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1. Dutch Invention Protects Against IED Blasts

Friday, 23 December 2011

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/bulletin/dutch-device-protects-against-roadside-bombs>

A Dutch invention could help protect soldiers in war zones from the deadly effects of roadside bombs, daily De Telegraaf reports.

The 'ABDS active blast countermeasure system' developed by Dutch firm TenCate is installed in armoured vehicles to limit injuries caused by Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). If the vehicle hits an IED, a network of sensors detects the bomb microseconds before it detonates. The system then stabilises the vehicle so the blast doesn't blow the passengers into the air, thus limiting injuries.

TenCate has successfully tested its system against the most powerful category of IEDs. The company plans to put the device into operation in the coming two years. The armies of four major NATO countries have already expressed interest, TenCate says.

IEDs are a major cause of fatalities among soldiers in war zones. They are as deadly as they are easy to manufacture.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban is increasingly deploying roadside IEDs. In response, the ISAF member countries now chiefly transport their military personnel by helicopter rather than by road. The Taliban's IED strategy is therefore proving effective in restricting the ISAF forces' ability to move freely.

TenCate, based in the eastern Dutch town of Almelo, previously supplied fire-resistant uniforms to the US army in Iraq.

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2. Afghan, Coalition Forces Partner To Destroy Explosives

Thursday, 29 December 2011

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=66615>

Afghan soldiers, U.S. sailors and members of a local provincial reconstruction team partnered to dispose of more than 250 pieces of confiscated unexploded ordnance, improvised explosive device materials, mines and ammunition here Dec. 27, officials said.

“Most of these items were emplaced [as weapons] ... and [we] came and got them,” said Afghan National Army Col. Abdul Razak, who organized the handover of the weapons.

Razak, the director of the Disarmament of Illegally Armed Groups program here, said the items were accumulated through Afghan army cooperation with officials from Farah’s National Directorate of Security. The weapons, he said, were gathered through insurgent reintegration programs, during ANSF patrols and sometimes, after reports from local citizens.

The weapons were a danger to the public and to Afghan and coalition forces, Razak said.

“Insurgents want to use these [weapons] against NATO, ANA and ANP,” he said.

The weapons were collected throughout Farah province over the course of the last six months. The confiscated materials were stored in a secure location until the handover was arranged.

PRT Farah leadership enlisted the support of the EOD team due to their expertise with these scenarios. The situation, while dangerous, was kept under control by the team’s methodical approach to handling the items.

“The amount of things that were in moderate to unstable configuration was significant, so it was definitely a ‘take it slow’ approach, and triage the explosive threats and make sure that we have a safe workspace,” said Navy Chief Petty Officer Sam Crumbaugh, EOD Platoon 815’s team leader. “With regard to ... moving it to a range ... you still want to ensure that during transport you’re safe and that’s what we did.”

Navy Cmdr. Shane Voudren, who leads PRT Farah, said the Afghan army’s leadership and the Navy EOD experts were in the lead throughout the mission.

“This was an ANA and EOD show. As the PRT, we act as enablers a lot of the time. We ask ourselves, ‘How can we enable better security or governance,’ and this was a way to do that,” Voudren said.

The Afghan soldiers and police demonstrated their improved skills and capabilities during this mission, he said.

“They’ve got some solid leadership,” Voudren said. “They’re a formidable security force. And most importantly, they’re keeping Farah City secure and making some strides in some key districts in the province.”

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The commander added that the PRT and other coalition forces at Forward Operating Base Farah have developed a rapport with provincial government officials and Afghan security forces that led to this event.

“[Col. Razak] approached us recently and asked for our assistance. Because we’ve developed a strong relationship over the course of the PRT’s history, things like this are possible,” Voudren said.

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3. Coalition Forces Seize Four IEDs

Tuesday, 27 December 2011

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/81790/isaf-joint-command-evening-operational-update#.TvuBWnrDuAg>

A coalition security force discovered a weapons and drug cache during a routine patrol in Zharay district, Kandahar province, today.

The cache consisted of four improvised explosive devices found at different locations. Each IED had approximately 11 pounds (5 kilograms) of homemade explosives. The security force destroyed three of the four IEDs on site without incident and confiscated the fourth IED for destruction and later date for safety reasons. The drug cache consisted of approximately 1,300 pounds (590 kilograms) of hashish. All the drugs were destroyed on site without incident.

In other International Security Assistance Force news throughout Afghanistan:

South

A combined Afghan and coalition security discovered a drug cache during a routine patrol in Maiwand district, Kandahar province, today. The cache consisted of approximately 200 pounds (90 kilograms) of hashish. The security force destroyed all the drugs on site without incident.

A combined Afghan and coalition security discovered a weapons cache during a routine patrol in Tarin Kot district, Uruzgan province, today. The cache consisted of approximately 2,700 heavy machine gun rounds. The security force confiscated all ammunition to be destroyed at a later date.

West

A coalition security force discovered a weapons cache during a routine patrol in Shindand district, Herat province, today. The cache consisted of four 105 mm artillery rounds and four anti-tank rockets. The security force confiscated the munitions for destruction at a later date.

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4. Deadly Suicide Attack Kills At Least 20 In Takhar

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://www.khaama.com/deadly-suicide-bomb-attack-kills-at-least-20-in-takhar-227>

Deadly suicide bomb attack killed at least 20 people in northern Takhar province on Sunday afternoon.

According to Afghan security officials in Takhar province, around 50 others were injured following the incident.

A spokesman for 303 Pamir Zone Security commandment in northern Afghanistan Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai confirming the incident said, the explosion took place around 2:30 pm local time after a suicide bomber detonated his explosives among the Afghan civilians who had gathered to attend a funeral ceremony of a local tribal elder.

Mr. Ahmadzai further added, all those killed and injured during the incident are Afghan civilians.

He also said, the victims and wounded Afghan civilians were taken to the provincial hospital.

No group including the Taliban militants have so far claimed responsibility behind today's deadly suicide bomb attack.

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5. SVBIED Kills Nine In Pakistan

Saturday, 24 December 2011

<http://www.sananews.net/english/2011/12/suicide-attack-kills-nine-fc-personnel-in-bannu/>

A suicide car bomb attack at Tochi Scouts' main office on Kohat Road in Bannu has killed nine Frontier Corps (FC) soldiers and wounded at least 17 others on Saturday.

The attack took place in Bannu city where the bomber targeted the camp office of the paramilitary FC troops, who are deployed in North Waziristan, which borders Afghanistan.

Police official Muhammad Shafiq told the bomber drove his explosives-packed vehicle into the FC building and destroyed the check post near it. The camp office was also damaged in the attack.

Initially five FC personnel were killed but later the toll mounted to nine as the bodies were recovered from the debris. 17 other personnel were also injured in the attack. The injured were shifted to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) Peshawar.

Investigation so far has revealed that at least 200 kg of explosives were used in the blast.

No one has so far claimed responsibility for the attack on the camp, which is a base for Frontier Corps troops, also known as the Tochi Scouts.

According to a private TV channel Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has claimed responsibility for the attack on the camp, which is a base for Frontier Corps troops, also known as the Tochi Scouts, before and after deployments in North Waziristan.

We claim responsibility for the attack, which was launched to avenge the killing of one of our commanders Taj Gul in a US drone strike in South Waziristan tribal region last month," TTP spokesman Ehsanullah.

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6. Child Killed In Bomb Blast, Another School Blown Up

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://www.brecorder.com/general-news/single/599/172/1264693/>

A boy was killed and his two brothers were injured in a toy bomb blast at Shpeno Garhi in suburbs of Peshawar early morning on Saturday.

According to police statement the children were playing near their house where they found a toy.

They brought it inside the building and it exploded suddenly with a big bang at about 8.30am.

The father of these children, Gul Shah said to Police in his statement that three of his children including Saddam Khan (12), Zakirullah (8) and Subhanullah (6) got serious injuries.

He said that all of the injured children were rushed to the Lady Reading Hospital in a private vehicle where the eldest one succumbed to his wounds.

The police said that the family's head is Afghan national, who is a daily wager and can hardly meet his routine expenditures.

He is residing in a rented house, which is owned by one Sanab Khan son of Sabat Khan.

A police official said that case against unidentified terrorists had been registered and efforts were made to get any clue about the people involved in the heinous crime.

He asked the people to be vigilant and create awareness among their children to avoid picking such things placed in limits of their houses.

Meanwhile, unknown militants blew up a Boys Primary School in Sultankhel area in Landi Kotal sub-division of Khyber Agency early on Saturday morning by detonating explosive material planted around the school building.

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7. Fifteen Killed In Pakistan Explosion

Friday, 30 December 2011

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/12/30/world/asia/pakistan-unrest/>

Explosions near Pakistan's border with Afghanistan killed 15 people Friday, authorities said.

A car bomb outside the home of a former lawmaker killed 13 and wounded 30 in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan province, said Nazir Kurd, a senior police official there. The lawmaker's son, who was the target of the attack, survived the blast, he said. The slain worked for the son, Shafiq Mangal. His father wasn't home at the time of the attack, Kurd said.

A banned militant group, Baloch Liberation Army, claimed responsibility for the attack to CNN. The group wants autonomy for Balochistan.

