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The blast tore off the side of the carriage, exposing bare wall, and the undercarriage has come up through the floor.

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Partial Transcript Of Mark Honigsbaum's Telephone Call of 7-7-05

Mark is a writer/reporter for **The Guardian newspaper.**

“This is Mark Honigsbaum calling from the London Hilton Hotel opposite Edgware Station where we believe there was an **explosion under the carriage of a train.**”

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“What seems to have happened is that sometime around 9:30 this morning, passengers in the train travelling from Edgware road to Paddington had just left Edgware Road station when suddenly they felt... they had a massive explosion and some passengers described how the tiles... **the covers on the floor of the train suddenly flew up...** rose up and the next thing they know there was another almighty crash which they now believe was a **train travelling in the opposite direction hitting their train, which had been derailed by this explosion.**”

(Emphasis Added Above.)

The Obvious Question

How can this damage and resulting derailment have been caused by someone with a **Rucksack Bomb?**



Cover Story

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SAME-TIME-AS-ATTACK UNDERGROUND BOMBING EXERCISE IN LONDON A CHILLING COINCIDENCE?

By Judi McLeod & David Hawkins

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Toronto-- Chillingly coincidental, the same 9/11 "war games" conducted during the actual tragedy on the morning of September 11, 2001, echo London underground "bombing exercises" which took place at the same time as the real attack, according to Alex Jones' *Prison Planet.com*.

What are the odds of both human tragedies having coincidental "drills" going on at the exact same time real life was taking so many human lives in two terrorist attacks?

NORAD was conducting drills of flying hijacked planes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon at 8:30 in the morning, September 11, 2001. A CIA planned exercise on September 11 was built around a plane crashing into a building.

"It is clear that at least five if not six training exercises were in operation in the days leading up to and on the morning of 9/11/2001," Paul Joseph Watson and Alex Jones wrote for *Prison Planet.com* today.

Basing their information on a *BBC Radio 5* interview, Watson and Jones say a consulting agency with government and police connections was running an exercise for an unnamed company that revolved around the London Underground being bombed at the exact times and locations as happened in real life on the morning of July 7th.

"The host interviewed Peter Power, Managing Director of Visor Consultants, which bills itself as a `crisis management advice company', better known to you and I as a PR firm.

"Power told the host that at the exact same time that the London bombings were taking place, his company was running a 1,000 person strong exercise which drilled the London Underground being bombed at the exact same locations, at the exact same times, as happened in real life.

"Peter Power was a former Scotland Yard official, working at one time with the Anti Terrorist Branch."

Power told *BBC* that the drill focused around "simultaneous bombings". Originally the London bombings were thought to have been spread over an hour, but *BBC* reports today say that the bombings were in fact simultaneous.

Watson and Jones say, "The fact that the exercise mirrored the exact locations and times of the bombings is light years ahead beyond a coincidence".

(In the drills on Sept. 11, 2001) "NORAD radar screens showed as many as 22 hijacked airliners at the same time. NORAD had been briefed that this was part of the exercise drill and therefore normal reactive procedure was forestalled and delayed."

And the NORAD and Visor Consultants drills are not the only factors linking the 9/11 and London terrorist attacks.

The British experience is the same play on the market as what happened on 9/11. Advance knowledge of these events could be making someone rich. U.S. treasuries go up. The Pound goes down. The Euro goes up as do gold and the Swiss Franc.

Who is the biggest trader in U.S. treasuries? Cantor Fitzgerald, owner of eSpeed, whose New York offices were on the 101st-105th floors of One World Trade Center.

ESpeed stock was shorted 42 percent of its value from August 7 to September 7, 2001 and no one seems to know why.

"I was in tube bomb carriage - and survived"

CAMBRIDGE dancer Bruce Lait has spoken of his miraculous escape when a bomb exploded just yards away from him in a Tube train carriage.

The 32-year-old was knocked out by the blast and awoke to a terrible scene of devastation in the underground tunnel near London's Aldgate East station.

Mr Lait, who teaches dance in Cambridge, believes he and his dance partner Crystal Main were the only passengers in the carriage who survived the blast without serious injury - even though they were sitting nearest to where the bomb detonated.

When he came to, there was a body lying on top of him and he was surrounded by the dead and injured. But incredibly, the only wounds the dance coach sustained were facial lacerations and a perforated eardrum.

"I feel extremely, extremely lucky," he said.

The explosion happened just after Mr Lait and Ms Main, 23, got on the train at Liverpool Street on their way to the South Bank for a rehearsal.

He recalled that the carriage had about 20-25 people in it, from all walks of life, and aged from their teens to over 60.

"I remember an Asian guy, there was a white guy with tracksuit trousers and a baseball cap, and there were two old ladies sitting opposite me," he said.

"We'd been on there for a minute at most and then something happened. It was like a huge electricity surge which knocked us out and burst our eardrums. I can still hear that sound now," he said.

