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men in white shirts and ties strode calmly up to a bus as German tourists climbed aboard Thursday - then pulled a gun and explo-

sives from a black plastic bag. Ten people were killed in a hail of gunfire and firebombs that set the bus

The noontime attack — which police blamed on Muslim radicals sent frightened tourists and bystanders streaming in panic from Cairo's Egyptian Museum, a major tourist landmark that contains one of the world's greatest collections of Pharaonic antiquities.

Police fired on the gunmen, wounding and capturing two of them. A third suspect was arrested nearby as hundreds of people fled the museum, famed for its rich gold artifacts from the tomb of

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but police described the gunmen as Muslim extremists. The attack came three days after Egypt convicted 72 people of subversion in its largest trial yet of Muslim extremists.



wife and two children.

from Buffalo, N.Y., who gave his

continued "for what must have been 10-15 minutes. It was crazy, people were running."

Other witnesses said the gunmen threw one firebomb under the bus and another inside.

Twenty-four people were wounded, including seven hospitalized in stable condition in Qasr el-Aini hospital, police said. Officials said other victims were treated and released, but had no details

More than 30 German tourists were already on the bus when the gunmen opened fire shortly after noon, when the museum was crowded with visitors and nearby Tahrir Square was jammed with pedestrians and vehicles.

After the attack, two bodies, one riddled with bullets, lay across the stairs of the charred bus, its tires melted and its windows blown out. Seven other bodies were inside, some sprawled across the aisles. A tenth victim died after being removed from the bus.

There was a disagreement over the nationalities of the dead: police said nine were Germans and the other was the Egyptian bus driver. But German officials said only seven of the dead were German. Police said six of the dead were women and four were men.

After the attack, hundreds of policemen carrying plastic riot shields, assault rifles tipped with tear gas canisters and rifles sealed off the downtown museum to search for the gunmen.

Mahmoud Hamdy, the driver of a tour bus parked nearby, said the attackers wore white shirts and ties and looked just like any other Egyptian tourist agent working in

A police statement identified two of the suspects as Saber Farhat Abu el-Ulla and his brother Mahmoud. It said Saber Abu el-Ulla was convicted of a 1993 attack on a Cairo hotel that killed two Americans and a Frenchman, and was committed to a mental institution after being ruled mentally ill.

The police statement said Saber Abu el-Ulla had escaped three days ago. But police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he had been released after spending two years in

Muslim extremist attacks on foreigners

Muslim extremists have targeted foreigners as part of their campaign since the spring of 1992 to overthrow Egypt's secular government and replace it with strict Islamic rule. Fatal attacks involving foreign tourists are:



1. Oct. 21: British nurse dies in bus attack near Dairut

2. Feb. 26: A Swede, a Turk and an Egyptian are killed, 18 others, including two Americans, one Canadian and one Frenchman, are injured in bombing at downtown Cairo coffee shop.

bron in June.

3. March 4: German woman is injured and later dies after a machine gun is fired at Nile cruiser near Abu Tig

4. Aug. 26: Spanish boy, 13, killed when suspected extremists fire at tourist bus near Nag Hamadi. Three others are injured.

5. Sept. 27: German tourist and two Egyptians killed when suspected extremist opens fire in downtown square in Hurghada. Second German later dies of wounds.

6. Oct. 23: British man killed, British woman and two British men wounded when suspected extremist opens fire van near Nagada. Egyptian driver also wounded.

7. April 18: Gunmen open fire with automatic rifles at Europa Hotel nearth Pyramids, killing 18 Greek tourists and wounding 16 others. An Egyptian also

8. Sept. 18: Attackers throw fire bombs and open fire on tourist bus outside the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, killing at leanine people, seven of them German tourists. Four foreigners and 15 Egyptia

Police officials said Saber Abu el-Ulla told interrogators Thursday's attack was to avenge posters depicting the Prophet Mohammed as violence In the most recent attack a pig distributed by a Jewish extremist in the Palestinian city of He-

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The incident has been widely condemned in the Muslim world, as well as by Israeli leaders.

Thursday's attack came three days after a court convicted 72 people of subversion in Egypt's argest trial of Islamic extremists. Four of the defendants were sentenced to death and eight to life imprisonment.

More than 1,100 people have been killed during the Muslim militants' five-year campaign of violence, including tourists, police officers and minority Coptic Challe Ce tians. Before Thursday's attack least 29 foreigners had died in

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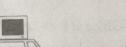
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the area "I saw one man hurl a Molotov cocktail at the left side of the bus, while another opened fire," said Mohammed Fadl, an office worker. "There was black smoke coming out of the bus, and then it burst into "The whole place was in panic," said Stephen Thomas, a Briton who was visiting the museum with his

Another witness, an American the institution. CRAFTMASTERS'

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