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Bloodbath as bombers launch worst U.S. terror strike since 9/11

# MURDERED AT THE MARATHON

THIS is the moment two bomb blasts rocked the Boston Marathon, killing at least two people and injuring 23 in a suspected terrorist attack.

The explosions struck within seconds of

each other in the packed streets of the American city during the Patriots' Day bank holiday.

Last night the United States was on full alert after what is feared could be the

worst terrorist outrage since the World Trade Centre Towers were destroyed by hijacked jets on September 11, 2001.

Last night Metropolitan Chief Superintendent Julia Pendry confirmed that the

force would be reviewing 'security arrangements' ahead of Sunday's London Marathon. Boston police closed off the city as a 'danger zone', while

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By **Mario Ledwith, Francesca Infante and Daniel Bates** in New York

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witnesses described 'unspeakable horror' of body parts flying through the air.

After the explosions, two more suspicious devices were found in the city's Mandarin Oriental and Lenox hotels. Both were evacuated and the suspected bombs dismantled.

Video footage showed an explosion going off in the heart of the huge crowd that had lined the streets of the Massachusetts city to watch the famous sporting event.

Boston officials said last night there was a 'third incident' at the JFK Library but could not say if it was related to the two earlier explosions.

Dave Weigel wrote on Twitter: 'I saw people's legs blown off. Horrific. Two explosions. Runners were coming in and saw unspeakable horror'.

Security officials immediately stepped up patrols across the US amid fears of other devices.

More than 22,000 runners were taking part in yesterday's race, which attracts a crowd of half a million and is hugely popular with British runners.

One spectator, John Ross, said: 'Somebody's leg flew by my head. I gave my belt to stop the blood. People were yelling, "I need my kids!"'

Roupen Bastajian, a 35-year-old Rhode Island state trooper, had just finished the race when he heard the first blast.

He said: 'I started running toward the

### 'Somebody's leg flew by my head'

blast. And there were people all over the floor. We started grabbing tourniquets and started tying legs. A lot of people amputated... At least 25-30 people have at least one leg missing, or an ankle missing, or two legs missing.'

Some of those at the scene likened the immediate confusion and frenzy to that in New York following the September 11 attacks. The first explosion was reported two hours after the winner crossed the finish line at around 3pm.

Boston Herald reporter Chris Cassidy described hearing a 'loud bang' before seeing 'smoke rising'. He added: 'I kept running and I heard behind me a loud bang. It looked like it was in a trash can or something... there are people who have been hit with debris, people with bloody foreheads.'

The suspected terror attack caused shockwaves across the US as security officials closed down a pedestrian walkway outside the White House in Washington.

A White House official said: 'Shortly after being notified of the incident around 3pm the president received a briefing from Homeland Security adviser Lisa Monaco.'

'The president called Boston Mayor Tom Menino and Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick to express his concern for those who were injured.'

The Federal Aviation Administration created a no-fly zone over Boston's city centre after the explosions, while New York police

commissioner Paul Browne said 'counter-terrorism vehicles' would be deployed around landmarks in Manhattan. Foreign Secretary William Hague tweeted: 'Appalled by news of explosion at Boston marathon. My thoughts are with everyone affected by it and all those waiting for news.'

British marathon runner Paula Radcliffe added: 'Situation looks

awful, thoughts with everyone. There are some very sick people out there, who would do something like this?'

Hundreds of thousands of spectators typically line the race course, with the heaviest crowds near the finish line.

The blasts occurred more than five hours after the start of the race, when most top athletes were

off the course but slower amateur marathoners were still running.

In a grim twist, part of the race was being run in memory of the 26 victims of the Sandy Hook school massacre.

CNN producer Matt Frucci said the street was 'packed with thousands of runners' at the time. He added: 'I heard an explosion, turned and saw a big plume of

smoke. It was off the street. Everyone paused and about 10 seconds later about 20 yards from me, another big explosion. That's when there was a mad scramble

