

Attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon (September 11, 2001)

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Rewards for Justice is offering a reward of up to \$25 million for information on the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Nineteen terrorists associated with al-Qa'ida (AQ) hijacked four commercial airliners en route to California, originating from three different airports in the eastern United States. The terrorists crashed two aircraft into the main towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York, and a third into the western side of the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The fourth aircraft crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, while the passengers attempted to overtake the hijackers. Overall, the attacks killed nearly 3,000 citizens of countries spanning the globe. The now-deceased leader of AQ, Usama bin Ladin, claimed responsibility for planning and implementing these attacks in a video message following the events.

Images:



Associated Organization(s):
Al-Qa'ida (AQ)

Associated Location(s):
United States of America

The first two planes, which departed from Boston Logan International Airport, were hijacked and crashed into the main towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact of these planes and the ensuing fires from burning jet fuel damaged the tower structures to the point of collapse. The assault on the towers killed more than 2,600 people.

A third plane, which departed from Washington Dulles International Airport, was hijacked and crashed into the southwest side of the Pentagon just half an hour after the second plane struck the World Trade Center. The impact killed all passengers on the aircraft, 125 people inside the building, and severely damaged the structure.

The fourth plane departed from Newark International Airport and was probably destined for the U.S. Capitol or the White House. However, the passengers onboard fought the terrorists for control of the plane. Because of these brave citizens, the terrorists never achieved their goal, and the plane crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, killing all 40 people on board.

These attacks were the most devastating assault on the United States by an outside force since Pearl Harbor in 1941.