

Witness Kuhn

About the helicopter pilot:

Kuhn: "The helicopter pilot who was able to save himself must have – I don't know which helicopter he was in, whether it was the one that was blown up or the other one, I can't say. In any case, the helicopter pilot – as he told us inside the hall – hid behind the tires and then, under cover of darkness, after it had become quieter and apparently at a time when the helicopter had already been blown up and there was a fire, attention was focused on the helicopters. He was further away by the airplane, which was between the tower and the terminal. The helicopter pilot was able to get into our terminal. I saw the helicopter pilot from the Federal Border Guard when he got inside the terminal. He was all alone, there was no one with him. How old was he – maybe 40 years. In my life, I have never seen anyone look as pale as he did. He was of course totally shocked, and then first of all, we sat him down, and then police came around. All the people, they were all in shock, even in the hall. That was a lot to get one's head around. Who is this guy? What has he done? It took a while before he was able to tell his story, until it was clear that he was one of the helicopter pilots, how he got into the hall and what was going on. It took a while to understand the facts of the situation. So as I said, you have this helicopter pilot – there were several soldiers in civilian clothes who were on duty there and also personnel from customs who were still there, and some from the police. It took some time before we realized who he was. They gave him something to drink and after a quarter of an hour, once they had realized how important he was, he was taken away by the police."