The impact of the blast made him pass out. As he came to, he wondered whether he was alive or dead.

"We were right in the carriage where the bomb was. I was knocked out. I did not know what was going on.

"I wondered if I was dead or not. I said to myself, you can't be dead because your brain is having conscious thoughts, so concentrate hard. I was telling myself 'wake up Bruce, wake up'."

Disorientated, he only gradually realised where he was and what had happened.

"When I woke up and looked around I saw darkness, smoke and wreckage. It took a while to realise where I was and what was going on, then my first concern was for Crystal.

"She was okay but she was in shock because she was trying to deal with the person on top of her who had massive head injuries. We have just found out that this person died," said Mr Lait, who lives in Suffolk.

He too was afraid to move because there was a seriously injured woman lying on top of him.

"I realised someone was lying on top of me. I tried not to move her because I didn't know if she was still alive, or I could have made it worse. This person also died, while on top of me."

At the same time, he slowly tried to work out whether he or Crystal had been injured.

"I thought if I can wiggle my toes I'm okay, and I could, and I asked Crystal to do the same."

Describing the scene as they waited for help, he said: "It was just the most awful scene of death and there were body parts everywhere. There was something next to me. I was trying not to look. I couldn't figure out what it was."

When paramedics arrived, they confirmed that the woman on top of him was dead and carefully moved her body. Mr Lait said the middle-aged woman had blonde curly hair, was dressed in black, and could have been a businesswoman.

He and Crystal were helped out of the carriage. As they made their way out, a policeman pointed out where the bomb had been.

"The policeman said 'mind that hole, that's where the bomb was'. The metal was pushed upwards as if the



So lucky: Bruce recovers in hospital



Royal visit: At Royal London Hospital

“ It was like a huge electricity

bomb was underneath the train. They seem to think the bomb was left in a bag, but I don't remember anybody being where the bomb was, or any bag," he said. surge which knocked us out and burst our eardrums. ”

Tube survivor Bruce Lait

They were led through the tunnel to the platform at Aldgate, which was just a few hundred yards away, and taken out of the station to wait for an ambulance.

Mr Lait was taken to the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, where he was visited by the Queen on Friday.

He said: "They asked would I mind if my name were put forward and I said I'd love to meet the Queen, even if the circumstances weren't ideal."

Sitting with his parents, Pat and Tom, Mr Lait told the Queen as she stood at his bedside: "I'm very thankful to still be here."

He said of Her Majesty: "She just seemed very nice and concerned, she seemed very genuine."

Now back at home, he has been trying to recover from the ordeal, with the help of friends and family.

Mr Lait, who teaches the Latin formation team XS, based in Cambridge, and the Cambridge Dancers' Club, said he has been moved by people's care and consideration.

"I've had people who know me phone me from all over the world and ask if I am alright. Those pictures of me and the Queen have gone all over the world."

And he said the terrible experience has given him a new outlook on life.

"It has made me realise how important life is, and that we only get one life, and we've got to be happy with what we've got in our lives."

Reflecting on the ordeal, he said: "Out of that whole carriage, I think Crystal and I were the only ones who were not seriously injured, and I think we were nearest the bomb."

"It makes me thank Him up there. I'm not overly religious but I'm not a disbeliever. I pray now and again. Something like this has just made me think, 'thank you Lord'."



Photo: Bruce & dance partner who was also on the train



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Mosque chairman remains defiant

The chairman of Birmingham's Central Mosque said 4,000 worshippers have voted for him to stay in his role despite calls for his resignation.

Dr Mohammed Naseem was heavily criticised last week after claiming that al-Qaeda did not exist.

He also said that there was no evidence to suggest Muslims were involved in the London bombings.

Birmingham Perry Barr MP Khalid Mahmood said Dr Naseem had brought the role of mosque chairman into disrepute.

I have had a lot of support not only from worshippers at the Mosque, but from people across the country both Muslim and non-Muslim
Dr Mohammed Naseem

The MP told BBC News he would now be calling for a full investigation into how the Mosque is run, its membership and how its funds are managed.

He said: "I think it is appalling the way he (Dr Naseem) has behaved and there are serious questions that need to be asked."

Dr Naseem's comments came in the wake of terror suspect Yasin Hassan Omar's arrest in the city last Wednesday, angering senior political and religious figures.

At a police news conference following the arrests he said the authorities "cannot be trusted".

In a statement on Wednesday he said he had intended no criticism of the police and that his comments related to "the political directions and the national policies".

But he remained defiant, refusing to withdraw the comments he made about the government and Tony Blair.

Elder statesman

Dr Naseem told BBC News: "I have had a lot of support not only from worshippers at the Mosque, but from people across the country both Muslim and non-Muslim and I am sticking by what I said.

"The issues I raised about openness is one of the issues many people have in this country with the government. Step by step we are becoming a dictatorship and this is worrying most people."

