

# Israeli embassy under attack in Cairo

Egypt on alert, Israeli envoy flees

AFP, Cairo  
 Egypt was on a state of alert yesterday after protesters stormed the Israeli embassy, prompting the ambassador to flee, in the first attack of its kind since the two nations made peace 32 years ago.  
 Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the mob attack a "serious incident" and an unnamed official warned it was a "painful blow to peace" between Egypt and the Jewish state.  
 US President Barack Obama asked Egypt to protect the embassy housed in a high-rise building overlooking the Nile in Cairo's Giza district as French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe expressed concern over Egyptian-Israeli ties.  
 The Israeli official said Ambassador Yitzhak Levanon, other staff and dependants had all left Egypt but a senior diplomat remained behind.  
 "We left the deputy ambassador to keep up contact with the Egyptian government," the official told AFP in Jerusalem on condition of anonymity.  
 He said six embassy staff were plucked to safety by Egyptian commandos.  
 "It was a painful blow to the peace

between us and a grave violation of diplomatic norms," the official said.  
 The embassy attack was the worst since Israel established its mission in Egypt after becoming the first Arab country to sign a peace treaty with the Jewish state in 1979. Jordan followed suit in 1994.  
 The violence is also the worst episode in tense relations since the killing of five Egyptian policemen last month on the border as Israel hunted militants after a deadly attack.  
 Three people were killed in the overnight clashes between police and protesters, hospital sources said, while the health ministry reported that one person died of a heart attack.  
 More than 1,000 people, including some 300 policemen, were also injured in the clashes that erupted late on Friday and continued overnight, medical and security sources said.  
 Police, meanwhile, arrested 19 people and referred them to the military prosecution which immediately began quizzing them, a security official said.  
 Protesters demolished a security wall

around the mission with sledgehammers, removed the Israeli flag and entered the embassy, grabbing thousands of documents.  
 They also torched police trucks and attacked regional police headquarters in the Giza district.  
 Hundreds of soldiers backed by armoured cars rushed to the area after Obama called on Cairo to protect the embassy.  
 Interior Minister Mansur al-Eissawy declared a state of high alert, cancelling all police leave, while Prime Minister Essam Sharaf called for an emergency cabinet meeting on Saturday.  
 Quoting an "informed source," government daily Al-Ahram reported on its website that "there is clear intention that the government will submit its resignation after its failure to contain" the violence.  
 The attack came as about 1,000 protesters marched from Tahrir Square where thousands had massed Friday to press Egypt's military rulers to keep promises of reform after a January-February revolt ousted president Hosni Mubarak.



PHOTO: AFP  
 Egyptian demonstrators burn an Israeli flag as others try to demolish a wall recently built outside the Israeli embassy, inset, in Cairo to protect the building on Friday. Demonstrators also clashed with police, inset (bottom), yesterday outside the embassy.

## Japan minister quits over gaffe

REUTERS, Tokyo  
 Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda's new government suffered a blow yesterday after just eight days in office when the trade minister resigned over gaffes on the sensitive topic of radiation from the tsunami-hit Fukushima plant.  
 Hachiro submitted his resignation to Noda after reports that he joked with a reporter about radiation from the tsunami-crippled Fukushima nuclear plant, Jiji news agency and other domestic media reported. It was his second remark seen as offensive to victims of the worst nuclear accident in 25 years.  
 The resignation of Trade Minister Yoshio Hachiro, who handles the energy portfolio, will give opposition parties ammunition for attack as Noda strives to end the radiation crisis at the Fukushima plant.  
 Japanese media said Hachiro had attempted to rub up against a reporter saying "I'll give you radiation" after visiting the Fukushima plant on Thursday.  
 Opposition party leaders criticised the remark and said that they would press Noda himself over his responsibility for appointing Hachiro, NHK public TV reported.  
 Hachiro had already been rebuked by Noda and apologised on Friday for calling the deserted area near the plant a "town of death," a comment seen as offensive to disaster victims.

