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1. [Security, Afghanistan] IED Seized In Nangarhar, Coalition

Saturday, September 22 2012

http://www.wakht.af/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6168%3Aied-seized-in-nangarhar-coalition&catid=6%3Asecurity-a-crime&Itemid=17&lang=en

Afghan forces cleared an improvised explosive device during operations in eastern Afghanistan throughout the past 24 hours, the International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) R-C East said in a statement.

Afghan Uniformed Police found and safely cleared an IED in Achin district, Nangarhar province, where the international forces launched an operation to remove insurgency, the statement said.

According to the statement, the operations in Regional Command East are still ongoing in the district, mostly aimed to clear the armed rebels and secure the area.

Earlier the international forces had also claimed to have killed, wounded and arrested many insurgents in the same and neighboring provinces, with no comment from the insurgent to reject the statement.

According to another statement, the ISAF praised Governor Mohammad Gulab Mangal to have positively impacted the lives of the people of southern Helmand province, bringing hope and a belief in a better future.

He has demonstrated personal courage and leadership to overcome many of the challenges of governance and development in the province.

As a result of the governor's efforts, the people in Helmand province control their own destiny, the statement lauded.





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2. [Attack, Pakistan] Five Persons Injured In Bomb Attack On Police Van In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Tuesday, September 25 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/25/2012&id=6#6

At least five persons, including three policemen, were injured when a remote-controlled bomb ripped through a police van near Rashakai motorway interchange in Nowshera of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on September 24, reports Daily Times. According to police, two detainees were being shifted in the police van to court for hearing but the vehicle was targeted near Rashakai motorway interchange. Resultantly, three policemen and two detainees were injured in the blast, Police added.

Separately, the Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) defused a bomb in Badhber area of Peshawar, averting a terror bid near a Police checkpost. According to details, miscreants planted a bomb in a handcart weighing 30 kilogrammes, however, was defused by BDS near the Sheikhan checkpost. Superintendent Police (SP) Khursheed Khan said the militants wanted to target the Security Forces (SFs).



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3. [Security, Pakistan] Thirty Kg Bomb Defused In Badhber

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://paktribune.com/news/30kg-bomb-defused-in-Badhber-253613.html>

The Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) on Monday defused a bomb in Badhber area of Peshawar District, averting a terror bid near a police checkpost.

According to details, miscreants planted a bomb in a handcart weighing 30 kilogrammes, however, was defused by BDS near the Sheikhan checkpost.

Superintendent Police (SP) Khursheed Khan said the terrorists wanted to target the security forces. The police seized the bomb and successfully defused it with the help of the BDS, he added.



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4. [Attack, Pakistan] Bomb Attack On Police Van Injures Five In Nowshera

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-133923-Bomb-attack-on-police-van-injures-five-in-Nowshera>

A remote-controlled bomb attack on a police van left at least five people, including three policemen and two others, injured in the Nowshera district on Monday, local police said.

The police vehicle was destroyed after the blast. It is said that two detainees were being shifted in the van to the court for hearing when the vehicle was targeted near the Rashakai Motorway Interchange.

All the five occupants of the van were injured in the blast. The criminals, however, were swiftly transported to Risalpur jail while the seriously-injured police officers were admitted to the Sheikh Maltoon Complex Hospital. Police have registered a case and started investigation.



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5. [Attack, Pakistan] Bomb Kills Two Pakistani Soldiers, Wounds 14

Wednesday, September 26 2012

https://www.opensource.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_200_240_151207_43/content/Display/JPP20120926969093

A roadside bomb targeting a military convoy Wednesday killed two Pakistani soldiers and wounded 14 others in the country's lawless tribal region near the Afghan border, officials said.

The bomb was planted along the route of a convoy of the paramilitary Frontier Corps in Spinwam area about 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of Miranshah, the main town in the North Waziristan region, they said.

North Waziristan has become the most notorious Taliban and Al-Qaeda stronghold on Pakistan's border with Afghanistan. Islamabad has resisted US pressure to launch a full-scale offensive against insurgents in the area.

"It was a remote-controlled device and the target was a military convoy," a security official in Miranshah said.

One vehicle in the 20-truck convoy was hit in the blast, which killed one soldier on the spot, while another later succumbed to injuries in hospital, he said.

There are 14 other injured soldiers receiving treatment in the hospital, some in a serious condition, he added.

Troops responded by launching a house-to-house search for militants while military helicopters shelled suspected hideouts, another official in the northwestern city of Peshawar said, confirming the death toll.

"We don't have details of militant losses," he said.

North Waziristan is one of seven districts in Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal belt, where Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked militants have carved out strongholds used to plot attacks across the border in Afghanistan.

Attacks on the military are rare in the region as an influential local militant commander, Gul Bahadur, agreed not to attack Pakistani troops under a ceasefire accord signed with the authorities in 2007.

Pakistan has lost more than 3,000 soldiers in the fight against homegrown insurgents but has resisted US pressure to eliminate havens used by those fighting international troops in Afghanistan.



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6. [Attack, Afghanistan] Blast In Musa Qala District Market Kills Two Civilians In Helmand

Wednesday, September 26 2012

https://www.opensource.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_200_203_121123_43/content/Display/SAP20120926316007#index=1&searchKey=9515259&rpp=10

Two civilians were killed and as many wounded when a bomb-rigged motorcycle went off in a district bazaar in southern Helmand province on Wednesday afternoon, police said.

It was a remotely-controlled blast that rocked the bazaar in Musa Qala district around 3pm, police spokesman Farid Ahmad Farhang told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The district chief said the bazaar was known as "Sozi". Nimatullah confirmed the casualties, saying the injured are said to be in critical condition. He had no idea about the motive, saying there was no government official at the time of the blast. The blast damaged a number of shops.

The Taliban have said nothing so far about the incident.



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7. [Attack, Afghanistan] Suicide Bomber Kills Two NATO Soldiers In Logar

Wednesday, September 26 2012

https://www.opensource.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_200_203_121123_43/content/Display/SAP20120926963285#index=35&searchKey=9515259&rpp=10

A suicide bomber struck a NATO convoy in Logar province Wednesday morning, killing two NATO soldiers and injuring at least one more troop, local officials said.

The bomber, who was on foot, targeted the NATO convoy while it was in the Alias village of Logar's Baraki Barak district at around 08:30AM local time, provincial spokesman Din Mohammad Darwish told TOLONews.

ISAF confirmed to TOLONews that the attack was the same mentioned in its casualty report Wednesday morning.

The report said two NATO troops were killed in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan Wednesday, but gave no further details.

The ISAF spokesperson declined to confirm whether any other soldiers were injured.

Darwish said more NATO soldiers had arrived in the area.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Baraki Barak district is considered insecure in the province with insurgents frequently using improvised explosive devices to target NATO and Afghan troops.



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8. [Attack, Pakistan] One Killed, 30 Injured In Bomb Blast At Kehror Lal Eisan Urs

Thursday, September 27 2012

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/442981/sectarian-terrorism-1-killed-30-injured-in-bomb-blast-at-kehror-lal-eisan-urs/>
#.UGRymX9g3ps.email

A eunuch was killed and at least 30 people were injured on Tuesday night in a blast at the urs of Kehroz Lal Eisan in Layyah.

The injured were taken to district and tehsil head quarters hospitals. Twelve of them are still reported to be in critical condition and have been taken to Nishtar Hospital in Multan.

Thousands of pilgrims were present at the time the blast occurred.

The deceased was later identified as Muhammad Amin.

