tuesday in New York.

Wood airport closes for 1st time

From Staff Reports

"I think we're in one of the safest places we could be anywhere in the world," Wood County Airport Authority Manager Carolyn Strock said Tuesday.

Strock said this is the first time the Wood County airport has been closed as a measure of security since it was built during World War II. Strock said the airport was "one of the justifications for building airports was national defense."

"There were a number of people who were happy to land because we're the closest airport when they were told to land," Strock said about the Wood County facility that usually sees about 50,000 in-coming and out-going flights.

Strock said all flights — commercial flying, instrument flying and visual flying — were grounded shortly after the second plane struck the World Trade Center Building.

"Anyone flying at that time was supposed to be grounded at that point," Strock said. She added all flights will remain grounded by the FAA until at least 5 p.m., although she said she expected the moratorium will be continued indefinitely.

However, with only three planes landing since 9:30 a.m., Strock's concerns are directed

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Carolyn Strock
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Authority manager

toward her sons who serve in the United States military.

David Strock Jr., 23, is a member of the Air National Guard and Andrew, 21, is a Marine Reserve. Both are at home waiting telephone calls from their respective officers dispatching them to active duty.

"My husband was comparing it to Pearl Harbor as far as the United States being attacked," Strock said, explaining her husband, David, served active duty with the U.S. Navy during Vietnam.

Area residents are being invited to pray in local churches following Tuesday's devastating terrorist attacks.

Officials at First Presbyterian in Parkersburg and North Parkersburg Baptist churches and Belpre Church of Christ announced their churches would be open today for vigils and prayer for terrorist victims and the United States.

Williamstown Church of God on Highland Avenue is having a prayer vigil at 6 p.m. today. Trinity Episcopal Church, 430 Juliana St. in Parkersburg, is hosting a Memorial Eucharist Service at 5 p.m. Saturday to pray for those who died at the hands of terrorists.

Streets in Parkersburg were more crowded than usual Tuesday morning in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

The 95 Carryout on Rayon Drive and West Virginia 95 had a line of cars waiting at the gas pumps. Convenience stores along Rayon Drive and Pike Street were busy with customers filling their gas tanks, many talking about the horror in New York.

In the Chevron One Stop on Pike Street, convenience store radios were tuned to media coverage of the terrorist attacks and customers listened inside intently for updates on the national crisis.

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Horror escalates as towers collapse

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

"Everyone was screaming, crying, running — cops, people, fire-fighters, everyone," said Mike Smith, a fire marshal from Queens, as he sat by the fountain outside a state courthouse, shortly after the second tower collapsed. "A couple of marshals just picked me up and dragged me down the street. It's like a war zone."

Others compared it to Pearl Harbor as thousands of people poured off the Brooklyn Bridge, fleeing Manhattan covered in gray dust and debris. Many wore respiratory masks, given by the police and fire departments.

Ambulances screamed down every major thoroughfare in Manhattan, depositing casualties at hospitals and returning to get more. Clusters of people, their hands clutched to their heads in horror, stood at boomboxes set up outside stores to listen to the news. Others gathered around cars, their doors open and radios turned up high.

Looking down West Broadway through billowing brown and black smoke, Tower Two tilted across the street. Ash, two inches deep, lined the streets.

Police and firefighters gasped for air as they emerged from the sealed-off area.

At least three explosions were heard, perhaps from gas lines. Army Humvees whizzed by on their way downtown.

Workers from Trade Center offices wandered lower Manhattan in a daze, many barely able to believe they were alive.

Kenny Johannemann, a janitor, described seeing a man engulfed in flames at One World Trade Center just after the first explosion. He grabbed the man, put the fire out, and dragged him outside. Then Johannemann heard a second explosion — and saw people jumping from the upper stories of the Twin Towers.

"It was horrendous; I can't describe it," Johannemann said as he stood outside the building.

Donald Burns, 34, was being evacuated from a meeting on the 82nd floor of One World Trade Center, when saw four severely burned people on the stairwell.

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Pentagon takes direct hit

Troops deployed in response to apparent terrorist attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon took a direct, devastating hit from an aircraft and the enduring symbols of American power were evacuated Tuesday as an apparent terrorist attack quickly spread fear and chaos in the nation's capital.

President Bush ordered the nation's military to "high-alert status," and vowed to "hunt down and punish those responsible" for the attacks in Washington and New York, where the World Trade Center was devastated with a heavy loss of life.

The president was in Florida at the time of the attacks, and was flown at midday to the safety of a military installation, Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. The top leaders of Congress were led to the safety of an undisclosed location, and military aircraft were reported patrolling the skies above the capital.

The nerve center of the nation's military burst into flames and a portion of one side of the five-sided structure collapsed when the plane struck in midmorning.

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Flames and smoke pour from a building at the Pentagon Tuesday, after a direct, devastating hit from an aircraft.



A group of children near east Jerusalem's Old City wave Palestinian flags and chant anti-U.S. slogans as they react to the news of a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York Tuesday.

Day of horror

World watches as terror unfolds

LONDON (AP) — Astonishing terrorist strikes in the United States quickly reached a global audience Tuesday, with many around the world watching live coverage as both World Trade Center towers collapsed.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians poured into the streets to celebrate, chanting "God is Great" and distributing candy to passers-by, even as their leader, Yasser Arafat, expressed horror over the attacks.

Audiences were transfixed by the awful images from New York and Washington, and world leaders expressed solidarity with an America that looked more vulnerable than ever, offering a stream of condolences.

Key indexes sank on world stock markets and some European airlines canceled flights to the United States and recalled planes already in the air. Canada closed all border crossings with the United States, although the border with Mexico remained open.

Many countries beefed up security at American embassies, and in Oslo, Norwegians left bouquets of flowers in a park near the U.S. Embassy. U.S. armed forces in Europe and Asia were put on high alert, and Israel closed its airspace to foreign flights. NATO and European Union institutions also took special security measures, including partial evacuations.

"It is impossible to fully comprehend the evil that would have conjured up such a cowardly and depraved assault upon thousands of innocent people," said Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed condolences to the American people, calling the attacks "terrible tragedies."

"This mass terrorism is the new evil in our world today," said British Prime Minister Tony Blair. "It is perpetrated by fanatics who are utterly indifferent to the sanctity of human life, and we the democ-



A Palestinian woman receives free sweets from a vendor as groups of locals in east Jerusalem's Old City celebrate after hearing the news of a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York, Tuesday.

racies of this world are going to have to come together and fight it together."

Queen Elizabeth II said she watched developments in "growing disbelief and total shock" and offered her prayers to Americans.

President Jacques Chirac of France called the attacks "monstrous."

"There is no other word for it," he said in a televised statement.

Arafat and his top aides followed the events at his seaside office in Gaza City, gathered around a TV set.

"I send my condolences to the president, the government and the people for this terrible incident," Arafat said. "We are completely shocked. It's unbelievable."

The leaders of Northern Ireland's joint Protestant-Catholic government, Reg Empey and Seamus Mallon, also offered condolences.



A member of an elite Mexican bomb squad guards the entrance to the U.S. Embassy Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001. In a horrific sequence of destruction, terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center and knocked down the twin 110-story towers Tuesday morning. Explosions also rocked the U.S. Defense Department and the State Department and spread fear across the nation.

"As a society that has suffered from the effects of terrorism for over 30 years, we have some recognition and understanding of the hurt being felt by the American people," they wrote. "It is hard to comprehend what could motivate anyone to cause such misery, destruction and deliberate loss of human life."

In Berlin, Foreign Ministry officials huddled in a crisis meeting.

Virtually all German TV channels switched to live coverage. "This is pure mass murder," one commentator said.

"My government condemns these terrorist attacks to the utmost," said German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Airlines including British Airways, Scandinavia's SAS and Belgium's Sabena canceled flights across the Atlantic and recalled planes that were already in the air.

In Puerto Rico, people scrambled for

news of relatives and friends in New York, where an estimated 2 million Puerto Ricans live.

Groups gathered on the corners of cobble-stoned streets in the colonial city of San Juan, clinging to strangers in search of more details.

"Dios mio, have mercy!" exclaimed a white-haired man, making the sign of the cross as he watched the second tower explode on TV.

Broadcasters around the world broke into programming to show images of the disaster. "It's incredible. I thought I was watching a Hollywood movie," said Hong Kong school teacher Doris Tang.

In the Nigerian capital of Abuja, aghast hotel workers at the local Hilton stopped their chores to watch.

"If this can happen in America, then the whole world is not safe," said one, Augustine Okweche.

Taliban condemns attacks in U.S.

Rulers reject bin Laden's involvement

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's hardline Taliban rulers condemned the devastating terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on Tuesday and rejected suggestions that Osama bin Laden could be behind them.

