

Radical Islam's War against the West

1977 March 9

A dozen Hanafi Muslim terrorists seize 134 hostages in three buildings only blocks from the White House. One man is killed and 12 are wounded in the takeover of the Islamic Center, the international headquarters of B'nai Brith, and the District building, Washington 's city hall. They surrender two days later after negotiations with ambassadors of Egypt , Iran , and Pakistan. 33

1979 February 14

The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan dies in hail of gunfire from Afghan troops as others plot to rescue him from four kidnappers in a Kabul hotel room. Just as U.S. officials believed they had persuaded Afghan Interior Ministry officials not to storm the room, a gunshot was heard, spurring the spray of bullets. 1

November 4

Tehran , Iran: Islamic students stormed the U.S. Embassy and took 66 American diplomats hostage. Thirteen were soon released, but over 50 remaining were held hostage. President Jimmy Carter applied economic pressure by halting Iranian oil imports and freezing Iranian assets in the United States . On April 24,1980, the Carter administration attempted a rescue mission that failed, when three of the mission's eight helicopters were damaged in a sandstorm. After Ronald Reagan's election in November, successful negotiations began, and Iran released the remaining hostages shortly after his inauguration on January 20, 1981. 1,2,9

November 20

Mecca : At least 200 Sunni Islamic dissidents seized control of the Grand Mosque at Mecca , one of the holiest sites in Islam, taking hundreds of pilgrims hostage. The standoff lasted for several weeks. Saudi and French security forces retook the shrine after an intense battle in which some 250 people were killed and 600 wounded. 3,9

November 21

Islamabad , Pakistan: The US Embassy is attacked by a mob and set afire, killing four. 12

1981 June 17

Egypt : 22 Coptics burned inside their homes and businesses, in El-Zawia El-Hamra, Cairo , during religious rioting. Egyptian Internal Minister at the time, General Hassan Abu Basha, declared after his resignation that 81 Coptics killed, 100+ seriously wounded, and 80 homes looted & destroyed . 22

October 6

Terrorists, soldiers who were secretly members of the Takfir Wal-Hajira sect, jump off a parade vehicle during an Egyptian parade, firing weapons and throwing grenades at the reviewing stand. They kill Egyptian President Anwar Sadat along with eight others and injure 20, including four American diplomats. 1,9

1983

March 16

Five American Marines were wounded in a hand grenade attack while on patrol north of Beirut International Airport . The Islamic Jihad and Al-Amal, a Shi'ite militia, claimed responsibility for the attack. 11

April 18

A suicide car-bomber drives a van carrying 2,000 pounds of explosives into the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, killing 63-including 17 Americans-and injuring 120. The CIA's Middle East director was among the casualties. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility. 1,2,9

October 23

A Shiite suicide bomber blows up the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut , Lebanon , killing 241 Marines. At almost the same time, a nearly identical suicide bombing attack kills over 50 soldiers at the French military barracks in Beirut - all members of a U.N. peacekeeping force. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility. 1,2

December 12

Shiite extremists set off car bombs in front of the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait City , killing five people, and wounding 86. Analysts later blame the attacks on the banned Al-Dawa party, a radical Shiite group with ties to Iran . 1,2

1984

January 18

Malcolm H. Kerr, president of the American University of Beirut , is slain by two gunmen as he steps off an elevator near his office. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility. 1

April 12

Hizbullah Restaurant Bombing: Eighteen U.S. servicemen were killed, and 83 people were injured in a bomb attack on a restaurant near a U.S. Air Force Base in Torrejon , Spain . 9

September 20

Aukar, Lebanon: Islamic Jihad detonate a van full of explosives 30 feet in front of the U.S. Embassy annex severely damaging the building, killing two U.S. servicemen and seven Lebanese employees, as well as 5 to 15 non-employees. Twenty Americans were injured, including U.S. Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew and visiting British Ambassador David Miers. An estimated 40 to 50 Lebanese were hurt. The attack came in response to the U.S. veto September 6 of a U.N. Security Council resolution. 17

1985 April 12

Madrid , Spain: A bomb explodes in a restaurant popular with American servicemen, killing 18, all Spaniards, and injuring 82, including 15 Americans. It is the worst act of terrorism in Spain since the end of the Spanish civil war in 1939. Various groups claim responsibility for the bombing in calls to news organizations, including the Basque separatist group, ETA, and Islamic Jihad. 10

June 14

Two Lebanese Shiite gunmen seize TWA flight 847 bound from Athens to Rome with 104 Americans and 49 other passengers and force it to Beirut , Lebanon , where they pick up more gunmen. From there, they fly to Algiers . The hijackers release passengers, until 39 hostages remain. They demand the release of 766 Lebanese prisoners being held in Israel . On the second day of the standoff, the plane returns to Beirut , and the hijackers kill U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem, and throw his body out on the runway. Israel releases 31 Lebanese prisoners, but

insists the release is not related to the standoff. After 17 days in captivity, the hostages are transported to Damascus , Syria , and released. 1, 2, 9, 18