SHO Mehar Saeed said the blast occurred a few minutes after a qawali session at the 616th saint's death anniversary had started.

The blast was followed by a stampede as chaos spread in and around the shrine.

Police said the fragments were recovered from all over the place.

The SHO said a week before the urs began, several posters containing terrorism threats had been pasted on the walls in the area. The posters warned the government for not allowing the urs. Police said the threat was not been taken seriously.

Ghulam Akbar Qureshi, caretaker of the shrine and current successor of Eisan, told The Express Tribune that his family had been receiving death threats for some time. He said he had also received messages against organising the urs.

Earlier, police had said that the blast was a result of a tyre explosion in the mela on the premises.

However, later, after finding fragments from the bomb on the scene, and accounts of the witnesses, they declared it a terrorism attack.

The five day festival that traditionally follows the urs earlier cancelled after the incident. However, on Wednesday Agriculture Minister Ahmed Ali Aulakh visited the shrine and said that the festival will continue.

He said he had visited the shrine to boost the people's moral.

Pilgrims continued to visit the urs in thousands. Festival will include horse riding and camel shows, majalis, qawali sessions and lectures by religious scholars.



Earlier, on Tuesday, the urs was inaugurated by Aulakh and Qureshi. They washed the mausoleum with rose water.

The urs is being organised after four years. It had been suspended in 2007 following terrorism threats from the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan.



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9. [Attack, Pakistan] Peshawar Blast Kills Top Pakistan Bomb Disposal Officer

Friday, September 28 2012

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-19756882>

A senior Pakistani bomb disposal officer has been killed while attempting to defuse a device in the restive north-western city of Peshawar, police have said.

Bomb squad veteran Hukam Khan had successfully defused one device but was killed when a second one exploded as he was trying make it safe.

Three police officers were wounded in the blast.

Mr Khan saved many lives by defusing dozens of bombs in his career.

Police say that Mr Khan, who was in his late 50s, rushed to the city's Matni neighbourhood after hearing that insurgents had planted two bombs near a road used by security convoys travelling to the Khyber tribal region.

Senior police officer Fazal Mola Dad told the AP news agency that Mr Khan's role in making so many bombs safe in recent years meant that he played a key role in the battle against militants in Peshawar.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday told the UN General Assembly that his country had lost more than 7,000 soldiers and policemen as a result of "terrorism" since the 9/11 attacks in the US. He said that in addition 37,000 civilians had been killed.

Peshawar is near Pakistan's tribal belt - a stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaeda militants. Violence from the tribal regions has in recent years spilled over into the city.

Last week a bomb exploded on a busy road in the city, killing at least nine people and wounding at least 20 others.

Earlier in September, a suicide bomber killed two people and injured 19 others when he drove his car into a vehicle from the US consulate in Peshawar.

Hundreds have died in attacks in and around the city in recent years.



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10. [Attack, Nigeria] Suicide Bomber Kills Two, Wounds 46, At Nigerian Church

Sunday, September 23 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/23/us-nigeria-violence-idUSBRE88M03V20120923>

A suicide car bomber blew himself up outside a Catholic church in northern Nigeria on Sunday, killing himself and at least two other people and wounding 46, police said.

Police cordoned off the area around St. John's church after the blast, which caused minimal damage to the building but killed at least two people in a market area of Bauchi city.

A Reuters journalist saw emergency services bring out three bodies in the area, called Wunti, and police identified one as the occupant of the car that blew up.

Several wounded were being taken out on stretchers.

"I was just coming out on my way to church and I saw a car speeding towards the church entrance. It hit the fence and there was a huge 'bang' and pieces of metal flew into the air," Manan Yara, a housewife who lives opposite the church, told Reuters.

"I thank God I'm still alive," she said, her hands shaking.

Bauchi police spokesman Hassan Mohammed said the bomber, plus a woman and a child were killed, and 46 other people got various injuries, including two policemen protecting the church.

He added that it would have been a worse had the bomber managed to enter the building.

"When the suicide bomber targeted the church he was prevented by the measures put in place and instead he detonated his explosives in the parking lot," he said.

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) spokesman Yushua Shuaib also confirmed the death toll, and said that of the injured some 22 were receiving treatment in hospital.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Islamist sect Boko Haram has claimed several attacks on churches and other Christian gatherings this year, part of wider efforts to destabilize President Goodluck Jonathan's government.

DEADLY SECT

Boko Haram has killed hundreds of people since 2009 in attacks on security forces, government offices and churches, and three of its senior members have been designated as 'terrorists' by the United States.

The sect, which says it wants to revive an ancient Islamic caliphate in northern Nigeria that would practice strict Sharia law, has become the number one security threat to Africa's top oil producer, replacing militancy in the oil-rich southeast.



A military crackdown appears to have weakened Boko Haram, whose militants have not reproduced the kind of large-scale, coordinated attacks they carried out earlier this year. At least 186 people died in attacks across the city of Kano in January.

But almost daily shootings and bombings blamed on the Islamists have continued.

The militants have made no public pronouncements since security forces said they killed their spokesman Abu Qaqa in a gun battle in Kano last Sunday.

Security analysts say Boko Haram has forged links with other Jihadist movements expanding across West Africa, such as al-Qaeda in the Islamic Magreb, an Algerian-born outfit based in northern Mali.

But apart from an attack on the U.N. headquarters in the capital Abuja last August, Boko Haram's focus has been mainly on local targets.





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11. [Law Enforcement, Nigeria] JTF Arrests 90 Suspected Boko Haram Members In Yobe

Sunday, September 23 2012

<http://www.tribune.com.ng/sun/news/8632-jtf-arrests-90-suspectedboko-haram-members-in-yobe-kills-4-in-borno-curfew-imposed-in-yobe->

The Joint Task Force (JTF) in Yobe State has moved 90 suspected members of the Boko Haram sect in the state to Abuja.

The 90 were part of the 169 suspected members of the sect that were initially arrested in Damaturu, the state capital, out of which 79 were cleared after a thorough screening.

This is coming even as the Yobe State government imposed 24-hour-curfew on the state.

It was gathered that the 90 suspects were transferred to Abuja for further investigations.

Meanwhile, the curfew in the state started at 10p.m. yesterday as all entrances and exit roads to the state were cordoned off by security men.

Also, at about 4a.m. on Saturday, the JTF operation in Maiduguri, Borno State, Operation Restore Order, based on intelligence, conducted simultaneous cordon and search operation in some areas of the Maiduguri metropolis.

The operation conducted at Dala area of the city resulted into a massive recovery of arms, ammunition and IED hidden in an underground in a house.

Also, three unidentified Boko Haram members were arrested while four of the Boko Haram members were killed in Gombaru area of Maiduguri.

Details of the recovered items, as given by the JTF, were two AK-47 rifles, one rocket propelled grenade tube, three rocket propelled grenade chargers, three G3 rifles, one smoke pistol, one FNC riffle, four pump action machine gun, two locally made pistols, three tear-gas launchers, 34 tear-gas canisters, three tear-gas grenade, 1.5m detonating cord, one IED cylinder, magazines of FNC riffle, 22 assorted ammunition, 12 assorted empty magazine, 1045 assorted ammunition and 12 GSM handsets.

Others included four riffle cleaning kits, one laptop and two hand-held metal detectors, one fragment jacket, eight magazine holders, 100 litres of drum containing fertilizer and six pieces of 25-litre jerrycans containing incendiary materials.

The JTF thanked members of the public who gave useful information that contributed to the success of the operation.