"We never support terrorism. We too are targets of terrorism," Abdul Hai Muttmain, the Taliban's spokesman in the southern city of Kandahar, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

After the attacks, a London-based Arab journalist said followers of bin Laden warned three weeks ago that they would carry out a "huge and unprecedented attack" on U.S. interests.

Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper, said he received a warning from Islamic fundamentalists close to bin Laden, but did not take the threat seriously.

"They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack but they did not specify," Atwan said in a telephone interview in London.

"We usually receive this kind of thing. At the time we did not take the warnings seriously as they had happened several times in the past and nothing happened. 'This time it seems his people were accurate and meant every word they said.'"

Atwan, who interviewed bin Laden in 1996 and has since maintained contacts with his followers, said he believed the attack on the World Trade Center in New York was the work of "an Islamic fundamentalist group" close to bin Laden.

But Muttmain, who is the spokesman for the Taliban's reclusive leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and one of the most senior Taliban officials, dismissed allegations that bin Laden could be behind the attacks in the United States.

"Such a big conspiracy, to have infiltrated in such a major way is impossible for Osama," said Muttmain.

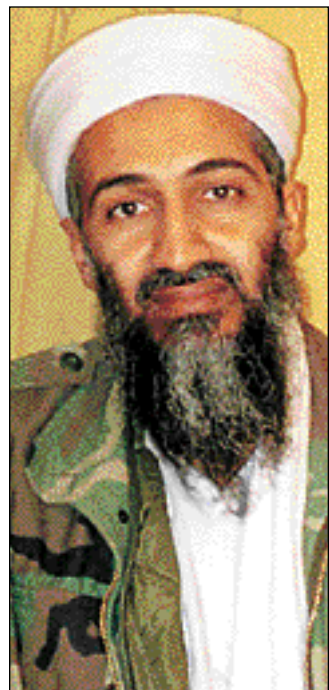
He said bin Laden does not have the facilities to orchestrate such a major assault within the United States.

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, who espouse a harsh brand of Islamic law, have resisted U.S. demands to hand over bin Laden, indicted in the United States on charges of masterminding the bombings of two U.S. Embassies in East Africa in 1998 that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

After the attacks in East Africa, Washington retaliated with a blistering missile attack in August 1998, sending more than 70 Tomahawk cruise missiles into eastern Afghanistan apparently targeting training camps operated by bin Laden.

The attacks killed about 20 followers of bin Laden's but the exiled Saudi millionaire escaped unhurt.

Since then he has been forced by the Taliban rulers to stop giving interviews and making statements.



This is an undated file photo of Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden, in Afghanistan, wanted by the United States government on account of the 1998 bombing of two U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Nation in shock after attacks

The nation reeled in horror and security measures spun into effect as the work day began with a series of plane crashes that tore through the World Trade Center and left smoke billowing from the Pentagon.

"I'm very afraid. I don't feel safe," said Charlin Sims, taking a cigarette break outside her office in downtown Columbus, Ohio. "I want to hug my son."

Bells at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus rang for the victims, and flags were lowered to half-staff in many states. Nationwide, crowds gathered around television sets in airports, bars, hotel lounges. The space station commander could see the smoke rising above New York.

"My whole family's from Boston, and two are always flying," said Diane Morse, dialing her cell phone in tears in downtown Cleveland. "We always fly American." Relatives and friends worked at the twin towers, she said.

Government offices from coast to coast launched emergency preparedness operations, even as questions were raised about how what appeared to be a well-coordinated terrorist attack could be carried out.

"It's sort of like a terrorism movie you see on television," said terrorism expert Michael Gunter at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

Other planes were apparently hijacked and crashed, including one that crashed near Pittsburgh.

The memory of Pearl Harbor was offered up again and again, with all its images of sneak attacks, national honor and war.

"This is our second Pearl Harbor, right here in the nation's capital and New York City," a somber Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., said as he stood in a capitol park after his office building was evacuated.

Also speaking of Pearl Harbor were an airplane passenger stranded in Orlando, military veterans, a Wall Street worker fleeing the smoke and debris of the attack itself.

"Someone is trying to make a serious statement and I hope we do likewise," said Scott Gilmore at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

A World War II veteran in Nashville for a reunion of the U.S.S. Intrepid aircraft carrier was incensed. "I feel like going to war again. No mercy," said Felix Novelli, a New Yorker with

friends who work at the World Trade Center. "We have to come together like '41, go after them."

"We're like everyone else, in shock," said Carol Windham, a spokeswoman at Birmingham International Airport in Alabama. Planes were grounded nationwide.

Heightened security went into effect at government and corporate offices — at the Army's main germ warfare defense laboratory in Frederick, Md., city offices in Colorado and oil refineries in Louisiana.

Monuments like the Gateway Arch in St. Louis were closed.

"I don't think there's any place in America right now that's not at risk," said Andrew Hudson, a city spokesman in Denver, where emergency preparedness officials gathered in the basement of City Hall.

Students at Kansas State University in Manhattan skipped class to gather at television sets, sometimes with professors' blessing.

"It seems ridiculous that I would stand in front of my class talking about Plato when something this important is going on," said Laurie Bagby, an associate professor of political science.



Two women hold each other as they watch the World Trade Center burn following a terrorist attack on the twin skyscrapers in New York Tuesday. Terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center, and the twin 110-story towers collapsed Tuesday.

Security heightened as W.Va. watches attacks

CHARLESTON (AP) — Chemical plant security was heightened, flights out of West Virginia's largest airport were canceled and federal courthouses were closed Tuesday in the wake of terrorism attacks in New York and the nation's capital.

The Kanawha Valley is home to several chemical plants and officials were taking precautions to ensure plant perimeters were being watched. "It's been one of those things we've heard about in the past that the chemical plants would be high on the lists of terrorists and we're acting accordingly," said Rick Hodge, manager of DuPont's Belle plant. The

plant is located about 10 miles up river from Charleston on the Kanawha River.

"We've gone to a heightened alert ... stopping traffic into the plant," he said.

A Dow spokesman said the company was putting a team together to evaluate potential threats against its plants.

The alerts follow terrorist attacks on the New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Two airplanes crashed into the Trade Center's twin towers within minutes of each other.

Officials say a third crashed in the Pentagon.

A West Virginia University official was in the World Trade Center Marriott Tuesday morning when the planes slammed into the towers.

Tom Witt, director of WVU's bureau for Business and Economic Research, was on the telephone with a university secretary when the second plane crashed into the South Tower, said Tim Terman, a WVU spokesman.

"He said 'Oh my God, I've got to get Greta.' That's his wife," Terman said. "We have not had any contact with him after that."

Witt's wife had accompanied him to the meeting of the National Association for Business Economics.

Because one of the aircraft involved was a commercial jetliner, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered Charleston's Yeager Airport to suspend all flights, said airport Director Rick Atkinson.

"All commercial flights have been suspended and we're going to clear the holding area," Atkinson said. The mountaintop airport overlooks Charleston.

As a precaution, the airport was clearing traffic away from the terminal building and were bringing in

additional security.

The federal government also ordered all federal courthouses and offices in West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia closed until further notice.

Security precautions also were being taken at the state Capitol Complex.

At the Robert C. Byrd federal courthouse in Charleston, security was increased, including getting identification of all people going into the building.

"We're taking measures that we normally take," said Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Jim Dawson.

Gov. Bob Wise was attending the Southern Governor's Association Conference in Lexington, Ky., and planned to return to West Virginia as soon as possible.

Because of day's events, Ohio Circuit Judge Arthur Recht suspended Tuesday's trial in class-action lawsuit against four tobacco companies.

"Things have been happening that are beyond description," Recht told jurors and lawyers. "Too much is going on that I can't even explain it."

"But something infinitely more important is going on today with peoples' lives that just requires us to sit back and wait."

W.Va. citizens fear for safety

CHARLESTON (AP) — Roxanne Chaney was supposed to be at a divorce hearing. Lisa James was supposed to be at a child support hearing.

It was supposed to be a normal business day in West Virginia.

Hundreds of miles from New York City and Washington, D.C., in small town America, business as usual, it wasn't.

Terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center, and the twin 110-story towers collapsed Tuesday morning. Explosions also rocked the Pentagon and spread fear across the nation.

"I woke up at 9 and turned on the TV, and there it was. I saw it live," said Chaney, a Marmet resident.

In a rural state far removed from the disaster, fear was real. Residents listened to radios, watched TV, and made calls on cell phones to loved ones.

It was the talk of elevators, bank lines, street corners, and restaurants.

"I work for the state. I think it could happen anywhere," said Chaney, who works for the West Virginia Office of Behavioral Health Services. "I thought about Oklahoma City — probably even more massive."

Despite her own troubles, Chaney couldn't help but think of others, too.

"I'm getting ready to go to court now to get a divorce, so that's on my mind. It's a bad day today."

James, a Charleston resident, couldn't get into Kanawha County's court — it was evacuated as a precaution, along with all federal buildings in West Virginia and the state Capitol Complex in Charleston.

