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## 1. New Afghan C-IED Team Demonstrates Skills

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

<http://www.defpro.com/news/details/31170/?SID=d9238c4db522435b43911104920e0d48>

The Afghan National Army's (ANA's) newly-formed Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) Team recently demonstrated their proficiency in front of the ANA's 3/215 Brigade Commander, General Sherin Shah, and Task Force Helmand Commander, Brigadier Patrick Sanders.

The demonstration was also watched by the Commanding Officers of the UK's Engineering Group and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search Task Force who have been mentoring the Afghan team.

The ANA's C-IED Team has been built up from bare foundations in just a few years.

There are now highly-trained C-IED operators and instruction in C-IED awareness for Afghan warriors during their initial training.

In recognition of how far they have come in such a short time, members of the ANA were presented with ISAF certificates of commendation by General Sherin Shah.

Captain Nathan Blencowe, Royal Engineers, is the British officer mentoring the ANA C-IED Team. He said: "Having successfully completed months of technical Explosive Ordnance Disposal [EOD] training at the Engineering School in Mazar-e Sharif, northern Afghanistan, the bravest and most competent soldiers are assigned to the most challenging and busiest area of operations, namely Helmand province.

"The highly skilled and courageous EOD operators from 3/215 Brigade have been honing their techniques alongside their ISAF counterparts for the last couple of months and are now eager to deploy on their first independent operation after much hard work."

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Rhodes, the Commanding Officer of Task Force Helmand's EOD and Search Task Force, said the event had demonstrated the progress being made by Afghan forces. He added:

"Sadly, the insurgents' employment of IEDs is now commonplace; but we are developing a new breed of Afghan bomb disposal heroes to join the fight over the coming months, and their progress is highly encouraging.

"We very much hope to accelerate the selection and deepen the development of these police officer and warrior volunteers who are keen to get on with the task and serve the community. Proud, determined and courageous, it is an honour and a privilege to serve alongside them."

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## 2. Local Afghans Turn In IEDs And Caches To Soldiers

Wednesday, 11 January 2012

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/82293/local-afghans-turn-ieds-and-caches-chosin-soldiers#.TxCQRoHDuAg>

Local villagers in the Zharay district have recently become more involved in the security of their own areas. Soldiers in Attack Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, have actively promoted an incentive initiative in the Zharay district which provides a reward to locals that helps increase safety in the district by turning in weapons, improvised explosive devices and providing information on insurgent activities.

A local man discovered an IED, Jan. 4, which consisted of a five gallon jug of homemade explosives attached to a pressure plate. He stated that he found the IED in the road near his home. A few hours later, a local Nalgham villager approached soldiers to turn in a 20 liter jug of homemade explosives that he had discovered near his home. Later that day, a village elder from the village of Siab Jan brought a bag of 14 pressure plates to the soldiers of Attack Company. He said that he found the IED-making materials in Haji Noor Udin Village.

The same day, at a checkpoint manned by soldiers in Attack Company, two local men brought a recently discovered cache to the troops, saying the items were buried south of a nearby Afghan National Army checkpoint. The cache consisted of nine PMN mines, 20 82 mm recoilless rifle rounds, four black electronic boxes with wires, assorted load-bearing vests, a Degtyaryova-Shpagina Krupnokaliberny heavy machine gun barrel, a DShK tripod and other DShK weapons parts. They also turned in a complete IED.

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### 3. Robots To Help Task Force Muleskinner Soldiers Counter IED Threat

Monday, 09 January 2012

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/82265/robots-help-task-force-muleskinner-soldiers-counter-ied-threat#.TxCQUYHDuAg>

The improvised explosive device has proven to be an effective albeit crude method of attack against military forces in Afghanistan. One of the best ways to decrease the effectiveness of an IED is to spot it before it detonates, a task that may become considerably easier for Task Force Muleskinner convoys with the recent introduction of Packbots.

Col. Kurt J. Ryan, 10th Sustainment Brigade Task Force Muleskinner commander wanted to take advantage of any technologies that could give convoys superiority over IEDs and issued guidance to the brigade S3 and S4 to procure and implement available systems, said Capt. Brett A. Gillet, 10th SBDE robotics subject matter expert.