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12. [Law Enforcement, Nigeria] JTF Raids Bomb Factory, Arrest 156 Suspects

Monday, September 24 2012

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2012/09/jtf-raids-bomb-factory-arrest-156-suspects/>

The Joint Task Force, JTF Sunday night raided the main hide out of the suspected Boko Haram terrorists in Mubi the commercial nerve centre of Adamawa State where 156 suspected members of the dreaded group were arrested.

Addressing newsmen shortly after inspecting the compound where the raid took place, Commander of the 23rd Armored Brigade, Nigerian Army Yola, Brigadier General John Nwaoga hinted the operation was sequel to the recent clandestine activities and destruction of GSM masts in Mubi by the suspected terrorists.

Brigadier General Nwaoga, who was accompanied by the Adamawa Police Commissioner Mr. Godfrey Okeke and the State Director of SSS said the raid has really helped the military intelligence to unravel the mystery behind the protracted wave of shooting and bomb attacks in Mubi Town.

Among items recovered from the raid, code named Operation restore sanity” are ready to us improved explosive device, chemicals, arms and ammunitions, over 500 dagger knives, 9 AK47 assault riffles, locally made pistols, rocket launchers among others.

“Based on intelligence report, a combined team of the JTF isolated the area, cordoned it and made sure that innocent and law abiding citizens were not hurt” Brigadier General Nwaoga stated.

At the military base housing the FRSC training school Mubi, 156 suspects were arraigned including 6 females and 5 children who were resaved.

However, the Brigade Commander said the operating is “sweeping” and assured that those arrested will be decisively screamed in other to free innocent ones.

He disclosed that a member of the notorious group was gunned down as they engaged the JTF in a gun duel before they were over powered.

Nwaoga however expressed dismay over what he described as “non-cooperative attitude’ of people in relation to the fight against terrorism.

He therefore called on traditional rulers, village heads, and residents to report to security agents unidentified persons residing in their midst.

“By availing to us of useful information, concerning unknown faces and suspicious movements in their midst, we assured that; we will act rapidly to clear out terrorists amongst us” Nwaoga assured.

He commended the state government for granting this 24hrs curfew which enabled the JTF to carry the successful operation.

Mubi, which is the commercial nerve centre of Adamawa State and the major link between the state and the Cameroun Republic has being in the centre of terrorists attack in the last one and half years.

Score of people have been killed, the latest victim was the chairman of Maiha local government council in the area who are gunned down a few days ago and the destruction of GSM masts.

A 24 hours curfew is currently imposed on the area which share common border with Borno and parts of Yobe states.





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13. [Attack, Somalia] Bomb Kills Four Somali Journalists

Monday, September 24 2012

<http://www.freshties.com/wp/?p=13762>

Three journalists were killed and others wounded in a suicide attack in Mogadishu which at least 12 other people died.

The journalists who died were Abdisatar Daher Sabriye and Liban Ali Nur of Somali National TV and Abdirahman Yasin Ali of Radio Hamar.

Hassan Yusuf Absuge, a renowned journalist for Radio Maanta in Mogadishu, was shot dead the following day.

A spokesman for the Islamist armed group al-Shabaab said its supporters had carried out the suicide bomb attack.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) urged the new president of Somalia, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, to order an investigation into the killings and adopt measures to provide better protection for journalists, 13 of whom have been killed this year alone.

In the past years Somali journalists have played a key role in investigating and reporting on abuses and war in Somalia.

Leslie Lefkow, deputy director of HRW's Africa division, said: "The new Somali president can act to end this horrific pattern by ordering prompt and serious investigations into these killings."

Committee to Protect Journalists says, at least 47 journalists have been killed in Somalia since 1992. The government as well as opposition forces have targeted journalists and put restrictions on the right to free expression.



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14. [Attack, Iraq] Five Iraqi Soldiers Killed In A Roadside Bomb Explosion North Of Baghdad

Saturday, September 22 2012

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/iraq-to-conduct-random-searches-of-syria-bound-iranian-planes-on-suspicion-of-carrying-weapons/2012/09/22/187c63d0-04b8-11e2-9132-f2750cd65f97_story.html

Five Iraqi soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb explosion north of Baghdad on Saturday, Iraqi officials said, as suspected Sunni militants, seeking to undermine the Shiite-led government continue to target the country's security forces.

A police official in Salahuddin province said the attack on a two-vehicle military convoy occurred early in the afternoon near the predominantly Sunni town of Duluiyah, 75 kilometers (45 miles) north of Baghdad. Four other soldiers were wounded in the blast, the official said.

Doctors in the town's hospital confirmed the death toll. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Iraqi government, Ali al-Moussawi, said authorities will conduct random searches of Syrian-bound Iranian planes on suspicion that they might be carrying weapons to the war-torn nation.

Iran is an ally to Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose military has battled opposition forces during an 18-month-old uprising that has become a civil war.

U.S. officials have accused Baghdad of allowing Iran to fly weapons to Assad's forces through Iraqi airspace. Iraq denies the claims.

Al-Moussawi told The Associated Press that Baghdad has informed Tehran of their decision to search Iranian planes, flying to Syria, "if we have suspicions on the nature of the cargo."

On Friday, Iraq prevented a North Korean plane from entering its airspace on suspicion it was carrying weapons to Syria.

North Korea is a long time Assad ally.



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15. [Attack, Egypt] Six Injured In Bomb Explosion In Talkha Train Station

Saturday, September 22 2012

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/six-injured-bomb-explosion-talkha-train-station>

Six people were injured in a bomb explosion inside the train station of Talkha, Daqahlia on Saturday.

City residents started to panic after hearing the loud explosion and heavy smoke started rising.

Witnesses said that two of the passengers were carrying a strange metal object, and were standing on the station platform. The object exploded after they started touching and fiddling with it.

The two passengers were severely injured, while four others had multiple injuries, and dozens of passengers ran out of the station in terror.

Security sources said that the item the two men were carrying was a homemade grenade.

They noted that the circumstances surrounding the incident have not yet been discovered.



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16. [Attack, Syria] One Syrian Killed In Bomb Explosion On Pedestrian Bridge

Sunday, September 23 2012

<http://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2264227&Language=en>

One citizen was killed by explosion of a roadside bomb on a bridge at the old fairgrounds road, which extends from Umayyads Square to Four Seasons International Hotel, it was announced here on Sunday. An improvised device, planted on a pedestrian bridge by a group of armed individuals, went off as one citizen was passing, causing the death of the citizen and financial losses to the place, an official Syrian source told Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA). The official added that the bomb, which weighed one kg, exploded in an area close to military institutions such as authority of military Chiefs of Staff, Four Seasons International Hotel, Dama Rose Hotel and a trucks complex.



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17. [Attack, Iraq] Suicide Car Bomb Kills Four Schoolchildren In Iraq's Western Province

Monday, September 24 2012

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/officials-suicide-car-bomb-kills-4-schoolchildren-in-iraqs-western-province/2012/09/24/c9a2cca2-0621-11e2-9eea-333857f6a7bd_story.html

A suicide car bomb went off near a school in Iraq's western Anbar province on Monday, killing four children, officials said.

The car exploded in the center of the town of Hit, 140 kilometers (85 miles) west of Baghdad, shortly after a police patrol passed by, said Mohammed Fathi, a provincial spokesman. He said six children were also wounded in the blast.

The bombing came a day after the start of the new school year in Iraq.

Mohammed Abdul-Munim, the administrator of Hit who confirmed the casualties, said the initial investigations indicated the school was not the primary target of the attack but the police, most likely.

