

Timeline: Nairobi's Westgate Shopping Mall shooting



Jul: Two women living in Westlands and Parklands allegedly tell Senator **Gidion Mbuvi Sonko** (right) that foreign terrorists are planning attack on Nairobi shopping mall. Sonko informs **National Intelligence Service** – no action taken



Sep: Despite security checks on vehicles and pedestrians, Somali militant group **al-Shabaab** smuggles heavy machine guns, ammunition and explosives into Israeli-owned **Westgate Shopping Mall**

Saturday, Sep 21, Midday: 15 to 20 militants storm mall where some 1,200 people are working or shopping

2 Group of 10 gunmen first attack café then proceed inside shooting indiscriminately

3 Four gunmen with AK-47s enter parking gate, kill attendant, and move up ramp to upper car park where cooking competition is being held

4 Two grenades thrown at crowd but only one explodes. Gunmen open fire on crowd

5 Rear entrance to mall forced open with automatic fire

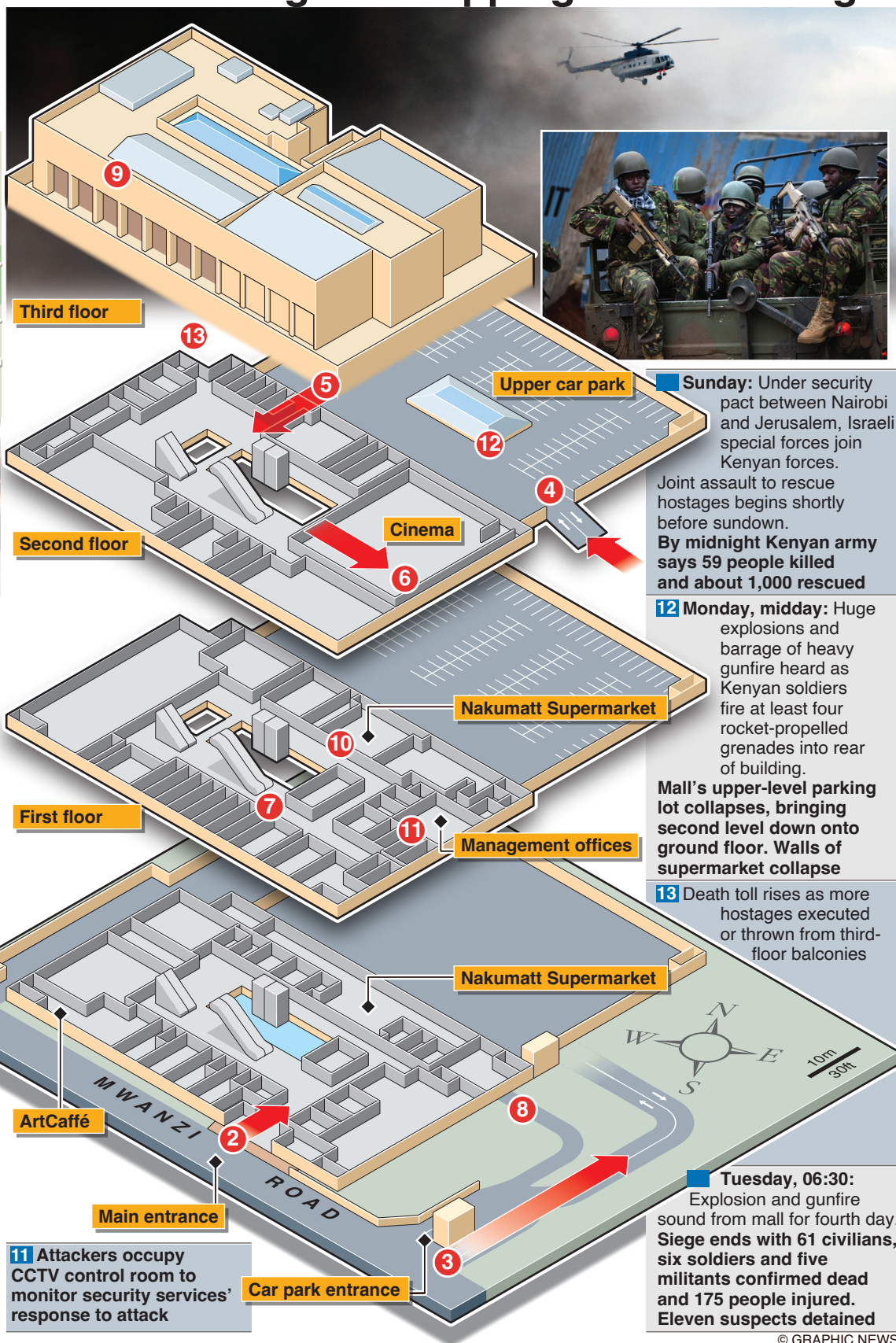
6 Crowd on upper floor take refuge in cinema and escape via fire exit

7 Two groups of gunmen gather at first floor food court spraying machine gun fire and tossing grenades

8 More than 100 shoppers and staff sheltering in underground car park rescued by four Western soldiers

9 Militants mount heavy machine guns at strategic positions on roof and stairs of mall. **Shabaab live-tweets assault** – at least 39 people killed and 150 wounded

10 Attackers retreat with unknown number of hostages into **Nakumatt Supermarket** – which is rigged with explosives – and to third floor



Sunday: Under security pact between Nairobi and Jerusalem, Israeli special forces join Kenyan forces. Joint assault to rescue hostages begins shortly before sundown.

By midnight Kenyan army says 59 people killed and about 1,000 rescued

12 Monday, midday: Huge explosions and barrage of heavy gunfire heard as Kenyan soldiers fire at least four rocket-propelled grenades into rear of building.

Mall's upper-level parking lot collapses, bringing second level down onto ground floor. Walls of supermarket collapse

13 Death toll rises as more hostages executed or thrown from third-floor balconies

Tuesday, 06:30: Explosion and gunfire sound from mall for fourth day. **Siege ends with 61 civilians, six soldiers and five militants confirmed dead and 175 people injured. Eleven suspects detained**