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**THE DEAD:** Workers remove victims at Atocha train station in Madrid, Spain, after Thursday’s bombing.



**THE INJURED:** A wounded man walks outside the Atocha train station Thursday in Madrid.



**THE VIGIL:** Thousands of people gather Thursday in Barcelona, Spain, to condemn the Madrid attack.

# Terrorists hit Madrid

**Toll:** 10 bombs kill nearly 200, injure 1,400

**Suspects:** Spain eyes Basque rebels, al-Qaeda



**THE SCENE:** Firefighters carry a body on a stretcher from a bombed train Thursday after 10 blasts during morning rush hour on trains in Madrid in Spain’s worst terrorist attack. The bombs occurred 3 days before Spain’s general elections.

Police found a stolen van with seven bomb detonators and a tape of Quranic verses.

By **TRACY WILKINSON**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MADRID, Spain — In the most devastating terrorist attack in Spanish history, 10 bombs that detonated minutes apart ripped through crowded commuter trains at three Madrid stations early Thursday, killing nearly 200 people, wounding 1,400 and plunging this capital into convulsions of shock and horror three days before a national election.

Authorities immediately blamed the Basque separatist group ETA for the deadliest wave of terrorism in Europe in almost two decades. But the scale of carnage went far beyond anything the separatists had ever carried out and led to speculation other groups might be responsible.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes initially said it was “absolutely clear” that ETA was responsible. Late Thursday, however, he went before reporters to say police had recovered a stolen van with seven bomb detonators and a tape recording of Quranic

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## MORNING OF FEAR



**7:39 a.m. Thursday**  
3 backpacks loaded with explosives detonate on a commuter train in the Atocha station.

**7:44 a.m.**  
4 backpack bombs explode on commuter train entering Atocha station.

**7:49 a.m.**  
Backpack bomb explodes as commuter train enters Santa Eugenia train station.

**7:54 a.m.**  
2 bombs explode on double-decker commuter train in El Pozo station.

**10 a.m.**  
Police carry out controlled explosions of 3 booby-trapped backpack bombs — 2 in Atocha and 1 in El Pozo. They think attackers planned to set them off after the 1st wave.

SOURCES: Interior Ministry, ESRI, Reuters, The Associated Press

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### Travel effects

The terrorist attack in Madrid, Spain, is unlikely to spark a major disruption in worldwide travel, industry experts said, **A18**

### Families worry

School officials and family members scurried to ensure that students in Madrid from Florida campuses are safe. Many fear U.S. officials will halt study-abroad programs in the culture-rich city, **A19**

### Leaders speak out

Condemnation of the terrorist bombings in Madrid comes from capitals around the world, along with calls for nations to unite in the campaign against terrorism, **A19**

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## Investigation weighs clues pointing to militant separatists or Islamists

By **SEBASTIAN ROTELLA** and **TRACY WILKINSON**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MADRID, Spain — The size and savagery of Thursday’s synchronized train-station bombings suggest a significant shift in tactics by Basque separatists — or the work of an entirely new player in Spain.

Spanish authorities are wrestling with competing theories about who was responsible for the attacks that killed nearly 200 people and wounded approximately 1,400 others.

Swift to blame ETA militants fighting to secede from Spain, top officials by the end of the day were forced to acknowledge that they were pursuing a more complex investigation. ETA, which stands for Euskadi Ta Askatasuna, or “Basque Homeland and Freedom,” has claimed or been blamed for hundreds of killings previously.

Forensic evidence, including the type of explosives used, and the arrests in recent weeks of purported Basque terrorists armed with pow-

## Windfall revives business tax break

The state budget is expected to gain another \$1 billion.

By **JOHN KENNEDY**  
TALLAHASSEE BUREAU CHIEF

TALLAHASSEE — Florida’s rebounding economy is expected to give state lawmakers a \$1 billion windfall of new cash today, making it all but certain that legislators will steer another big election-year tax break toward larger corporations.

The state’s strong market for home sales, mortgage refinancing and tour-

ist-driven sales taxes are powering the dramatic upturn in Florida’s coffers, state economists say.

But for Gov. Jeb Bush and the Republican-controlled Legislature, the brighter budget picture offers a political perk. Top lawmakers acknowledge the extra money will allow them to give a \$125 million tax cut to big business, base supporters of the Florida Republi-

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**Proponents.** In Boston on Thursday, James Jenner (left) and James Murphy demonstrate their support for same-sex marriage.

## Court, lawmakers deal setback to advocates of gay marriage

By **BOB KEEFE**  
COX NEWS SERVICE

Gay-marriage advocates suffered a double-barreled setback Thursday, as states on either side of the country moved to prohibit same-sex weddings.

The California Supreme Court on Thursday ordered the city of San Francisco to immediately stop issuing

marriage licenses to gay couples, a month almost to the day that the city set off a national debate by allowing such unions. The court said the city was violating state laws that declare a marriage is between a man and a woman.

In Massachusetts, meanwhile, the Legislature gave preliminary approv-

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HIGH

Not as gusty. Wind from the west at 5-10 mph. Low, 52.  
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