1988

April 14

Naples , Italy: The Organization of Jihad Brigades exploded a car bomb outside a USO Club killing one U.S. sailor. 9

December 21

On its way from London to New York , a Pan Am Boeing 747, Flight 103 from London to New York, explodes over Lockerbie, Scotland , killing all 259 people on the plane, including 189 Americans, and 11 on the ground. Crashing parts of the jet destroy 21 homes. 1,2

1989

February 28

Two Berkeley , Calif. , bookstores are firebombed during the night to protest the sale of Indian author Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* . Iranian authorities had issued a fatwa calling for Rushdie to be killed for disparaging Islam. 1

1991

October 28

Two car bombings killed a U.S. Air Force sergeant and severely wounded an Egyptian diplomat in Istanbul . Turkish Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. 11

1992

March 11

Egypt : At St. Mary's Monastery in the village of El-Mouharak , Asyut , a mob of radical Muslim Egyptians attacked and killed an Archpriest, a Monk, and three laymen in front of the Monastery . 22

March 17

Buenos Aires , Argentina: Hizbullah claimed responsibility for a blast that leveled the Israeli Embassy causing the deaths of 29 and wounding 242. 9

October 10

Egypt : Radicals attack the village of El-Qousya , Asyut , looting and destroying homes and businesses, resulting in the deaths of seven . 22

1993

January 25

Langley , VA: Mir Amal Kansi, a Pakistani living in the United States since 1991, shoots two CIA employees, and wounds three others near the gate of the CIA's 258-acre headquarters. 1

February 26

Bomb explodes in a parking garage below World Trade Center , killing six people and wounding more than 1,000. Six Islamic militants are convicted in the bombing and sentenced to life in prison. 2

February 26

A bomb exploded in a Cairo cafe killing four and injuring 20 people. The materials in the bomb were the same as those used by Muslim attacking tourists elsewhere in Egypt. Five members of the al-Jihad Organization were arrested. 25

June 5

Somalia : Ambush against U.N. peacekeeping forces, by General Mohammed Farah Aidid, which kills 23 Pakistani soldiers. 18

August 11

Somalia: Four American killed in blast . 8

September 26

US UH-60 blackhawk shot down over Mogadishu . Jubilant Somali mob drags the bodies of US servicemen through the streets. 8

October 4

Mogadishu: American servicemen dragged through the streets. 8

1994

April 7

Ashod, Israel: Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad gunmen opened fire on commuters standing at a bus stop, killing one, and injuring four others.²⁵

July 18

Buenos Aires: An explosion destroys a building housing several Jewish organizations killing at least 85, and injuring more than 200. ^{12, 13}

December 11

A small bomb explodes on Philippine Airlines Flight 434, killing a Japanese businessman, Haruki Ikegami. None of the aircraft's other 272 passengers or 20 crew members died, although 10 passengers sitting in front of Ikegami were injured. ¹²

December 24

Members of the Armed Islamic Group seized an Air France Flight to Algeria . The four terrorists were killed during a rescue effort. ¹⁹

1995

March 8

Karachi: Two unidentified gunmen armed with AK-47 assault rifles open fire on a U.S. Consulate van, killing two U.S. diplomats, Jacqueline Keys Van Landingham and Gary C. Durell, and wounding a third, Mark McCloy. Islamic militants suspected. ^{1, 9, 11, 26}

November 13

Riyadh , Saudi Arabia: A car bomb detonates at the U.S. military head-quarters, killing seven people, five of them Americans, and injuring 60. The "Tigers of the Gulf," "Islamist Movement for Change," and "Fighting Advocates of God" claim responsibility. ^{2, 3}

November 19

Islamabad , Pakistan: A suicide bomber drove a vehicle into the Egyptian Embassy compound, killing at least 16 and injuring 60 persons. Three militant Islamic groups claimed responsibility. ⁹

1996 February 25

Egypt : Radical Muslims attack the Coptic village of El-Badary, Asyut , looting homes, animals and crops, and destroying homes and fields. Seven killed . ²²

June 25

A fuel truck bomb explodes outside the Khobar Towers housing complex near Dharan , Saudi Arabia . The complex is a facility for U.S. and allied forces enforcing a no-fly zone over the southern portion of Iraq . 19 U.S. Air Force personnel are killed, and more than 500 Americans and Saudis are injured. Several groups calim responsibility for the attack. The Justice Department announces indictments of 13 members of Hizbollah on June 12, 2001. ^{1,2, 3, 19}

August 1

A bomb exploded at the home of the French Archbishop of Oran , killing him and his chauffeur. The attack occurred after the Archbishop's meeting with the French Foreign Minister. The Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA) is suspected.

