

Londoners Dealing With Bombing Aftermath

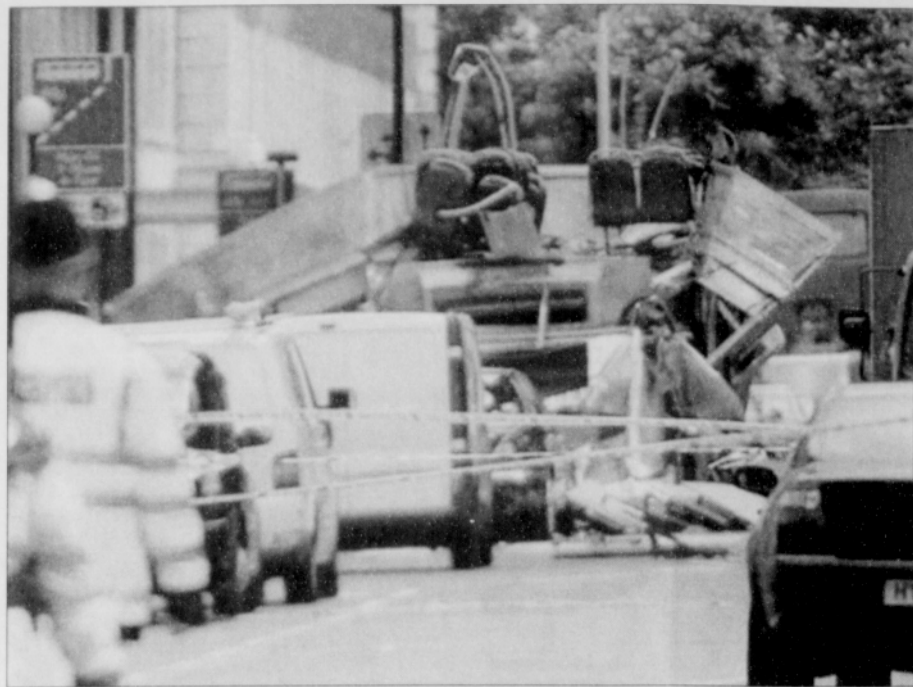
Death toll up to 52;
700 people wounded

(AP) - Police raised the death toll in London's terrorist bombings to 52 this week as forensics experts identified the first of the victims - a 53-year-old mother of two from outside London. Prime Minister Tony Blair promised a "vigorous and intense" manhunt for the attackers.

As workers searched the twisted wreckage for more bodies, millions of Londoners rode subways and buses to and from work, tense but intent on resuming their routines four days after the strikes.

"We won't let a small group of terrorists change the way we live," London's mayor, Ken Livingstone, said defiantly.

In a somber address to the House of Commons, his first since Thursday's attacks, Blair said it seemed probable that Islamic extremists were responsible for what he denounced as a "murderous carnage of the innocent."



A wrecked double decker bus near Tavistock Square after an explosion in central London on Thursday, July 7. (AP photo)

No specific intelligence could have prevented the strikes, he said.

Officials raised the confirmed death toll, which had stood at 49, to 52 as workers searched for corpses in mangled subway cars marooned in a hot, dusty, rat-infested tunnel, and warned that the body count likely would climb.

Three subway trains and a double-decker bus also were destroyed in the attacks, which wounded 700 people. Fifty-six remained hospitalized Monday, many in critical condition, officials said.

Public transit officials said the number of passengers using London's bus and subway network, which handles 3 million people on a typical day, was back to normal Monday.

But commuters were jittery, understandably rattled by numerous security alerts and evacuations triggered by travelers temporarily abandoning their bags, and some people played it safe by taking taxis.

G-8 Leaders Agree to \$50B in African Aid

(AP) - World leaders last week concluded an economic summit shaken by terrorism, offering an "alternative to the hatred" - a \$50 billion aid package for Africa and up to \$9 billion in additional support for the Palestinians over the next three years.

"We speak today in the shadow of terrorism, but it will not obscure what we came here to achieve," British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the summit host, said to close the three-day gathering.

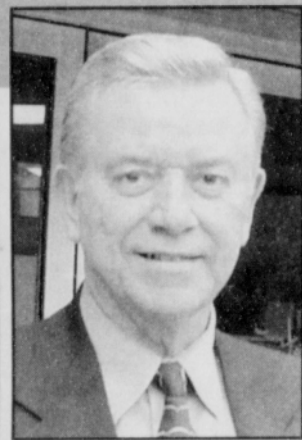
"It is in the nature of politics that we do not achieve absolutely everything we hope to achieve, but nonetheless I believe we have made very substantial progress indeed," Blair told reporters at a closing news conference.

With a last-minute pledge from Japan, Blair won a key victory, announcing that aid to Africa would rise from the current \$25 billion annually to \$50 billion by 2010. The United States did not make any additional pledges beyond Bush's announcement last week that he would seek to double U.S. aid to Africa by 2010.

At a separate news conference, French President Jacques Chirac said finding new ways to finance rich country support for Africa was crucial. He put in a plug for his idea to have all countries levy a new tax on international airline tickets to support poverty relief. The United States opposed this idea.

