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London Subway Bombing

Police said a man who bombed a London train bought the parts online. They said a refugee left the bomb on a crowded subway train. It exploded during rush hour at 8.20am. About 30 passengers had burns. Police said the bomb didn't work properly. It had knives, screws, glass and other dangerous things inside it.



The bomber bought many things from Amazon. He bought an explosive called TATP. It is very powerful. Police said the bomber wanted "maximum destruction". Reporters said Amazon's site showed visitors other things that could make bombs. Amazon said it will make sure its products are presented in a better way.

True or False?

1. The bomber purchased many bomb parts on ebay.
2. About thirty passengers got injured.
3. The bomb failed.

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Catalonia workers strike for independence

A general strike in Spain's region of Catalonia on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017, brought large parts of Barcelona and other cities to a standstill. Thousands of Catalans rallied and blocked roads to protest over Spanish police violence during Sunday's independence referendum. Nearly 900 people were injured at the weekend in a crackdown against voters and referendum staff. The Spanish government declared that the referendum was illegal and ordered the police to break it up. Spain's King Felipe VI has condemned the organizers of the referendum. In a televised address to the nation, he said they had put themselves "outside the law". He said the situation in Catalonia was "extremely serious" and called for national unity.



The mayor of Barcelona told reporters that the Catalan people deserved to have a vote on independence. She said: "What we need is a democratic response. And we need a political solution. And we need an inclusive solution that listens to the cries of millions of people." She also called for the resignation of Spain's prime minister. More unrest could be on the cards. Any declaration of independence by the Catalans could plunge Spain into a further constitutional crisis and risk the break-up of the country.

Other regions could follow Catalonia's example and have their own referendum. Spain's president has called on the international community to help mediate between the two sides.

1) Who cracked down on voters and referendum staff?

- a) the European Union
- b) the United Nations
- c) everyday people
- d) the Spanish police

2) Who condemned the organizers of the referendum?

- a) the European Union
- b) Spain's king
- c) the United Nations
- d) Barcelona's mayor

3) What did the Spanish king call for?

- a) national unity
- b) a fresh vote
- c) sackings
- d) Barcelona's mayor

4) What kind of solution did Barcelona's mayor say was needed?

- a) a permanent solution
- b) a liquid solution
- c) a quick fix
- d) a political solution

5) Who did Barcelona's mayor ask to resign over this situation?

- a) the chief of police
- b) the president
- c) the prime minister
- d) the co-mayor

Solution: 1d, 2b, 3a, 4d, 5c