December 3

Paris: A bomb exploded aboard a subway train as it arrived at the Port Royal station, killing four: two French nationals, a Moroccan, and a Canadian, and injuring 86 persons. Among those injured were one U.S. citizen and a Canadian. No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but Algerian extremists are suspected. ⁹

1997

February 12

Egypt: 12 Coptic Christians are murdered inside a church in the village of Abu Quorcas . 22

February 23

New York City: Ali Hassan Abu Kamal, a Palestinian teacher, opened fire on tourists at an observation deck atop the Empire State Building , killing a Danish national and wounding visitors from the United States , Argentina , Switzerland , and France before turning the gun on himself. A handwritten note carried by the gunman claimed this was a punishment attack against the "enemies of Palestine ." 9, 11

July 30

Two Hamas suicide bombers exploded in a Jerusalem market, killing 14, and injuring 150. 31

November 12

In Pakistan , two gunmen murdered four American auditors for Union Texas Petroleum Company, and their Pakistani driver, as they drove away from the Sheraton Hotel in Karachi . Two groups claimed responsibility -- the Islamic Inqilabi Council, or Islamic Revolutionary Council and the Aimal Secret Committee, also known as the Aimal Khufia Action Committee. The attacks occurred after a jury in Fairfax , Va. , found Pakistani Mir Amil Kansil guilty of two murders at the CIA headquarters murders. 1, 11

November 17

Al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya (IG) gunmen shot and killed 58 tourists and four Egyptians and wounded 26 others at the Hatshepsut Temple in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor . Thirty-four Swiss, eight Japanese, five Germans, four Britons, one French, one Colombian, a dual Bulgarian/British citizen, and four unidentified persons were among the dead. Twelve Swiss, two Japanese, two Germans, one French, and nine Egyptians were among the wounded. 9

1998

August 7

Twin car bomb blasts rock the U.S. embassies in Nairobi , Kenya , and Dar es Salaam , Tanzania . The blasts kill at least 247 people in Nairobi and 10 in Dar es Salaam , with more than 5,000 injured. Twelve Americans die in the Nairobi blast. Authorities suspect Osama bin Laden's network is responsible. ^{1,2}

November 6

Two people were killed and 25 injured in a suicide car bomb attack on Jerusalem's main food market Mahane Yehuda. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack. ²⁵

February 14

India: Coimbatore: A series of bomb blasts in different places in the city killed 43 and injured 200. Muslim militants suspected. ²⁸

1999

November 12

Six rockets were fired at the U.S. Information Services cultural center and United Nations offices in Islamabad , Pakistan , injuring a Pakistani guard. ¹¹

December 14

Authorities arrest Algerian Ahmed Ressay as he tries to enter the United States from Canada at Port Angeles , Wash. They find more than 100 pounds of explosives in his car, foiling a plot to detonate a bomb at Los Angeles International Airport in the days before millennium celebrations. Ressay testifies he was trained at a camp in Afghanistan , US officials say is run by bin Laden. ¹

2000

January 21

Coptic Christians were murdered, scores wounded, and many shops completely destroyed, as a result of an armed raid on El Khosheh, a Coptic community in Egypt. The killers were released after serving a two-year jail sentence. ²⁴

October 12

A bomb triggered by suicide bombers aboard a small boat tears a 40-by-40-foot hole into side of the U.S. destroyer USS Cole in Yemeni port of Aden , killing 17 sailors and injuring more than 30. U.S. officials suspect al-Qaeda. Bin Laden speaks of the ship as having sailed "to its doom" along a course of "false arrogance, self-conceit, and strength." ^{1,2}

2001 May 25

On the anniversary of Israel's troop withdrawal from South Lebanon, a car bomb exploded outside a bus station in Hadera, Israel, killing two and injuring 65. The military wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Jerusalem Squads, claimed responsibility for this suicide car bomb attack that was carried out to commemorate Israel's withdrawal.²⁵

June 1

A Hamas suicide bomber blew himself up as he stood in line outside the Pasha disco near the Dolphinarium, a popular Tel Aviv club. The explosive device was reportedly a composed of a large number of metal objects, including balls and screws. 21 were killed and 120 injured in the blast.²⁵

September 11

Hijacked planes, American Airlines Flight 11, and United Airlines Flight 175, both en route from Boston to Los Angeles crash into the World Trade Center towers in New York - destroying both, and killing more than 2,500 people in the buildings and on the ground. Minutes later another hijacked jet , American Airlines Flight 77, carrying 64 persons, smashes into the west side of the Pentagon. According to press reports, 64 passengers and crew and 125 military and civilian personnel killed with 80 injured in the partially collapsed side of the Pentagon. A fourth hijacked plane, United Airlines Flight 93, carrying 44 persons, crashes in a field near Shanksville , Pa. Approximately 3,000 people are killed in the simultaneous attacks. ^{1,2, 5}

October 1

Indonesia : Tomata: Terrorists attack a church, killing three. ²¹

October 28

Pakistan : Model Town , Bahawalpur : Gunmen open fire on a church, killing 18, including five children, and injuring nine. ²¹

December 30

Nigeria : Vwang: Armed Muslims attack Christian community, killing five. ²¹

2002 January

Wall Street Journal reporter, Daniel Pearl, is kidnapped in Karachi , and killed by Islamic militants protesting detention of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters at U.S. Guantanamo Bay Navy base, Cuba . ²