Her mind was racing. She feared for the safety of her city.

"Because of the chemical plants, definitely. We're all very concerned about that," James said. "In the same sense, we're not in New York, but we still have that cloud of fear that something like that can happen here. I'm glad they grounded all the airplanes."

"I think it's a diversion tactic," James said. "I know this sounds like a movie plot, but the explosion, obviously we're focusing our attentions on that. How do we know they're not doing something else that we're not aware of yet."

"It's a very easy way to divert our attention from something else going on. With what happened in Oklahoma City, who knows. It could be somebody from our own country — militia movements. It's very upsetting."

In northern West Virginia, concerns were heightened even more after a San Francisco-bound jetliner crashed near the Somerset County airport, a small rural facility about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The plane crashed shortly after an order was issued grounding all flights nationwide due to the terrorist attacks.

In Wheeling, Brian Fitz, 23, of Pittsburgh, watched the televisions at River City Ale Works.

"The one thing that amazes me is I could see why they would want to target the World Trade Center ... But a plane in crash in Somerset?"

"No matter where you are right now, there is some danger."

Dana White of Bethesda, Ohio, was helping her daughter move between Tiltonsville, Ohio, and Washington, Pa. They had no television service, so they got in their cars and drove to G & G Grill and Lounge in Wheeling, where they joined a small, somber crowd at the bar.

White felt the same panic she remembers having when President Kennedy was shot when she was in third grade.

"As it started sinking in, it became overwhelming. You can't even put your feelings into words," she said.

Charles Zerfoss lowered the flags at WesBanco Bank in Wheeling shortly before noon and waited for a phone call from his aunts, uncles and cousins in Somerset, Pa.

"It's got to stop," the St. Clairsville, Ohio, resident said. "The terrorists and the terrorist acts: It's got to stop."



Jackie Johnson, from Georgia, gestures as she talks to Marian Farr, left, from Michigan, outside the Marriott hotel in downtown Cleveland after it was evacuated Tuesday morning. The Marriott and adjacent Key Office Tower were among several downtown building evacuated in the wake of the apparent terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

Ohio authorities react as terror spreads

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Police evacuated and guarded streets around the Statehouse and other public arenas across Ohio Tuesday in a fearful, defensive reaction to the day's wave of apparent terrorism.

"It's just sick. It just shows how vulnerable we really are," said computer technician Keith Meyers, 39, of suburban Westerville as he watched officers cordon off the downtown police headquarters.

"If it's going to happen in places like New York and Washington, D.C., it could definitely happen here," said Bob Cronin, 40, a federal probation officer.

Dozens of officers rushed to guard City Hall and the federal courthouse.

"We decided until we find out what's going on in the country with the terrorist attacks and how far spread it's going to be, to put

some things on lockdown a little bit," said police Lt. Jeff Blackwell.

Major airports shut down and Cleveland authorities evacuated the Tower City complex and the Anthony Celebrezze Federal Building. Dayton police cordoned off several blocks alongside the federal building and used unmarked vehicles to block the entrances. Parking meters were shrouded in "No Parking" signs.

Streets around the Statehouse were blocked off and the state canceled House and Senate sessions. House workers were told not to return to the Riffe tower, a state office building, until Thursday, said spokeswoman Jen Detweiler.

About 20 people gathered around big-screen televisions at The Home Theatre Inc., an electronics store in the City Center, a downtown Columbus shopping

mall.

"You never know what is going to happen," said Heinz Peter, 57, of Kidron in northeast Ohio. "Obviously this country is so big we think it can't happen here."

Lynn Moore, 39, of Columbus said authorities and other Americans should be vigilant. He said the country is too open.

"We think that ought to start watching who we let into this country. We're just too generous," Moore said. "I think we've just become too comfortable."

Mayon Hubbard, 22, also was critical of security measures.

"It's scary what I've been watching. They cut people too much slack. All we can do is pray and hope to live another day," said Hubbard, of Columbus.

Meyers, a technician at American Electric Power, called to check in with his wife. They have

two young children.

"It sure doesn't put you in a mood to work the rest of the day. It kind of makes you want to go home and spend time with your family. It puts everything in perspective," Meyers said.

"I'm very afraid," said Charlin Sims, 42, as she stood on a downtown street taking a cigarette break from her job as an administrative assistant at an

appraisal company. "I don't feel safe. I didn't believe it at first when I heard it. In fact, terrorism was the last thing on my mind when I heard it. But then the second plane made it more believable. I want to hug my son."

Around her the bells at Trinity Episcopal Church chimed continuously in remembrance of those who died in the attacks, a church employee said.



Stranded passengers at Port Columbus Airport stand in the hallway watching the news after the airport was closed because of apparent terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington Tuesday.



Port authority police officers receive instructions from security personnel at Port Columbus Airport after the airport was closed because of apparent terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.



This is a view of the Manhattan skyline from Brooklyn Tuesday after the World Trade Center towers collapsed after being struck by airplanes.

Financial markets stable

Federal Reserve pledges to protect banks across nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, seeking to provide assurances that the nation’s banking system will be protected following the terrorist attacks, said Tuesday it stood ready to provide additional money to banks if needed.

“The Federal Reserve System is open and operating. The discount window is available to meet liquidity needs,” the Fed said in a two-sentence statement.

The promise to supply additional money to the banking system was similar to a pledge that the Fed issued on the morning after the October 1987 stock market crash, when the market plunged by more than 500 points in one day of trading.

That statement in 1987 was given a large amount of credit for helping to restore calm to badly shaken financial markets.

Before the statement was released, Fed officials had said that Greenspan was out of the country attending a banking conference in Switzerland but was being kept apprised of developments.

Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Roger Ferguson, the No. 2 official at the Fed, was monitoring banking and financial market developments along with a team of top Fed officials.

The 1987 crash occurred only two months after Greenspan was sworn in as Fed chairman. He received a large amount of praise for his handling of that financial crisis.

His quick response in letting banks know that they should keep lending despite the huge losses investors had suffered on Wall Street was credited with helping spur a stock market rebound.

While the October 1929 stock market crash helped usher in the Great Depression of the 1930s, Greenspan’s quick response in 1987 helped to stabilize the stock market and keep the country out of a recession.

Fed spokesman Dave Skidmore said Greenspan was taking part in a regularly scheduled meeting of the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland. The bank serves as a coordinating body for central banks around the world.

Skidmore refused to discuss whether extra security measures were being deployed to protect Greenspan in light of the attacks or when he would return to Washington.

“We don’t discuss or provide details of his travel plans at any time for security reasons,” said Skidmore. Greenspan travels with a security detail supplied by the



A Chicago policeman passes a pair of workers outside the Sears Tower in Chicago Tuesday as the building was being evacuated following the massive attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

Fed.

As the Fed sought to reassure the country that the nation’s banking system was safe, officials at the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a statement saying that they supported the decision by stock exchanges to halt trading Tuesday.

SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt said his agency had been “in constant communications with each of our organized security markets and exchanges. As a safety precaution while the tragic events of today are sorted out, the securities markets have decided not to open for trading today.”

Pitt said regulators strongly support this decision.

“It is a responsible course of action in light of the current situation. We are continuing to monitor the situation, along with the securities markets, and investors should be assured that the disruption to normal trading patterns is a temporary phenomenon; trading will resume as soon as it is practicable to do so. We will keep the public advised,” Pitt said.

At the Treasury Department, officials announced that the regular weekly auction of four-week bills that was scheduled for Tuesday would be delayed until Wednesday. The Treasury Department, next to the White House, was evacuated after the report of a plane crashing into the Pentagon.



With the Sears Tower behind them, pedestrians head away from their offices in downtown Chicago Tuesday morning in Chicago. Many Chicago buildings, including the Sears Tower, were shut down as security measures in response to the attack at the World Trade Center in New York.

Financial markets closed for safety

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. financial markets came to a halt Tuesday after two separate planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said all financial markets would be closed for the day. The announcement followed a suspension of trading on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Stock Market. The American Stock Exchange had already decided to close for the day.

“As a safety precaution while the tragic events of today are sorted out, the securities markets have decided not to open for trading today,” SEC chairman Harvey Pitt said in a statement. “We strongly support that decision.”

Pitt said markets would reopen “as soon as it is practicable to do so.”

Much of the downtown district, including the nearby Financial Center, was evacuated. It was difficult to make phone calls to the downtown business district and throughout Manhattan.

The collapse of both of the World Trade Center skyscrapers and reports of attacks on the State Department and on the Pentagon in Washington added to the paralysis and terror already engulfing the financial district. The fate of the 50,000 people who work in the

twin 110-story towers was not immediately known.

Hundreds of companies sent their employees home for the day, putting thousands of New Yorkers into the streets after public transportation was shut down for fear of more attacks.