## SECTARIAN VIOLENCE 15 more killed in Nigeria

AFP, Jos  
 Fresh overnight attacks killed at least 15 people in Nigeria, the latest in a wave of recent killings in an area beset by sectarian violence, a local government official said yesterday.  
 The attack in a central district on the outskirts of the city of Jos, targeted predominantly Christian ethnic farming villagers known as Beroms.  
 More villagers were missing in what appeared to be a wave of spiralling attacks suspected to be staged by Fulani herdsmen from adjoining villages. Some of the attacks in recent days have nearly wiped out entire families.  
 Dozens of suspects have been arrested in connection with some of the recent attacks.

## SYRIA UNREST Arab League rejects foreign interference

AFP, Damascus  
 The Arab League rejects any foreign interference in Syria, the official news agency SANA said yesterday quoting the visiting organisation's chief.  
 Nabil al-Arabi reportedly made the remarks during talks in Damascus with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, after his arrival on a delayed visit bearing a plan aimed at ending a bloody crackdown on anti-regime protests.  
 During the talks Arabi said the Arab League, of which Syria is a member, and Arab countries "reject any form of foreign interference in Syrian domestic affairs," SANA reported.  
 Assad has responded to nearly six months of street protests, inspired by Arab uprisings that have overthrown three North African leaders, with a mix of repression and promises of reform that have been dismissed by protesters.  
 Elaraby had originally been expected to travel to Damascus on Wednesday but Arab diplomats said the visit had been delayed at Syria's request, reflecting unease in Damascus over any outside criticism or intervention.  
 Foreign ministers of the 22-member Arab League told Syria two weeks ago work to end the months of violence "and resort to reason before it's too late."  
 The Cairo-based organisation has been under pressure to speak out more openly following the uprisings that ousted leaders in Tunisia and Egypt and led to the overthrow of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi -- achieved with Nato military intervention endorsed by the Arab League.

## 163 dead as ferry capsizes in Zanzibar

Search continues as scores still missing  
 AFP, Zanzibar  
 At least 163 people died when a ferry capsized off the popular tourist archipelago of Zanzibar, but over 100 people are still missing, a minister said yesterday.  
 "We have recovered 163 people who have died and we have rescued 325 survivors," said Mohammed Aboud, Zanzibar's state minister for emergencies, dramatically updating an earlier death toll of 53.  
 At least 40 of those rescued were seriously injured, including some hit by falling debris as the boat rolled onto one side, he said, adding that the death toll could still rise higher.  
 Officials said that around 600 people were believed to have been on the stricken ferry, including families returning home after the holidays to celebrate the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.  
 Survivors have begun arriving back in Stone Town, the main port and capital of the archipelago, with an emergency first aid centre set up in the port to treat those arriving by rescue speed boat from the capsized ferry.  
 "It was terrifying, people were screaming and shouting in the dark," said Aisha Mohammed, aged seven.  
 "I can't find my mummy, I lost her when we were all in the water," she added, after being picked up by a rescue boat.  
 Other survivors angrily accused port and ferry officials of overloading the boat.  
 The government pledged to do all it could to help.  
 "This is a national tragedy, so let us join hands together over this," said Ali Mohammed Shin, president of the semi-autonomous archipelago.  
 The exact number of passengers on this type of ferry is often difficult to establish as no reliable passenger lists are kept.  
 The MV Spice Islander, which was travelling between Zanzibar's main island Unguja and Pemba, two of the three islands that make up Zanzibar, left Unguja around 9:00pm and capsized four hours later.

# Tenth Anniversary of 9/11

## Al-Qaeda behind New York threat

BBC ONLINE  
 The US secretary of state warned on Friday that al-Qaeda is behind a credible threat to Americans in the run-up to the anniversary of 9/11.  
 Hillary Clinton said there had been a "specific, credible but unconfirmed report" of an attempt to target New York and Washington DC.  
 President Barack Obama is to visit New York and Washington on Sunday as the US marks 10 years since al-Qaeda attacked.  
 Nearly 3,000 people died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania in 2001.