February 11

Egypt : Coptic Church stormed by armed radicals, who set fire to it. Several cars, and several dozen homes, are also set on fire. 10 are wounded . ²²

February 27

Nigeria : Ilorin : Eid-el-Kabir celebrants kill three Christians. ²¹

February 28

In Amman , Jordan , a bomb placed in a car was detonated by a timing device, killing an Egyptian and an Iraqi laborer who worked in a nearby food shop. The car belonged to the wife of the head of the Jordanian Anti-Terrorism Unit and was parked near their home. In 2003, three Jordanian Islamists were sentenced to death for the crime. ^{6, 27}

March 17

Pakistan : Islamabad : Grenade attack on a church kills five, including American woman and her 17-year-old daughter. 45 others injured. ²¹

March 27

A suicide bomber blew himself up the Park Hotel, in Netanya, Israel, where 250 people had gathered in the banquet hall for the Passover Seder (ritual meal). 29 were killed and 130 injured in the attack by Islamic group Hamas.²⁵

April 11

In Djerba , Tunisia , a suicide bomber crashed and detonated a propane gas truck into the fence of a historic synagogue, killing 16 persons including 11 German citizens, one French citizen, and three Tunisians and injuring 26 German citizens. The Islamic Army for the Liberation of the Holy Sites claimed responsibility. ⁶

April 28

Indonesia : Soya: Muslims attack a Christian village. Twelve killed, and six injured. ²¹

May 8

In Karachi, Pakistan, a vehicle parked next to a Navy shuttle bus exploded, killing 10 French nationals and two Pakistanis and wounding 19 others-11 French nationals and eight Pakistanis-shattering windows in nearby buildings and leaving a large crater in the road, according to press reports. Al-Qaida is probably responsible. ⁶

May 9

In Kapiisk, Dagestan, Russia, militants detonated a remote-controlled bomb in the bushes as the May Day Parade was passing by on Main Street, killing 42 persons, including 14 soldiers, and wounding 150 others, including 50 soldiers, according to press reports. Islamist militants linked to al-Qaida are probably responsible. ⁶

June 14

A car bomb exploded near the U.S. Consulate and the Marriott Hotel in Karachi , Pakistan . Eleven persons were killed and 51 were wounded, including one U.S. and one Japanese citizen. Al Qaida and al-Qanin were suspected . ¹⁹

August 5

Pakistan : Jhika Gali, Murree: Six killed and four injured in terrorist attack on Christian missionary school. ²¹

August 10

Philippines : Abu Sayyaf group kidnaps six missionaries. Two are subsequently beheaded. ²¹

September 5

A car bomb exploded in a central market in the Afghan capital of Kabul. Authorities said that at least 22 people were killed and dozens injured. The blast occurred at midday outside a shop selling televisions and satellite dishes -- products that were forbidden under the Taliban. Al-Qaeda and other militant groups suspected. ²⁸

September 24

India: Ahmedabad: 33 people were killed and 81 injured in an attack on a Hindu temple in Gujarat, by Lashkar-e-Taiba linked militants. ³²

October 6

In al-Dhabbah, Yemen , a small boat carrying a large amount of explosives rammed the hull of the French oil tanker Limburg as it was anchored approximately 5 miles from port. The attack killed one person and wounded four others. Al-Qaida is probably responsible. ⁶

October 8

On Failaka Island , Kuwait , gunmen attacked US soldiers while they were conducting a non-live-fire exercise, killing one US Marine and wounding one other. Al-Qaida claimed responsibility. ⁶

October 12

In Bali , a car bomb exploded outside the Sari Club Discotheque on Legian Street, a busy tourist area filled with nightclubs, cafes, and bars, killing at least 187 international tourists and injuring about 300 others. The resulting fire also destroyed the nearby Padi Club and Panin Bank and other buildings and cars. Al-Qaida claimed responsibility for this attack. ⁶

October 23

50 armed Chechen rebels took control of the Palace of Culture Theater. The theater was rigged with landmines and explosive devices to control hostages and promote leverage with Russian authorities. The rebels held more than 800 hostages. During the 3-day siege, rebels killed one police officer and 5 hostages. On 26 Oct, commandos stormed the theater and killed the rebels after a brief gun battle. In the rescue attempt, 124 hostages died. ⁶

November 24

11 were killed and 50 injured in a raid by Lashkar-e-Toiba Islamic militants, at a Hindu temple complex in Indian Kashmir. 28

November 28

In Mombasa , Kenya , a vehicle containing three suicide bombers drove into the front of the Paradise Hotel and exploded, killing 15 persons including three Israelis and 12 Kenyans and wounding 40 others including 18 Israelis and 22 Kenyans. Al-Qaida, the Government of Universal Palestine in Exile, and the Army of Palestine claimed responsibility. Al-Ittihad al-Islami (AIAI) is probably linked to the attack. 6