“The two explosions were incredible and at the point of explosions all you could see outside were personal belongings and office supplies raining outside,” said Bob Rendine, an American Stock Exchange spokesman, whose office is down the block from the NYSE. “We’re staying here. We think it’s safer to stay inside then go outside at this point.”

Business and trading in other parts of the country also were affected. The Chicago Board of Trade also suspended all trading effective, 10:15 a.m.

Overseas, the London Stock Exchange evacuated its building but said trade would continue from an alternate site.

Around the country and world, the investment community was focused on the fate of people working in the buildings affected by the apparent terrorist attacks.

“I’m just worried about people who are there,” said Robert Harrington, head of listed block trading at UBS Warburg’s office in Connecticut.



People outside the NBC Studios in New York view reports of the planes that crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, Tuesday. Planes crashed into the upper floors of both World Trade Center towers minutes apart Tuesday morning.

Dollar value drops in wake of terrorist attacks

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar fell Tuesday against other major currencies in European trading, reversing course following a series of terrorist attacks in the United States. Gold prices rose sharply.

The dollar, which had been higher against other key currencies earlier in the day, did edge back up late in the afternoon.

The euro was quoted at 90.66 cents, up from 89.99 cents Monday.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday, included 119.23 Japanese yen, down from 120.89; 1.6620 Swiss francs, down from 1.6828, and 1.5652 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5653.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4680, up from \$1.4587.

Based on European euro rates, the dollar was worth 2.1640 German marks, down from 2.1727; 7.2330 French francs, down from 7.2868; 2.4383 Dutch guilders, down from 2.4480, and 2,142.37 Italian lire, down from 2,150.93.

Gold closed in London at \$286.00, up from \$271.40 late Monday. However, the price had retreated from \$287.00 at the midafternoon fixing. Gold traded at \$289.50 in Zurich late Tuesday, up from \$271.25. Earlier in the day, gold fell \$1.60 in Hong Kong to \$271.55.

Silver closed in London at \$4.21 bid per troy ounce, up from \$4.16.

Bush: 'Terrorism against our nation will not stand'

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — As chaos unhinged New York and Washington, President Bush deplored the acts of "a faceless coward" and commanded the United States military to high-alert status worldwide.

"The resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake, we will show the world that we will pass this test," Bush declared Tuesday as terrorist strikes on the nation's centers of commerce and government forced him into virtual hiding.

"Freedom itself was attacked this morning by a faceless coward and freedom will be defended," he said.

With the White House itself under threat of attack, the president's whereabouts were kept secret.

He made a brief statement from a conference room here, assuring Americans that he is in regular contact with his command post in Washington: Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and the White House national security team.

"Our military at home and around the world is on high-alert status and we have taken the necessary security precautions to continue the functions of your government," Bush said, his back to a pair of American flags and the portraits of Air Force leaders.

"We have been in touch with the leaders of Congress and with world leaders to assure them that we will do whatever is necessary to protect America and Americans."

He then boarded Air Force One at 1:30 p.m. EST for a destination unknown.

The Boeing 747 taxied down the runway at Barksdale, near Shreveport, but the small pool of reporters on board were ordered off their cell phones and, contrary to normal practice, no journalists were allowed on base to watch the plane lift off.

The president had landed here

The President Speaks

The texts of President Bush's remarks Tuesday following attacks on U.S. installations:

At Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Tuesday afternoon: Freedom itself was attacked this morning by a faceless coward, and freedom will be defended.

I want to reassure the American people that the full resources of the federal government are working to assist local authorities to save lives and to help the victims of these attacks.

Make no mistake: The United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts. I've been in regular contact with the vice president, secretary of defense, the national security team and my Cabinet. We have taken all appropriate security precautions to protect the American people. Our military at home and around the world is on high-alert status and we have taken the necessary security precautions to continue the functions of your government. We have been in touch with the leaders of Congress and with world leaders to assure them that we will do whatever is necessary to protect America and Americans.

I ask the American people to join me in saying a thanks for all the folks who have been fighting hard to rescue our fellow citizens and to join me in saying a prayer for the victims and their families.

The resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake: We will show the world that we will pass this test. God bless.

just 90 minutes earlier under escort by military fighter jets, arriving from Florida where he had intended to make an education speech.

At the first reports of attacks on New York's World Trade Center, Bush told his Sarasota elementary school audience that he was hastening back to Washington. All of that immediately changed — and he was diverted to Louisiana — when a plane slammed into the Pentagon, and Washington, too, was under attack.

Secret Service agents took the extraordinary step of "sweeping" White House aides for explosives and weapons before they were allowed to board the president's plane for his flight out of Sarasota.

On Capitol Hill, first lady Laura Bush, who was to have made her debut testifying before the Senate on education, tried to soothe a hor-

rified nation.

"Parents need to reassure their children everywhere in our country that they're safe," she said grim-faced as she and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., announced their hearing was postponed.

Mrs. Bush and a handful of aides were whisked by motorcade straight to a secure location away from the White House, which had been evacuated but for the small corps of foreign policy advisers who manned the basement Situation Room.

Mrs. Bush and her sequestered group huddled around a single TV in their hide-out and channel-surfed for the latest news, according to one person in the group. She spoke with her husband by a secure military phone line before he took off from Sarasota, Fla., and also checked with her twin daughters at college to make sure they were safe.

United jetliner crashes in western Pennsylvania

Passenger reported hijacking in cell phone call

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — A United Airlines jetliner crashed Tuesday morning in western Pennsylvania, the airline said. Minutes earlier, a man who said he was a passenger on the plane told an emergency dispatcher in a cell phone call: "We are being hijacked, we are being hijacked!"

United said 45 people were aboard Flight 93 from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco. The fate of the passengers was not immediately announced. The Boeing 757 crashed north of Somerset County airport, about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The crash was one of four reported Tuesday by United and American Airlines. United said a second jet crashed at an undisclosed location. American Airlines initially said two of its planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York but later said that was unconfirmed.

In Pennsylvania, an emergency dispatcher received a cell phone call at 9:58 a.m. from a man who said he was a passenger locked in a bathroom aboard United Flight 93, said dispatch supervisor Glenn Cramer in supervising Westmoreland County. The man repeatedly told officials the call was not a hoax.

"We are being hijacked, we are being hijacked!" Cramer quoted the man from a transcript of the call.

The man told dispatchers the plane "was going down. He heard some sort of explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane

Falling Sky

■ **American Airlines Flight 11: A Boeing 767 en route from Boston to Los Angeles crashed into the World Trade Center. The plane was carrying 81 passengers, nine flight attendants and two pilots.**

■ **American Airlines Flight 77: A Boeing 757 en route from Dulles Airport near Washington to Los Angeles crashed into the World Trade Center. The plane was carrying 58 passengers, four flight attendants and two pilots.**

■ **United Airlines Flight 93: A Boeing 757, crashed southeast of Pittsburgh while en route from Newark, N.J. to San Francisco. The plane was carrying 38 passengers, two pilots and five flight attendants.**

■ **United Airlines Flight 175: A Boeing 767. The flight was bound from Boston to Los Angeles. It was carrying 56 passengers, two pilots and seven flight attendants. The airline would not say where that plane crashed.**

and we lost contact with him," Cramer said.

According to Somerset County dispatchers, Flight 93 crashed about 10 a.m. about 8 miles east of Jenkinstown.

"It shook the whole station," said Bruce Grine, owner of Grine's Service Center in Shanksville, about 2½ miles from the crash. "Everybody ran outside, and by that time the fire whistle was blowing."

Michael R. Merringer was out on a mountain bike ride with his wife, Amy, about two miles away from the crash site.

"I heard the engine gun two different times and then I heard a loud bang and the windows of the houses all around rattled," Merringer said. "I looked up and I saw the smoke coming up."

The couple rushed home and drove near the scene.

"Everything was on fire and there was trees knocked down and there was a big hole in the ground," he said.

United said Flight 93 left

Newark, N.J., at 8:01 a.m. with 38 passengers, two pilots and five flight attendants.

In Chicago, United CEO James Goodwin said the airline is working with authorities including the FBI. United said it was sending a team to Pennsylvania to assist in the investigation and to provide assistance to family members.

"Today's events are a tragedy and our prayers are with everyone at this time," Goodwin said.

After the crashes the three passenger terminals at Newark International Airport were evacuated. At 11:30 a.m., several hundred people were still clustered at the Terminal A baggage carousel, while shotgun-toting officers patrolled. Ticket counters were deserted.

