

Witness Schuster

On the situation in the terminal:

Int Muth: And did you then notice that the mood among the passengers somehow turned?

Eye Witness Schuster: No, no. Not at all. Nothing like that at all. I wasn't aware that something major had happened out there. The mood was actually not bad among us either. There was no "Oh, my God, what's going on? What has happened? In the final assessment we were in the protection of the terminal halls, so nothing could really happen to us. And out there, yes, we then of course we did peek through the doors after we heard more and more fighting going on – only through the door, not the big gates, but the door in the gates. And then of course we did get wind of the bigger things that happened, such as with the hand grenades, etc.. We did notice those things, for instance that there were suddenly explosions happening out there.

Int. Muth: Could you see the tower from the terminal?

Eye Witness Schuster: Yes, quite clearly. To the left, when you left the terminal. To the left rear, I would say, about 150, 200 meters. The helicopters were there, one behind the other, one after the other, they were standing there. And the front one, pretty quickly you could see it. And night was then slowly falling. It was around 9 or 10 p.m., when it was getting dark. Then we saw guns firing. But of course we didn't notice whether there was a bullet along with the gunfire. Nothing that could reach us as far away as we were, but of course, well if someone did shoot in that direction from the rear of the helicopter, then we were more or less in the line of fire, which I didn't know at the time. Because we did not assume that there were actually snipers there as well. We just figured that they wanted to deal with the things that had to be dealt with.