One such system is the Packbot. The Packbot is a light weight, remote-controlled robot that can navigate restrictive terrain and obstacles utilizing two rubber tracks. The Packbot has cameras mounted on front and rear arms that articulate enabling the operator to position the cameras for optimal viewing. In addition to the camera on the front arm there is also a set of claws that can grasp items to be moved by the arm. The Packbot is directed by a standard video game controller connected to a ruggedized laptop computer that also displays the video feed from the camera. Each Packbot cost approximately \$180,000.00. The Packbots are funded by the Joint IED Defeat Organization and managed by the Joint Robotics Repair Detachment on each major hub.

“The Packbot gives the convoy commander the ability to remotely investigate high threat terrain features or items that are suspect but not suspicious enough to request explosive ordinance disposal,” said Gillet.

Gillet is also the architect of the TF Muleskinner Packbot training and certification program.

The training accommodates six to eight operators completing a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and use of the Packbot during day and nighttime conditions over a 4 to 5 day period, said Gillet.

“When individual operators are ready, I administer the five hour certification test and practical exercise, which gives them full brigade approval to use the Packbot on the road,” said Gillet.

Eight soldiers from the 10th Sustainment Brigade Troops Battalion have completed the training and the 530th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion also has trained operators, but no one has certified yet, he said.

The brigade currently has six Packpots, with 12 due in, said Gillet.

“The 530th CSSB is executing missions with the Packbots now, and I expect 90 percent implementation for all convoys by the end of January,” he said.

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#### 4. Suicide Assault Team Kills Seven Afghans In The East

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

[http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/01/suicide\\_assault\\_team\\_11.php](http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/01/suicide_assault_team_11.php)

A suicide assault team killed seven Afghans during an attack on a government compound in the eastern Afghan province of Paktika today. The Taliban claimed credit for the attack.

The three-man suicide assault team, which was armed with suicide vests, rocket launchers, and assault rifles, infiltrated the provincial center in Sharan, the capital of Paktika, and attacked the telecommunication center, the governor's office, and the headquarters of the National Directorate of Security. The Taliban fighters battled Afghan police and soldiers for six hours before all three were killed. Three policemen and four government workers were killed during the fighting.

Taliban spokesman Zahibullan Muhajid claimed credit on the terror group's website, Voice of Jihad, for the "martyr operation" in Paktika.

"Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate, armed with explosive vests and heavy and small arms, stormed the department of telecommunication in the capital of Paktia province on Wednesday morning," the Taliban statement read. "After taking positions in the strategic points within the facility, began targeting the intelligence department, governor house and other government buildings."

The Taliban claimed that "a large number of the puppet soldiers officers and officials were killed and wounded."

Today's terror assault was likely carried out by the Haqqani Network, the Taliban subgroup that dominates operations in the southeastern provinces of Paktika, Paktia, and Khost.  
sangeen-zadran-small.jpg

Image of Haqqani Network military commander Mullah Sangeen Zadran. Obtained by The Long War Journal from a Taliban propaganda tape.

Paktika province serves as a safe haven for the Haqqani Network, a Taliban subgroup with close ties to al Qaeda. Paktika province is run by Mullah Sangeen Zadran, who is the shadow governor. Mullah Sangeen is a senior lieutenant to Siraj Haqqani, the military commander of the Haqqani Network who serves on the top councils for al Qaeda and the Taliban.

Mullah Sangeen has been designated by the US as a global terrorist for his ties to al Qaeda and links to terrorist attacks. Sangeen has admitted his ties to al Qaeda. In September 2009, Sangeen granted an interview with As Sahab, al Qaeda's media arm, in which he stated: "Al Qaeda and the Taliban all are Muslims and we are united by the brotherhood of Islam. We do not see any difference between Taliban and al Qaeda, for we all belong to the religion of Islam. Sheikh Osama [bin Laden] has pledged allegiance to Amir al Mumineen [the Leader of the Faithful, Mullah Muhammad Omar] and has reassured his leadership again and again. There is no difference between us, for we are united by Islam and the Sharia governs us." Mullah Sangeen recently conducted an interview with Al Samood, the Taliban's magazine, and claimed that there is no difference between the Haqqani Network and the Taliban.