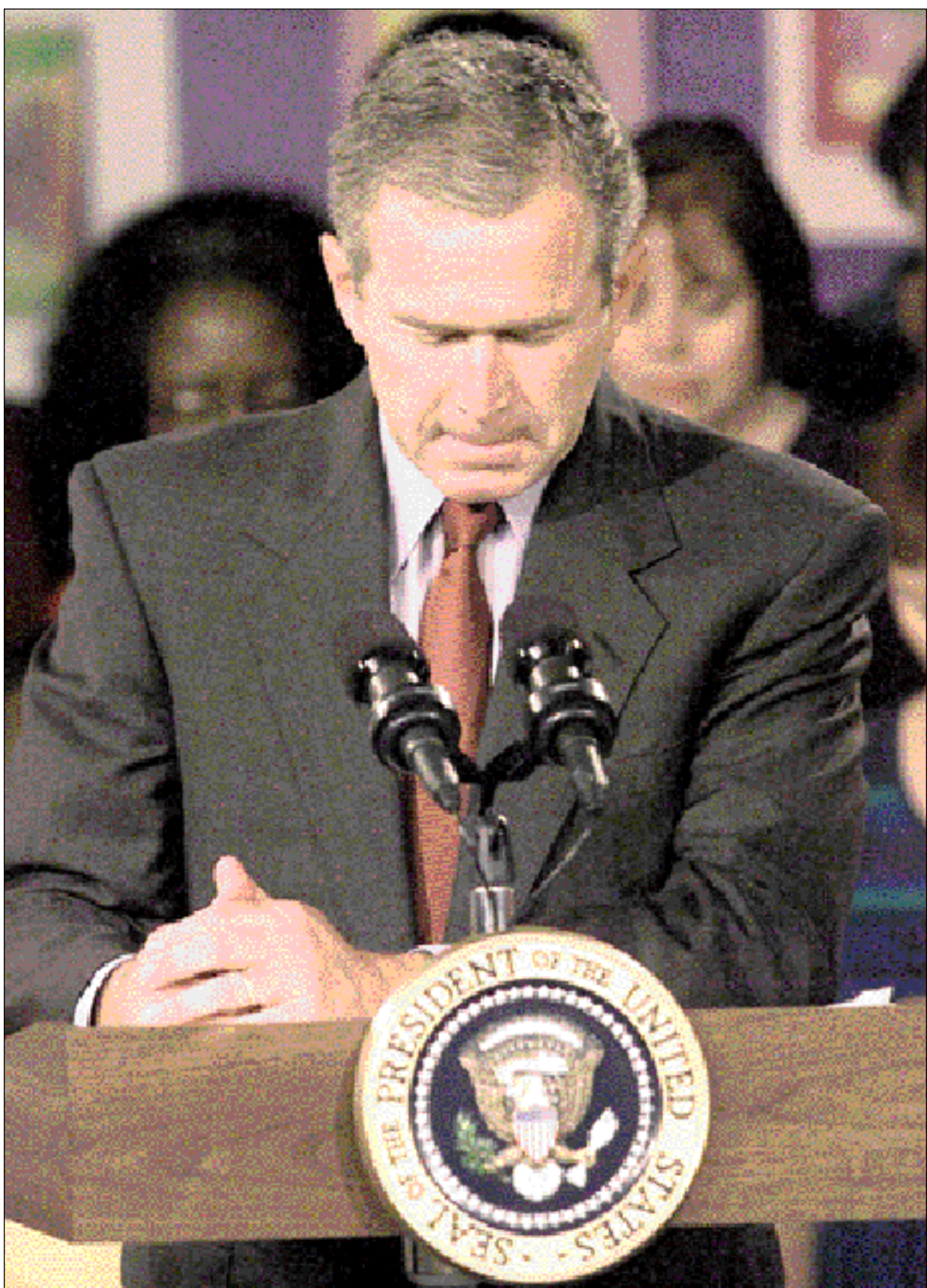
Because of the attacks in New York, the Federal Aviation Administration had ordered all departing flights canceled nationwide, and any planes already in the air were to land at the nearest airport. The Pennsylvania crash came after the order was issued.

mighty effort by the United States to go after and identify the terrorists and destroy them and eliminate them. This is war. We have to react accordingly."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, who is the ranking Democrat on the House Subcommittee on National Security, said "America will have to respond."

"I'm just praying for our country, for the people that have been killed and injured," he said.

Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, said in a statement that the United States "must spare no effort or expense in tracking down these terrorists and bringing



President Bush bows his head for a moment of silence following the plane crashes into the World Trade Center, during a visit to the Emma E. Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Fla., Tuesday.



Armed military police check incoming cars and trucks trying to enter Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City Tuesday. The base was the highest level of security, after Tuesday morning's attacks in Washington and in New York.

U.S. military tightens security

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The military boosted security across the country to the highest levels Tuesday after terrorists crashed planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor," Adm. Robert J. Natter said at the Norfolk Navy base.

President Bush ordered the nation's military to "high-alert status," and vowed to "hunt down and punish those responsible" for the attacks, which were expected to carry a high death toll.

The president was in Florida at the time of the attacks and was flown to Barksdale Air Force Base, La. Congressional leaders were led to the safety of an undisclosed location, and military aircraft were reported patrolling the skies above the capital.

Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, sent Navy ships to the New York and Washington, D.C., areas to assist with air defense and medical needs. He wouldn't disclose details about the deployment.

Natter placed naval installations under his command on the highest security condition. He is in charge of 188 ships, 1,223 aircraft, 37 shore stations, and more than 125,000 sailors and Marines and civilian employees. The Atlantic Fleet provides combat-ready forces to support American and NATO commanders in regions of conflict throughout the world.

Navy officials would not give details about security measures, but Atlantic Fleet spokesman Mark McDonald acknowledged that some measures include banning anyone but essential personnel at

the naval base, the world's largest.

Around the country, fighters, airborne radar and refueling planes were scrambled, according to an air national guard spokesman at Tyn-dall Air Force Base, Fla.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command was also on its highest alert.

"We have all of our air sovereignty aircraft — fighters, surveillance and other support aircraft — ready to respond," NORAD said in a statement.

The U.S. portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway was also closed, said Lynn Duerod, spokeswoman for the Army Corps of Engineers in Detroit.

Earlier this summer, all three Army bases in Hampton Roads, including Fort Eustis and Fort Story, began restricting public access for security reasons.

Ohio congressional delegation responds to terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ohio's congressional delegation and their staffs evacuated offices near the White House Tuesday morning after planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

"It's hard to comprehend the gravity of this and the tragedy of this," Sen. Mike DeWine said from an apartment about 10 blocks from the Capitol.

"This was a sneak attack on the heart of the United States that was not prevented," he said.

"It was a well-coordinated attack. It demonstrates the sophistication of our enemies and the ability of our enemies to inflict incomprehensible damage on the United States."

There was no official comment on who was responsible for the apparent terrorist attacks.

"Our enemies today are more elusive and they are harder to identify and they have the potential to strike really anywhere in the United States," said DeWine, R-Ohio, who is a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. "You're going to see a

staff were watching the news when another explosion hit the Pentagon.

"We were watching New York on the television and the Pentagon out the rear window," Sawyer said from an apartment near the Capitol. "It has an almost cinematic quality to it exempt that it's live and in real time and with real people and real places involved."

Sawyer, a Democrat, said the attacks are an indication that "no nation is safe."

"It's an act of war against the United States of America. Except, unlike

Pearl Harbor, we don't even know who the cowards who perpetrated this terror are — yet," he said.

Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio, called the attacks "the most tragic event that has occurred in my lifetime."

"It's obviously an attack on everything that we hold dear as a country," he said.

"This has the capacity to change the way we live our lives in this country," he said. "I don't think we will ever feel as secure as we have in the past."



Two Massachusetts State Police troopers stand in front of the closed entrance to American Airlines gate area as passengers are evacuated, rear, at Logan International Airport in Boston, Tuesday. American Airlines confirmed two of its planes were hijacked and crashed into the World Trade Center. American said the flights were Flight 11, a Boeing 767 en route from Boston to Los Angeles and Flight 77, a Boeing 757 operating from Washington Dulles to Los Angeles.

FAA halts air traffic across country

Air traffic around the nation was paralyzed Tuesday as stunned travelers watched television screens in horror over the smoking wreckage caused by apparent terrorist attacks at New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The Federal Aviation Administration ordered all outbound flights grounded following the fiery twin disaster at the World Trade Center around 9 a.m. Runways were kept open for incoming flights, but some airports evacuated.

"Anybody that is planning on going somewhere isn't going anywhere at least for now," said James Kerr, deputy director at Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee.

Thousands of passengers gathered around TV sets at airports, staring silently at images of billowing smoke over Manhattan's skyline, flames shooting from Pentagon windows and people covered with soot running in the streets. "I'm sitting here with shivers down my spine," said Dan Weiland, of Lewisville, Texas, an American Airlines passenger at Boston's Logan Airport. He said he called his children to reassure them.

Around the nation, airports were put under heightened security.

Los Angeles International Airport was evacuated except for essential personnel, according to city police Lt. Howard Whitehead.

At Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, passengers were barred from entering the gated areas, and police patrolled with dogs.