"Yet, once again, innocent people are paying the price for terrorist acts," said Abdul-Munim.

Violence has ebbed in Iraq, but insurgents still carry out frequent attacks on civilians and security forces in an attempt to shake the trust in the Shiite-led government.



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18. [Attack, Syria] Bombs Explode At Security Site In Damascus

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/25/us-syria-crisis-blast-idUSBRE88O0B520120925>

Bombs planted by rebels exploded at a school building occupied by security forces and pro-government militias in the Syrian capital of Damascus on Tuesday, activists and rebels said.

Residents said smoke was billowing from the area in southeastern Damascus and an activist said ambulances were rushing to the scene.

"At exactly 9:35 a.m., seven improvised devices were set off in two explosions to target a school used for weekly planning meetings between shabbiha militia and security officers," said Abu Moaz, a leader of Ansar al-Islam, one of the rebel groups in the 18-month-old revolt against President Bashar al-Assad.

The state news channel Syria TV quoted a government official as saying two improvised explosives planted by "terrorists" blew up near the "Sons of Martyrs" school in Damascus. It said seven people were wounded, with minor damage to buildings.

Rebels said they expected high casualties from the blast but they did not give any confirmed reports of deaths.

"There were several officers present, and we are hoping they will be part of a large number of killed in this operation," Abu Moaz said.

Southern Damascus has become a battleground between Assad's forces and opposition fighters. Last week, the army bombarded rebel strongholds there to flush them out of the capital, once seen as Assad's untouchable seat of power but now a site of daily fighting.

Damascus residents also reported heavy clashes for two hours on Baghdad Street in a central district of the capital just to the north of the Old City.





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19. [Attack, Iraq] Eight Iraq Security Men Killed In Attack

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-69132-8-Iraq-security-men-killed-in-attack>

Militants launched a wave of attacks on security forces in Iraq on Tuesday, killing eight police officers and soldiers and wounding 11, security and medical officials said.

In Tarmiyah, north of the capital, militants attacked a police station with two car bombs, rocket-propelled grenades and Kalashnikov assault rifles, killing one policeman and wounding two, an interior ministry official and a medical source said.

Farther north, gunmen attacked a police patrol in the village of Al-Mukhisa near the city of Baquba, killing one policeman and wounding three, a police lieutenant colonel and a doctor said.

And a policeman was shot dead west of the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on his way to work, police Captain Ahmed Khalaf said.

Gunmen also attacked a checkpoint in Zayouna in east Baghdad, killing two police and wounding three, the interior ministry official and a medical source said.

In Al-Amriyah in west Baghdad, gunmen killed army Brigadier General Saleh Hassan Fezaa, and others attacked a checkpoint in Al-Amil in the south of the capital, killing two soldiers and wounding three.

While insurgents opposed to the Baghdad government are regarded as weaker than in past years, they have shown they can strike at even the most highly secured sites in the country.



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20. [Attack, Iraq] Five Killed In Attacks Against Police In Central Iraq

Wednesday, September 26 2012

https://www.opensource.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_200_203_121123_43/content/Display/CPP20120926968227#index=16&searchKey=9517381&rpp=10

A police officer and four policemen were killed and two others injured Wednesday in two bomb attacks in central Iraq, the police said.

In Iraq's central province of Babil, three roadside bombs went off almost simultaneously near the convoy of Lieutenant Colonel Salman al-Khazraji, chief of al-Rafidian police station in the town of Jbela, some 60 km south of the capital Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blasts killed the officer, his driver and one of his bodyguards, and wounded two others, the source said.

The town is part of the once restive area, dubbed Triangle of Death, which is a cluster of towns scattered between south of Baghdad and north of Hilla city, the capital of Babil province, some 100 km south of Baghdad.

In a separate incident, two policemen were killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their checkpoint in a village outside the city of Balad, some 80 km north of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

Violence and sporadic high profile attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.



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21. [Attack, Syria] Four Guards Killed, 14 Others Wounded In Damascus Blast

Wednesday, September 26 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/26/syria-crisis-casualties-idUSL5E8KQ96A20120926?type=marketsNews>

Four security guards were killed and 14 civilians and security personnel were wounded in twin blasts that hit a military complex in Damascus on Wednesday, Syrian state television quoted a military source as saying.

The Free Syrian Army, the main rebel force fighting to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad, claimed responsibility for the attack in the heart of the capital that ignited a fire that gutted the army command headquarters.



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22. [Trend, Syria] Militant Group Claim Damascus Army Command Bombing

Thursday, September 27 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/27/us-syria-crisis-militants-idUSBRE88Q12R20120927>

An Islamist militant group claimed responsibility on Thursday for an attack on the Syrian army headquarters in Damascus a day earlier, according to a statement posted on the Internet.

The Al Nusra Front said Wednesday's assault was carried out in two stages, starting with a suicide bomber detonating a car near the building.

It said four suicide attackers posing as security guards entered the compound in a second vehicle, seized the first floor and engaged soldiers inside before detonating their car, setting the building on fire.

The statement, which featured photos of the building on fire, said all five militants died in the attack.

The Free Syrian Army, the main rebel force in an 18-month-old revolt against President Bashar al-Assad, has also said it was behind the attack and that dozens of people were killed.

The Syrian army said four guards were killed and 14 wounded in what it described as suicide attacks, and that no senior officers were among the casualties.

Al Nusra has claimed a number of major attacks in Syria in recent months, including a raid and bombing of a pro-government Syrian TV channel headquarters in July and twin bombings in Damascus that killed 55 people in May.



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23. [Attack, Yemen] Three Die In Yemen As Bomb Goes Off Outside Courthouse

Thursday, September 27 2012

<http://www.euronews.com/newswires/1671782-three-die-in-yemen-as-bomb-goes-off-outside-courthouse/#.UGRvpAqhOfk.email>

Three children died on Thursday in an explosion in front of a courthouse in a remote province of Yemen, where al Qaeda militants are challenging central government authority, a security source said.

A family was walking past the building in al-Qatn in the Hadramout province of east Yemen, when one of them stepped on the bomb. The three who died were aged from 10 to 16 years. It was not clear when the bomb had been planted.

The Arabian Peninsula state, next to top oil exporter Saudi Arabia and along vital world shipping lanes, is trying to restore stability amid fears that Islamist militants will entrench themselves following an uprising that forced former ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down in February.



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24. [Attack, Israel] Israeli Driver Killed By Car Bomb

Friday, September 21 2012

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2012/09/21/Israeli-driver-killed-by-car-bomb/UPI-30111348239711/

A bomb exploded in a moving car, killing the driver, Israeli police said.

The explosion occurred in the central Israel town of Hod Hasharon, Ynetnews reported Friday.

The body of the driver, who was not immediately identified, was recovered from the vehicle.

Police said a bomb had been placed in the car to assassinate the driver.

The report did not say when the bomb exploded.



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25. [Security, Ireland] Bomb Device Attached To Bicycle

Friday, September 21 2012

<http://www.wexfordpeople.ie/breaking-news/national-news/bomb-device-attached-to-bicycle-3236064.html>

Dissident republicans attached a bomb to a bicycle as part of a trap to kill police in Londonderry, it has been disclosed.

The device was set up to explode in a follow-up operation after a pipe bomb was found just yards away in a holdall close to the city's main council offices beside the River Foyle, but the timing mechanism malfunctioned and the device failed to go off.

Volunteers belonging to the Foyle search and rescue team found the first device inside the holdall left on railings beside a riverside walkway. They believed the bag belonged to someone who might have jumped into the water after leaving personal possessions behind. A woman looked inside, suspected it was a pipe bomb and alerted police.