Al Qaeda and allied groups maintain a presence in Paktika province, according to an investigation by The Long War Journal. US military press releases document the presence of al Qaeda and "foreign fighter"

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cells in the districts of Bermel, Sar Rowzah, Wor Mamay, Yahya Khel, Yosuf Khel, Zadran, and Ziruk; or seven of Paktika's 18 districts.

Al Qaeda fighters are known to have been killed while fighting in Paktika. Most recently, in June 2011, al Qaeda announced the death of Mahmoud Hamdan Nizal, a Jordanian who was known as Abu Dher al Urduni. Nizal was killed while attacking Combat Outpost Margah, his martyrdom statement claimed.

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## 5. **Thirty-Five Pakistanis Killed In Blast In Khyber Market**

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[http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/01/35\\_pakistanis\\_killed.php](http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/01/35_pakistanis_killed.php)

Terrorists killed 35 people and wounded scores more in a car bombing today at a market in the Jamrud area of Pakistan's contested tribal agency of Khyber.

"The total number of deaths in the blast is 35 while 69 people were wounded, and of them the condition of 11 is critical," a senior official in Khyber told AFP. The blast is thought to have been caused by a bomb placed in a van parked at the market.

Today's bombing takes place as the Pakistani military has been battling the Taliban and their rivals, the Lashkar-e-Islam, in Khyber. On Jan. 1, the Pakistani military killed Qari Kamran, a senior Movement of the Taliban in Pakistan commander in the northwestern district of Nowshera, along with 11 fighters during a military operation in Khyber.

The Taliban have promised to avenge the death of Kamran, and in turn have executed 25 Pakistani paramilitary Frontier Corps troops who were captured in late December 2011 in the settled district of Tank and the tribal agency of Arakzai.

Pakistani security officials are said to want the Taliban to abandon the tribal agencies of Khyber and Arakzai, but are willing to cede the five other agencies (North and South Waziristan, Kurram, Mohmand, and Bajaur) to the Taliban in exchange for a peace agreement, according to The Express Tribune.

Khyber has become a hub of Taliban and al Qaeda activity since the Pakistani military launched an operation in the Mehsud tribal areas in South Waziristan in October 2009. Taliban forces have relocated to the Bara and Jamrud regions and the Tirah Valley in the Khyber agency [see LWJ report, Taliban escape South Waziristan operation].

Tariq Afridi, a powerful Taliban commander based in Darra Adam Khel, has taken control of Taliban operations in Khyber. The Taliban and the Lashkar-e-Islam, a local Islamist terror group commanded by Mangal Bagh, have gained power in Khyber despite a series of Pakistani military operations that began in the summer of 2007 which were supposedly designed to relieve Taliban pressure on neighboring Peshawar. A total of five military offensives have failed to dislodge the terror groups.

Both the Taliban and the Lashkar-e-Islam are known to operate bases and training camps in the Tirah Valley as well as in Bara and Jamrud. These three safe havens in Khyber enable these terror groups to launch attacks inside Pakistan as well across the border in Nangarhar province in Afghanistan. In November 2008, the US military attacked Taliban forces in the Tirah Valley after they retreated across the border from Nangarhar in Afghanistan. US strike aircraft and artillery killed seven Taliban fighters during the hot pursuit.

Al Qaeda fighters and leaders also are known to shelter in Khyber. In 2009, US Predators killed Ibn Amin, a Taliban and al Qaeda commander, in one of four strikes between Dec.16-17 in the Tirah Valley. Amin was the commander of the Tora Bora Brigade, one of six formations in al Qaeda's Lashkar al Zil, or Shadow Army. He operated in the Swat Valley.



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The Khyber Pass and a southern border crossing in Chaman were NATO's main conduit for supplies into Afghanistan before the Pakistani government closed the routes down on Nov. 26, 2011. The closure was imposed after US troops killed 24 Pakistan Frontier Corps troops who opened fire on them in Afghanistan. Pakistan has not said when it would reopen the Khyber and Chaman border crossing points.

