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# TERROR IN SPAIN

## BOMBS TEAR THROUGH COMMUTER TRAINS, KILLING 198

### THE SCENE

'So many bodies, all along the railway lines'



JOSE HUESCA / AP  
Two people injured in one of the explosions wait for aid outside the Atocha train station yesterday.

P-I NEWS SERVICES

MADRID, Spain – Dr. Eduardo Asensio, a rescue worker, has waded in death for two decades, but none of it prepared him for yesterday morning.

"I've been through so many other catastrophes, but not this, not this," he said, still in his blood-stained white medical uniform outside the Atocha railway station.

"So many bodies, all along the railway lines. Dead. Our country has never seen this."

Chaos spread like a contagion, accompanied by the screams of ambulance sirens and the roar of police helicopters. People fleeing the trains trampled one another.

Cell phones rang near dead bodies as people struggled to call relatives. Networks were jammed. Hospitals took in patients as ambulances streamed in one after the other. Weeping family members searching for relatives staked out emergency rooms that strained to cope.

As bodies streamed into makeshift morgues at a convention pavilion and people lined up to donate blood, King Juan Carlos urged calm.

But some Spaniards preferred vengeance. "What happened this morning can't happen again," said Cristina Ranz Ortega, a secretary, who traveled 45 minutes to the makeshift morgue, looking to volunteer. "We want an eye for an eye. Other people are tolerant but not me."

Spain is used to the tremors of terrorism. For decades ETA, the Basque separatist group, has set off bombs, most of them small and most of them

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PAUL WHITE / AP  
Rescuers work a scene of destruction in Madrid, where bombs split open a train car. Spain's worst terrorist attack ever killed scores.

### WHO'S TO BLAME?

Suspicion falls quickly on Basque group, al-Qaida



PETER DEJONG / AP  
Spaniards raise up their hands in protest during a mass demonstration in Madrid against yesterday's attacks.

P-I NEWS SERVICES

MADRID, Spain – Ten bombs ripped through four commuter trains in Madrid yesterday, killing at least 198 people and wounding more than 1,400 in the deadliest terrorist attack on a European target since World War II.

Spanish authorities initially blamed Basque separatists but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida for the worst terrorist attack in Spanish history.

Panicked rush-hour commuters trampled one another, abandoning their bags and shoes, after the first three bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of Madrid. Seven bombings followed on other trains.

"March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the history of infamy," Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said.

The bombing came three days ahead of Sunday's general election, in which a major campaign issue was how to deal with ETA, the Basque militant group that is seeking greater autonomy. Campaigning for the election was called off and three days of mourning were declared.

More than 220 pounds of dynamite packed into backpacks exploded in a 15-minute span, starting about 7:39 a.m., on trains along nine miles of commuter line from Santa Eugenia to the Atocha terminal, a bustling hub for subway, commuter and long-distance trains just south of the famed Prado Museum. Police found and detonated three other bombs.

Reports said the bombs killed 198 people and injured 1,421.

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### WHAT HAPPENED

## 15 minutes of terror



Source: The Associated Press, El Mundo (Madrid-based newspaper)

### FOUR TRAINS, 10 BOMBS

Each commuter train consisted of six cars.



- 7:39 a.m.** Three backpacks loaded with explosives blow up on a commuter train in Atocha station.
- 7:44 a.m.** Four backpack bombs explode on a train entering Atocha station. **2 bombs**
- 7:49 a.m.** Backpack bomb explodes as a train enters Santa Eugenia station.
- 7:54 a.m.** Two bombs explode on double-decker train in El Pozo station, at least 70 killed.

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## California gay weddings blocked

### Court doesn't decide legality of San Francisco marriages

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO – The California Supreme Court ordered an immediate halt to same-sex weddings in San Francisco yesterday, as Massa-

chusetts 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 last 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

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## Former P-I reporter accused of Iraq ties

### Court orders psychological exam

BY PAUL SHUKOVSKY AND MIKE LEWIS  
P-I reporters

Federal agents in Baltimore arrested a former congressional aide and onetime Seattle Post-Intelli-

gencer reporter yesterday on charges she worked as an agent for the Iraqi Intelligence Service and tried to use personal contacts in an attempt to influence U.S. foreign policy.

Susan Lindauer, 41, was ordered released to a halfway house on a \$500,000 bond after her arrest and a brief detention hearing, according to Marcy Murphy, a

spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The U.S. District Court additionally ordered the Takoma Park, Md., woman to undergo a psychological evaluation.

Lindauer, who proclaimed her innocence in a brief exchange with television reporters, worked for

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Lindauer

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Britney Spears casts all trace of inhibition aside in her new concert tour, coming to KeyArena tonight. P-I pop music critic Gene Stout gives a tantalizing peek.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

