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3-11: Spain in shock



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Rescue workers line up bodies at Atocha station after a series of train explosions killed more than 190 in Madrid on Thursday in Spain's worst terrorist attack.

Almost 200 die in a series of explosions on Madrid's commuter trains

Officials point to Basque separatists, but Islamic group claims responsibility

"A place in the history of infamy": The deadly terror attack catches leaders off guard just days before election

By ELAINE SCIOLINO
The New York Times

MADRID, Spain — Ten bombs ripped through four commuter trains in Madrid on Thursday, killing at least 192 people and wounding more than 1,400 in the deadliest terrorist attack on a European target since World War II.

Spanish authorities initially blamed the Basque separatist group ETA. But after finding a van near Madrid with detonators and a tape of Quranic verses, they held open the possibility of militant Islamic terrorism.

As the country struggled to absorb the devastation three days before general elections, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said, "March 11 now has its place in the history of infamy."

The bombings came in coordinated explosions that went off within a 10-minute period shortly before 8 a.m. as people headed to work and school. The

police found and detonated three other bombs.

At the main Atocha commuter station in the heart of Madrid just a block from the Prado Museum, an explosion cut a train in two, sending pieces of metal high into the air. Bloody victims crawled from mangled train cars and staggered into the streets. Other victims were found burned to death in their seats.

There, and at the nearby Santa Eugenia and El Pozo stations, broken bodies and body parts were thrown along the platforms as rescue workers struggled to separate the dead from the wounded.

Spanish authorities immediately pointed to ETA, which has

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EDUARDO ABAD/The Associated Press

Demonstrators hold a "Peace" poster during a protest against the Basque separatist group ETA, suspected in Thursday's attacks, in Seville, Spain.

The usual suspects: The prevailing versions are ETA or al-Qaida — or both

By GEORGE EDMONSON
Cox News Service

WASHINGTON — A small separatist group born in the chill of the Cold War in Europe has become the latest focus in the worldwide assault on terrorism. The group, known as ETA, was a prime suspect in the deadly commuter rail blasts Thursday that rocked Spain.

There were also reports that an al-Qaida organization had claimed responsibility. And one expert said some cooperation between the two could not be ruled out.

But if ETA did conduct such a large and wholesale attack in its quest for independence of the Basque region in Spain and France, it would represent a major shift in its tactics.

"It does not compare with anything they have done . . . This kind of indiscriminate killing is totally unlike them so far," said Joseba Zulaika, a professor and director of the Center for Basque Studies at the

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Mother is charged in stillborn son's death

Criminal homicide: Prosecutors say the West Jordan woman ignored numerous warnings from doctors and refused a surgery that could have saved the boy's life

By PAMELA MANSON
The Salt Lake Tribune

Salt Lake County prosecutors on Thursday charged a West Jordan woman with criminal homicide in the death of her stillborn baby. Prosecutors claim the woman ignored repeated warnings in the last few weeks of pregnancy that the twins she was carrying could die or suffer brain damage unless she had an immediate Caesarean section.

Melissa Ann Rowland, 28, had refused medical treatment, saying she would rather die than go to either of the two recommended hospitals, and that being cut "from breast bone to pubic bone" would ruin her life, the county District Attorney's Office alleges in a probable-cause statement filed in 3rd District Court.

Rowland, also known as Melissa Hrosik, faces up to life in prison if convicted of the first-degree felony. Her attorney, Michael Sikora, said she has been in jail since shortly after giving birth in mid-January on a child endangerment charge involving the surviving twin, a girl who has been adopted.

Sikora, a public defender, said Rowland has a long history of mental illness and was first committed to a hospital at age 12.

What makes the prosecution's case extraordinary is it presumes the state can second-guess an expectant mother's choice on major medical care.

"This is nothing if not a very novel legal theory," Sikora said. "If it prevails, it raises questions about what a mother can or cannot do with respect to the safety of her unborn child. If a doctor says this will be a very difficult pregnancy and you should get complete bed rest for the last three months and the mother doesn't and the baby is stillborn, is she guilty of murder? If she smokes, is it murder? If she doesn't eat right, is it murder?"

But Kent Morgan, deputy Salt Lake County prosecutor and a spokesman for District Attorney David Yocom, said Rowland's crime stems from the depraved indifference and utter callousness she showed toward her unborn twins.

"It's not just the conduct, it's the knowledge, the state of mind," he said.

The probable cause statement claims that Rowland

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Charged



• Melissa Ann Rowland could face up to life in prison if convicted of first-degree homicide for killing her unborn baby.

A year later, Elizabeth is on many minds

Anniversary: Students discuss what the teenager's kidnapping — and safe return — means to them and their families

By ASHLEY BROUGHTON
The Salt Lake Tribune

As night fell on the day after Elizabeth Smart was abducted from her bedroom, Lindsay Newton couldn't sleep.

She lay awake, reading as a diversion, until the wee hours of June 6, 2002. But thoughts of the missing 14-year-old kept creeping in.

"It was super-confusing," Newton said Thursday.

Now seniors at Olympus High School, she and her classmates remember the fear that permeated their own homes, just a few miles from Elizabeth's Federal Heights neighborhood, after her kidnapping — the thought that even in your own bedroom, you may not be safe.

The seniors also recall where they were when the news came last March 12 — a year ago today — that,



FRANCISCO KJOLSETH/Tribune file photo

Just weeks after the June 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart, posters of the missing girl were put up all over the area. Smart's abduction and eventual dramatic rescue left a strong impact on her schoolmates.

incredibly, Elizabeth had been found, walking down a road in Sandy, dressed in a burqa with homeless street preacher Brian David Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Eileen Barzee.

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Court stops San Francisco gay weddings

In Massachusetts: Lawmakers advance a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage

By DAVID KRAVETS
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court ordered an immediate halt to same-sex weddings in San Francisco on Thursday as Massachusetts lawmakers gave preliminary approval to a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages in the only state where they have been ruled legal.

Teary-eyed couples were quickly turned away at San Francisco's City Hall, where 4,161 gay couples have tied the knot in the past month.

"We were filling out the application and they told us to stop," said Art Adams, who was the first to be denied as he and partner Devin Baker sought a license. "It's heartbreaking. I don't understand why two people in love should be prevented from expressing it."

On the other side of the country, Massachusetts legislators returned to the Statehouse to consider a

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