Earlier, a bomb blast killed two people and wounded three in northwest Pakistan's tribal region, a senior Pakistani government official said.

The bomb was planted on a road near the village of Dara Bazar in the Bajaur Agency, one of the seven districts that make up Pakistan's tribal region, said Islam Zeb, a senior administrator in the district.

The bomb was remotely detonated, Zeb said.

It was not immediately clear who was targeted in the blast or who was killed.

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8. Blast In Bajaur Leaves Two Dead

Friday, 30 December 2011

www.dawn.com/2011/12/30/bomb-blast-in-bajaur-leaves-two-dead.html

A bomb blast in the Salarzai area of Bajaur agency left two people dead on Friday, DawnNews reported.

According to sources, the blast was carried out through remote-controlled device. Four other people, including a child, were also wounded in the attack.

Sources say the suspected bomber was arrested by police personnel. The injured were shifted to a hospital for emergency treatment.

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9. Two Iraqis Killed, One Injured In Kirkuk Car Bomb Blast

Tuesday, 27 December 2011

<http://www.kuna.net.kw/NewsAgenciesPublicSite/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2211364&Language=en>

Two Iraqi civilians were killed as one was injured by a car bomb explosion in southwestern Kirkuk, Iraqi police reported on Tuesday.

Kirkuk police chief, Brigadier Sarhad Qader, told KUNA that the car bomb exploded nearby an educational institute in Huwajja district, and killed two civilians, caused multiple injuries to another one, and damaged several automobiles.

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10. SVBIED Hits Interior Ministry In Baghdad

Monday, 26 December 2011

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-12-26/large-explosion-rocks-central-baghdad/3747808>

A suicide car bomber has killed at least six people and wounded 31 when he detonated explosives in an attack on Iraq's interior ministry in Baghdad.

The blast followed Thursday's wave of explosions that killed at least 72 people in the capital in the first such attacks since a crisis erupted between Iraq's Shiite-led government and Sunni rivals.

In the latest attack the bomber drove his vehicle into a security cordon outside the ministry, detonating explosives that left dead and wounded on the ground and set fire to nearby vehicles, police said.

"When I went outside I found my colleagues, some of them were killed, others were on the ground, many cars were burned," Zaid Raheem, a police guard, said.

"The policeman on the watchtower looked like he was killed when he was hit in the head."

Six people, including four policeman, were killed and 34 others were wounded, police said.

Shiite prime minister Nuri al-Maliki a week ago sought the arrest of Sunni vice-president Tareq al-Hashemi and asked parliament to fire his Sunni deputy Saleh al-Mutlaq, triggering turmoil that threatens Iraq with a new wave of sectarian strife.

A senior police source said authorities believed insurgents were targeting the ministry because of the announcement of the arrest warrant for Mr Hashemi.

He has left Baghdad for semi-autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan, where he is unlikely to be handed over to central government officials immediately.

Thursday's explosions across the Iraqi capital targeted mainly Shiite areas and included at least one suicide car bomb and multiple roadside bombs.

Just a week after the last US troops left, the crisis threatens to scuttle an uneasy power-sharing government that splits posts among the Shiite National Alliance coalition, the mostly Sunni-backed Iraqiya bloc and the Kurdish political movement.

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11. Three Children Killed In Cheptais Blast

Tuesday, 27 December 2011

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201112280071.html>

Three children were killed on Tuesday morning after a device they were playing with exploded in Cheptais District.

Area police boss Robinson Mboloi said two of the children were brothers.

The incident, which occurred around 10am at Kapisitet village, caused panic among residents.

The device is suspected to have been abandoned by security personnel involved in Operation Okoa Maisha carried out in 2008 to flush out Sabaot Land Defence Force militia from the area.

Area councillor Nathan Warsama said other explosive devices had been recovered in the area. Residents called for experts to comb the area for explosives.

Mr Mboloi said bomb experts had been called in to determine the type of explosive device it was although preliminary investigations revealed it was a grenade.

Two of the children are said to have been sent to the shop by their mother before the third child joined them.

Mr Jonathan Muaka, a resident, said he heard a loud explosion around 10am as he was looking after his animals.

"I ran to the house for safety immediately. The explosion reminded me of sounds I used to hear years back during Operation Okoa Maisha. This area has been relatively calm for the last two years," he said.

Mr Leonard Wamalwa, a resident, asked the police to make public the findings of investigations to ease tension in the area.

"We should be told the cause of the explosion to defuse rumours. People will start claiming SLDF and other militia groups caused the explosion," he said.

Call for calm

Upper Western regional commissioner Rashid Mohammed and area DC Omar Salat toured the scene and asked residents to remain calm as investigations were being done.

At the same time, panic gripped residents of Githura Village in Kieni West District yesterday after the discovery of a bomb near a house.

The explosive believed to have been dropped by colonial soldiers during the Mau Mau war was dug out by workers preparing a construction site only for children to start playing with the strange metal.

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According to Mr Joseph Wanyiri, a resident, the device could have been hidden in the heaps of soil transported from the construction site.

"After the soil was levelled my grandchildren picked the metal and started playing with it but one of my sons noticed the piece was strange," Mr Wanyiri said.

He contacted area chief Lawrence Ngara and his assistant Mathenge Ndung'u who confirmed the metal was indeed a bomb.

Later, CID explosive experts from Nyeri examined the device before carrying it to safety. It was detonated at 3.30pm on Tuesday.

Police urged residents to be cautious since many unexploded devices were lying in the area.

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12. Explosion Rocks Yobe, Anambra

Friday, 23 December 2011

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201112230774.html>

Ten persons were reportedly killed yesterday, as explosions rocked Damaturu, Yobe State and Anambra State.

A first bomb apparently targeted a military convoy killed four people, Daily Champion gathered.

The incident trapped thousands of holiday travelers in and around Damaturu, capital of the state, and other towns that serve as transit points linking the states in the North-eastern region of Nigeria.

Many of the travelers were en route to Borno, Jigawa, Bauchi and Gombe states, coming from Abuja, Lagos and other regions ahead of Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Movement is now restricted into and out of the state. The stranded passengers are said to be without food, with many children crying from hunger and thirst.

Only last Monday, explosions again rocked Damaturu metropolis.

Damaturu is the capital of Yobe State in northeast Nigeria.

The blasts triggered pandemonium in the areas as residents scampered for safety.

The explosion, according to the police occurred at mid-day in Gidan Gwaba in Pompomari area of the state capital.

Yobe State Police commissioner, Tanko Lawal told journalists that the blast went off when suspected members of an Islamic sect were assembling the explosive

"Today's bomb blast went off when three suspected Boko Haram bombers were assembling their Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) to attack and bomb unspecified police and military formations in the state.

Meanwhile in Anambra State, the traditional ruler of Uke in Idemili North local government Area of Anambra State, Igwe Nwabufo Ezeude, and two of his house maids were on Thursday rushed to a private hospital at Nkpor, following injuries sustained from a strange midnight explosion which rocked the palace.

Though no one could readily ascertain the source or cause of the explosion, residents suspected a bomb blast.

Others also claimed that it might be a domestic cooking gas cylinder that exploded.

However, the Anambra State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka has confirmed the incident.

But the command was quick to add that it was already investigating the cause and does not want to speculate at this stage.

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At the palace, mum was the word, as people refused to speak to the press. However, the entire surroundings, adjoining streets and family compounds were littered with debris and pieces of shattered glasses, windows and door frames spewed all over by the reportedly deafening explosion

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13. Fifteen Injured In Gombe Explosions

Thursday, 29 December 2011

<http://www.thenationonlineng.net/2011/index.php/news-update/31626-15-injured-in-gombe-explosions.html>

An explosion in Gombe, the capital of Gombe State, on Wednesday night injured 15 people. No group has claimed responsibility.

The explosion occurred at a hotel located in the outskirts of the state capital.

The Manager of the hotel, Mr Ojiego Nelson, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Gombe yesterday that three persons came to the hotel at about 10.13pm on Wednesday to detonate a device.

Nelson said he was at the gate of the hotel when the men, who were allegedly carrying guns, started “manhandling” the security man.

He said when he asked what was happening, they started shooting sporadically.

Nelson said: “Our customers and everybody started running helter-skelter and the one with two gas cylinders in his hands threw them into our reception.

“He threw one into the reception and the other under the cars parked by our guests in the hotel.

“The one thrown into the reception exploded and damaged the building. So, we just managed to escape through the back fence.”

The hotel manager said the customers vacated their rooms following the incident.

He said the incident was reported to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in Tumfure, Mr Hassan Bappa, who came to the scene with his men.

Bappa told NAN that he deployed his men to the scene when the matter was reported to him, adding that it was unfortunate the gunmen had escaped before the police arrived.

Bappa said there was no casualty and that nothing was stolen from the hotel.

“We are waiting for bomb experts to come and remove the relics from the scene of the incident,” he said.

He said no arrest has been made but added that investigations were ongoing.

There is tension in Gombe following the detonation of an improvised explosive device (IED) at a relaxation spot called Tunfure Resort in the outskirts of the capital town on Wednesday night.