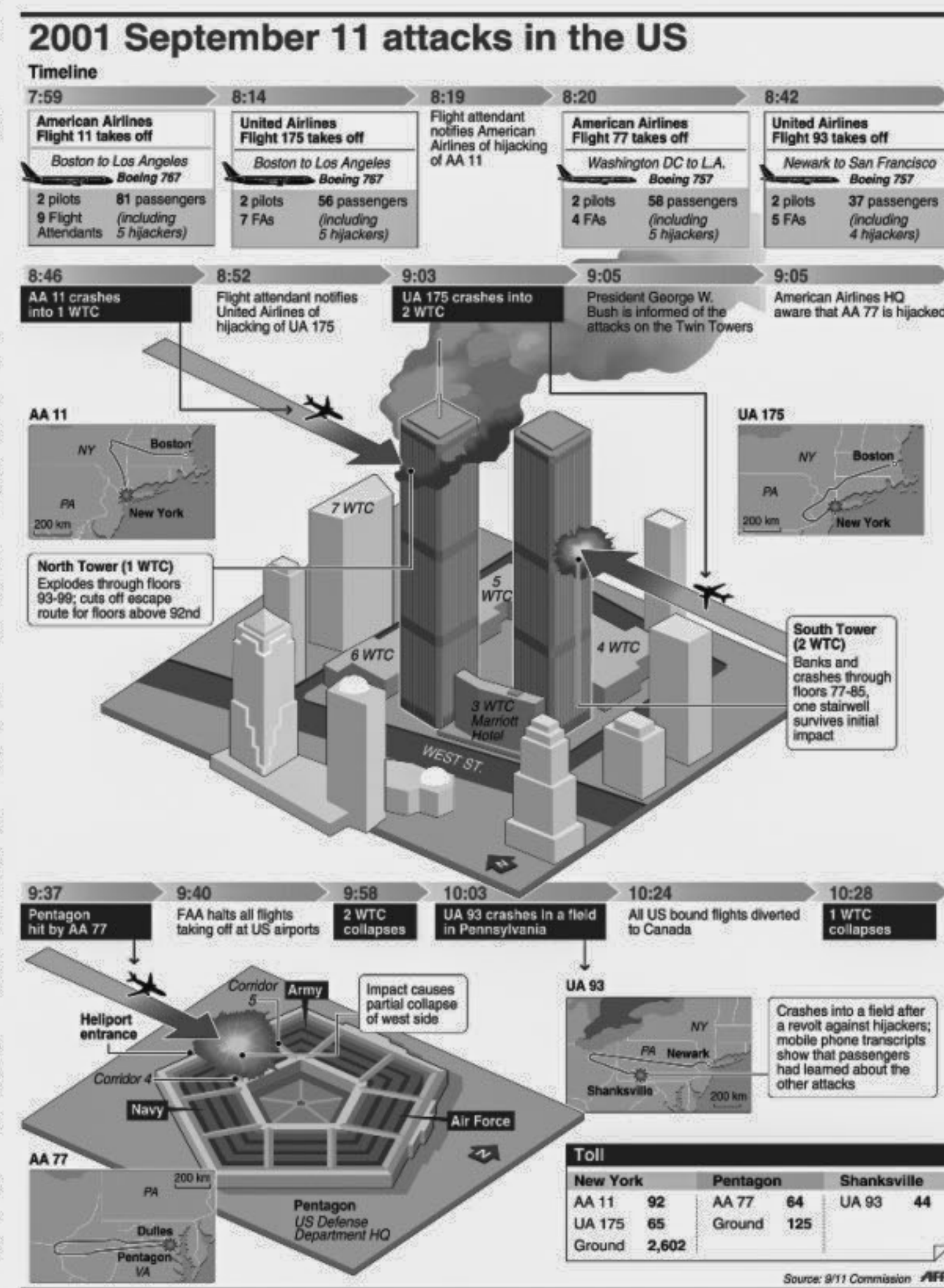
## Afghan war 'stigma' on West: Taliban

AFP, Kabul  
 The post-9/11 invasion of Afghanistan by the United States and its allies "will remain a permanent stigma on the face of Western democracy", the Taliban said yesterday.  
 The Islamist grouping, which refused to give up al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden in the wake of the attacks 10 years ago Sunday, also said the people of Afghanistan had "endless stamina for a long war" and would "send the Americans to the dustbin of history".  
 In a long statement issued in Persian and English, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan said the attacks on the US in 2001 had been used, unjustly, as a "pretext" for the subsequent invasion of Afghanistan.  
 "Each year, the 9/11 reminds the Afghans of an event in which they had no role whatsoever, but, using this as a

