

Arizona Daily Star

Terror in Boston

Explosions near finish line of Boston Marathon kill at least three, injure about 140 others

No suspects or motive known, but White House official says blasts are 'clearly an act of terror'

US mobilizes resources to help and investigate; President Obama: 'We will get to the bottom of this'



Injured people lie amid blast debris on the sidewalk near the Boston Marathon finish line, where the lead runners had finished but as thousands of other competitors approached.

By Vernon Lohr, Sari Horwitz
and Amy Barker
THE WASHINGTON POST

BOSTON — Two bombs exploded at the venerable Boston Marathon on Monday, killing at least three people, injuring more than 140 others and rattling nerves around the nation, authorities said.

The blasts occurred in rapid succession as thousands of runners were nearing the finish line and sent scores of them scrambling for cover.

Video footage showed an explosion off to the side, with some runners toppling over from the concussion. Smoke billowed into the air, and photos of the chaotic scene showed a sidewalk slicked with blood.

The explosions, occurring on the Patriots' Day holiday that commemorates the Revolutionary War battles of Lexington and Concord, were as shocking in their symbolism as in their force. The

See BOSTON, A11



A Boston Marathon runner leaves the course crying near Copley Square after an explosion.

MORE COVERAGE INSIDE

- A 78-year-old runner is near the first blast but escapes with a scraped knee. The blasts occur when media exposure is at its peak. **Page A12**
- Arizona lawmakers cite Boston as an example of U.S. arms' need for firearms. **Page A12**
- Terror attack takes focus away from the marathon's winners. **Page B1**

Everything got quiet, then confusion set in, local runner recounts

By Becky Patrick
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Five Tucson runners gathered a few blocks from the finish line Monday to celebrate their achievements in the Boston Marathon.

They were sharing smiles and stories about the race at the family meeting area "when a tremor, boom boom came, followed by a second one," said Tucson athlete Keith Schlottman.

Everything got very quiet, then confusion set in, and then people started evacuating, he said. Later, they learned about the bombs and the victims.

"It just absolutely breaks my heart," Schlottman said. "It's just terribly sad, and it's sad that this has happened to a sport that celebrates achievement and accomplishment."

"It's a freedom they're attempting to steal from us ... but I hope running can still go on and be a form of happiness and joy that it always is," he said.

In all, 47 locals were in the race.

See BOSTON, A12

On StarNet: View more photos from the Boston Marathon at azstar.com/gallery

Another low-runoff year may herald CAP shortage

But a third 'awful year' in a row, a rarity, is needed for deficit

By Tony Davis
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Another year of very low precipitation and snowpack in the Rocky Mountains has spurred another year of low runoff on the Colorado River — the 10th such year out of the past 14.

The low runoff means the Central Arizona Project — which provides Tucson drinking water — has a 35 percent chance of experiencing its first water shortage in history in 2013, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation officials say.

For 2013, April-July runoff is expected to be 38 percent of normal. That would be the fourth-lowest such total since the gates on Powell closed in 1964, says the

Colorado River Basin Forecast Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Last year's runoff was more dismal. The lake received 29 percent of its normal flow — the third-lowest on record — from the Upper Colorado River basin states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Officials who run the state-managed, Arizona CAP water project say, however, that they

don't expect a shortage until at least 2017 unless next year is also dry. That would create a water three-peat — three years of below-average runoff in the river that is the West's lifeline, serving at least 25 million people in Arizona and other states.

The project, consisting of more than 300 miles of above-ground canals and underground pipelines,

See CAP, A3

BY THE NUMBERS

- **Lake Mead:** It is 51 percent full, at 1,116 feet elevation above sea level. By the end of September, it's expected to drop to 1,054 feet — well above its historic low of 1,022 feet in October 2010.
- **Lake Powell:** It is 48 percent full at 3,597 feet above sea level. By the end of September, it's expected to drop to 3,584 feet.

COMING THURSDAY

Born to be mild

In this week's Calendar, meet a group of vintage-motorcycle enthusiasts



LEE ENTERPRISES • 901.772.1600
For home delivery, call 1.800.695.4452
email: circulation@tucson.com



Rustic Luxury
Unique home furnishings that embody the style of the southwest.

Baker's
Tucson's Furniture Showroom

Living Room ~ Dining Room ~ Accents

2303 E. GRANT RD. (WEST OF TUCSON BLVD.) (520) 326-4808
BAKERSTUCSONFURNITURE.COM