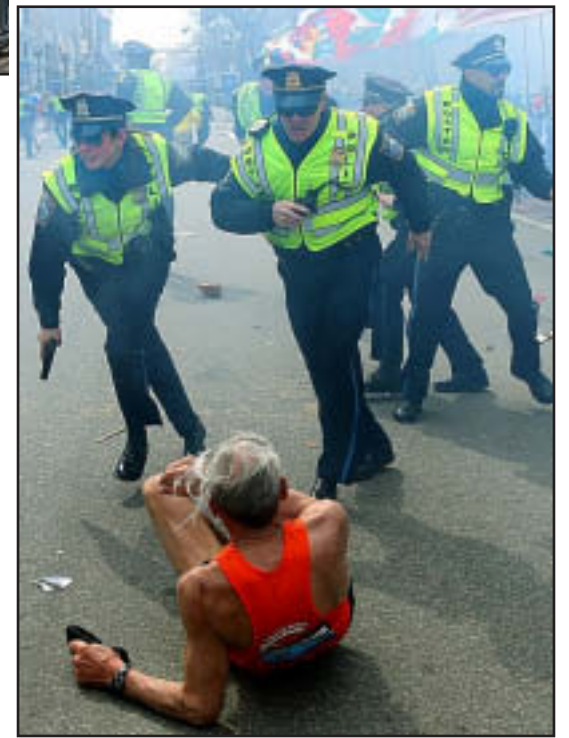
Since 9/11, the only comparable outrage is when a US Army major opened fire on fellow soldiers at the Fort Hood military base in Texas, killing 13 people and injuring 30 on November 5, 2009.



Victim: Blood pours from the head of one man as he is helped from the scene



Emergency aid: Another victim is carried away on a stretcher following the blasts



Chaos: Police react to the second explosion

# BBC exploited me, says girl student in North Korea trip

By **Vanessa Allen and Paul Revoir**

A STUDENT used as a 'human shield' by a Panorama journalist inside North Korea yesterday accused the BBC of exploiting and betraying her.

The London School of Economics student said she was put in danger by the broadcaster and claimed she was only told the truth about its undercover film crew after an alcohol-fuelled night out in Beijing.

The young woman, who asked not to be identified, said the ten students from the university, the youngest of whom was 18, only learned they were to be used as 'cover' for the BBC's secret filming hours before they entered North Korea.

Panorama journalist John Sweeney bought drinks for the

**BBC crew 'used students as human shields to film undercover in N Korea'**



From yesterday's Mail

group before they were told of his plans to film a secret documentary in the Communist state, she said. At least one of the group was still unaware of the plan even as they flew to Pyongyang, she claimed.

She denied the BBC's claims that all the students were warned three times about the potential dangers of entering the dictatorship with an undercover journalist.

Pyongyang has threatened reprisals against the students unless the

BBC agreed to drop the documentary, which screened last night.

The LSE student said: 'There's a difference between a briefing about risk assessments and having a beer in a noisy pub. On our last night in Beijing, John Sweeney was buying us all beers and he bought wine in the restaurant. The next morning I was told they'd told everyone later that night about the documentary. 'I feel like I was exploited.'

The LSE has reacted with fury to the BBC's decision to use their students in the documentary without its knowledge or approval.

The student, whose parents have made a formal complaint, said she had believed she was going on a university-organised trip via the Grimshaw Club, a student society linked to the LSE's department of international relations. The club has denied any part in the BBC

deception. Students were told Mr Sweeney's wife Tomiko, an LSE graduate, was organising the tour, but were not warned of her links to Panorama or Mr Sweeney until they were in Beijing.

The student said she met Mrs Sweeney in February, when she was told a journalist would accompany the university group, but was not warned this carried any extra risks.

A meeting was then held 11 days later at the George IV, a busy student pub on the LSE's campus in Central London. The student said: 'I heard Tomiko say "Just to remind you, there's a journalist coming with us and I've told you all about the risks". I didn't remember her raising this at all. It was all very off-hand. She gave the impression we didn't really have to worry.'

At a second meeting in March, she was introduced to BBC camer-

aman Alex Niakaris, and claims he denied he was a journalist. The students travelled to China on March 20. The student said Mr Nikaris only told her an hour before the group left for their flight to Pyongyang on March 23. She said: 'There wasn't time to discuss anything. Once inside North Korea we knew everything we said was being listened to, and that our hotel rooms were probably bugged.'

Three students have complained about their involvement. Mr Sweeney claimed he had the support of the majority of the group.

The BBC said: 'All the students were clearly briefed and the risks were fully outlined to them.'

■The BBC is today expected to announce the new head of its news division as James Harding, former editor of The Times newspaper.

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