Officers who arrived to check the area then spotted the bicycle and feared a second bomb - a tactic used in February last year when dissidents in north Belfast hid a bomb inside a child's bike after luring police into the area. Army explosives officers were later called in, nearby houses evacuated and roads closed to traffic.

Chief Inspector Jon Burrows, the PSNI area commander for Foyle, said: "It was a reckless attack and while it was meant to kill or seriously injure police, there is no doubt any members of the public, or young people, could have been killed."

The riverside path is used by late-night joggers and the city centre was also crowded with university students on Freshers Week. Derry is next year's UK City of Culture and this was the latest in a series of attacks by dissidents in the city. A bank and tourism offices have been among properties bombed. This weekend virtually every hotel room has been booked for social and cultural events.

Mr Burrows said: "Everybody is working hard to generate civic pride, jobs and tourism, in stark contrast to the selfish and cowardly individuals intent on creating negative headlines."

The search and rescue team carries out regular checks on the banks of the Foyle looking out for people threatening suicide. The woman volunteer who was with two others looked into the holdall and spotted a metal pipe inside.

Craig Smith, chairman of the charity, said: "She knew not to reach into it and walked away. It was extremely frightening. All three of those volunteers could have lost their lives or been seriously injured."

Derry's mayor Kevin Campbell said: "People are horrified lives were put at risk. These volunteers are regarded as heroes in Derry. They do sterling work, all in their own time and without pay. Those responsible are a micro-group of disgruntled people who need to move into the 21st century. They need to explain the rationale behind this. They need to stop."



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26. [Trend, Israel] Syrian Mortar Bombs Land In Israeli Orchard

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/25/us-syria-israel-shells-idUSBRE88O09V20120925>

Mortar rounds fired from Syria hit the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights on Tuesday in a spill-over from the conflict in the Arab country.

The Israeli army said the rounds landed harmlessly in an orchard and were not aimed at Israelis.

Israel had lodged a complaint with the United Nations observer force that monitors the de facto truce between the two countries, a military spokesman said.

A source in the area said the orchard belonged to an Israeli agricultural community which lies close to Syrian villages where fighting has flared between Syrian rebels and forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad.

The rounds were apparently fired at the Syrian village of Jubata Al Khashab in response to rebel activity in the area, Israeli media said. A similar incident occurred in the same area on July 23, the army said.

Israel captured the Golan Heights during the 1967 Middle East War and annexed the area in 1981, in a move that was not recognised internationally.

The Israeli military staged an exercise on the Golan Heights last week to test its battle readiness amid tensions over Iran's nuclear program and the civil war in Syria.



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27. [Attack, Turkey] Attack On Military Vehicle Kills Seven Soldiers In East Turkey

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/25/us-turkey-explosion-idUSBRE8800WV20120925>

At least seven soldiers were killed in the eastern Turkish city of Tunceli on Tuesday when their armored truck drove past a vehicle laden with explosives detonated by suspected Kurdish militants, security sources said.

Ambulances rushed to the scene of the explosion as flames rose from two vehicles on a road through a thinly populated part of the provincial city.

Militants from the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), considered a terrorist group by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, have carried out a wave of attacks on military targets in recent months, stepping up their 28-year-old armed campaign.

The recent fighting has been some of the heaviest since the PKK took up arms in 1984 with the aim of carving out a Kurdish state.

PKK fighters killed 10 soldiers and wounded at least 60 last Tuesday when they fired rockets at a military convoy travelling between the provinces of Bingol and Mus, also in eastern Turkey.

Fighter jets and attack helicopters have been bombarding PKK camps in the southeastern border region with Iraq in recent weeks. More than 40,000 people have been killed in the conflict, which has hampered development in one of Turkey's poorest corners and worsened instability in a region bordering Iran, Iraq and Syria.



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28. [Security, Ireland] Army Makes Safe Viable Explosive Device Thrown Through Window

Wednesday, September 26 2012

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/army-makes-safe-viable-explosive-device-thrown-through-window-3241676.html>

The Army bomb disposal team has made safe an improvised explosive device thrown through the window of a house in Coolock, Dublin early this morning.

At approximately 2.15am the device shattered a pane of glass after it was thrown through the downstairs sitting room window at Belcamp Crescent in Dublin 17.

The Army team was drafted in and made the viable device safe without the need for a controlled explosion.

The area was cordoned off and a number of houses were evacuated.

It was then removed to a secure military location for a technical examination.



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29. [Attack, Thailand] Six Dead, Dozens Wounded In South Thai Car Bomb Blast

Saturday, September 22 2012

<http://gulftoday.ae/portal/baf1413e-2848-4550-9628-1793bb754a1d.aspx>

At least six people were killed and more than 40 were wounded on Friday after a car bomb exploded in a busy shopping street in Thailand's insurgency-hit south, officials told the reporter.

Overwhelmed nurses scrambled to help as casualties poured into the main hospital in Sai Buri town, the reporter at the scene said, describing blood trails smeared across the floor as the bodies of the dead were carried in.

"There are six dead now, three men and three women," a Public Health ministry official said in Bangkok — a toll confirmed by the local hospital which said five civilians were among the dead.

"Altogether 41 people have been wounded either from shrapnel or burns," she said, adding 19 "seriously injured" people had been ferried to bigger provincial hospitals.

An army spokesman said CCTV footage showed three militants opening fire on shops in Sai Buri town centre shortly after Friday prayers in the Muslim-majority region, to lure security forces to the scene, before detonating the bomb.

A complex insurgency calling for greater autonomy has plagued Thailand's Muslim-majority far south near the border with Malaysia since 2004, claiming more than 5,300 lives, both Buddhist and Muslim, with near daily bomb or gun attacks. The bomb, which sparked a fire that destroyed several shops, was meant as a warning to locals not to talk with security forces after nearly 100 suspected militants "surrendered" last week, according to Colonel Pramote Prom-in, an army spokesman in the south.

"The perpetrators are the hardcore and do not want a peaceful solution (to the conflict) so they wanted to terrorise residents not to take sides with government," Pramote said.

"We know who they are, they are the same group who incited other unrest incidents," he said, adding security teams were hunting the suspects.

In response to an increase in violence over the summer, authorities in Thailand, a predominantly Buddhist country, said they had renewed peace talks with militant leaders.

"Don't call it negotiations... but there are talks to achieve peace which is a crucial government policy," Yutthasak Sasiprapa, deputy prime minister in charge of national security, said in August.



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30. [Law Enforcement, Indonesia] Det-88 Personnel Arrest Ten Suspected Terrorists In Central Java, West Kalimantan

Saturday, September 22 2012

https://www.opensource.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_12772_207_0_43/content/Display/OSB20120924252430

The Indonesian National Police's (Polri) counter-terrorism unit Special Detachment 88 (Det-88) arrested a total of 10 suspected terrorists during several raids in Central Java and West Kalimantan on 22-23 September 2012.

Eight suspects were arrested during several raids in Solo, Central Java on 22 September, while another suspect was arrested in West Kalimantan. On 23 September, a tenth suspect, Joko Tri Priyanto, was arrested in Solo.

Priyanto is reportedly linked to the late Noordin M Top and members of the group behind the 2009 Ritz-Carlton bombing in Jakarta.

At least 18 assembled pipe bombs and materials for further bombs were discovered by police during the raids.

