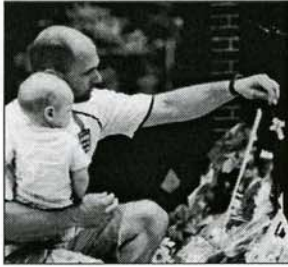


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Too close for comfort
Passengers on the No 30 bus peer down the street where another bus of the same number was blown up on Thursday.

Commuters defy terrorists

Chilling advert on bombed bus

CAPITAL WORKERS RETURN TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT 24 HOURS AFTER BLASTS

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London A day after four bombs exploded across London, the city was slowly returning to a sense of normalcy. Most Londoners travelling on the tubes and buses felt slightly uneasy, but they were determined to carry on business as usual. "It's obviously in the back of your mind, but I didn't really feel anxious," said Glen Fernandes, a corporate banker, who took the bus to work in the financial district yesterday morning.

Fighting spirit
From top: A man with his son places a cross outside the British Embassy in Washington. Commuters ride the subway to work. A friend of a suspected victim is comforted near Tavistock Square in London yesterday.

FEAR FACTOR Cycle-mania grips capital

Commuters choose bikes over buses and subway trains

London (Reuters) London's streets creaked and rattled with nervous new cyclists yesterday after bicycle sales rocketed in the wake of the bomb blasts. Seasoned cyclists told of weary walkers offering them up to £300 (Dh1,922) for their bikes as they headed home on Thursday, and of giving impromptu lessons to shaky beginners. Tim Davies, who manages Cycle

who was injured on one of the affected tube trains, was giving interviews in front of King's Cross station because "talking about it helps."

He added that he wants to get back on the tube and plans to return to work on Monday. Some, however, felt a bit more anxious than others.

"I was quite nervous about taking the bus," said Susan Norville. She explained that everyone seemed to be talking about the attacks and that "there were loads

of police around everywhere." Norville added that she would not be taking the bus home tonight. "I would rather walk to be honest," she said. "I think people will be a lot more watchful now," said Megan Peat, a banker. Nevertheless, she expects people to continue taking public transport. "Ultimately, you don't really have a choice," she said. While most bus lines were busy as usual, the tube trains were quieter. Frida Einerson, who works in Canary Wharf, said that the Jubilee Line tube stop next to her offices was "quiet in a strange sort of way," adding that she has no problem taking public transport, "I can't let these people change my life."

London (AFP) The wreckage of the bus hit in a series of bomb attacks in London on Thursday contained a fragment of an advertisement on the side of the vehicle — "Outright terror... bold and brilliant". The quote was from a review of a horror film which opened in British cinemas yesterday. The rest of the advertisement had been blown off the Number 30 bus onto the street. The Number 30 bus had its roof torn away by the blast and blood was splattered on the walls of nearby buildings. The wreckage site in the city's Tavistock Square remained sealed off, the Metropolitan Police confirmed yesterday, as police continued to investigate the crime scene.

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