Nelson said the incident occurred at 10:15pm with 15 people injured in the melee.

He said two of the six assailants started shooting.

Nelson said: “It was around 16 minutes after 10pm. I was very close to the gate when some three armed men walked in and were asking the security man at the gate to show them the manager.

“While interrogating the security man, the assailants also started manhandling him and beating him up. When I wanted to intervene, they pointed an AK 47 with police coloured magazine and shot. But I don’t know how I escaped unhurt except for this wound on my forehead and this dislocation on my arm.

“I saw a refrigerator cylinder with them also. I thought they were policemen who normally come for patrol. I saw police colour on the cartridge of their AK 47. I was, however, surprised when I wanted to know why they were beating up my security man.”

Police spokesman Ahmed K Muhammad, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), confirmed the incident.

He said the police were waiting for bomb experts from Yola to remove the remnants of the explosives.

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14. Bomb At Arabic School Adds To Sectarian Fears

Wednesday, 28 December 2011

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h-48BisuNb4Q1cFfRn5MNQq5A7xA?docId=CNG.4e4702fabf3f2b684a3a7bcddb45299f.411>

Attackers threw a bomb into an Arabic school in Nigeria's mainly Christian south, wounding six children and an adult, police said Wednesday, after Christmas attacks stoked sectarian tensions.

Christian leaders called on their followers to take measures to defend themselves from any future attacks on their community.

Officials were meanwhile rushing to provide relief to some 90,000 people displaced in the hard hit northeastern city of Damaturu after last week's clashes between the Islamist group Boko Haram and security forces.

The Christmas Day bombings blamed on Boko Haram killed 40 people in several towns across Nigeria, with the deadliest an explosion outside a Catholic church near the capital Abuja as services were ending.

Nigerian leaders have been seeking to calm tensions amid fears the Christmas attacks could set off sectarian clashes in Africa's most populous nation and largest oil producer. The country is roughly divided between a mainly Muslim north and predominately Christian south.

It was not clear who was behind the bomb attack at the Arabic school in Delta state, located in the oil-producing Niger Delta region.

While scores of explosions have hit Delta region in recent years, they have mainly targeted oil installations and the attacks have not been of a sectarian character.

"A locally made low-capacity explosive was thrown into an Arabic school in Sapele at 10:00 pm yesterday," said state police spokesman Charles Mouka.

"It was thrown from an unidentified moving car... Six children and one adult were wounded."

The children are between five and eight years old, he said, and had been at the school, which has about 50 students, for evening Arabic and Koranic lessons.

Christian leaders meanwhile urged authorities to take action against spiralling violence blamed on Boko Haram, as frustration rose over the state's seeming inability to stop attacks despite military crackdowns.

The president of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Reverend Ayo Oritsejafor, also urged followers not to take revenge but said they should defend themselves, their property and their places of worship.

"The consensus is that the Christian community nationwide will be left with no other option than to respond appropriately if there are any further attacks on our members, churches and property," Oritsejafor told reporters.

The attacks were "considered as a declaration of war on Christians and Nigeria as an entity", he added.

Oritsejafor called on the government and intelligence agencies to do more to prevent the attacks.

"As president of the Christian Association of Nigeria. I will not encourage Christians to (take) revenge, but Christians should protect themselves," he said.

Asked how, he added: "Any way they can. Why should anybody come and kill you in your house? Protect your place of worship. Protect your property."

Also on Wednesday, a coalition of Nigerian Pentecostal churches said they would defend themselves if authorities failed to do so, though an official stressed they were not advocating taking up arms.

"In the year 2012, if these unprovoked attacks continue, and Christians remain unprotected by the security agencies, then we will have no choice but to defend our lives and property," the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria coalition said.

Nigeria's top Muslim spiritual leader met President Goodluck Jonathan on Tuesday over the Christmas attacks and afterward said the violence did not signal a religious conflict.

"I want to assure all Nigerians that there is no conflict between Muslims and Christians, between Islam and Christianity," Sultan of Sokoto Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar told journalists.

"It's a conflict between evil people and good people. The good people are more than the evil ones, so the good people must come together to defeat the evil ones, and that is the message."

Jonathan did not speak publicly after the meeting, but his national security adviser urged Christians to avoid retaliating over the Christmas bombings.

"Retaliation is not the answer, because if you retaliate, at what point will it end? Nigeria must survive as a nation," Owoye Azazi said.

Violence had been raging even in the days before the Christmas bombings, especially in the northeastern cities of Damaturu, Potiskum and Maiduguri. Most violence attributed to Boko Haram has occurred in the northeast.

In Damaturu, an estimated 90,000 people were displaced, an emergency official said, while a police source and rights group earlier said up to 100 were feared killed.

"We advised the displaced against moving into any temporary camp for security reasons, therefore most of them are sheltering in the homes of friends and relatives in the city and neighbouring villages," said Ibrahim Farinloye of the National Emergency Management Agency.

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15. Boko Haram Bombs Churches in Abuja, Jos, 40 Dead

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://www.thisdaylive.com/articles/abuja-church-bomb-blast-kills-about-40-leaves-many-injured/105778/>

oko Haram Islamic sect early Sunday morning launched twin bomb attacks on churches in both Abuja and Jos reportedly leaving at least 40 people dead and many more injured.

There are conflicting figures on the numbers of worshipers killed or injured by a bomb blast that exploded in the premises of St. Theresa Catholic Church, Madala, Niger State close to Zuba, FCT, shortly after the 6am Mass of Nativity.

Unconfirmed sources gave NEMA account of 25, while a security officer who was at the scene where evacuation was going on gave another figure of 41. However, Rev. Fr. Isaac Achi who pastors the church pointed to at least 17 vehicles, the wreckage of the aftermath explosion said Fr. Achi. " The owners of these vehicles cued up to drive home after the early morning mass where the message of love, peace and joy was delivered to herald the Feast of Nativity. Sadly, what we met was this ugly situation.

A victim was found on the roof of the church. Dead bodies were found in gutters. And many families were burnt beyond recognition inside these vehicles. I do not have the exact number of those recorded dead or injured. The victims have been moved to different hospitals but at St. Lucas hospital, 9 of my parishioners were recorded dead. At Gwagwalada, six were recorded dead, while at Diamond Hospital, a little baby of 5 years who was injured could not locate his parents. Among the victims could have been okada riders and kabukabu taxi drivers who come here to pick passengers every Sunday. I dont usually cry, but today i wept with my house-hold of 5000 worshippers, seeing some of our brethren bombed out of existence. Nigeria must intensify its efforts in the area of security and guarranty freedom of movement and worship."

According to eyewitnesses, the Abuja blast tore through St Theresa's Church in Madalla as worshippers gathered for Christmas services.

The second explosion, which occurred shortly after the Abuja attack, hit a church in Jos, killed at least one policeman and destroyed three vehicles.

The area around the scene of the Abuja blast degenerated into chaos after the explosion, with angry youths starting fires and threatening to attack a nearby police station.

Police shot into the air to disperse them and closed a major highway. Emergency officials called for more ambulances as rescuers sought to evacuate the dead and wounded.

An emergency official told reporters that the authorities were struggling to cope with the casualties.

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) spokesman, Yushau Shuaibu told the BBC that the explosion had happened in the street outside the church.

But he said the church had been badly affected by the blast, and the number of dead was likely to rise.

Earlier he told Reuters news agency: "We are presently evacuating the dead and the injured, but unfortunately we don't have enough ambulances.

"Most of our ambulances have gone to operate on the major highways of the country."

Photo by Sunday Aghaeze

Officials at the local hospital said the condition of many of the injured was serious, and they were seeking help from bigger medical facilities.

Businessman, Munir Nasidi was in a hotel opposite the church when the blast occurred.

He told the BBC: "When I came out of the hotel, people were running around. Everyone was crying. They were bringing out casualties. Nobody was getting near the building as there was a fire."

Security had been beefed up in recent time following recent skirmishes between Boko Haram gunmen and soldiers in Yobo and Borno States have killed over 50.

Eye witnesses said windows of nearby houses had been shattered by the explosion.

Officials at the local hospital said the condition of many of the injured was serious, and they were seeking help from bigger medical facilities.

Boko Haram - whose name means "Western education is forbidden" - often targets security forces and state institutions.

The group carried out an August 2011 suicide attack on the UN headquarters in Abuja, in which more than 20 people were killed.

A string of bomb blasts in Jos on Christmas Eve 2010 were claimed by Boko Haram.

Meanwhile, in Rome, the Catholic Church has condemned the latest terror attacks by the Islamic religious sect.

Vatican spokesman, Father Federico Lombardi damned the latest attacks as blind, absurd "terrorist violence" that enflames hate.

"We are close to the suffering of the Nigerian Church and the entire Nigerian people so tried by terrorist violence, even in these days that should be of joy and peace," Lombardi was quoted by Reuters news agency as saying.

Our correspondent who visited some churches in the Federal Capital Territory however reports that the incident did not dampen the enthusiasm of worshippers as most were full as expected.

Rather, there is heightened security consciousness as unknown people entering some of the church premises were screened by local security details.

