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Selected Good Article



Carom **billiards**, sometimes called **carambole billiards** or simply **carambole** are a



Boeing 767. It was scheduled to fly from Logan International Airport in Boston to Los Angeles International Airport. Fifteen minutes after takeoff, the hijackers forced their way

into the cockpit. One of the hijackers was a trained pilot. He took the controls of the aircraft and flew it into the North Tower.

92 people died in the crash—five hijackers, 76 other passengers, and 11 crew members. The time of the crash was 08:46 Eastern Daylight Time. Many people in the street saw the crash. It was also recorded on film by French moviemakers. The crash, and the fire that started right after the crash, made the North Tower collapse. The attack both killed and injured thousands of people.

The American Airlines Flight 11 aircraft was a Boeing 767. Even though it could carry 158 passengers, the September 11 flight carried only 81 passengers and 11 crew members.

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family of billiards games played on cloth-covered tables. In these games, the players strike heavy balls with sticks called cues. Carom billiards tables have no pockets or opening where balls are sunk, that snooker and pool tables do have. The goal carom billiards games is to score points or "counts" by bouncing one's own ball, called a cue ball, off of the other two balls on the table.

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