pretext and a clout, the American colonialism shed blood of tens of thousands of miserable and innocent Afghans. Still the atrocity has been continuing," the English language version said.  
 The Taliban had called for an "impartial" investigation into the events of 9/11 but the US and its allies had instead responded by "sending cruise missiles, poisonous and depleted uranium embedded weapons instead", it said.  
 "It will remain a permanent stigma on the face of the Western democracy that America and her Allies martyred tens of thousands of Muslims under the pretext of this ambiguous and murky event."  
 "We urge all concerned circles of the world to press on the war-mongering American colonialist rulers to desist from gobbling down our land and natural resources under the so-called unjustified name of terrorism."

## Military action didn't 'radicalised' Muslims

Says Tony Blair  
 BBC ONLINE  
 Tony Blair denied that military intervention in the Middle East has radicalised Muslims and encouraged them to engage in acts of terrorism in an interview with Radio 4's Today programme.  
 The former prime minister said the fight against Islamic terrorism would only end "when we defeat the ideology".  
 "The reason why these people are radicalised is not because of something we're doing to them. They believe in their philosophy."  
 "I see this out in the Middle East all the time. There is this view, which I'm afraid I believe is deeply naive in the West, that somehow these people, you know, misunderstand our motives, that we've confused them, that that's why they've become radicalised."  
 "Understand one thing - they believe in what they believe in because they believe their religion compels them to believe in it."  
 Blair also said that while Bin Laden's death had dealt a blow to al-Qaeda, the fight against terrorism was not "just about one man".



## Britain, US lost some 'moral authority'

Says British PM  
 AFP, London  
 Britain and the United States lost some of their moral authority through some of the measures they put in place after the September 11th attacks, Prime Minister David Cameron said Friday.  
 Some measures, such as the establishment of the Guantanamo Bay detention camp, had been a mistake, Cameron told Al Jazeera television in an interview to mark the 10th anniversary of the al-Qaeda attacks on the United States.  
 "We can certainly see with hindsight and in some ways at the time, mistakes were made in that we lost some of our moral authority, which is vital to keep when you're trying to make your case in the world," Cameron said.  
 As he spoke, fresh allegations were emerging about the complexity of British intelligence agents in the illegal transfer of terror suspects following 9/11 to countries where they faced torture.  
 The Guardian newspaper on Saturday published claims by Libyan Islamist Sami al-Saadi that in 2004 he and his family were detained by MI6 and handed over to authorities in Libya, who allegedly tortured him.

# Recruitment of Information Technology Staff

Cowater International Inc. is the implementing agency for a project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), "Strengthening Comptrollership and Oversight of Public Expenditures" (SCOPE). This is a capacity development project, working with the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh. A major component of this project is to develop a web-based audit management and monitoring system (AMMS) software. Applications are being invited from qualified individuals for the following positions to provide assistance with the development of the AMMS software.

**1. Software Development / Database Specialist**

Responsibilities - To oversee the development of the AMMS software, assure software quality and to work with the AMMS development team to ensure that the OCAP user requirements are fully met.

Period of employment - 1 year (may be extended)

**Qualifications and experience**

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Science or related fields.
- Current Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA) or Oracle's OCP (Oracle Certified Professional) DBA (Database Administrator).
- Extensive knowledge of Microsoft SQL Server, client server systems and database application systems, including Structured Query Language, and database performance tuning
- Essential - minimum of three years' experience in database management including creating and administering primary database storage physical and logical structures (such as table spaces, views, indexes) for applications, user maintenance and application security
- Desirable - three years' experience in working on projects for developing web based applications using ASP.NET, C# and SQL server

**2. AMMS Development Advisor**

Responsibilities - work intermittently, providing advice to the AMMS development team to ensure that software development best practices are followed and software quality is assured.

Period of employment - 4 months intermittent on call

**Qualifications and experience**

- Master's Degree in Computer Information Science or related fields.
- Recognized qualification in project management
- Extensive knowledge of Microsoft SQL Server, ASP.NET and C#
- At least five years of experience in leading software development projects
- Knowledge of audit monitoring software systems

Interested individuals/ software firms may respond immediately with a cover letter, CV and copies of academic / professional certificates, testimonials and professional references to the following address by **25 September 2011**:

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