According to Polri spokesman Brigadier General Boy Rafli Amar, the group was linked to the Thoriq network, which was recently disrupted in West Java. The group had been preparing to conduct terrorist attacks against police and the People's Representative Council (DPR) building since June 2012. Members of the group had also participated in paramilitary training in Poso in 2011.



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31. [Attack, India] IED Explosion Reported In Manipur

Sunday, September 23 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/24/2012&id=8#8

Kanglaonline reports that an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion took place along the Tiddim roadside along the Tiddim Ground, a few metres south of the Kwakeithel Police outpost in Imphal West District on September 23. The explosion however failed to inflict any casualties.

In another incident, troops of Assam Rifles (AR) recovered an IED from Sangaiprou area on September 23, reports The Sangai Express. The troops and bomb disposal squad of the Imphal West Police neutralized the IED.



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32. [Attack, India] Powerful Bomb Explodes Near Imphal Airport

Sunday, September 23 2012

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/states/other-states/powerful-bomb-explodes-near-imphal-airport/article3929368.ece>

A powerful bomb went off at Tiddim ground near Imphal airport here on Sunday, seconds after Army personnel in trucks passed the area.

Official sources said the bomb, an improvised explosive device allegedly planted by insurgents to attack security personnel, went off at around one pm.

They said the insurgents used remote-controlled device to explode the bomb.

The officer-in-charge of nearby Kwakeithel police station, accompanied by a police force, went to the area soon after the explosion and started a combing operation. No arrest was made.

No individual or group has claimed responsibility for the explosion.



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33. [Security, India] Landmine Manufacturing Unit Unearthed In Odisha

Monday, September 24 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/24/2012&id=9#9

A landmine manufacturing unit of the Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) was unearthed by Security Forces (SFs) near the remote Jhumuka village under Bandhugaon Police Station limits in Koraput District on September 23, reports The Hindu. Around 18 kg of explosive material in gel form, 28 large steel pots called 'gara' and wires with plugs, a camera flash to detonate explosive devices and a Maoist uniform were seized from the spot. However, by the time the SFs reached the village, the Maoists operating the unit had escaped.



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34. [Attack, Thailand] School Heads, Troops Injured In Bomb Blast

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/local/313855/>

Two school directors and two soldiers were wounded in a bomb blast at a school in Bacho district of Narathiwat province yesterday morning.

The bomb went off about 9.40am at a pavilion at the entrance of Batu Mitrapap 66 School on the Narathiwat-Pattani Road in tambon Ton Sai of Bacho district.

Pol Lt Thamnoon Klaewthanong, the duty officer of Palukasamo police station in Bacho district, said the explosion wounded Kordae Laemaenae, director of Batu Mitrapap 66 School, Ma Durama, director of Bunae Piyae School, and Pvt Wattana Sridej and Pvt Panuwat Chinrak, both of Narathiwat Task Force 32.

Police said the bomb was homemade, weighed about 5kg and was packed inside a metal box.

The school was preparing a meeting of school directors in tambon Palukasamo when the bomb went off. The wounded were talking at the pavilion when the bomb, hidden under a marble table where they were sitting, was detonated remotely by a mobile phone.

Army chief Prayuth Chan-ocha yesterday said the army was ready to comply if the emergency decree now imposed in the three southernmost border provinces was lifted, but doing this would weaken law enforcement by authorities.

Gen Prayuth was responding to a comment by Lt Gen Paradorn Pattanathabutr, the new secretary-general of the National Security Council. Lt Gen Paradorn earlier said he would ask security agencies to lift the decree imposed in Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat.

Gen Prayuth said if the special law was revoked, security officers would have to seek a court warrant to make an arrest or conduct a search; would no longer have the power to detain suspects; and could have difficulty examining evidence. It would also be easy for culprits to escape unpunished, he said.



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35. [Attack, India] Civilian Killed And Eight Others Injured In Bomb Blast In Assam

Tuesday, September 25 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/25/2012&id=3#3

Suspected Anti-Talks faction of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA-ATF) militants on September 24 exploded a bomb in Sivasagar town killing one person on the spot and injuring eight others, reports The Telegraph. The bomb was kept inside a motor cycle near the Lakshmi Cinema of the town. Police have launched an investigation into the incident. The deceased was identified as Nirup Das (30). The condition of three injured persons are said to be critical.

Meanwhile, Security Forces (SFs) on September 23 busted a hideout of extremists in the Guma Forest in Gossaigaon sub-division of Kokrajhar District and recovered huge quantity of explosives, reports The Sentinel. The recovered items were 17 gelatin explosives, 28 detonators, circuit boards. SFs suspect the involvement of either breakaway Adivasi factions or elements of the Rabha Viper Army (RVA).



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36. [Attack, India] Bomb Explodes Inside Army Complex In Imphal

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/Imphal/Bomb-explodes-inside-army-complex-in-Imphal/Article1-935234.aspx>

A powerful bomb exploded in the office complex of 'M Sector' (army office) in the heart of Manipur capital complex, Imphal at 5.30 am this morning but no casualty was reported, official sources said.

It was not yet exactly known how the bomb went off at the heavy-security complex adjoining Manipur Raj Bhavan and prestigious Johnstone Higher Secondary School, the sources said..

The bomb was so powerful that the sound of the explosion could be heard from a distance of three km, sources said adding that security and army personnel cordoned off the complex before checking some passers-by.

A team of newsmen who wanted to make an on the spot enquiry was not allowed to enter the M-Sector complex saying they would be allowed later.

Official sources refused to divulge any information when asked whether the bomb was hurled at the four-cornered wall complex by insurgents from roadside or an accidental explosion of grenade or bomb kept inside the army complex.

Manipur fire service office is on the western side of the M-Sector while national highway 39 is in front of it in eastern side. Raj Bhavan adjoining it is in the south while Johnstone Higher Secondary School is in the north.



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37. [Special Interest, Indonesia] Depok-Solo Terror Group Gets Creative With Bomb-Assembly

Tuesday, September 25 2012

<http://www.theborneopost.com/2012/09/25/depok-solo-terror-group-gets-creative-with-bomb-assembly-update/>

The Depok-Solo terror group whose members were busted in a series of raids on Saturday appear to have been more creative than other terror groups in assembling bombs, employing, among other items, plastic food containers and rice cookers, Jakarta Globe Reported.

Found at the house of Barkah Nawa Saputra, a suspect arrested in the antiterror operation, were “two rice cooker casings with two bomb switches using rigged mobile phones and 20 bottles of chemical substances, electronic devices, 13 detonator caps and dozens of switches,” National Police spokesman Brig. Gen. Boy Rafli Amar said over the weekend.

The National Police’s counterterrorism unit, Densus 88, arrested 10 terrorists over the weekend and seized a dozen homemade bombs from the group suspected of planning suicide attacks against security forces and the government.

Eight suspects were arrested on Saturday around Solo, Central Java, and one in West Kalimantan, Boy said.

The 10th suspect, Joko Parkit, was arrested on Sunday in Solo. Parkit’s brother, Eko Joko Supriyanto, was shot dead by police in 2009 during raids to hunt down Southeast Asia’s most wanted Islamist militant, Noordin M. Top. Noordin was killed by police later the same year.

Two suspects were arrested on Saturday in Solo after authorities received information about their whereabouts from other militants in the group who had recently surrendered, Boy said. The two were interrogated and led police to six other members of the group hours later.

Boy said that two of those arrested, Badri Hartono and Rudi Kurnia Putra, both 45, worked to recruit young men and taught at least one member of the group how to make bombs.

“They were the central figures of the group who had planned several terror attacks,” Boy said.

“They recruited, invited young men to be trained in a military-style jihadi camp and bought bombmaking materials.”