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## 6. Six Killed In Armed Clash

Wednesday, 11 January 2012

<http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/11277660-at-least-six-militants-were-killed-and-12-wounded-after-the-lashkariislam-and-its-zakhakhel-of-rival-tribal-force-has-exchanged-the-shooting>

At least six militants were killed and 12 wounded after the Lashkar-i-Islam and its Zakhakhel of rival tribal force has exchanged the shooting to gain control of a main base area of Zakhakhel Kotal Bazaar landed.

Officials said the dead were six Lashkar-i-Islam fighters, while the wounded included six soldiers and six militant equipment Zakhakhel force of volunteers.

They said Lashkar-i-Islam fighters attacked the base strength of Shankhel Zakhakhel area near Nari Baba but the attack was repulsed after prolonged exchange of fire.

Officials said that the two groups have had many bloody clashes over the last several days for the control of the main peaks of the hill area.

Even in the day, the head of a committee of peace remained safe in an explosion aimed at him in the Khwar of Sangar of Mohmand Agency on Friday.

An explosive device planted near the house of Malik Mohammad Ali Haleemzai went away without causing any damage to the head of the Committee of peace.

The personal tax and khasadar isolated away from the area and began an operation to hunt the perpetrators of the explosion. However, no arrest could not be done until late at night.

Haleemzai of Dawn M. said that he and his guards were safe and that it was in the house when the explosive device went off.

He said it was the apparent target of the explosion because he used the passage, where the explosive device was planted, go to the regional headquarters of Ghalanai in the car.

The local government policy is in writing the case against the unidentified miscreants and started investigation.

Meanwhile, a khasadar has succumbed to his injuries at Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar `s Friday.

Taj Mohammad, a resident of Gul Shah Korona Ekkaghound the Bar, did his duty on a highway bridge near Peshawar-Bajaur Ekkaghound principal when a coach who has hit speeds. With critically injured, has been moved to Lady Reading Hospital, where he died.

In a similar incident in the district `s Ibrahimzai of Charsadda, a girls` school of government has been blown up by militants early Friday.

The local police and they said that the miscreants have planted improvised explosive device in the building of a government school for girls in the near Ibrahimzai Sradheri and that went away in the small hours of Friday.

They said the blast damaged the wall of the school `s the limit, the rooms, furniture and documents.

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## **7. Police Arrest TTP Leader In Karachi**

Thursday, 12 January 2012

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2012\01\12\story\\_12-1-2012\\_pg12\\_10](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2012\01\12\story_12-1-2012_pg12_10)

Detained Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Karachi chief, who was arrested last week by the Crime Investigation Department (CID), has confessed to his involvement in the blast at the house of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) information minister that had claimed the life of his son. Police claimed to have arrested four militants, including TTP Karachi chief Abdul Qayyum Mehsud, Muhammad Sharif, Habib Mehsud and Usman. Additional Inspector General CID Ghulam Shabbir Sheikh had disclosed their arrest at a press conference held at CID Complex on Jan 5. The police claimed to have recovered two suicide vests, two BM missiles, two rockets, four Kalashnikovs, six TT pistols and 200 bullets from their possession. SSP CID Fayyaz Khan said the arrested TTP members were trained in Waziristan and were involved in several high profile cases while during course of investigation Qayyum confessed that he along with his other associates got off the bomb at the residence of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that had claimed the life of provincial minister's son. staff report

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## 8. SVBIED Attack Kills 73 Iraqis

Thursday, 05 January 2012

[http://www.longwarjournal.org/threat-matrix/archives/2012/01/suicide\\_car\\_bombings\\_kill\\_73\\_i.php](http://www.longwarjournal.org/threat-matrix/archives/2012/01/suicide_car_bombings_kill_73_i.php)

Iraqis suffered another day of coordinated attacks that included a suicide bomber and bombs planted on vehicles in Shia neighborhoods in Baghdad and Nassiriyah. From Reuters:

Bomb attacks in mainly Shi'ite Muslim areas of Iraq killed at least 73 people and wounded scores on Thursday, police and hospital sources said, raising fears of an increase in sectarian strife.

The biggest attack was beside a police checkpoint west of Nassiriya in the south, where a suicide bomber targeting Shi'ite pilgrims killed 44 people and wounded 81, Sajjad al-Asadi, head of the provincial security committee in Nassiriya, told Reuters...