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16. Suicide Bombers Attack On Christmas Day

Monday, 26 December 2011

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201112270855.html>

A wave of coordinated bomb attacks yesterday targeted churches during Christmas service near Abuja, in Jos and in Damaturu, leaving at least 28 people dead.

Also, three security personnel were killed when a suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden car into the headquarters of the State Security Service in Damaturu, Yobe State.

Yesterday's coordinated attacks began with a car bomb that exploded with its driver at about 8am at the St Theresa's Catholic Church in Madalla, an Abuja satellite town about 40 km from the centre of the capital, as worshippers were leaving after a morning service.

At least 27 people, including two policemen, were killed in the bombing in Madalla, Niger State, witnesses and relief authorities said.

Then, a second explosion shortly after hit a church in Jos, where a policeman guarding the church died during gunfire.

In Yobe State, two bombs hit the state capital Damaturu, and a third struck Gadaka. One of the bombs was detonated by a suicide bomber who rammed into the SSS office premises as a military convoy was driving in.

The Boko Haram sect yesterday claimed responsibility for the coordinated bombings.

In Madalla, the impact of the car bomb left a deep crater on the road and tossed the bomb-laden vehicle to the front of the Church. It also destroyed nearby buildings and some sections of the church.

The explosives laden-vehicle stopped on the road and two policemen went towards it asking the driver some questions. "The driver said the vehicle broke down and he should be assisted to push it away from the road. Suddenly the explosives were detonated and both the driver and the policemen were killed. The car was thrown toward the church and sparked fire in other cars nearby," a witness said.

He said the vehicle was moving toward Madalla village from Suleja before it stopped in front of the church. "It even passed police checkpoint mounted nearby safely," the witness said.

Another witness Nnana Nwachukwu told Reuters news agency, "Mass just ended and people were rushing out of the church and suddenly I heard a loud sound 'gbam'. Cars were in flames and bodies littered everywhere. The blast occurred on the road by the church and not inside the church. I happen to also live close by the church. Help was very slow in coming to the injured."

Spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Yushau Shuaib also said the blast happened on the road near the church but not inside its premises.

The Police Area Commander in Suleja, Creg Esele, said four officers were among the victims of the blast.

Senior pastor in the church, Reverend Father Isaac Achi, said the blast occurred while worshippers were leaving the church after service.

"Twelve worshippers in three vehicles were instantly killed by the blast and the vehicles were destroyed. Another unidentified body was recovered on the roof of a house adjacent to the church," he said.

A Daily Trust reporter counted 16 vehicles destroyed; three motorcycles damaged; while five nearby homes had their roofing sheets blown away. Shortly after the blast, soldiers from the Presidential Guards' Brigade, policemen and NEMA officials cordoned off the area while a police helicopter hovered around for some minutes and disappeared.

Operations officer for NEMA Labaran Aman said they conveyed 25 people to different hospitals around Suleja and later transferred some of them with 'critical cases' to other hospitals.

Dr. Ishaku Ma'aji of the Diamond Crest Hospital in Madalla said four people were receiving treatment at the hospital, including a five-year-old girl whose parent could not be found.

Thousands of furious youths set up burning road blocks on the highway from Abuja leading to Kaduna. Police and the military tried to disperse them by firing live rounds into the air with tear gas.

President Goodluck Jonathan called the incident "unfortunate" but said Boko Haram would "not be (around) for ever. It will end one day."

In Damaturu, a suicide bomber rammed a car loaded with explosives into the SSS headquarters, as violent clashes between security forces and the Boko Haram sect entered its fourth day.

The incident happened around 12.45pm, according to spokesperson for the SSS headquarters in Abuja, Marylyn Ogar, who also confirmed in a statement that a suicide bomber executed the attack which killed four people.

She said the headquarters "was attacked by a lone suicide bomber. The incident occurred as the convoy of the Commanding Officer of the 241 Recce Battalion, Nguru, Yobe State, Colonel Dahiru Abdulsalam, was driving into the Headquarters complex for a security meeting."

She said the bomber attempted to force his way into the convoy but was stopped by vigilant guards. "However, upon collusion with the gate, the impact resulted in an explosion. Consequently three Service personnel and the suicide bomber were killed while one other person was injured. An Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) stationed at the gate was destroyed," she said.

"The attacks will in no way deter security agencies from securing the lives and property of Nigerians and riding the society of criminals. Accordingly, members of the public are hereby implored to report suspicious movements within their localities to the nearest law enforcement agency in the overall effort to rid our Nation of these undesirable elements."

Major streets in Damaturu were deserted while markets and filling stations have closed through out yesterday. "It is only in the residential quarters that you will see traces of people and activity. Nobody wants to take the risk of moving on the major roads," resident Mohammed Sani of Buhari Quarters said.

A military helicopter which conducted the evacuation of the victims made two runs to Maiduguri, but it was not known what hospital the victims were taken to.

In the same Yobe State, a church was bombed at Gadaka in Fika Local Government Area, near Damaturu, when some Christians were having a night vigil on Christmas Eve. Residents said nobody was killed because when the worshipers sensed danger, they fled the church.

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In Jos, a policeman guarding the premises of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Church near VIO office, off Murtala Muhammed way Jos, was shot by a gang of attackers numbering over 10.

Witnesses said attackers came in two batches from two different foot paths behind the church. The first gang shot and killed the policeman who was patrolling the church and the sound of gun shots attracted military men who were stationed at the UTC junction, a few meters away from the church.

The first batch of the bombers hurled an explosive which landed on the wall of the church where cars were parked and blew the wall, damaging three parked cars. The second batch abandoned their explosive and ran while firing back at the soldiers in a gun duel that lasted over 30 minutes.

A resident of the area, Mr. Ajayi Adeniyi, who witnessed the attack, said the assailants came from two different routes both bush paths linking the church from Rikkos and the other from Gangare.

The STF spokesman, Cpt. Charles Ekeocha, confirmed the incident and said the management of the church have not been attending their security meetings otherwise they would have been giving tips on how to block the footpaths.

He said it was the timely intervention of the security agents that saved the day as the attackers retreated when they saw they had been over powered.

He confirmed that four people have been arrested in connection with the attack saying from there they might be able to get more information to get to the root of the matter.

The streets of Jos remained deserted throughout the day as residents ran home on learning of the attack while the presence of security agencies has been intensified.

Spokesman for the Boko Haram, Abul Qaqa, yesterday said his group was responsible for all the Christmas Day attacks across the North. Speaking to journalists on the phone, Abul Qaqa said the attacks were meant to prove that no amount of surveillance by security agents would deter the group from doing whatever they planned to do.

"By the grace of God, we are responsible for all the attacks today (Sunday)," he said. "What we did was a reminder to all those that forgot the atrocities committed against our Muslim brothers during the Eid el-Fitr celebrations in Jos. Many Muslims were killed but the General Government and the international community maintained sealed lips.

"There will never be peace until our demands are met. We want all our brothers who have been incarcerated to be released; we want full implementation of the Sharia system and we want democracy and the Constitution to be suspended."

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17. Jonathan, World Leaders Condemn Christmas Bomb Attacks

Monday, 26 December 2011

<http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/201112260203.html>

The international community has reacted with horror and revulsion as world leaders denounced the Christmas Day bomb attacks in Nigeria that killed almost 40 people, even as President Goodluck Jonathan called on Nigerians to condemn the action.

In the US, the White House said the attacks were "senseless violence" while British UK Foreign Secretary called them "cowardly".

Militant Islamist group, Boko Haram said it carried out the attacks.

A blast outside a church near the capital Abuja claimed 35 lives, while a policeman died in the city of Jos and four people were killed in Damaturu, the Yobe State capital.

Reacting, Jonathan said the attacks were "an unwarranted affront on our collective safety and freedom", adding: "Nigerians must stand as one to condemn them."

The White House said initial investigation showed the attacks were "terrorist acts" and pledged to help Nigeria bring those responsible to justice.

Boko Haram - which has admitted carrying out these attacks - has been locked in an increasingly bloody struggle with authorities since it was founded in 2002.

There were indications these attacks were being planned. In the past week, bombs that were being prepared exploded prematurely in Yobe and Kaduna states.

Then the police raided a suspected Boko Haram hideout in Yobe. Some 60 people were killed in the ensuing gun battle.

Sunday's bomb attacks appear part of a planned offensive by the militants, who are calling for a strict Islamic state.

White House spokesman, Jay Carney said: "We condemn this senseless violence and tragic loss of life on Christmas Day. We offer our sincere condolences to the Nigerian people and especially those who lost family and loved ones."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy expressed "solidarity in [Nigeria's] fight against terrorism", while German Foreign Minister, Guido Westerwelle said: "Even on Christmas Day, the world is not spared from cowardice and the fear of terrorism."

UK Foreign Secretary William Hague said: "These are cowardly attacks on families gathered in peace and prayer to celebrate a day which symbolises harmony and goodwill towards others. I offer my condolences to the bereaved and injured."

Israel said it would send medical aid to Nigeria and that it "condemned in the strongest terms these attacks carried out on Christmas Day".

The Vatican said attacking a church was "blind hatred" seeking to "arouse and feed even more hatred and confusion".