The police seized seven bottle bombs, 11 assembled detonators, pipes for bomb casings, a kilogram of urea fertilizer, 3 kg of sulphur, charcoal, jihadist books and electronic devices at Badri’s home.

A third suspect, Kamidi, 43, was arrested at his house in Griyan village at 7 a.m., and a fourth named Subarkah Himawan, or Wawa, was nabbed two hours later.

On Saturday afternoon, police detonated four bombs found in Kamidi’s house. Haryanto, Kamidi’s neighbor, said the alleged terrorist was single and jobless.



“He has a big house, several young men often go there,” Haryanto told Antara.

“He shows them videos about [militant training in] Poso [Central Sulawesi]. At first, many local people went there, but then they lost interest.”

Wawa was taken to the local police station at 9:30 a.m. along with his wife and month-old baby. He reportedly worked as an electronics technician.

Wawa’s neighbor, Tri Sumaryati, said the man’s family did not get along well with the other neighbors.

“The only time they left the house was to go to the mosque,” she said.

“When I asked her name, she only replied ‘Nawa’s wife.’ They also did not want to greet or shake hands with others.”

Police also seized liquid nitroglycerin bombs packed in plastic bags, four active pipe bombs, two bottle bombs, 4 kg of sulphur, 5 kg of gunpowder and several mobile phones at Kamidi’s house.

Kamidi was arrested in his house along with Indran Vitriyanto and Nopem after the police arrested Rudi Kurnia Putra, who just got off from a bus in Solo from Cilacap, Central Java.

Police then arrested Fajar Novianto, Barkah and Triyatno.

Police seized 12 homemade bombs and others that were partially completed along with three rifles, four swords and several jihadist books from the homes of three suspects, Boy said. Solo is the hometown of convicted radical cleric Abu Bakar Bashir.

Police are still investigating the possible link of the unnamed group to other terrorist networks, Boy said. Authorities believe it has now been largely broken up, but will continue to search for other members.

Since March, more than 30 militant suspects have been arrested and seven others killed in a series of raids in Indonesia. All were plotting domestic attacks, and some — aged between 18 and 30 — had attended a military-style training camp in Poso.

Another member of the unnamed group, alleged bombmaker Muhammad Toriq, surrendered two weeks ago in Jakarta while carrying a gun and ammunition and wearing a suicide bomber belt that did not contain any explosives. A second militant, Yusuf Rizaldi, gave himself up to police in North Sumatra three days later. Both cooperated to help bring down the group’s other members in Saturday’s raid, Boy said.

Police have said Toriq was allegedly part of an elaborate plan to shoot police and bomb the House of Representatives building as a way to wage jihad to establish Islamic Shariah law in the world’s most populous Muslim-majority nation.

He had been on the run since police flushed him out of his Jakarta house earlier this month after neighbors reported seeing smoke billowing from it. He escaped again a week later after a blast rocked a house in Depok. Police believe the bomb accidentally exploded while it was being prepared for a terrorist attack, killing one alleged militant inside the home.

When Toriq walked into a police station and surrendered after having a change of heart, he told authorities he



had planned to go on a suicide bomb mission on Sept. 10, targeting either police, in particular Densus 88 officers, or Buddhists as a way to protest against treatment of the minority Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

A few days earlier, police arrested three terrorist suspects in Tangerang, Banten, and Bekasi, West Java, and believe that at least one of them is tied to the Depok, West Java, terrorist cell.

Boy said that one of the suspects, identified as Agus “Jody” Abdillah, was “strongly believed” to have helped hide bombmaking material for the cell.

“He is suspected of helping Toriq,” Boy said at the time.

The cell is also blamed for an earlier accidental explosion at Toriq’s home in Tambora, West Jakarta, on Sept. 5, where bombmaking material was found. The group was allegedly planning to attack police or Buddhist targets in the area.

The rise in terror plots comes after a period of relative calm in Indonesia. Almost exactly a year ago a church in Solo was targeted, but no one other than the attacker was killed, and a few months earlier a police mosque in Cirebon, West Java, was unsuccessfully targeted in an attack.



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38. [Attack, India] Naxal Arrested, Tiffin Bomb Seized

Thursday, September 27 2012

<http://www.business-standard.com/generalnews/news/naxal-arrested-tiffin-bomb-seized/61368/>

A Naxal was arrested today and a tiffin bomb seized from him in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district, police said. Pander Rachla was arrested from a jungle near Bajrangi village and the tiffin bomb recovered, SP Rahul Bhagat told reporters.

"During interrogation, Rachla said Naxals had planned to plant the tiffin bomb in a police station and he had gone to recce the area when the police team nabbed him," Bhagat said.

Rachla claimed some government employees were assisting the Naxals.



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39. [Security, India] Two Powerful Bombs Recovered In Assam

Thursday, September 27 2012

http://zeenews.india.com/news/assam/two-powerful-bombs-recovered-in-assam_802249.html

Two powerful bombs were recovered on Wednesday in Sibsagar and Kokrajhar districts of Assam, official sources said here.

A powerful bomb, weighing more than five kg, was recovered by the police from a bus at Bhatiapar on National Highway-37 in Sibsagar district.

Another Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was recovered from Goassaigaon railway station in Kokrajhar district.

Both the bombs have been defused and additional security personnel have been deployed in Gossaigaon, the sources added.



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40. [Attack, Thailand] Students Hurt By South Bomb

Thursday, September 27 2012

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/security/314304/students-injured-in-south-bomb-attack>

A bomb went off Thursday morning at the entrance of Rom Klao school in Yee Ngor district, police said.

Two students were injured after a bomb was detonated at the entrance of a school in Narathiwat on Sept 27, 2012. (Post Today Photo)

At least two students were slightly injured by the blast, that was triggered by a remote control. Police blamed militants.

In Yala's Raman district, another bomb exploded in a rubber plantation. There were no reports of casualties. More than 5,000 people have been killed and over 9,000 hurt in more than 11,000 incidents, or about 3.5 a day, in the three southernmost provinces and the four districts of Songkhla since the violence erupted afresh in January 2004, according to Deep South Watch - an independent research organisation monitoring violence in the region.





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41. [Attack, India] Parcel Bomb Kills Woman Journalist In WB

Thursday, September 27 2012

<http://www.firstpost.com/india/bomb-hidden-in-courier-mail-explodes-kills-woman-hubby-470160.html#.UGRweK7KPWk.email>

A freelance woman journalist was killed and her husband severely injured when a bomb, sent to her in a parcel, exploded in their house at Dakshin Baksara area in Howrah district on Wednesday, police said.

Forty-year-old Chaitali Santra was killed in an explosion as she tried to open a parcel received through a courier agency at her residence on Wednesday afternoon. Her husband, Himnagshu, has suffered severe injuries and was hospitalised.

“Preliminary investigations have revealed that the explosive was stuffed inside a steel container. A disfigured and burnt steel container has been recovered from the spot,” said Nishat Pervez, Howrah’s deputy commissioner, was quoted as saying in The Telegraph.

Santra, who worked with a Delhi-based weekly *Julm se Jang*, was killed instantly in the blast while her husband who was in the adjoining room sustained severe burn injuries.

The police has been quoted as saying in the report that they had found some evidence of the device used to trigger the explosion, but investigations were still on.

However, the journalist’s daughter has said that her mother had received threats in the past.

“She reported on crime and had made several enemies. She used to get threatening calls. Someone called last week, and I heard her saying on the phone, ‘If you are so close to my home, why don’t you just come in instead of asking me to go out?’” Satabdi Santra, the journalist’s college-going daughter was quoted as saying in an Indian Express report.