Portlanders can do their part by remaining calm and living their lives normally.

— Mayor Tom Potter



Local Security Expanded

Two Portland Police Officers patrol the Rose Quarter Max Station, working to up security to prevent a copy-cat terrorist attack.

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Tennessee Arson Burns Two Black Churches, Motive Questioned

(AP) - Arson fires broke out Friday in seven buildings within a couple of blocks, destroying a black church, heavily damaging another one and doing lesser damage to five vacant houses, authorities said.

"All of them have been intentionally set," Mayor Tom Pedigo said.

No injuries were reported in the fires, which broke out just before 5 a.m. within two blocks in the town 75 miles southeast of Nashville.

The churches that burned were

on the same street, police detective Allen Selby said. As firefighters arrived to fight one fire, Selby said, "they looked down the street and the other church was fully involved."

No arrests have been made but

the mayor said authorities are pursuing some tips.

Roberts Street Church of Christ was destroyed while Kynette United Methodist Church was heavily damaged. Both served black congregations, Pedigo said.

About 5 percent of Sparta's 5,000 residents are black, according to census figures.

"I think as far as the total community is concerned, I don't see any racial implications to it," Pedigo said. "We're searching all avenues

we can. We want to find the answer to this as soon as possible, and I think we can."

The five unoccupied houses were less seriously damaged, with only one receiving what authorities described as moderate damage.

Project Clean Slate a Success

Legal help given to community for new start

BY RALPH MUNSON
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It lived up to the billing and made believers out of nearly everyone that witnessed another jewel that puts Portland head and shoulders above any other city in the county.

Project Clean Slate was an all day event designed to help many people "at risk" in predominately urban communities by regaining driver's license privileges and taking the first steps in getting certain criminal convictions removed from their records.

The project was supported by such organizations as Highland United Church, who provided 50 volunteers to assist, and Better People, a local based organization that works with ex-felons. Warren Insurance Agency who was on hand to help with writing new policies to get their driver's licenses back.

From downtown professionals to gang members and beyond, people stood in line to get their lives back on track and exchanged stories of how they got there. They stood around the block, down the street and throughout the plaza of the newly constructed Portland Community College Cascade Campus Public Service building for up to 10 hours waiting patiently to talk with attorneys and have a judge



A long line of people waited at PCC Cascade recently to receive help through Project Clean Slate.

hear their plea for a clean slate.

Roy Jay, business owner, President of the African American Chamber of Commerce and mastermind behind Project Clean Slate, spent countless volunteer hours working with the District Attorney's office, judges, police, community colleges, businesses and other organizations to make the project, the first of its kind in the country, an outstanding success.

"This is just a matter of putting together the right people for the team" Jay said.

The African American Chamber used its credibility and reputation

to solicit their members and corporate supporters to assist on this project.

Jay said because of the large demand, the organization is already working on a second event, possibly in the fall or winter of 2005. There are also hopes to include the City of Gresham in the next event. At www.projectcleanslate.com additional information is provided for those that were pre-registered at the original event but were not able to be serviced. Others can also pre-register on the site or call the African American Chamber offices at 503-343-5117 for registration form.

Man Stabbed in Northwest Portland

On Monday, July 11, 2005, at 12:17 p.m., Portland Police responded to a reported stabbing on the corner of Northwest 23rd Avenue and Northwest Hoyt Street.

Officers arrived and learned that a 62-year-old Tigard resident was holding the door at the Ram's Head while his wife entered the restaurant. As he held the door, a 38-year-old suspect stabbed him in the back. The stabbing appears to have been completely unprovoked and the suspect and victim

were strangers.

The victim fell to the ground as the suspect fled the area. Several citizens chased the suspect as others called 911. The victim was transported to Emanuel Hospital for surgery. Officers released a suspect description including information that the suspect was wearing some type of cast or soft bandage on his arm.

Officers quickly established a perimeter around the area and Hillsboro PD sent a K-9 to assist in

the search. As officers were completing their search of the area, a citizen living in the 2400 block of Northwest Westover called 911 to report that someone matching the description of the stabbing suspect was hiding in their back yard. Officers quickly converged on the area and arrested the suspect.

Either during the foot pursuit or during the arrest process the suspect re-injured his arm and was transported to Portland Adventist Hospital.

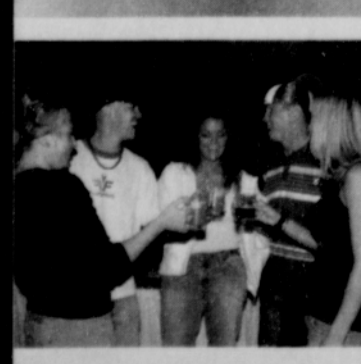

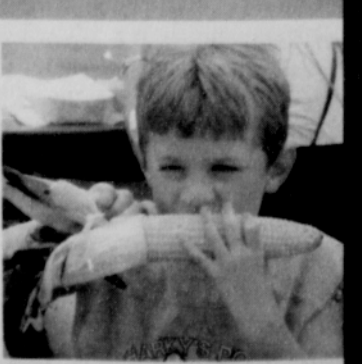
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