President Jonathan said: "I want to reassure all Nigerians that the government will not relent in its determination to bring to justice all the perpetrators."

The first attack, outside St Theresa's Church in Madalla, near Abuja, killed 35 and wounded more than 50.

The church and surrounding homes were badly damaged.

Father Christopher Barde told AFP news agency the blast occurred as the Christmas morning service was ending.

"It was really terrible," he said. "Some [wounded] people ran towards me [saying] 'Father anoint me'."

Crowds grew angry over the attack and the slow response of the emergency services.

Reuters reports that thousands of youths have erected roadblocks on the road from the capital to the largely Muslim north, and are being tackled by security forces firing tear gas.

In Jos, a blast close to the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Church was followed by gunfire that left one officer dead, government spokesman, Pam Ayuba told the Associated Press news agency.

Two explosive devices found in a nearby building were disarmed as military were deployed to the site.

In Damaturu there were two explosions.

One was a suicide car bomb attack on a convoy of the State Security Service.

BBC correspondents say four people were killed there, including the suicide bomber.

There was also an explosion in another town in Yobe, Gadaka.

In recent times Yobe has become the epicentre of violence between security forces and Boko Haram militants.

More than 60 people have died in fighting there last week.

A spokesman for Boko Haram, Abul-Qaqa, said it carried out the bomb attacks.

Boko Haram, which means "Western education is forbidden", wants the imposition of Sharia law.

The group carried out an August 2011 suicide attack on the UN headquarters in Abuja, in which more than 20 people were killed.

It was also responsible for a string of bomb blasts in Jos on Christmas Eve 2010.

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18. Police Detonate Three Bombs In Adamawa

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2011/12/adamawa-police-detonate-three-bombs-in-mubi/>

Adamawa Police Command, Saturday, said it has succeeded in detonating three bombs planted around Churches in Mubi town of the state.

The police spokesman, ASP Altine Daniel, who confirmed the development in Yola, said, however, that another bomb planted in a hotel in the town had exploded and injured a lady on the leg.

“The three bombs detected around three churches in the town were successfully detonated by our men who responded swiftly”, Altine said.

Altine who commended the people of Mubi for their vigilance, said the report they made to the police assisted greatly in detecting and detonating the bombs.

She assured that the police were on alert to contain any threat to peace in the state and urged the people to go about their normal businesses.

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19. Nigerian Police Arrest Two Bomb Blast Suspects

Saturday, 24 December 2011

<http://english.cri.cn/6966/2011/12/24/2561s673127.htm>

Nigeria's police in southwest Osun State on Saturday said two men were apprehended in the Ile-Ife area of the state for possessing a substantial quantity of dynamite.

State commissioner of police Olusegun Solomon disclosed this at a news conference in Osogbo, the state capital, saying the suspects were intercepted by the squad during a stop-and-search operation in the town.

He told reporters one of the suspects escaped shortly after they were stopped for a search.

Solomon said the police apprehended the two suspects, who were travelling on a commercial motorcycle, when it was noticed that they were carrying a mysterious package.

"While the policemen were examining the substance in their possession, one of them escaped, while the second man was arrested," he added.

"The arrested suspect, who claimed to be a water driller, could not give a legal proof or produce a licence to indicate how he came about the explosive," he said.

The police chief said the fact that one of the suspects ran away when the police intercepted them showed that they had some ulterior motives for travelling with the explosive.

Solomon said the suspects could be members of a terrorist group or a bank robbery syndicate which specialized in using dynamites during robbery operations.

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20. Bomb Found On Street In Bossaso

Tuesday, 27 December 2011

http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Somalia_Bomb_found_on_busy_Bossaso_street.shtml

A bag that carried explosives was found in the commercial capital Bossaso, Radio Garowe reports.

The bag carrying the explosives was found on the side of a busy road that leads to Bosasso's International Airport.

Local authorities had closed the busy street and proceeded to defuse the bomb successfully without any casualties.

The street is a very strategic one which contains a hospital and many other businesses that draw many customers.

The bomb was taken to a beach area near a Puntland Security Forces bases where it was detonated safely.

The successful defusing came before a delegation from Garowe that included Puntland President Abdirahman Mohamed Farole and TFG Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Gaas who plan to visit the commercial capital of Bossaso shortly.

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21. AL Front Leader Killed In Bomb Attack

Thursday, 29 December 2011

<http://bdnews24.com/details.php?id=214830&cid=3>

A leader of Awami Swechcha Sebak League – volunteer wing of the ruling Awami League – was killed in a bomb attack by assailants in the city's Badda on Thursday.

"Mamunur Rashid, 32, was killed in a cocktail (homemade bomb) blast," officer in charge (OC) of Badda Police Station Mahbubur Rahman told bdnews24.com.

No one else was injured in the attack, he added.

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22. Bomb Blast Kills Woman In Hledan

Monday, 26 December 2011

<http://www.mmmtimes.com/2011/news/607/news3160714.html>

A bomb blast in a public toilet near the busy Hledan intersection killed one woman and left another with serious injuries last week.

The bomb exploded about 11 am on December 21, killing Ma Mya San Yi, 30, and injuring Ma Khin Myat New, 24, state media reported. A second device was later defused, the report said.

The deceased was a cleaner, while the injured woman, who was transferred to Yangon General Hospital after being hit by shrapnel, was a cashier.

Police officers at the scene said it was impossible the injured woman would survive and Kamaryut Township Police Station confirmed her death late on December 21. However, the following day the police said she was alive, and the deputy chief of Yangon General Hospital confirmed she was being kept in intensive care.

Police officers and U Tun Aung, the operator of the building, said a young man, believed to be in his early 20s, visited the public toilet about 9am and gave a bag to the cashier, asking her to look after it while he went to search for a hostel. About two hours later the bag exploded.

“I was sitting with friends at King teashop. When I heard that voice, I thought a tyre had burst but when I rushed over here I saw body parts on the road,” a 72-year-old man said.

The explosion caused a large hole in the roof of the building, while its walls were covered in blood.

“When [the explosion] happened, my son was inside the men’s room. I rushed to him and hugged him when I saw he was alive,” said a woman who lives beside the public toilet.

Ko Swe San Oo, a social work student at the nearby University of Yangon, said the explosion was much louder than a tyre bursting.

“I was in a classroom on the second floor. I felt a big shake. Even some dust from the roof fell on my laptop. I knew it was not just a tyre,” he said.

“As soon as I heard it, I knew it was bomb,” said a 45-year-old Hledan resident. “I was born and grew up in the rural areas of Kayin State so I’m used to hearing these noises.”

Shortly after the explosion police closed off the area to residents and journalists.

Forty-five minutes later a mine-clearing team managed to remove another explosive device that had been left at the toilet, an officer from Kamaryut Township Police Station said.

“At the moment, we can’t say who did this or who could be but [the Crime Investigation Department] will handle this case under the guidance of the regional government,” the officer said.

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The public toilet opened just two months ago and U Tun Aung said it would be closed for some time. “I’m really sorry about what happened because both of the women are my employees,” he said. “I have no idea why someone would do this, it is a public place.”

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23. Myanmar Warehouse Blast Kills Seventeen

Wednesday, 28 December 2011

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iNtnl1FCkRRuIGCSn2rCLLHU2BnQ?docId=CNG.b52f63e2c662e52abfaf62142eea6427.311>

A pre-dawn blast at a warehouse in Myanmar's biggest city killed at least 17 people and injured dozens more on Thursday, sparking a blaze that took firefighters hours to tame, officials said.

Officials ruled out a bomb but said they had yet to determine the cause of the explosion in Yangon, formerly the capital.

Residents in several areas of the city were woken around 2:00 am (1930 GMT) by the blast, which appeared to have hit a medical warehouse in the eastern township of Mingalar Taung Nyunt, witnesses told AFP.

The flames engulfed several buildings in the warehouse compound and destroyed around 50 homes in the area, most of them wooden dwellings.

At least 17 people, including four firefighters, had died, while 79 others were injured, including around 30 firemen, a government official told AFP.

"It was not a bomb explosion," another official said, though he added that the cause of the blast, which sparked a large fire that destroyed many nearby storage units and houses, remained unknown.

Firefighters battled through the night to douse the flames and finally succeeded in extinguishing the massive fire at around 6:45 am, revealing a scene of utter devastation.

An AFP photographer saw rescue workers frantically searching for survivors, carrying young children to safety and pulling a dead body from the burnt-out rubble.

The blaze left hundreds homeless, a third official said.

"Around 900 people are homeless now and they are sheltering at nearby monasteries serving as rescue centers," he said.

"About seven warehouses were totally destroyed. The responsible officials are still trying to find out what happened," he told AFP.

One resident, Khin Hla Kyi, said she feared for her life as she fled the encroaching fire, which devoured her home and all of her possessions.

"We had to run for our lives," she told AFP. "Now we have nowhere to go. My house was destroyed."

The blast also created a huge crater at least 10 metres (yards) wide and several metres deep, filled with plastic and metal debris.

Dozens of rescue workers and onlookers crowded around the gaping hole to take stock of the damage on Thursday, when white smoke could still be seen billowing from the site.

An exhausted firefighter said he was unable to give details about the blaze, saying only: "We are really tired because we have been putting out the fire all night."