He added: "If they (government) have got evidence (against the bombers) the very simple route to take is to produce it before an independent court of law.

"The government has got something to hide otherwise why are they so reluctant to show the evidence."

Referring to Mr Mahmood's call for him to stand down from his position at the Mosque, Dr Naseem said it was the "silliest statement" the MP had ever made.

Referring to Dr Naseem's claim that 4,000 people had voted in favour of him to stay, Mr Mahmood said he was being "fanciful with his figures".

He added: "He has now allowed the people of Birmingham to see how out of touch he is with people."

Dr Naseem stood for the Respect-Unity Coalition in Birmingham Perry Barr during the recent general election in Mr Mahmood's constituency and received 2,173 votes.

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Could this 'police officer' be a soldier?

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BRITISH special forces soldiers took part in the operation that led to the shoot-to-kill death of an innocent Brazilian electrician with no connection to the London bombings, defence sources said last week.

Jean Charles de Menezes was tailed by a surveillance team on July 22 as he caught a bus to Stockwell Underground station in south London. He was shot eight times when he fled from his pursuers at the Tube station.

The Ministry of Defence admitted last week that the army provided "technical assistance" to the surveillance operation but insisted the soldiers concerned were "not directly involved" in the shooting.

Press photographs of members of the armed response team taken in the immediate aftermath of the killing show at least one man carrying a special forces weapon that is not issued to SO19, the Metropolitan police firearms unit.

The man, wearing civilian clothes with a blue cap marked "Police", was carrying a specially modified Heckler & Koch G3K rifle with a shortened barrel and a butt from a PSG-1 sniper rifle fitted to it — a combination used by the SAS.

Another man, dressed in a T-shirt, jeans and trainers, was carrying a Heckler & Koch G36C. Although this weapon is used on occasion by SO19 it appears to be fitted with a target illuminator purchased as an "urgent operational requirement" for UK special forces involved in the war on terror.

The soldiers who took part in the surveillance operation that led to de Menezes's death included men from a secret undercover unit formed for operations in Northern Ireland, defence sources said.

Known then as 14 Int or the Det, it is reported to have formed the basis of the Special Reconnaissance Regiment, the newly created special forces unit stationed alongside the SAS at Hereford. The men include SAS soldiers serving on attachment and are part of a team of around 50 UK special forces that has operated in London since the July 7 bombings in which 56 people died.

Special forces counterterrorist experts have been regularly used to support police at Heathrow since the September 11 attacks. They moved into London a day after the July 7 bombings and have been supporting the police and gathering intelligence to help snare the suspects.

Members of SO19 (technically known as CO19) are trained by SAS and SBS instructors. One key tenet of that training is to ensure that a suicide bomber is killed rather than wounded, which would allow them to trigger a bomb.

The use of multiple shots to the head is the modus operandi of the special forces, whether from the SAS, the SBS or the undercover intelligence operators used in the Stockwell operation. Over the past 30 years the SAS has developed a reputation for never allowing gunmen to remain alive, an attitude shown most graphically during the 1980 Iranian hostages siege and the Gibraltar IRA killings eight years later.

"It is vital to strike fear into the minds of the terrorists," one former SAS officer said. "In an ongoing situation such as we have now the fear must be directed to the fact that we are watching them and will eventually (get) them. They need to know that they cannot escape.

"We know they are happy to kill themselves but that doesn't mean they are happy to be killed by others. As long as they evade the police they will think they are in control but the minute they are intercepted they lose control."

The Ministry of Defence insisted last week that the military involvement was limited in the operation that led to de Menezes's death. "We would describe it as technical assistance as part of a police-led operation under police control," a spokeswoman said. "It is a particular military capability that the police can draw on if needed. It was a low-level involvement in support of a police-controlled operation."

The Det is made up of the army's best urban surveillance operators using skills honed in Belfast against republican and loyalist terrorists. Its speciality has always been close target reconnaissance: undercover work among civilians, observing terrorists at close quarters, and carrying out covert searches of offices and houses for information and weapons.

The unit was very egalitarian when it operated in Northern Ireland. An operator's rank was always regarded as less important than his or her capabilities; it was also the only UK special forces unit to use women.

The Det broke into homes to gather intelligence and plant listening devices or hidden cameras. Weapons were left where they were found but "jarked" with tiny transmitters placed inside them that would provide warning should they be moved.

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Tube network hit by power surge

Commuters faced huge delays after a power surge shut several Tube stations in central London.

Transport for London (TfL) said the electrical fault happened just after 1800 BST on Tuesday forcing them to close ten stations.

TfL said although the trains were not directly affected power was lost to systems such as escalators and CCTV.

Most stations reopened about an hour after the surge but services on many lines were running with severe delays.

TfL added that they were working with EDF Energy, who supply power to London Underground, to find out what caused the surge.