In New Orleans, passengers were not allowed into the airport, but it was not evacuated.

World airlines divert, cancel flights

LONDON (AP) — International airlines scrambled to divert or cancel flights to the United States on Tuesday after a wave of airborne terror attacks on New York and Washington. Israel closed its airspace to foreign carriers.

The cancellations and diversions caused confusion and congestion at many European airports, where airlines ordered flights bound for the United States to do U-turns or find alternate landing points outside America.

Some airlines reversed course only after being denied permission to land by the Federal Aviation Administration, which ordered U.S. airspace shut down in response to the apparent hijacking of U.S. passenger jets by suicide bombers.

Israel closed its airspace to foreign airlines. Israeli carriers — which carry out stringent security checks — will still be able to land at Israel's four airports, said Yerach Tal, an adviser to the Israeli transport minister. The ban will be in effect for 24 hours, and will then be reviewed, Tal said.

The German Flight Security Agency in Frankfurt ordered all U.S.-bound flights by Lufthansa canceled. A Finnair flight out of Helsinki turned around and returned to Finland. Air France Group ordered its American flights closed or rerouted.

In Belgium, Sabena Air spokesman Wilfried Remans said two flights en route to the United States were "turning around in mid-flight and returning to Brussels."

In Spain, national carrier Iberia said four scheduled flights from Madrid to the United States were in the air and three of them — destined to New York, Chicago and Miami — were ordered to return to Spain. The fourth, flying from Barcelona to New York, was awaiting clearance into a Canadian airport, an Iberia official said.

Scandinavian Airlines System ordered three flights bound for New York, and another flight



Justin Eckert comforts his wife, Dorinda, at the American Airlines ticket counter at Portland International Airport as she feeds their 3-month-old son, Ethan, in Portland, Ore., Tuesday after finding out their flight to Missouri has been cancelled due to terrorist attacks on the New York World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon. Eckert was supposed to report at the air base in Whiteman, Mo., today.

American Airlines initially said the Trade Center was hit by two of its planes, both hijacked, carrying a total of 156 people. But the airline later said that was unconfirmed.

Two United airliners with a total of 110 aboard also crashed — one outside Pittsburgh. The pilots union said a United plane had hit the Trade Center, but the airline did not confirm

that.

Northwest, Continental and Delta Airlines said all their planes had been accounted for.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, hundreds of people were stranded and there were long lines at pay phones as families called friends and loved ones.

"Someone is trying to make a serious statement and I hope we do likewise," said Scott Gilmore, 55, who had planned a trip to Washington, D.C.

Rob Taylor, 32, of Colorado Springs, Colo., arrived at Denver International Airport when he learned of the canceled flights.

"I was pretty shocked," he said. "I mean, it's turning into anger pretty quickly. I hope they take this as a final sign that they need to be a little more hard-handed and take the gloves off and go after these people."

The airport was evacuated and closed after the FAA warning was issued, and police officers lined the streets heading to the airport.

June Locacio, 58, watched the scene on television in a standing-room-only bar at Lambert Airport in St. Louis. She heard the news after she got off a plane from Atlanta, Ga. as she was heading to Sioux Falls, S.D.

"It's absolutely stunning," she said. "I think it's an act of war. I can't believe they hit the Pentagon as well. ... I hope we're up to the task."

At the Hyatt Hotel in New Orleans, Kelly Lenox returned from the airport where she had been scheduled to fly home to St. Louis. She said security officers told her to leave the airport.

Boeing 767 lands after bomb scare

CLEVELAND (AP) — A Boeing 767 out of Boston made an emergency landing Tuesday at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport because of concerns that it may have a bomb aboard, said Mayor Michael R. White.

The plane, which carried about 200 passengers, was being evacuated, the mayor said. The airport also was evacuated.

White said a SWAT team and bomb unit had been sent to the airport. However, "as of this moment we do not know that his plane is in stress or duress," White said.

The airplane landed at about 10:45 a.m., but the airport released no information about the plane's intended destination.

"We have no confirmed information that this was a hijacking," the mayor said. But White said authorities are still concerned that there may be a bomb aboard the plane.

Cleveland police blocked off all entrances to the airport terminal, and bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in to the baggage pickup areas.

He said airport officials reported that a second airplane in distress had passed through Cleveland airspace earlier Tuesday morning before being handed off to Toledo. Officials at Toledo Express Airport did not immediately have any information about a plane headed from Cleveland.

White said air traffic controllers said they could hear screaming within the plane. Additional details were not available.

WTAM radio reported that NASA has closed its Glenn Research Center, which is located near the airport.

The mayor ordered the evacuation of all major public buildings downtown, including City Hall, the Justice Center and the convention center. He has asked owners of large commercial high-rises downtown to evacuate. Federal buildings downtown also were closed.

Traffic in downtown Cleveland was backed up for blocks as people tried to get home.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Jacobs Field, Gund Arena and Browns Stadium also were closed, and the mayor said he asked two downtown college campuses to close.

White said there would be a parking ban on downtown streets.



Brenda Parker, left, comforts her mother Shirley Pendleton as they watch the collapse of the World Trade Center on television Tuesday at the Oakland International airport in Oakland, Calif. Pendleton and Parker, both of Clinton, Ark., were grounded at the Oakland Airport en route to Arkansas due to a national FAA flight travel ban.

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Delayed Southwest flights are seen on a television monitor Tuesday at the Oakland International Airport in Oakland, Calif. All flights in the country regulated by the FAA have been cancelled after attacks in New York and Washington.

bound for Washington, to divert while over the Atlantic. They were expected to land instead in Iceland. SAS spokesman Thomas Brinch in Copenhagen said he wasn't sure when flights to the United States would resume.

At Heathrow Airport outside London, several flights already bound for the United States were expected to divert to Canadian airports while those that hadn't taken off were delayed indefinitely.

British Airways, which flies to 21 destinations in the United States, said all services were being canceled, diverting to the nearest airport outside the United States, or returning

to London.

Virgin Atlantic also canceled its daily services to New York and other U.S. cities, but said its services from London to the Caribbean would be uninterrupted.

A Swissair flight carrying Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides, bound from Zurich to New York, turned back over the Atlantic Ocean after being denied permission to land, Cypriot radio reported.

The flight returned to Europe, according to the report, which didn't specify an airport.

Clerides was heading to New York for United Nations talks on the reunification of Cyprus.



The twin towers of New York's World Trade Center rise over the World Financial Center in this view, from the air, in this June 23, 1999, file photo. Terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center and knocked down the twin 110-story towers Tuesday morning.



AP Photos

A woman reacts to a third explosion, possibly the collapse of the World Trade Center towers, while observing from the Brooklyn Promenade, which provides a view of the Manhattan skyline Tuesday.

Terrorism targets

Built as urban renewal project, World Trade Center was Manhattan's downtown jewel

NEW YORK (AP) — In a city full of famous buildings, the twin towers of the World Trade Center outdid them all — massive glass-and-steel sculptures that appeared to float above the tip of lower Manhattan.

At 110 floors each, the boxlike pillars looked simple in form, but they were sturdy architectural marvels that provided a home for 1,200 businesses, many of them involved in international trade.

First imagined in the early 1960s as part of an urban renewal project, the first buildings in the \$1.2 billion, 16-acre complex opened in 1970.

The twin towers were completed in 1976, immense in every detail — 43,000 windows, 99 elevators, 1,350 feet tall — and designed to be a critical hub for international trade. At the time, they were the tallest buildings in the world; until Tuesday, they remained the tallest in New York.

The buildings were designed to be especially sturdy, using load-bearing steel walls rather than the steel-cage construction typical of modern skyscrapers.

By the time the final building of the seven-building complex was completed in 1988, the center had lured scores of businesses, including commodity exchanges, major investment firms, banks, law firms and a hotel.

The center was fully rented out



One of the towers of the World Trade Center in New York collapses in this image made from television. Two planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers Tuesday morning.

when the towers collapsed Tuesday. Roughly 50,000 people worked in the towers; the complex, which included an observation deck and a number of other tourist attractions, drew another 90,000 visitors each day, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs the complex.

While it thrived as an international business hub, it also had become a clear target for terrorists.

On Feb. 23, 1993, bombs exploded in a parking garage beneath the center, killing six people and injuring 1,000. Six Islamic militants were convicted in the bombing and sentenced to life behind bars.

FBI evidence in that case included documents from one conspirator, who wrote that the bombing was meant to demoralize the enemy by "blowing up the towers that constitute the pillars of their civilization."

Tuesday's tragedy clearly had that effect on Lewis Eisenberg, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, who said he was "devastated beyond belief."

"I mean, in many respects this is significantly worse than Pearl Harbor, and we don't know who the enemy is. As Americans we will pull together and do what's right."

He said he was stunned: "I just saw my two towers fall."