November 28

In Mombasa , Kenya , two SA-7 Strela anti-aircraft missiles were launched but missed downing a Arkia Boeing 757 taking off from Mombasa enroute to Israel . The aircraft carried 261 passengers and continued its flight. Al-Qaida, the Government of Universal Palestine in Exile, and the Army of Palestine claimed responsibility. AIAI is probably linked to the attack according to reports. 6

December 6

In Makassar , Indonesia , a bomb exploded in a McDonald's restaurant, killing three persons, injuring 11 others, and causing major damage to the restaurant. No one claimed responsibility though police are focusing on a hardline Islamic group, Laskar Jundullah. 6

December 25

Pakistan : Daska: Grenade attack on a church kills three and injures fourteen. 21

2003

March 19

Philippines : Mindanao : Moro Islamic Liberation Front attacks a minibus, killing nine and wounding four. 21

March 22

Sayed Sadiq , Iraq , a taxi raced up alongside an Australian journalist and exploded, killing one (an Australian journalist/cameraman) and wounding ten

(an Australian on assignment for Australian Broadcasting Corporation and nine others). Ansar al-Islam is believed to be responsible. ⁷

April 2

Davao , Philippines , a bomb exploded on a crowded passenger wharf. There were 16 killed and 55 wounded, according to press reports. This attack is believed to have been carried out by two Indonesian members of Jemaah Islamiyah, a regional terrorist group with links to al-Qaida. ⁷

May 12

In one of the deadliest terror attacks on Americans since Sept. 11, suicide bombers shoot their way into three gated residential compounds for foreign workers in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and set off car bombs, resulting in 35 dead, including 10 Americans and 7 Saudis, and over 200 wounded. Secretary of State Colin Powell says the bombings have "the earmarks of al Qaeda." ^{2, 3, 7, 19}

May 16

in Morocco , five near-simultaneous bomb attacks occurred in Casablanca at or near a restaurant, hotel, Jewish cemetery, Jewish Community Center, and the Belgian Consulate, killing 33 (including three Spaniards and one Italian) and wounding 101, according to press reports. The group Salafiya Jihadiya with possible links to al-Qaida, is considered responsible. ⁷

June 7

Kabul, Afghanistan, a taxi rigged with explosives rammed into a bus carrying German peace-keepers of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) heading to the airport for their return home. There were five killed and 29 wounded, according to press reports. The U.S.-funded police school, which stands about three hundred feet from the explosion, was damaged. No one claimed responsibility, but al-Qaida is suspected. ⁷

July 7

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing which killed a woman and injured three others in the Israeli village of Kfar Yavetz.

July 23

India: Katra: A bomb explodes near a Hindu temple, killing six persons and doing extensive damage to the temple. Lashkar-e-Toiba and the Students Islamic Movement of India are suspected. ⁷

August 5

Car bomb explodes outside Marriott hotel in downtown Jakarta , Indonesia , during lunchtime rush hour, killing at least 10 and wounding nearly 150 - including two Americans. The adjoining office block was set on fire, with several cars burned in the hotel's front driveway, and windows in the hotel shattered to the height of 21 stories. The Al Qaida linked militant group Jemaah Islamiyah allegedly claims responsibility for the bombing, in remarks published by Singapore 's Straits Times. ^{2, 7}

August 19

Baghdad , Iraq , a truck drove into the driveway of the Canal Hotel housing the headquarters of the United Nations, and exploded, killing 23 (including three U.S. citizens and the UN Secretary General's Special Representative in Iraq) and wounding 100. ⁷

September 22

A suicide car bomber blew himself up near the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad killing himself and a security guard and wounding nineteen people. Sami Muhammad Ali Said Jaaf, a lieutenant of Abu Musab Zarqawi, admitted to being involved in over thirty-two bombings in Iraq, including this one. ²⁵

October 12

A suicide bomber detonated a car packed with explosives outside the Baghdad Hotel housing Iraqi government leaders and US contractors. At least eight people, including the bomber, were killed and as many as forty others were wounded. The wounded included one member of Iraq's Governing Council and three Americans. Al-Qaeda has claimed responsibility for the attack. ²⁵

November 8

A suicide car bombing killed at least seventeen people and injured more than 120 in Riyadh. US and Saudi officials sated that the attack closely resembled the Saudi bombings in May that were attributed to Al-Qaeda. In this latest attack, an explosives-laden car struck an upscale villa compound in western Riyadh inhabited by mainly Saudis and Arab nationals, however, the area was formerly home to many US contractors. The attack was claimed by al-Qa'ida. ²⁵

November 11

Kandahar , Afghanistan , a vehicle bomb exploded outside office of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), killing one person, injuring one other, and causing major damage to the building, according to press reports. The Taliban or al-Qaida may have been responsible. ⁷

