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■ BOY, 8, KILLED, MOTHER AND SISTER INJURED AS THEY SEE FATHER FINISH MARATHON

■ POLICE AND FBI HUNT FOR BOSTON RUCKSACK BOMBER



Tragedy: The Richard family in a Facebook picture. Bill and Denise with children, from left, Henry, 12, Jane, 7, and Martin, 8

Rashid Razaq, David Gardner and Benedict Moore-Bridger

THIS is the family devastated by the Boston marathon bomb blasts. They were waiting among the crowds for father Bill Richard to cross the finishing line when the two explosions brought carnage.

Eight-year-old Martin was killed, his seven-year-old sister Jane lost a leg and mother Denise was operated on for brain

injuries. Their third child Henry, 12, was reported to be uninjured, as was the father. The boy's aunt Cheryl Richard DiPesa posted a picture of Martin at his first Holy Communion, saying: "My little angel. He is safe now. God I will miss him."

A young woman was today confirmed among three people killed as police hunted for a suspected backpack

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'This is the worst I've seen... blood all over, a little boy lying in the street'



Sombre mood: President Obama talks to the press

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said: "In 28 years, this is definitely the worst I've seen. Bodies and body parts. Blood all over. A little boy lying in the street. A woman in her twenties. Both dead. It was mayhem. I saw two people with arms hanging loose, and one without a leg. A shoe with flesh still in it."

The Richard family live in the Dorchester suburb of Boston where Mr Richard was a community leader. A

total of 145 people were injured, 17 in a critical condition, when two bombs went off seconds apart among crowds near the finish yesterday afternoon. Marathon runners and their families were among the victims as medics performed amputations and treated injuries caused by shrapnel.

Half a million people had gathered along the route with 23,000 runners from more than 50 countries.

Policeman Roupen Bastajian, 35, who had just finished the race when the bombs went off, said: "These runners just finished and they don't have legs now. It's all blood. There's blood everywhere. We put tourniquets on. I tied at least six legs with tourniquets."

As many as 30 victims may have needed amputations or major surgery. At least eight of the wounded are thought to be children, including a two-year-old boy who suffered a head injury.

Aaron Hern, 11, of Martinez, California, was hit by shrapnel in his thigh as he waited for his mother to cross the line. He is being treated at Boston Children's Hospital and is expected to undergo further surgeries.

A 78-year-old man running his third Boston marathon told how he was near the finish line when he was knocked down by the blast. Bill Iffrig, who escaped with only minor injuries, said: "It was only five feet away from me. It was really loud."

Alasdair Conn, chief of emergency services at Massachusetts General Hospital where 22 patients, six in a critical

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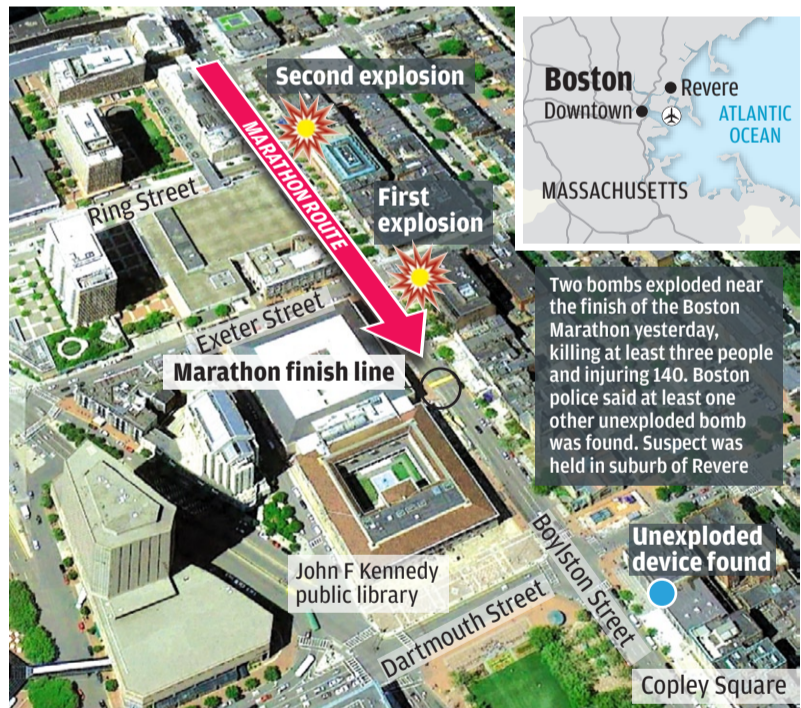
President Obama

condition were taken, said: "This is something I've never seen in my 25 years here ... this amount of carnage in the civilian population. This is what we expect from war. There are legs... that have been blown off. This is like a bomb explosion that we hear about in the news in Baghdad or Israel or some other tragic place in the world."

President Obama said those responsible would "feel the full weight of justice". He added: "Make no mistake, we will get to the bottom of this. We will find out who did this. We'll find out why they did this."

He added: "Boston is a tough and resilient town. Residents will pull together, take care of each other and move forward. The American people are with them every step of the way."

The FBI told its agents to be on the lookout for a "darker-skinned or black



State of terror: above left, eight-year-old Martin Richard, pictured at his first Holy Communion, one of three people killed by the explosions. Right, spectators run for safety; a man's clothes hang in shreds; and two women cling to each other along the marathon route

Two bombs exploded near the finish of the Boston Marathon yesterday, killing at least three people and injuring 140. Boston police said at least one other unexploded bomb was found. Suspect was held in suburb of Revere



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male" with a foreign accent seen carrying a black backpack and trying to get into a restricted area around five minutes before the first blast. A Saudi man was interviewed by police after being arrested at the scene. He was taken to hospital where he was treated for burns and shrapnel wounds. Officials said it was unclear whether he had played any role in the bombings.

Witnesses said the first explosion happened beyond the finishing line behind a group of spectators. There were reports that at least one of the bombs appeared to have detonated inside or next to a rubbish bin.

A suspected bomb found inside a hotel and one at another nearby location were dismantled.

Around 20 police and federal officers raided a high-rise flat in the suburb of Revere last night. Security officials said

they were exploring all avenues including whether the bombings were the work of a domestic or foreign cell linked to al Qaeda, US extremists or a lone wolf. The bombs were described as rudimentary Improvised Explosive Devices with reports from hospital suggesting they may have been packed with ball bearings to maximise casualties.

Liz Norden said two of her sons aged 31 and 33 had to have legs amputated below the knee following the explosion. Former army captain Jim Asaiante, who was working as a nurse near the finishing line, described the carnage as looking like a battlefield.

He said: "It was just like going back to being in Iraq. I heard the first IED, and I know there's never one. The bad guys always set up two or three".

Additional reporting: Daniel Bates in Boston