

## BRIEFING

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# BOSTON ATTACKS [UPDATE] STATE OF THE PLAY AT 01:30 PM GMT AND FIRST PROFILES OF THE TWO SUSPECTS

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#### 1) The facts

- It is confirmed that the incidents in MTI and Watertown, last night and early this morning were all linked to Monday's terrorist attacks.
- It is confirmed that the man designed yesterday by Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Richard DesLauriers as "Suspect 1" was killed this morning in an exchange of fire with police officers.
- "Suspect 2" is still on the run at 01:30 GMT.
- The two men are now identified as **Tamerlan Tsarnaev** ("Suspect 1", killed) and **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev** ("Suspect 2", on the run). They were brothers and in their early twenties.
- Approximately 9000 police officers, State police and FBI elements and other Law enforcement officers are conducting a search "door-to-door" in Watertown.
- A few hours ago, the authorities imposed a "curfew", asking Watertown residents to stay at home. This "curfew" has been extended to all Boston area.
- All the public transportation services have been closed in the Boston area, as well as the Boston taxi service. Businesses are asked not to open. Harvard, MIT, Boston University and other colleges are closed. All public schools are closed. In Watertown, vehicle traffic is not allowed.

### 2) Profiles of the suspects

- The two Boston bomb suspects have been identified as **Russian nationals** from Northern Caucasus. Surviving Boston bomb suspect who is still at large, was identified as an ethnic Chechen, Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev, 19. The slain terrorist has been identified as Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26.

- On his *Youtube* account Tamerlan Tsarnaev shared numerous videos with propaganda of radical Islam.
- According to his **Vkontakte** (Russian social network) profile information, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, is a Boston resident, for a long time he lived in Dagestan (Makhachkala) and in Kyrgyzstan. **The brothers were legal permanent residents in the US since 2011**. Before their arrival to the US the brothers lived in Turkey and both probably have Turkish passports.
- Both brothers were listed among the recipients of Cambridge scholarships in 2011. Both have Massachusetts driving licenses. According to Russian media, Brothers Tsarnaev moved to the US in 2011 or 2012. **Both had a status of refugees** as people who arrived from the zone of military conflict.
- In 2009 Tamerlan Tsarnaev has been arrested for an attack on his girlfriend.
- In the interview to the media, the uncle of **Tsarnaev brothers revealed that Tamerlan earlier numerous times expressed Islamist extremist views, while Dzhokhar, radicalized recently as he felt lonely in Boston** and could not find friends.
- According to Russian media sources, **brothers Tsarnaev received military training in Chechnya before arriving to the US**.
- The fact that the two suspects are from Chechen origin doesn't indicate clearly that their action was directed by a international terrorist organization like "Caucasus Emirates". They could have radicalized on their own.

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