USS Cole, others targeted over the years

Some recent terrorist attacks on U.S. targets:

■ Oct. 12, 2000: Terrorist bombing kills 17 U.S. sailors aboard the USS Cole as it refueled in Yemen's port of Aden. The United States says Saudi exile Osama bin Laden prime suspect.

■ Aug. 7, 1998: Car bombs explode outside U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, within minutes of each other, killing 224 people and wounding thousands. Bin Laden is again blamed.

■ June 25, 1996: Truck bomb explodes outside the Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 19 American servicemen and wounding hundreds of other people. Members of a little-known Saudi militant group, Hezbollah, were indicted for the attack.

■ Nov. 13, 1995: Car bomb detonates at a U.S. military headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing five American service personnel.

■ April 19, 1995: Bomb rips through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 and wounding more than 500. Former U.S. soldier Timothy McVeigh is convicted of carrying out the attack; he was executed earlier this year.

■ Feb. 26, 1993: A bomb explodes in a parking garage below the World Trade Center in New York, killing six people and wounding more than 1,000. Six Islamic militants were convicted in the bombing and sentenced to life in prison.

■ Dec. 21, 1988: Pan Am Boeing 747 explodes over Lockerbie, Scotland, on a flight from London to New York, killing 270 people, including residents of the town.

■ Sept. 5, 1986: Hijackers seize Pan Am jumbo jet carrying 358 people at Karachi airport. Twenty people killed when security forces storm the plane.

■ Oct. 8, 1985: Crippled American Jew Leon Klinghoffer is killed by Palestinian militants who had



The USS Cole (DDG 67) sits on a floating drydock at Northrup Grumman Ship Systems Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss., Sept. 3, 2001. The Navy destroyer was damaged last October by a terrorist bomb in Yemen. The blast killed 17 U.S. sailors.

seized the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro.

■ June 14, 1985: Shiite Muslim gunmen seize a TWA Boeing 727, forcing it to Beirut, Lebanon. They demand the release of 700 Arabs held by Israel. A U.S. Navy diver is killed and 39 Americans are held until they are released on July 1 that year after Syrian mediation.

■ Sept. 20, 1984: Car bomb at U.S. Embassy annex in east Beirut kills 16 and injures the ambassador.

■ Dec. 12, 1983: Shiite extremists set off car bombs in front of the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait City, killing five people and wounding 86.

■ Oct. 23, 1983: Shiite suicide bombers blow up the French military headquarters and a U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, killing 241 Marines and 58 French paratroopers.



USS Cole sailor Kesha Stidham, left, waits in line to receive a Purple Heart along with other sailors during a ceremony at the Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk, Va. Sept 5, 2001. More than 111 awards were presented to the sailors aboard the ship when it was attacked.



U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, center, greets unidentified military officials during his arrival at Government Palace in Lima, Peru, on Tuesday.

Colin Powell cuts short his trip to South America

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell cut short his first official visit to South America to return home to deal with devastating terrorist explosions in New York and Washington on Tuesday.

Before leaving, Powell, urged foreign ministers from the Organization of American States to quickly pass a democracy pact as a clear collective message against terrorism.

The charter was adopted unanimously, and Powell immediately left for Lima's military airport to fly back to Washington.

"A terrible, terrible tragedy has befallen my nation, but it has befallen all those who believe in democracy," Powell told the OAS assembly.

"I hope we can move the order of business to the adoption of the charter," he said, "because I very much want to be here to express the United States'

commitment to democracy in this hemisphere."

The session opened with a moment of silence before representatives of Venezuela, Colombia, El Salvador and Canada all made statements condemning the terrorists who earlier in the day crashed two planes into the World Trade Center. Explosions also rocked the Pentagon and the State Department and spread fear across the nation.

"I will bring to President Bush your expressions of sorrow and your words of support," Powell said. "You can be sure that America will deal with this tragedy in a way that brings those responsible to justice."

"Terrorism, as is noted, is everyone's problem," he added, "and there are countries represented here who have been fighting terrorism for years and have seen horrible things happen in your countries. It is something we must all unite behind."

Hospitals flooded with aid offers

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of people rushed to Manhattan hospitals Tuesday to give blood and officials called in every available surgeon and nurse to deal with victims of the World Trade Center attacks.

Hospitals in New Jersey and Connecticut went on alert for casualties from the city.

Ambulances screamed down major thoroughfares across the city as victims streamed into St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center in lower Manhattan. The hospital discharged all non-emergency patients. "We are on full alert," said Mark Ackermann, St. Vincent's chief corporate officer. "People are covered with concrete, soot, and other flying objects."

Bellevue Hospital Center had one person dead on arrival, spokeswoman Lorinda Klein said. Bellevue had received 37 victims of the World Trade Center attacks by early afternoon, five in critical condition, Klein said. The injured included eight children and a pregnant woman.

Beth Israel Medical Center had received 70 patients, said spokesman Jim Mandler.

In northern Virginia, five people from the Pentagon were taken to Inova Alexandria hospital, in good to fair condition, a spokeswoman said.

About 100 people lined up outside Beth Israel hospital, in lower Manhattan, to give blood.

The New York Blood Center sent all of its inventory to hospitals, in some cases hand-carrying it through chaotic streets, and mobilized blood banks throughout the region to collect more. "There's enough to handle emergency needs at the minute. That could change in an hour," spokeswoman Melissa McMillen said.

The American Red Cross did not call for emergency blood donations, saying it had 50,000 units ready to ship to New York if needed. However, it urged blood donors throughout the country to keep any appointments they have this week to give blood.

Roman Catholic Cardinal Edward Egan went to St. Vincent's to comfort the injured. "I invite all New Yorkers to join in prayer, this is a tragedy that this city can handle," he said.

Across the Hudson River in New Jersey, Bergen County authorities massed about 50 ambulances by the George Washington Bridge, and fire units gathered at the Hackensack Meadowlands. All doctors and nurses who work in hospitals in Jersey City were asked to report.

University Hospital in Newark, N.J., sent emergency coordinators and equipment into Manhattan and the trauma center of Liberty Healthcare System in Jersey City, N.J., was on alert.

In Connecticut, Stamford Hospital was prepared to take as many patients as necessary, said spokesman Scott Orstat. Hartford Hospital called a halt to elective surgery.

Hartford Hospital spokesman Jim Battaglio had just three to five days worth of blood, but the Red Cross said the state's overall supply was adequate.

Yale-New Haven Hospital opened a command center. Bridgeport Hospital got ready for critical care and burn patients and mobilized additional staff, spokeswoman Mary Heffernan said.



The south tower of New York's World Trade Center collapses Tuesday.

Terrorist

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"I tried to help them but they didn't want anyone to touch them. The fire had melted their skin. Their clothes were tattered," he said.

After the initial blast, Housing Authority worker Barry Jennings, 46, reported to a command center on the 23rd floor of 7 World Trade Center. He was with Michael Hess, the city's corporation counsel, when they felt and heard another explosion. First calling for help, they scrambled downstairs to the lobby, or what was left of it. "I looked around, the lobby was gone. It looked like hell," Jennings said.

Boris Ozersky, 47, computer networks analyst, was on the 70th floor of one of the buildings when he felt something like an explosion rock it. He raced down 70 flights of stairs, and outside, in a mob in front of a nearby hotel. He was trying to calm a panicked woman when the building suddenly collapsed.

"I just got blown somewhere, and then it was total darkness. We tried to get away, but I was blown to the ground. And I was trying to help this woman, but I couldn't find her in the darkness," Ozersky said.

After the dust cleared, he found the hysterical woman and took her to a restaurant being used by rescue workers as a triage center.

As most people fled the area, others were drawn to it — desperate for information about friends and relatives who worked there.

"I don't know what to do," a weeping Alan Rivera said as he stood behind barricades, hoping for word about his niece, who worked in the Trade Center. "I can't get through to her on the phone. ... No one can tell me anything."

Businessman Gabriel Ioan wept too.

"I just saw the building I work in come down," he said, a cloud of smoke and ash from the World Trade Center behind him. "I just saw the top of Trade Two come down."

Nearby a crowd mobbed a man on a pay-phone, screaming at him to get off the phone so that they could call relatives.

"People were jumping out of windows," said an unidentified crying woman. "I guess people were trying to save themselves. Oh my God!"

Another eyewitness, AP newsman Dunstan Prial, described a strange sucking sound from the Trade Center buildings after the first building collapsed.

"Windows shattered. People were screaming and diving for cover. People walked around like ghosts, covered in dirt, weeping and wandering dazed."

"It sounded like a jet or rocket," said Eddie Gonzalez, a postal worker at a post office on West Broadway. "I looked up and saw a huge explosion. I didn't see the impact. I just saw the explosion."

Morning commuters heading into Manhattan were stranded as the Lincoln Tunnel was shut down to incoming traffic. Many left their cars and stood on the ramp leading to the tunnel, staring in disbelief at the thick cloud of smoke pouring from the top of the two buildings.