NORTHCOM

42. [Special Interest, United States] Improvised Explosive Device Attacks Growing And Morphing--May Appear In USA

Monday, September 24 2012

<http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=76151&pageid=20&pagename=Security>

U.S. military and civilian personnel continue to be targeted by radical Islamist groups using improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in their attacks and the IED will remain the weapon of choice of terrorists regardless of their affiliation. From the U.S. experience in Iraq, the reduction of U.S. forces there hasn't equaled a reduction in counter-IED or other critical capabilities, Army Lt. Gen. Michael Barbero said during his testimony before the House Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee according to a report released on Friday.

Barbero told House lawmakers that the IED threat is growing and morphing within other areas of the world including within our own country.

"Commanders and troopers on the ground are continuously refining their tactics, techniques and procedures tailored to the threat they face in the region," Barbero told the subcommittee.

Within the U.S., local police agencies, such as the New York Police Department, spend time and money on keeping abreast of the latest explosive devices and the newest countermeasures available to them.

From using state-of-the-art bomb-disposal robots -- guided by a police bomb technician -- that can use power tools, handle a high-powered water hose and pick up items, to the older procedure of filling the area with a special foam, police bomb squads take a backseat to no one in dealing with IEDs, former bomb tech George MacHaver said. According to officials at the Department of Defense, IEDs will most probably be encountered in present and future conflicts due to being relatively inexpensive to develop while their effectiveness is proven by the number of military deaths and casualties, as well as the destruction of military vehicles and other assets. And that doesn't include those IEDs developed by domestic terrorists on the U.S. mainland.

A number of DOD divisions, including all of the military branches, have been pursuing counter-IED (C-IED) efforts leading up to June 2005 when DOD established the Joint IED Defeat Task Force, followed in 2006 with the creation of the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) to lead and coordinate all DOD actions to defeat IEDs.

"From fiscal years 2006 through 2011, JIEDDO has received over \$18 billion in funding, however, DOD has funded other C-IED efforts outside of JIEDDO, including \$40 billion for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles," states the Government Accountability Office report.

GAO analysts reported in February 2012 that DOD does not have full visibility over all of its C-IED efforts. DOD relies on various sources and systems for managing its C-IED efforts, but has not developed a process that provides DOD with a comprehensive listing of its C-IED initiatives and activities.

In response to a GAO recommendation that the Secretary of Defense direct JIEDDO to develop an implementation plan for the establishment of DOD's C-IED database including a detailed timeline with milestones to help achieve this goal, DOD officials said that a revision of DOD's Directive No. 2000.19E will contain a new task requiring combatant commands, the military services, and DOD agencies to report C-IED initiatives to JIEDDO.



GAO analysts stated in their report: "This would include programming and funding pursued by a military service, combatant command, or other DOD component, in addition to activities funded by JIEDDO. In January 2012, DOD estimated it would complete draft revisions to DOD Directive 2000.19E in early 2012, but as of July 2012, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) officials stated that the revised draft was under review at the OSD level, and therefore, not issued. In addition, according to JIEDDO officials, DOD is conducting an ongoing review of C-IED capabilities across the Department that may affect JIEDDO and the contents of the draft directive."

"Because DOD lacks a comprehensive database of C-IED initiatives, we conducted a department-wide survey to determine the number of different C-IED initiatives and the organizations developing them from fiscal year 2008 through the closing date of our survey, January 6, 2012, and the extent to which DOD is funding these initiatives; and the extent and nature of any overlap that could lead to duplication of C-IED efforts. We briefed committee staff on the results of our survey and analysis," the analysts stated in their report to the House of Representatives.

For example, the GAO survey data identified 19 organizations with 107 initiatives being developed to combat cell phone-triggered IEDs. While the concentration of initiatives in itself does not constitute duplication, this concentration taken together with the high number of different DOD organizations that are undertaking these initiatives and JIEDDO's inability to identify and compare C-IED initiatives, demonstrates overlap and the potential for duplication of effort.



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43. [Security, United States] Two Detained In Canoga Park After Suspected Pipe Bomb Found In SUV

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http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_21618552/2-detained-canoga-park-after-suspected-pipe-bomb

Two people were detained today after a suspected pipe bomb was found in an SUV during a traffic stop in the Canoga Park area, authorities said.

Officers stopped the vehicle at Sherman Way and Owensmouth Avenue about 1 a.m. and detained the occupants for possible drug violations, said Officer Norma Eisenman, a Los Angeles Police Department spokeswoman.

A bomb squad was sent to the scene, she said.

The apparent pipe bomb was found in a center console of the vehicle, Fox11 reported. "It could have caused serious bodily injury or death," LAPD Sgt. Ray Diaz told Fox11.

Traffic was routed around the area, which was declared safe about 6 a.m., Eisenman said.



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44. [Security, United States] Explosive Device Found At Moonstone Beach

Tuesday, September 25 2012

http://www.times-standard.com/ci_21626969/explosive-device-found-at-moonstone-beach?source=most_viewed

On 09-24-2012, at approximately 6:00 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call from the Camp Host at Moonstone beach regarding a found explosive device. The responding deputy was a member of the Humboldt County Sheriffs Office Bomb Squad.

The camp host told the deputy the device was found at the south end of the parking lot in some bushes by another citizen. When the deputy retrieved the device he recognized it as a "Model 450 Flash Bang Device", which are typically used by law enforcement or military personnel. These devices, normally designed with a short (nominally one second) delay fuse, produce a stunning, disorienting blast and a brilliant, dazzling flash. They can cause serious injuries if used inappropriately. They are illegal to possess. If you find one, do not touch it, and call local law enforcement immediately.

The deputy took custody of the live device and booked it in to be destroyed.





NORTHCOM

45. [Attack, United States] Mailbox Bomb Causes Small Explosion At Candidate's House

Wednesday, September 26 2012

<http://indianapublicmedia.org/news/mailbox-bomb-small-explosion-candidates-house-36836/>

Second District Congressional Candidate Brendan Mullen recently experienced a bomb scare at his northern Indiana home.

While working from his home for the first time in more than a year, Mullen says he witnessed a black car pull up to his mailbox and hastily put something inside.

“As soon as they sped away I saw not only a small explosion, but a lot of smoke coming from my mailbox and obviously a loud boom,” he says.

The incident is one of four similar cases in the area. With recent attacks on politicians in the Middle East, Mullen is not taking it lightly.

“We’re taking this extraordinarily serious,” he says. “This is something to be concerned about. Fortunately we’re not an isolated incident and I don’t believe that it’s politically motivated, but our team and I and the authorities are acting and making sure that they get to the bottom of it.”

Local FBI agents declined to comment on the matter.



SOUTHCOM

46. [Security, Colombia] Colombian Military Seizes Cache Of FARC Arms

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<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/26225-colombian-military-seizes-cache-of-farc-arms.html>

The Colombian armed forces have wrested a trove of explosives and other war materials from FARC guerrillas in a series of raids in the country's southwestern jungles, reported newscast CM& Thursday.

The military offensives took place in the municipality of Florida, in Colombia's troubled Cauca region.

The first raid yielded a hidden supply of explosives, which allegedly belonged to the Gabriel Galvis "Mobile Column" of the FARC. Among the spoils were 11 kilos of high explosives, black powder and four kilos of ammonium nitrate.

In a separate operation, the army found a handmade 81mm calibre mortar, also believed to have belonged to the same FARC column.