November 12

Al-Nasiriyah , Iraq , two vehicles approached the Italian Carabinieri Corps' MSU (Multinational Specialized Unit) command post. A white car with four persons inside preceded another, heavier vehicle carrying explosives. When the first vehicle passed in front of the Carabinieri base, diversionary shots were fired from the lead vehicle, while the second truck reached the target and exploded, resulting in the death of 19 Italians and 13 Iraqi civilians, according to media reports. At least 80 others were wounded in the attack. Abu-Muhammad Ablay later claimed responsibility for the al-Nasiriyah attack on behalf of al-Qaida in an email to the Saudi weekly al-Majallah. ⁷

November 15

Istanbul , Turkey , a vehicle bomb exploded at the Beth Israel synagogue, killing four and wounding 60, according to press reports. Turkish authorities believe the same group is also responsible for the other incidents on November 15 and 20 in Istanbul . ⁷

November 15

Istanbul , Turkey , a vehicle bomb exploded at the Neve Shalom synagogue, killing 16 and wounding 240, according to press reports. Many of the casualties were passersby. ⁷

November 20

Istanbul, Turkey , a vehicle loaded with explosives exploded in front of the British Consulate, killing 30 people, including the Consul General, and wounding 450 others, according to press reports. ⁷

November 20

Istanbul , Turkey , a vehicle bomb detonated outside the HSBC bank, killing 11 people, wounding 105 others, and causing significant damage to the building, according to press reports. ⁷

November 21

Four people, including a child, were killed and at least twenty others were injured when unknown attackers threw a grenade at a stall on Bayaa Street in south Baghdad that was selling alcohol. This attack comes after threats were made by "Islamists" against stores selling alcohol during the holy month of Ramadan. ²⁵

November 23

Kabul , Afghanistan , a rocket was fired at the Intercontinental Hotel, which was crowded with guests, including foreign diplomats, journalists, and UN aid workers. The attack caused no injuries and only minor damage, according to press reports. Though there was no claim of responsibility, authorities suspected remnants of Taliban and al-Qaida for the attack. ⁷

December 27

Attacks on government buildings and foreign troops' bases in the southern city of Kerbala using suicide car bombers, machine guns and mortars kill 19 and wound about 120. ¹⁵

December 31

Baghdad , Iraq , a car bomb exploded outside Nabil Restaurant, killing eight people and wounding 35 others. According to press reports, the wounded included three Los Angeles Times reporters (all U.S. citizens) and three local employees. No one claimed responsibility. ⁷

2004

January 4

Thailand : Narathiwat: Muslim extremists raid a government armory and set fire to 18 schools in a rampage that leaves at least four soldiers dead and an unknown number injured. ²¹

January 12

Bangladesh : Mazar: Jamaat-e-Islami fundamentalists place bomb at a shrine that kills three and injures 36. ²¹

January 18

Baghdad: Suicide car bombing near main gate to U.S.-led coalition's headquarters kills at least 31 people. ¹⁶

February 11

Baghdad: A suicide attacker blows up a car packed with explosives in a crowd of Iraqis waiting outside an army recruiting center killing 47. 16

February 25

Yelwa, Nigeria: According to testimonies gathered by Human Rights Watch, at least 78 Christians, and possibly many more, were killed, and several churches destroyed, by armed Muslims. 29

February 27

Philippines : Mariveles: Abu Sayyaf group, claims responsibility for an explosion on a ferry that kills nearly two-hundred people. 21

March 2

At least 106 people were killed and over 233 injured in a massive suicide attack on the holy Shiite city of Karbala. At least four bombs detonated. This attack came on the same day as another Shiite shrine was attacked in Baghdad on one of the holiest Shiite holidays. Police suspect a group linked to Al Qaeda or loyalists of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi of carrying out the attacks. 25

March 11

A series of coordinated terrorist bombings against the commuter train system of Madrid , Spain on the morning of 11 March 2004, killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,800, making them the deadliest terrorist attack against civilians in Europe since the Lockerbie bombing in 1988 . 12

March 31

Four US civilian contractors were killed in Fallujah when their two vehicles were ambushed by gunmen. It is reported that at least two of the bodies were burned, dragged through the streets and hung from a bridge over the Euphrates River. The group, 'Brigades of Martyr Ahmed Yassim claimed responsibility for the attack. 25

April 21

Five people were killed and 148 injured when a suicide bomber drove an explosives-packed car into a barrier outside the national police headquarters in Riyadh. No group claimed responsibility, though authorities believe it may have been perpetrated by Al Qaeda. 25

April 21

Terrorists launched a suicide car bomb attack against Saudi Arabian government buildings in Riyadh . Five people were killed and over 150 were wounded in the attack. ³

May 1

Saudi Arabia : Gunmen killed at least six people in an attack on a Western oil company office in the Red Sea city of Yanbu . Bodies dragged in streets. ³

May 5

Fallujah , Iraq : Four civilians were killed in a grenade attack by suspected insurgents. Afterward, residents cheered and pulled charred bodies from burning vehicles and hung them from a Euphrates River bridge. Crowds dragged at least one of the bodies through the streets, witnesses said. Residents pulled another body from one of the cars and beat it with sticks. ¹⁴