The first funerals for the victims were due to be held Thursday afternoon.

In a city not unused to bomb blasts, the sound of the unexplained explosion overnight brought hundreds of worried locals into the streets.

"We heard a very loud noise from the explosion and saw smoke in the sky. Our building was also shaken by the explosion. We have no idea what's happening," a resident in nearby Botahtaung township told AFP.

Last week, a blast caused by an explosive device killed one woman and wounded another in northern Yangon.

Myanmar has been hit by several bomb blasts in recent years, most of them minor, which the authorities have blamed on armed exile groups or ethnic minority fighters.

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24. Five Injured In North Cotabato Blast

Saturday, 24 December 2011

<http://www.philstar.com/nation/article.aspx?publicationsubcategoryid=200&articleid=761784>

A roadside bomb went off Friday evening in Kabacan town in North Cotabato hurting at least five people, police said today.

Kabacan police chief Joseph Semillano said unidentified suspect planted the improvised explosive device (IED) in a roadside store owned by Rey Gellana in Barangay Poblacion.

The bomb, made from 81mm mortars with cellular phone as its triggering device, went off around 7 p.m. injuring five nearby bystanders, police said.

The victims were identified as Elsa Araes (42), Razel Bigwas (18), Jovelyn Jaro (19), Darwin Galas (40) and Renato Mendoza (21).

Police are still investigating the motive of the bombing, but noted that the bomb was similar to the IEDs that were set off in the area in November.

Meantime, military bomb operatives successfully defused an IED last night here after a concerned citizen reported of an unattended bag in a parking area along Gutierrez Avenue.

The bomb was also made from two 81 mm mortars.

This was the second IED that was successfully diffused by military bomb experts in three days time. On Thursday, another bomb went off along Sinsuat Avenue here but no one was hurt.

Follow-up operations resulted to the arrest of Datukan Lontok Samad, Guiamelon Pangako and Eliseo Lamayo. Police and Marine soldiers recovered a hand grenade, hand gun and a motorbike from the trio's possession.

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25. Improvised Bomb Found Near School In South Cotabato

Monday, 26 December 2011

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/117375/improvised-bomb-found-near-school-in-south-cotabato>

Authorities detonated an improvised explosive device (IED) planted near a school in South Cotabato Monday morning, a police official said.

Chief Superintendent Felicisimo Khu, who heads the Directorate for Integrated Police Operations in Western Mindanao, said that police were able to disrupt the bomb at around 11 a.m. after it was discovered by two students from the Polomok National Highschool in Polomok, South Cotabato at around 8:45 a.m.

The IED, wrapped in a sack and placed inside a carton, was left near the gates of the school, said Khu.

Authorities recovered two 81 millimeter mortar shells with markings PLAP 3-3, a Samsung cellphone, three pieces of Energizer batteries, a circuit board, and small sheets of paper which had “Bangsamoro Independence Movement (BIM)” and “Bangsamoro Youth Movement (BYM)” printed on them, he said.

Khu added that they have yet to identify the suspects but surmised that the bomb could be one of those described in earlier intelligence reports received by DIPO-WM of IEDs which were allegedly hidden in Polomok town.

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26. IEDs Found In South Cotabato

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/regions/12/25/11/ieds-found-south-cotabato>

The military recovered two improvised explosive devices (IED) in South Cotabato Sunday noon.

The IEDs were found by members of the Joint Task Force Kutawato and South Cotabato police along a national highway in Barangay Magon, Tantangan town at around 12 noon.

The explosives were made from the ammunition of a 105-millimeter howitzer and an 81-millimeter projectile. The IEDs are now under the custody of the task force.

An investigation is ongoing to determine who planted the explosives and their motives behind it.

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27. Cellphone Bomb Defused In Roxas

Tuesday, 27 December 2011

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/117747/%E2%80%98cellphone-bomb%E2%80%99-defused-in-roxas>

An improvised explosive device was found yesterday morning in barangay Lawaan, Roxas City, creating fear among residents in the area, including the Carmelite nuns.

Supt. Khasmir Disomangcop, Roxas police chief, said they were informed about the presence of a suspected explosive by Danilo Alcorano, 54, a resident living near the Carmelite Monastery in the same barangay.

While he was sweeping the ground outside his house, Alcorano found a box adjacent to the house of Romeo Binibini that contained a Nokia cellular phone and a contraption with a suspicious substance.

Senior Insp. Ramil Entereso, the police chief of nearby Sapián town and a bomb expert, defused the improvised explosive.

Entereso said the improvised bomb contained C4 plastic explosive, scrap iron and gunpowder. He explained that the explosive would have blown up if the cellular phone inside the box was called.

Binibini told the police that they have lived in the barangay for quite sometime and that they did not have known enemies.

Disomangcop said police already had a suspect whom they would not name yet.

However, based on police records, Binibini's 18-year-old son, Russel was shot several times allegedly by a certain Medelio Manahan, a member of the Philippine Air Force in the early morning of Sept. 4, 2011.

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28. Two Injured In Bomb Blast On Railway Track

Tuesday, 27 December 2011

<http://www.orissadiary.com/ShowDistrictNews.asp?id=31044>

At least two boys were injured on Sunday when some hand-made bomb exploded on the railway track at Khilipanga near Korei station under Korei police station in Jajpur district at 5PM. About six bombs were found by the injured boys and others covered in a bag on the railway track and the bombs exploded when the boys opened it, said Laxman Swain the police officer of Korei police station.

Immediately, several trains scheduled to ply through this section were stopped, averting possible disasters, police said. Railway protection force personnel and railway officials have reached the site. The bombs were removed and defused by the security personnel. The security forces have begun a search operation to nab the culprits. After a thorough search for a few hours, the railway track was declared fit for train movement and normal train services resumed in the evening, police said.

No train was scheduled to pass over the track at the time of the explosion, police said. The injured were first rushed to nearby hospital. Later, they were admitted in SCB medical college and hospital in Cuttack where their condition was stated to be serious, the official said.

The country-made bomb containing splinters, cycle ball bearings and plastic bits was wrapped with coir, police said. Both the injured were identified as Bipin Kumar Sahoo (12) of village Silapankha and Sagar Swain (16) of village Nigodha. "The injured boys found some ball like objects and in a bit curious and tried to take out one. It went off as they touched it", said police officer. Security has been tightened on the railway track after this incident.

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29. Explosives Seized In Esmeraldas

Thursday, 15 December 2011

<http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=es&tl=en&js=n&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fesmeraldas2012.blogspot.com%2F2011%2F12%2Fdecomisan-explosivos-en-esmeraldas.html>

TRANSLATION:

A large amount of explosives was found in a deserted house in Esmeraldas, in the field of Atacames River Street in the San Martin de Porres High, said yesterday the military.

The military operation was planned by the Bomit-13 in coordination with Dr. flagrant crimes prosecutor and police Jhony Bedoya Judicial Esmeraldas.

In a search of the property seized explosive devices artisanal, caps and electric detonators, 13 7.62 mm ammunition.

The commander of the Army Infantry Battalion Motor (Bimota-13), Col. Narváz Francisco Vaca, said the explosive devices would be designed for the FARC and possibly would have given the order for parties to the illegal forces of Colombia.

The report said 22 armed with artisanal mining blasting caps, electric caps 22, 13 7.62 mm ammunition, allegedly a plastic bag of ammonium nitrate, an ointment with five 5 gallons of gasoline.

The report adds that during the operation there were no arrests, but further research with the Judicial Police to find traces involving alleged suspects.

It is anticipated that the evidence is destroyed on December 16 at the facilities of Bimota-13.

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30. Navy Seizes 32 IEDs & 130 Kg. Explosives

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://www.hispanicallyspeakingnews.com/notitas-de-noticias/details/colombian-marines-seize-32-homemade-bombs/12864/>

Marines found 32 homemade bombs containing a total of 130 kilos of explosives in a rural area outside Tumaco, a port city on Colombia's Pacific coast, the navy said Sunday.

"The 32 homemade devices were found inside a hideout and contained the explosive" pentolite, the navy said.

Marines found 68 meters (222 feet) of detonating cord and 200 meters (655 feet) of duplex cable, "which were apparently going to be used to build the mechanism for activating the devices," at the site in Palo Seco, the navy said.

The bombs were found thanks to assistance from a "network of informants" before "the materiel could be used by the enemies of peace to perpetrate attacks against the civilian population and the security forces during the year-end period," the Pacific Naval Force said.

No fighting or arrests were reported in connection with the seizure of the bombs, whose owners were not identified.

Both the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the country's oldest and largest leftist guerrilla group, and gangs that work for drug traffickers operate in the area.

Nearly two tons of explosives have been seized by naval personnel since the beginning of the year, the navy said.

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31. Colombian Army Discovers 36 FARC Landmines

Tuesday, 20 December 2011

<http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=es&tl=en&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cgfm.mil.co%2FCGFMPortal%2Ffaces%2Findex.jsp%3Fid%3D10898>

TRANSLATION:

roops from Mobile Brigade No. 13, assigned to the Sixth Division, located 36 land mines planted around coca crops in an area of 280 meters, which avoided the eradication or destruction of illicit crops.