Throughout lower Manhattan, rescue workers and police officers wore surgical masks to protect them from the dust.

Police, some of them with semiautomatic rifles and dogs, guarded federal and state buildings and prevented anyone from entering.

At the city's hospitals, hundreds lined up to give blood, after hospital workers yelled on the streets, "Blood donations! Blood donations!"

Roman Catholic Cardinal Edward Egan arrived at St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center to comfort the injured; other priests also were on hand, many wearing blue rubber gloves.

Mark Ackermann, chief corporate officer at St. Vincent's, said: "I was here during the World Trade Center bombing (in 1993) and this is a hundred times worse."

Crash sends Washington residents scurrying for safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secret Service agents at the White House shouted at tourists to get away. At the Capitol, stunned congressmen huddled under the shade trees outside. Downtown, students ran to a dorm roof to watch the Pentagon burn.

Across Washington, people left work and jammed streets and subways to try to get home as the seat of government was evacuated after devastating terrorist attacks at the Pentagon and in New York City. Sirens wailed across the city. Cars jammed the streets, and bomb-sniffing dogs patrolled the Washington Monument.

"I just want to get out of downtown, get someplace safe," said Tracey Nicholas, who had collected her son from his elementary school in downtown but was stranded with no way to get home. She bought Marcus, a third-grader, a hot dog and tried to think what to do.

Standing in line at the White House, Elmar Torenga of Holland and a friend heard the news of the World Trade Center attacks on a radio. Then they heard a big explosion. "We were quite scared. ... A policeman who seemed quite panicked told us to get ... out of here."

Inside the Capitol, guards ran through the hallways shouting at people to leave. "There's a plane coming," one frantic guard shouted. "Get out!"

Outside, Senate President Pro Tem Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., talked to reporters until a loud boom from behind the Capitol caused an aide to grab him by the arm and try to drag him away. "Some people in the world are bent on destruction," Byrd said.

Reaction

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Traffic was thick in the Big Bear Plus parking lot on southside and busier than usual along Blizard Drive as Parkersburg South High School students emerged from the school for lunch. Many seemed to be consumed by the terror in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Members of Parkersburg Mayor Jimmy Colombo's family were in a plane at LaGuardia International Airport in New York City when the first aircraft struck the World Trade Center. There were unconfirmed reports of family of Parkersburg residents being at the World Trade Center Tuesday.

Shortly before 9 a.m., two airplanes crashed into the upper floors of both World Trade towers a few minutes apart. President Bush said it was a terrorist attack.

The Central Telecommunications Center at 911 Core Road, which houses the emergency dispatchers in Wood County, has been locked down with tighter security, interim director Terry Brown said. Central communications has notified local agencies, both law enforcement and government, of the situation, he said.

Only authorized personnel are being allowed in the building, Brown said.

"We know who is coming in the front door," Brown said.

Two planes from U.S. Airways were diverted to the Wood County Airport from eastern locations, Strock said Tuesday morning.

"We got them on the ground real quick," Strock said when all flights nationally were grounded. Strock could not immediately tell what kind of planes were brought in as they were still getting people situated.

Around 50-70 people were waiting at the terminal this morning, she said.

The Department of Treasury's Bureau of the Public Debt in Parkersburg was evacuated and closed Tuesday. The Bureau of Public Debt is the nation's repository of savings bonds.

DuPont's Washington Works is following security directives according to corporate policy, company spokesman Dawn Jackson said. The plant is not being evacuated, she said.

"But we are following DuPont corporate security guidance as directed from national security

agencies," she said.

Colombo's daughter, Kristin, and her husband Jason Minnite, and his daughter-in-law, Marlene, his son Michael's wife, were taxiing at LaGuardia readying to take off, Colombo said. Michael is in Parkersburg.

"They saw the smoke" from when the first plane crashed into the tower, Colombo said. They did not see the crash.

Marlene apparently called Colombo's other daughter, Sharon, about what happened, the mayor said.

Everyone is OK, but LaGuardia has been closed and no flights are landing or leaving, Colombo said.

Schools remained in session and there were no plans to dismiss early, unless directed otherwise, according to local developments, Wood County Assistant Superintendent George Summers said.

"It's dangerous to send all those kids home to empty houses," he said.

Vienna Police Department Patrolman R.N. Cox confirmed the Vienna WalMart received a bomb threat and the store was evacuated, but no device was found and the employees returned to work.

Cox said "an unknown male caller made a threat to the store." The call came around 10 a.m., and the building was evacuated.

WalMart supervisory personnel, fire and police officials inspected the building and found nothing, so employees were allowed back in shortly after 11 a.m.

Vienna Police officials said nothing out of ordinary was found in the store.

Airplanes on their way to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh were rerouted to Wood County Airport Tuesday morning, officials said.

About 75 people crowded in the Wood County Airport terminal as all national flights were grounded.

The planes were landing from Birmingham, Ala., and Knoxville, Tenn., Airport Manager Carolyn Strock said.

Many of the people were trying to contact family while others were making travel arrangements through rental cars.

Strock said the rental car business was helping people make arrangements, but was renting to only groups of people trying to maximize the limited car space available.

Pentagon

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Secondary explosions were reported in the aftermath of the attack and great billows of smoke drifted skyward toward the Potomac River and the city beyond.

At midday, local hospitals reported receiving 40 victims of the attack, with seven patients in critical condition admitted to one facility for treatment of burns.

"The whole building shook" with the impact, said Terry Yonkers, an Air Force civilian employee at work inside the Pentagon at the time of the attack. "There was screaming and pandemonium," he said, but the evacuation ordered shortly afterward was carried out smoothly.

"I saw a big jet flying close to the building coming at full speed. There was a big noise when it hit the building," said Oscar Martinez, who witnessed the attack.

Authorities have not described the plane that hit the Pentagon, although eyewitnesses said it was clearly a big commercial jet.

Vice President Dick Cheney was in Washington and he and first lady Laura Bush were taken to an undisclosed secure location, officials said. Congressional leaders were hustled away from the Capitol to safety.

"The leadership of the Defense Department is OK. The secretary (Donald H. Rumsfeld) is OK," Pentagon spokesman Glenn Flood told reporters.

Authorities immediately began deploying troops, including a regiment of light infantry, in response to an attack for which they said there had been no advance warning.

The departments of Justice, State, Treasury and Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency were evacuated — an estimated 20,000 at the Pentagon alone. Agents with automatic weapons patrolled the White House grounds.

And the FAA ordered the entire nationwide air traffic system shut down for the first time in history.

Officials said two planes had crashed into the World Trade Center, and a third into the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, and one lawmaker, Rep. James Moran, D-Va., said after a Marine Corps briefing that "it was apparently intended to Camp David," the presidential retreat in the mountains of Maryland.

Armed personnel secured the runway at Barksdale Air Force Base when Bush's plane touched down there. After a short stay on the ground, Bush's plane prepared to take off once again, to an undisclosed destination.

Bush and others spoke freely

about terrorism being the cause, and already there was speculation about those responsible.

One U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were unspecified indications that Osama bin Laden's organization was responsible.

But finally assessing responsibility was likely months if not years down the road, and in the meantime, there was no attempt to minimize the impact.

The military was ordered to "Threat Level Delta," the highest level, at least in the Washington area, according to Air Force Capt. Tatiana Stead at Andrews Air Force Base.

"This is the second Pearl Harbor. I don't think that I overstate it," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., referring to the attack 60 years ago that surprised the nation's intelligence apparatus and propelled the country into World War II.

With Bush away from the capital, his advisers were preparing a list of options, including closing the nation's borders, according to a senior U.S. official.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was premature to discuss military options because investigators were still trying to determine who was responsible for the attacks.

Away from the Pentagon, unexplained explosions were reported in the vicinity of the State Department and the Capitol.

A torrent of people rushed from their office buildings throughout the nation's capital, eager to leave a city under siege. The cell phone networks were overloaded, clusters of people sprayed on the sidewalks and at least one suburban school district announced plans to close early.

The Pentagon was hit a short while after the World Trade Center was struck, a plane, described by witnesses as a jetliner, made impact in the portion of the building on side opposite from where Rumsfeld's office are located.

Paul Begala, a Democratic consultant, said he witnessed an explosion near the Pentagon, saying it sent a huge, orange fireball skyward.

AP reporter Dave Winslow also saw the crash. He said, "I saw the tail of a large airliner. ... It plowed right into the Pentagon."

Gen. Richard Myers, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that prior to the crash into the Pentagon, military officials had been notified that another hijacked plane had been heading from the New York area to Washington. He said he assumed that hijacked plane was the one that hit the Pentagon, though he couldn't be sure.



A man coated with ash and debris from the collapse of the World Trade Center south tower coughs near City Hall in lower Manhattan.