



LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) - Working around bodies still lying where they fell more than a day earlier, bomb squad officers checked lockers and backpacks for booby traps Wednesday as investigators tried to piece together one of the deadliest school massacres in U.S. history.

Fourteen students and one teacher were killed at Columbine High School, most of them in the library. They included the two teenage gunmen who laughed as they opened fire on their schoolmates Tuesday.

The gunmen, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, apparently shot themselves in the head. Officials were trying to determine if others were involved, and they questioned other members of the boys' dark group of outcasts, the "Trenchcoat Mafia.

Authorities on Wednesday re-moved the bodies of two victims who died outside the building. Also, more than 24 hours after the attack, parents finally received official word of their children's fate. Police hoped to remove the other bodies later in the day.

Investigators left the corpses in place overnight so that they could check for explosives and record the details of the crime scene, which SWAT members described as something from "Dante's Inferno."

Many bodies were sprawled on the floor, slumped in desks or crouched beneath tables, boxes and cubicles where they apparently tried to hide. Police found a handgun under one of the killers, and a semiautomatic rifle and two sawed-off shotguns elsewhere.

"It was a different sort of chaos inside," SWAT Sgt. George Hinkle said. "There were fire alarms going off, strobe lights, four inches of water in the cafeteria. We had been told there were bombs in backpacks and there were backpacks everywhere. It was the toughest tactical problem I've ever seen.'

Sheriff's spokesperson Steve Davis said 30 explosive devices had been found at Columbine, in the killers' vehicles and at their homes. Late Tuesday, more than 10 hours after the shootings, a time bomb blew up, but no one was hurt.

'Some of these devices are on timing devices, some are incendiary devices and some are pipe bombs," Sheriff John Stone told ABC's "Good Moming America." "Some are like hand grenades that have got shrapnel in them wrapped around butane containers."

Eleven of the victims were male and four were female. District Attorney Dave Thomas said there was no evidence that the killers targeted minorities, as some students claimed. Only one of the 13 victims was black.

"I've only seen the photographs, but it appears to me that most of the victims were victims because of where they were at a particular time, not that they were sought out," Davis said. "Most of the victims were in the library, and that's where these two persons ended up. ... I don't know what the motive was other than anger.

Sixteen people remained hospitalized, 11 in critical or serious condition.

Klebold's parents have not spoken to reporters, and Harris' parents issued a statement saying only: "We want to express our heartfelt sym-pathy to the families of all the victims and to all the community for this senseless tragedy. Please say prayers for everyone touched by these terrible events.'

Witnesses said Harris and Klebold targeted athletes and minorities, laughing at their victims and us-

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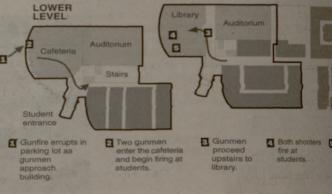
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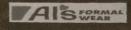
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