The installation of explosive ordnance irrational threatened the life of peasants who travel around the village of the municipality Bold Water San Miguel in Putumayo department.

Control operations area military troops engaged in the sector, allowed the location and subsequent destruction of the minefield that controlled access to protected drug crops belonging to the Farc 48 squad.

In other operations in various sectors of the Putumayo were located and destroyed three laboratories for processing coca: the first was located by the Mobile Brigade No. 13 in rural areas of the municipality of San Miguel, the other two were located in the municipality of Puerto Asis by members of the Jungle Brigade No.27.

Among the three structures built for the processing of the alkaloid is found more than 500 kilos of coca leaf, in addition to solid and liquid inputs, which were destroyed, according to the protocols for operations against drug trafficking.

In other action the Army, soldiers of the Jungle Brigade No.27, located a cache of homemade grenades, five 81mm, a 60mm grenade, ten meters of detonating cord, pentolite quarter of improvised explosive devices and 12 medium power.

The explosives and war material were located in rural area of the municipality of Ipiales in the department of Nariño and were destroyed by the group of the Sixth Division EXDE.

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32. Colombian Army Neutralizes Explosive Devices

Monday, 26 December 2011

http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=en&ie=UTF8&prev=t&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=es&tl=en&twu=1&u=http://www.ejercito.mil.co/%3Fidcategoria%3D320505&usg=ALkJrhixjsGzC9zsxbTbQWbiHZ6w8Engdg

TRANSLATION:

As a result of the operations being conducted by the Army throughout the country, in the last hours were defused several explosive devices in the departments of Meta, Huila, Antioquia, Arauca.

The first result was presented at the road from the village of Summit High communicates with the municipality of El Dorado, Meta, where members of the Seventh Brigade defused two explosive devices that had been installed on one side of the road gang terrorists 53 of the Farc.

In other action, in rural municipalities of St. Augustine and Colombia, Huila, soldiers of the Ninth Brigade and Task Force Sumapaz located and destroyed a controlled three landmines that had been planted by terrorists from gangs 13 and 51 of the FARC.

Similarly, in the general area of the town of Angostura, Antioquia, members of the group EXDE of the Fourth Brigade, located and defused four explosive devices that had been installed by guerrillas of the FARC's 36 squad.

Finally, in the department of Arauca, troops of the Eighteenth Brigade landmines defused two terrorists belonging to the FARC.

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33. Blast Rocks South Lebanon Restaurant

Tuesday, 27 December 2011

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5igXdb8DNr8mjS8OQ91SoAk9t5lvQ?docId=CN.G.17f7783d6f36eb9a6500a25fb31b3674.341>

An explosion tore through a restaurant in the southern Lebanese town of Tyre at dawn on Wednesday, just a few metres from a hotel that was bombed last month, according to a security source.

The explosion, which happened at around 5:00 am local time (0300 GMT), was caused by a two kilogram (4.4 pound) bomb made of TNT that was left on the staircase of the seaside Tyros restaurant. There were no injuries.

The establishment is close to the Queen Elissa Hotel, whose nightclub was the target of a bombing attack on November 16. There were no victims in that attack and no one has claimed responsibility.

A nearby liquor store was targeted the same night.

There was speculation that the establishments were targeted for selling alcohol in the majority Shiite Muslim town, after a string of liquor stores were forced to close in the face of a prohibition campaign in the country's south.

The Tyros restaurant also sold alcohol, which is widely available in Lebanon, considered the most liberal country in the Arab world.

However, alcohol is banned in areas under the control of the militant Shiite group Hezbollah and radical Sunni movements.

Earlier this month, a powerful bomb struck a UN peacekeeping vehicle in Tyre, wounding five French soldiers and a civilian.

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34. Suicide Bombs Kill 44 In Damascus

Friday, 23 December 2011

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-202_162-57347576/syria-security-forces-attacked-in-damascus/

Twin suicide car bombs blasted outside two buildings of Syria's powerful intelligence agencies Friday, killing at least 44 people and wounding more than 150, authorities said, in the first such attacks since the country was thrown into turmoil by the 9-month-old uprising against the rule of President Bashar Assad.

The government quickly held up the explosions as proof of its claims that it is battling not a popular uprising but terrorists intent on overthrowing the regime. But its opponents cast doubt on its account, hinting that the regime itself could be behind the attack to make its case to Arab observers who arrived in the country only a day earlier.

CBS News' George Baghdadi reports that opposition members have remained skeptical - even since the deal with the Arab League was signed - that the Assad regime will allow the observers to operate with anything resembling independence

The morning explosions left a swath of destruction, with torn bodies on the ground outside the headquarters of the General Intelligence Agency and a nearby branch of military intelligence, two agencies that have played a significant role in the bloody campaign against anti-Assad protests since March. All the windows in the military building were blown out and dozens of burned out cars lined the street.

State TV said initial investigations indicated possible involvement by the al Qaeda terror network. Government officials brought the advance team of Arab League observers to the scene to see the wreckage. The team arrived on Thursday, the start of a mission to monitor Syria's promises to end its crackdown.

"We said it from the beginning, this is terrorism. They are killing the army and civilians," Deputy Foreign Minister Faysal Mekdad told reporters outside the intelligence headquarters.

Alongside him, the advance team's head, Sameer Seif el-Yazal, said, "We are here to see the facts on the ground. ... What we are seeing today is regrettable, the important thing is for things to calm down."

Assad's regime has long contended that the violence in the country is being fueled by terrorists and foreign-backed armed gangs. In recent months, dissident soldiers have broken from the military to side with peaceful protesters and have carried out attacks on government forces. But Friday's attack was qualitatively different from any past attacks — the first suicide bombings seen during the conflict — and whoever was behind them, they add new and ominous dimensions to a conflict that has already taken the country to the brink of civil war.

An opposition leader raised doubts over the authorities' version of events, suggesting the regime was trying to make its case to the observers.

Omar Idilbi, a member of the Syrian National Council, an anti-regime umbrella group, called the explosions "very mysterious because they happened in heavily guarded areas that are difficult to be penetrated by a car."

He stopped short of accusing the regime in the bombings, but he said authorities wanted "to give this story" to scare observers from moving around the country and send a message that "Syria is being subjected to acts of terrorism by members of al Qaeda."

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said in a statement that the U.S. condemns the bombings "in the strongest terms." He said it was "crucial" that the attack not impede the work of the Arab observers and that the regime must "cooperate fully and quickly" with it.

Friday's two blasts went off within moments of each other at 10:18 a.m., echoing across the city. The Interior Ministry said the vehicles detonated at the gates of the two walled compounds.

Outside the two buildings, mutilated and torn bodies lay amid rubble, twisted debris and burned cars in Damascus' upscale Kfar Sousa district. Bystanders and ambulance workers used blankets and stretchers to carry bloodstained bodies into vehicles. All the windows were shattered in the nearby state security building, which was targeted by the other bomb.

"The explosions shook the house; it was frightful," said Nidal Hamidi, a 34-year-old Syrian journalist who lives in Kfar Sousa. He said gunfire was heard immediately after the explosion and said apartment windows in a 200-yard (meter) radius from the explosions were shattered.

The ministry said in a statement that at least 44 people were killed and 166 wounded. Earlier, state TV said most of the dead were civilians but included military and security personnel.

Security officials showed journalists at the scene two mangled vehicles they said were used in the attack.

Maj. Gen. Rustom Ghazaleh, head of military intelligence, said the attacks were proof of a foreign plot against Syria. "We will fight this project until the last drop of blood," he declared.

A Syrian military official said the bomb targeting the military intelligence building, the bigger of the two blasts, weighed more than 660 pounds (300 kilograms) and gouged a crater into the ground that was 2 yards deep and 1.5 yards wide. It killed 15 people, among them a retired brigadier general.

In the years before the uprising, Syria had occasional clashes with al Qaeda-linked militants, and the Sunni terror network has denounced the regime, which is largely secular and led by Assad's minority Alawites, a Shiite offshoot. Bombings in the country are rare, though in September 2008 a suicide car bomb struck outside a security building on Damascus' southern outskirts, killing 17 people, the deadliest attack in decades.

The blasts came as the Syrian government escalated its crackdown ahead of the arrival Thursday of the Arab League observers. More than 200 people were killed in two days this week, particularly in a bloody attack Tuesday, when activists and witnesses say troops pounded more than 100 fleeing villagers trapped in a valley with shells and gunfire, killing all of them.

Syria's violent crackdown on opposition protesters during the past year has, however, prompted the formation of a rebel militia, known as the Free Syria Army, members of which met CBS News correspondent Clarissa Ward when she sneaked into the closed nation posing as tourist several weeks ago. (Click video player at left for a full report)

The observer team is supposed to verify Syria's implementation of promises to pull back its troops and halt the crackdown. But the regime has said the team will vindicate its claims that terrorists are behind the country's turmoil, with Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem saying it's in Syria's interest for the observers to see what is really happening in the country.

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35. Al Qaida To Blame For Damascus Bombing

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=250794>

Syrian authorities blamed the attacks on al-Qaida, but analysts and opposition members said the timing of the blasts suggests they may have been an inside job perpetrated by the government of President Bashar Assad.