May 11

A video airing on an Islamic militant website shows a man who identifies himself as Nick Berg from Philadelphia . The video shows the man being beheaded. The website says he was executed in revenge for the abuse of Iraqi prisoners. ¹⁶

May 11

Nigeria : Kano : At least 11 Christians burned to death by Muslim mob that also set 2 churches on fire. ²¹

May 17

Suicide car bomber kills Izzadine Saleem, pres. of the Iraqi Governing Council, and eight others. ¹⁶

May 17

Thailand : Narathiwat: Three Buddhist temples are bombed, injuring two. ²¹

May 21

Bangladesh : Sylhet: At least two people are killed by a bomb blast at a shrine. Some 50 others, including a British diplomat are injured. ²¹

May 25

Indonesia : Ambon : Bomb blast in the Christian sector of the city kills one and injures 13. A second bomb is found near a church and defused. ²¹

May 24

A bomb attack on the anniversary of Eritrean independence kills three and injures 50. A month after the attack, a Sudanese-born Eritrean appeared on television claiming responsibility, and saying it had been ordered by a radical Islamist group based in Sudan. ²⁵

May 29

Thailand : Pattani: Muslim radicals kidnap a Buddhist civilian and decapitate him. They leave the body with a note attached, warning other Buddhists of the same fate. ²¹

May 30

Saudi Arabia: Khobar: A shooting rampage and hostage standoff in Saudi's oil industry hub killed 22 and injured 25, mostly foreigners. In the early morning, four militants stormed the oil industry office compounds spraying gunfire and killing thirteen people. They then moved up the street to Oasis Residential Resort. According to the Saudi Interior Ministry, the militants first tried to ram the gate with an explosives-rigged car but when that failed they scaled the wall. They then proceeded to sort out Muslims from non-Muslims and corralled at least fifty hostages in a hotel. Nine hostages were killed and forty-one rescued by Saudi commandos. Only one of the attackers was captured. Al-Qaeda claimed responsibility. ²⁵

June 5

Riyadh : The BBC's security correspondent Frank Gardner was critically injured and his cameraman Simon Cumbers was killed when they came under fire in a neighborhood notorious for militants. ³

June 6

A car bomb explodes near the entrance to an American-run base at Taji north of Baghdad , killing at least nine people and wounding 30 others, including three U.S. soldiers. ¹⁶

June 8

Saudi Arabia : Terrorists gunned down Robert Jacob, an American working for Vinnell Corp., a U.S. defense contractor in Riyadh . ³

June 14

A car bomb tore through a convoy carrying contractors in Baghdad killing eight Iraqis and three GE employees and two bodyguards- the foreigners included two Britons, one Frenchman, one American and a Filipino. The blast destroyed eight vehicles and nearby buildings into rubble. Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, Tawhid and Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack. ²⁵

June 18

U.S. hostage Paul Marshal Johnson, an American engineer working for Lockheed Martin, beheaded by Al-Qaeda captors in Saudi Arabia . He was kidnapped on June 13. ³

June 25

Terrorists kill an abducted railway engineer, Sudhir Kumar Pundeer, and his brother. Their slit-throat bodies are recovered from the Zainapora area of Shopian in south Kashmir on June 25. ³⁰

July 18

Jakarta , Indonesia : A woman priest was killed and 4 people wounded when gunmen opened fire on a church service in eastern Indonesia , police said. The attack occurred Sunday as Christians gathered at the church in the city of Palu in Central Sulawesi province, near the town of Poso -- the site of bloody Muslim-Christian clashes that have killed some 2,000 people since 1999. ²³

August 31

Near a busy Moscow subway station, police said a suicide bombing took place that killed 10, and injured 151. The incident comes exactly a week after two Russian airliners crashed within minutes of each other, killing a total of 90 people. An Islamic group calling itself the Islambouli Brigades claimed responsibility for the airline crashes as well as the subway bombing, saying it was acting on behalf of Chechen fighters. ^{34, 35}

September 1

A group of 33 Islamist Rebels stormed a school and took about 1,200 children and adults captive. The siege ended after 3 days with the deaths of at least 339 hostages-about half of them children-and 500 injured. ³⁶

2005

July 7

London, England : Four Al-Qaida suicide bombers struck central London's public transportation during morning rush hour. Reported 52 dead, and 700 injured from the attacks. ³⁷

July 7

Southall, England : A businessman is facing a life sentence for stabbing his sister to death in front of his two young daughters in a so-called honour killing. ³⁸

July 23

Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt : Three bombs explode in the resort town of Sharm El-Sheikh. Two of the early morning blasts are thought to be suicide car bombs and the third a planted bomb. In a statement posted on an Islamic Web site, an al Qaeda-linked group called the Abdullah Azzam Brigades claims responsibility. A second group also says it carried out the attacks. Reported 83 dead, 200 injured from the attacks. ³⁹

August 17

Bangladesh : The radical Islamist organization Jamatul Mujahideen Bangladesh orchestrated simultaneous bombing in almost every province in Bangladesh. A reported 2 dead and 100 injured from the attacks. ⁴⁰

