

# Bush leads prayer, rallying cry as US girds for war on terrorists

## Officials aware in 1998 of training

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NEW YORK — Federal authorities have known for at least three years that two Osama bin Laden associates had trained in the United States as airplane pilots, possibly while operating as members of the suspected terrorist's organization.

US officials were also aware that bin Laden had recruited American citizens to join his Al Qaeda terrorist group and that many of them received military and intelligence training in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Sudan. Members of the organization lived in California, Texas, and Oregon, among other states.

US-trained pilots from several Middle Eastern nations are suspected of playing key roles in Tuesday's devastating and highly coordinated attacks in New York and Washington that turned four fully fueled jet airliners into flying bombs.

FBI Director Robert Mueller yesterday lamented the failure of US intelligence agencies that allowed terrorists to get pilot training in the United States before they hijacked the four planes involved in Tuesday's attacks.

"The tragedies quite clearly astonish and shock me and the country," Mueller said during a briefing with reporters. "The fact that there were a number of individuals that happened to have received training at flight schools here is news, quite obviously. If we had understood that to be the

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President Bush greeting firefighters during his emotional visit to the World Trade Center site yesterday.



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President and Laura Bush, former President and Barbara Bush, former President Clinton, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton at the National Cathedral yesterday.

## 35,500 reservists called; Congress backs use of force

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President Bush stood atop the tangled wreckage of the World Trade Center yesterday and told a battalion of cheering recovery teams that "the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."

The president's remarks, delivered through a bullhorn at the epicenter of the nation's worst terrorist attack, provoked chants of "USA! USA! USA!" from workers toiling to recover at least 5,000 victims possibly entombed by toppled skyscrapers.

The vocal support was echoed in Washington, where Congress gave the president broad authority to use force against terrorists and the nations that harbor them.

It was one of many aftershocks that unfolded yesterday in the wake of Tuesday's attack: The nation's military began to intensify its strength. An army of 4,000 FBI agents chased 36,000 leads, and made the first federal arrest in the case: a Middle Eastern man who was thought to have knowledge about the attack and was poised to flee the country.

Bush issued the emotional rallying cry in New York hours after he led a national prayer service and began to assemble the military might he needs for his promised war against the sponsors of Tuesday's terrorism.

"This nation is peaceful, but fierce when stirred to anger," Bush said in the National Cathedral in Washington. "This conflict was begun on the timing and terms of others. It will end in a way and at an hour of our choosing."

Around the nation, Americans joined Bush in a moment of reflection, gathering at houses of worship during the day, then assembling for dozens of candlelight vigils as the sun set.

In Seattle, a ferryboat glided to a stop in Elliott Bay and sounded its horn as thousands gathered

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## Facing terror

### Tangled trail

Some of the suicide hijackers may have used aliases and adopted the identities of legitimate Saudi Arabian pilots to gain entry to the United States and access to the flight training they needed to carry out their attack. **A2.**

### Military option

The United States has a blueprint to attack Osama bin Laden that involves a strike force of about 100 commandos operating on the ground, officials say. **A8.**

### Millions pause

People around the world join in prayer and mourning for the terrorism victims. **Photos, A10-11.** Thousands fill churches across Greater Boston. **City & Region, B1.**

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## A tighter Logan will open today

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For the first time since 10 hijackers walked aboard two jets in Boston and crashed them into the World Trade Center, Logan International Airport will reopen today, the last of the nation's major airports to do so outside of Washington.

The delay was the result of intensive new security measures and complicated coordinating efforts among federal, state, and local agencies to implement them, Massachusetts Port Authority officials said.

When the airport does open at 5 a.m., those security changes will create a vastly different Logan, which will operate under intense security.

First, every security checkpoint will feature armed federal agents, and roaming teams of State Police accompanied by bomb-sniffing dogs will perform random identification and baggage checks.

In addition, all 3,000 spaces at the Terminal B garage — a quarter of the airport's parking — have been removed from public use, and curbside baggage check and valet parking have been eliminated.

Also, those seeing off passengers will no longer be able to enter gate areas. And hundreds of workers at concessions behind the checkpoints must submit to criminal and employment background

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Rescue workers walking through rubble at "ground zero" early yesterday.

## At 'the pile,' searchers leave no stone unturned

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NEW YORK — Every few hours three whistles blow. The shrill sound is a shock wave alerting rescue workers that a portion of the massive mound of twisted steel, shattered glass, and collapsed concrete that four days ago was the World Trade Center might suddenly sink further into its deep crater.

But hundreds of firefighters, welders, forensic specialists, and volunteers refuse to leave what they call "the pile." Despite the smoke and asbestos in the air, the jagged edges of rubble, and the risk of being buried alive by the shifting mass, they continue to sort through the rubble, handful by handful and bucketful by bucketful, for survivors.

David Zurita of the city's Metropolitan Transit Authority, a haggard man with soot and ash caked over his body

after more than 12 hours working through the night clearing charred debris from the ruins, was even reluctant to stop when officials suspended the search early yesterday morning during a lightning storm.

With water seeping into his boots and through his clothes, soaking him to the bone, Zurita said he was more interested in getting to the bottom of the wreckage.

"No one wanted to stop," said Zurita, 32, who without sleep manned one of the many bucket brigades from Thursday night through yesterday afternoon. "It got nippy, but I don't think anyone was fazed. A lot of us really believe we're going to find survivors."

It is an unearthly scene, with hundreds of rescuers scrabbling about the wreckage at any one time, some armed with implements no less primitive than

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## Otis fighter jets scrambled too late to halt the attacks

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WASHINGTON — Two armed fighter jets that were supposed to protect New York streaked away from their base on Cape Cod as Tuesday's airline hijackings unfolded, but arrived too late to foil the attacks.

There were contradictory accounts last night about whether they were close to nearing the World Trade Center before its second tower was struck — or sat silent on the ground until after the Pentagon was in flames.

A spokesman for NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, which is charged with protecting US airspace, said the fighters were not scrambled for more than an hour after the first hijacking was reported, by which time the three buildings were struck and a fourth hijacked plane was over Pennsylvania on a course toward Washington.

Yet the CBS Evening News reported last night that two supersonic F-15s were scrambled from Otis Air National Guard Base early in the sequence of hijackings, but were able to fly only to within 70 miles of New York City before the second of two hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center towers.

The network also broadcast a flight timetable showing that the Otis fighters did not reach New York until it was too late.

The NORAD spokesman would not comment on the network report. He said the two F-15s on alert at Otis were not immediately ordered into the sky because a Cold War approach to air defense — protecting US borders from incoming military aircraft — did

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