The UN Security Council issued a statement denouncing the attacks and “terrorism in all its forms,” but a resolution condemning Syria continues to be stalled by Russia, which has insisted both sides of the conflict be blamed equally.

Sudanese Gen. Muhammad Ahmed Mustafa al-Dabi was scheduled to arrive in Damascus late on Saturday as head of the Arab League monitoring mission.

“I am optimistic that the mission of the monitors will be successful and that events such as yesterday’s blasts in Damascus will not affect the mission,” he told reporters earlier in Cairo.

But the choice of Dabi to lead the delegation has already stoked criticism from human rights groups that note he was head of Sudan’s Military Intelligence at a time when mass killings were taking place in Darfur.

“It is perplexing that the Arab League chose [Dabi] to lead its team monitoring the Syria regime, because of his record of turning a blind eye to human rights crimes, or worse,” the US-based Enough Project said.

Dabi held a number of high-level appointments in the Sudanese government from the 1980s on.

“When he served as Sudan’s former head of Military Intelligence and when he oversaw implementation of the Darfur Security Arrangement, alleged war crimes including genocide were committed on his watch,” the group said.

Jamie Fly, executive director of the Washington-based Foreign Policy Initiative, said the Syrian authorities’ contention that Friday’s explosions were the work of terrorists rang hollow.

“I’m a bit skeptical,” he told The Jerusalem Post. “The timing seems somewhat suspect, as it came right as the Arab League monitors were arriving, and of course the Syrians took them to the scene immediately and accused the opposition of sowing terrorism.”

Fly said he feared the Arab League monitors – the first 50 of whom are set to arrive on Monday – could be used as fig leaves to buy Damascus more time.

“I have been somewhat impressed by how the Arab League has criticized the Assad regime and imposed sanctions. But my fear is that monitors’ access to a lot of locations will be severely restricted and that they will only see one side of the story,” Fly said.

“Given the scope and scale of the violence we’ve seen over the last week, increasingly I think we need some kind of outside intervention to protect civilians,” he continued.

“My fear is that the Arab League won’t move as quickly in that direction as long as the regime is cooperating with this concept of monitors.”

The Foreign Policy Initiative was co-sponsored last week with an open letter signed by some 50 policy experts and sent to US President Barack Obama urging stronger American leadership on Syria.

Independent estimates put Syria's death toll at at least 5,000 since March, though the true figure could be much higher. The opposition Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 15 civilians were killed by security forces outside the capital on Friday, eight of them in Homs, a bastion of the revolt.

On Saturday, thousands of Syrians chanted "Death to America" during funeral processions in Damascus for the 44 people killed the day before. Demonstrators cheered Assad, called for revenge and denounced Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani, who has become one of Assad's main Arab critics.

The crowd, carrying posters of Assad and Syrian flags, chanted, "We want your head, Hamad," "We sacrifice our souls and blood for you, Bashar," and "God, Syria and Bashar only."

The coffins, draped in Syrian flags, were lined up inside the gilded 8th-century Umayyad Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, in scenes shown on state TV. Many were marked "unknown."

Hamas condemned the bombings and called for a "quick" political solution to end the bloodshed.

The Islamist group that governs the Gaza Strip has its headquarters in Damascus, but diplomats say dozens of its operatives have quietly returned to Gaza as it scaled back its presence in Syria and gauged the uncertain future of Assad. Hamas denies such reports.

The UN Security Council's statement condemned the attacks.

"Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and... any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable," it said.

Western powers say the security forces have perpetrated most of the violence in Syria. But Moscow, an old ally of Damascus, wants any UN resolution on the crisis to be even-handed.

"If the requirement is that we drop all reference to violence coming from extreme opposition, that's not going to happen," UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said in New York after Russia submitted a revised draft resolution to the council.

"If they expect us to have an arms embargo, that's not going to happen," he said. "The experience of Libya showed it would be one-sided and used against the government."

Saad Hariri, a former Lebanese prime minister whose father was killed in 2005 by a car bomb widely attributed to Syria, wrote on his Twitter feed that Friday's explosion "was engineered by the Syrian regime."

Hariri wrote that a supposed warning from Lebanon's Hezbollah-led, pro-Syrian government that al-Qaida operatives had infiltrated Syria this week was "fabricated by the Syrian ministry and some of its tools in Lebanon."

Syria's official SANA news agency quoted Lebanese MP Walid Sukariyeh as saying the attacks appear to benefit the "Zio-American project."

Sukariyeh, a lawmaker from Hezbollah's March 8 Alliance, said the explosions "came in the service of the Zio-American project that rejects any solution in Syria and any call for national dialogue, and is aimed at undermining the resistance forces in the region.

"The criminality, which started with terrorist acts against the civilians and the military, has now developed into terrorist suicide operations in al-Qaida style," he told Syrian TV.

SANA also quoted Amin Hoteit, a former Lebanese Army general, as saying the "agents of the West and Israel have started carrying out the terrorist acts plan after the failure of the Zio-American-European plot to undermine Syria."

In a separate story, SANA reported that Druse residents of the Golan Heights had joined citizens across Syria in rallying against the attacks.

"The people of the occupied Syrian Golan stressed that terrorism which struck in Damascus on Friday reflects the criminality of the armed groups and their sponsors," SANA said.

"In a rally at Sultan Pasha al- Atrash Square in the occupied Majdal Shams, hundreds from Golan expressed condemnation of the twin terrorist attacks which claimed the lives of scores of citizens, stressing standing by their motherland Syria against challenges," it said.

"The people of Golan said that the attacks prove the scope of conspiracy against Syria, voicing readiness to sacrifice their blood for preserving the dignity of Syria."

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36. Authorities Dismantle IED In Hama

Monday, 26 December 2011

<http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=es&tl=en&js=n&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sana.sy%2Fspa%2F340%2F2011%2F12%2F26%2F390689.htm>

TRANSLATION:

Civilians and security forces were attacked by armed terrorist groups in the villages of Al-Layat northeast of the province of Daraa.

The competent authorities were confronted with the terrorist groups, killing and wounding achieving a number of its members and others imprisoned.

The clashes resulted in the martyrdom of Habib Hammoud first assistant, while 8 other members were injured.

An official source in the said province SANA correspondent said that authorities found large quantities of weapons and military uniforms as well as SIM cards · · Libyan and cell type (Sinaw), computers, improvised explosive devices and homemade bombs.

The source said that dozens of terrorists surrendered to authorities voluntarily.

On the other hand, the engineering unit today defused four explosive devices, weighing between 3 and 25 kg.

The artifacts were placed beside a main road and near the gas station in Daraa.

The competent authorities broken up an explosive device at a crossroads leading to five schools

The competent authorities dismantled an explosive device planted by armed terrorist groups, at a crossroads leading to five schools in the district of Al-Andalus in the city of Hama, after that they received a notice of the citizens of that neighborhood that had detected the presence of a foreign object.

The representative of the neighborhood said Mohammed Ahmed Jazzar Syrian state television reported that two women from the presence of a suspicious object on the verge of a covered pedestrian walkway that would normally traverse the children to go to their schools.

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37. Authorities Discover IED With 20Kg TNT

Sunday, 25 December 2011

<http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=ru&tl=en&js=n&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.stav.kp.ru%2Fonline%2Fnews%2F1048696%2F>

TRANSLATION:

Improvised explosive device discovered by the Republican Federal Security Service. Security forces, together with the police carried out operational-search measures in Kizlyar district of Dagestan. On the road, "Kizlyar - Kraynovka", 500 meters from the village of Karl Marx was detected radio-controlled explosive device was homemade.

A homemade bomb was buried in the ground, it consisted of a 15-liter galvanized buckets filled with a mixture of ammonium nitrate with aluminum powder, without damaging elements. Were taken out of the wire. Explosive power - about 20 kg. of TNT equivalent - said the Interior Ministry of Dagestan.

Dangerous discovery killed sappers undermined it in place. Now law enforcement officers find out the identity of the manufacturer of explosive devices.

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38. Explosive Doll Lands Two Mounties In Court

Thursday, 29 December 2011

<http://www.cknw.com/Channels/Reg/NewsLocal/Story.aspx?ID=1632548>

It's a lesson in what not to do at work, or, anywhere else for that matter. Trouble for a couple of RCMP members.

Corporal Tyrone Hempston is suing Corporal Nigel Blake and Constable Martin Simpson, along with the Attorney General of Canada and BC's Solicitor General.

This after Blake and Simpson allegedly wired an explosive to a doll belonging to Hempston.

According to BC Supreme Court documents, eight years ago, the explosive disposal unit had been instructed to dispose of some high explosives.

They were allegedly instead kept illegally, mislabelled as a lower power explosive, and improperly stored.

In January of 2010, Hempston, Blake, and Simpson worked at the RCMP E.D.U.

It was then, Blake and Simpson allegedly wired one of those mislabelled high explosives to a mechanical doll that was on Hempston's desk to shock him.

The doll exploded when Hempston turned it on.

Hempston claims the explosion caused a number of injuries, including severe nerve damage, and carpal tunnel syndrome.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

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