October 22

Lubumbashi mines, The Congo : Iran is seeking to import large consignments of bomb-making uranium from the African mining area that produced the Hiroshima bomb, an investigation has revealed. A UN report, dated July 18, said there was "no doubt" that a huge shipment of smuggled uranium 238, uncovered by customs officials in Tanzania, was transported from the Lubumbashi mines in the Congo. Tanzanian customs officials told The Sunday Times it was destined for the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, and was stopped on October 22 last year during a routine check. In a nuclear reactor, uranium 238 can be used to breed plutonium used in nuclear weapons. ⁴¹

November

Sydney and Melbourne, Australia : In Australia's biggest terror investigation, police said 8 suspects were assembling chemicals, detonators, digital timers and batteries to carry out a major bomb attack. A nuclear reactor used to make radioactive medical supplies on the edge of Sydney, Australia's biggest city, was

listed as a possible target, according to a police report. 10 other men, including a radical Muslim cleric, were arrested in Melbourne on charges of being members of a terror group. The report says one of the Sydney men in custody said: "If we want to die for jihad then we have to have maximum damage, maximum damage. Damage their buildings, everything, damage their lives." The Australia Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) has said that Australia has home-grown extremists, some of whom trained overseas. ⁴²

November 9

Amman, Jordan : Three near-simultaneous blasts rip through three hotels in downtown Amman. Jordan's deputy prime minister says Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is a "prime suspect." Zarqawi, who was born in Jordan, is the leader of al Qaeda in Iraq. Reported 67 dead, and 150 injured from the attacks. ⁴³

December 31

Palu, Indonesia : A nail bomb detonated outside a Palu market stall in a predominantly Christian region. The attack came on the heels of repeated warnings that members of the al-Qaeda-linked militant group Jemaah Islamiyah were plotting strikes in the world's most populous Muslim nation over the holidays. Reported 8 dead, and 45 injured from the attacks. ⁴⁴

2006

February 19

Maiduguri, Nigeria : Thousands of Muslims attacked Christians, burned at least 15 churches, and killed at least 16 people during demonstrations against cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed. An Associated Press reporter told how mobs of Muslim protesters swarmed the city centre with machetes, sticks and iron rods. One group threw a tyre around a man, poured petrol on him and set him ablaze. Sectarian violence is not uncommon in the country and thousands of people have died there since 2000 in violence fuelled by the adoption of the strict Islamic Sharia law. ⁴⁵

June 2006

Ontario, Canada : 17 were arrested, foiling a series of planned terrorist attacks in southern Ontario. None of the targets were identified, but authorities said the Toronto city subway system had not been among them. Police and intelligence officials made the arrests late Friday night and early Saturday morning after the

group accepted delivery of three tons of ammonium nitrate, a common fertilizer than can be explosive if combined with fuel oil. The same type of fertilizer was used in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people. In that explosion, one ton of ammonium nitrate was used to make the bomb. This is part of a shocking wave of young Canadian Muslims who have become radicalized. ⁴⁶

June 1

Slagelse, Denmark : Danish Police intensified their focus on honour killings and other related crimes in June after nine convictions in the murder of 18-year-old Ghazala Khan, who married against her family's wishes. With nearly 50 reports of honour-related crimes, police are finding that the problem may be worse than previously believed. ⁴⁷

June 23

Miami, U.S.A. : 7 young men were arrested in an alleged plot against the Sears Tower, and a federal building in Miami. 5 are U.S. citizens. To obtain money and support for their mission, the conspirators sought help from al-Qaida, pledged an oath to the terrorist organization and supported an al-Qaida plot to destroy FBI buildings, the 4 count indictment charged. Ringleader Narseale Batiste met with an undercover agent several times in Dec 2005, and asked for boots, uniforms, machine guns, radios, vehicles and \$50,000 in cash to help him build an "Islamic Army' to wage jihad'," the indictment said. According to the indictment, he said that he and his 5 soldiers wanted to attend al-Qaida training and planned a "full ground war" against the U.S. in order to "kill all the devils we can." His mission would "be just as good or greater than 9/11," the indictment accused him of boasting. ⁴⁸

June 27

Timisoara, Romania : A young man in possession of explosives was arrested in Timisoara, on suspicion that he planned a bomb attack. Since 2002, he had taken part in Islamist religious training camps held in Romania. After converting to Islam, he was indoctrinated with fundamentalist teachings and said he was ready to sacrifice himself in a terrorist attack. He told the investigators he wanted to avenge his Islamic brothers from Chechnya and Bosnia. Prosecutors with the Timisoara Prosecutor's Office are investigating several suspected cases of terrorism as well as information that suspicious money transfers are being conducted in western Romania, related to terrorist activities. ⁴⁹

July 11

Mumbai, India : A series of blasts rocked commuter trains at rush hour. A reported 200 dead, and 700 injured from the attacks. The Islamic terrorist group Lashkar-e-Tayyiba is suspected to have orchestrated the attacks. ⁵⁰

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