Earlier on Thursday, a bomb planted on a parked motorcycle and another roadside explosive device killed at least 10 people and wounded 37 in Sadr City, a slum district in northeast Baghdad, police and hospital sources said...

Two car bombs in Baghdad's northwestern Kadhimiya district killed at least 15 people and wounded 32, police and hospital sources said.

The suicide attack was likely carried out by al Qaeda in Iraq or Ansar al Islam (Ansar al Sunnah), as both groups use this tactic.

The last major coordinated attack took place two weeks ago, on Dec. 22, 2011, just as Iraq was entering the current political crisis. The attack was similar, with one major suicide bombing and a series of car bombings throughout Baghdad. Sixty-three Iraqis were killed. Al Qaeda in Iraq claimed it carried out the Dec. 22 attacks.

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## 9. Seven Killed, Thirty-Five Injured In Two Explosions

Monday, 09 December 2012

[http://en.aswatiraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=146429&l=1](http://en.aswatiraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=146429&l=1)

Security sources declared that 7 civilians were killed and 35 injured in two separate explosions here today.

The source told Aswat al-Iraq that a bombed car was directed against a Shiite mosque in Suwaib area, south west Baghdad, that led to seven killings and wounding 28.

The second explosion was in north east Baghdad by a bombed car left on the road side which resulted in 7 injuries.

Investigations were conducted in both cases, and the injured were hurried to nearby hospitals.

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**10. Two Bombs Explode, One Disrupted In Kirkuk**

Friday, 13 January 2012

[http://en.aswatiraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=146475&l=1](http://en.aswatiraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=146475&l=1)

A civilian was hit by two explosives planted in front of a police officer's house in Touz area, south Kirkuk, security sources said today.

The source told Aswat al-Iraq that the officer works as head of the telecommunications and stores with the police department.

The source reported that the house had sustained material damage.

The police found a third bomb nearby, which was successfully dismantled.

On the other hand, another bomb exploded near a house of a government official, who was out of the house as were his family.

Kirkuk lies 280 km north east the capital, Baghdad.

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### 11. Unknown Gunmen Blow Up Evacuation Equipment In Mosul

Thursday, 12 January 2012

[http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=146465&l=1](http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=146465&l=1)

A group of unknown gunmen, wearing military uniform have blown up excavation machinery, belonging to an Angolan Company working in southern Mosul's Najma and Gayara oil fields, a Ninewa security source reported on Thursday.

"A group of armed men have blown up on Thursday 9 machines, used in excavation for oil, belonging to an Angolan Company, working in Najma and Gayara Oil Fields, 60 km to the south of Mosul," the security source told Aswat al-Iraq news agency.

He said the attack did not cause any casualties, because none of the Angolan company staff were present at the site of the work when the incident took place, but some guards of the area of the incident, who were not hurt also.

The Angolan Company, Somingol works in investigation in Najma and Gayara Oil Fields, south of Mosul, within contracts and licenses signed with the Iraqi Oil Ministry in 2010.

Mosul, the center of Ninewa Province, is 405 km to the north of Baghdad.

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## 12. **Two Civilians, Policeman Injured In Falluja**

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[http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=146409&l=1](http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=146409&l=1)

Two civilians and a policeman have been injured in 4 explosions in central Falluja city of west Iraq's Anbar Province on Sunday, an Anbar police source reported on Monday.

"An explosive charge, targeted against a police patrol on the main street at Faluja city center on Sunday, injured 2 civilians and a policeman," the police source told Aswat al-Iraq news agency.

He said that the city had witnessed 3 explosive charges, that did not cause any casualties, the first against a police officer's house, the second against another policeman's house and the third against a communications target, adding that inspection and observation measures had been boosted due to fear from similar attacks targeted against civilians and security forces.

Falluja city, is 60 km to the west of Ramadi, the center of Anbar Province, 110 km to the west of Baghdad.

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### 13. Thirteen Casualties In Two Karbala Explosions

Sunday, 08 January 2012

[http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=146400&l=1](http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=146400&l=1)

The explosion that hit North Karbala resulted in two killings and 13 wounded, according to security sources today.

The source told Aswat al-Iraq that "the two explosions resulted in killing two and wounding 13".

He stressed that the car exploded during operating the bomb.

"The investigations are going on to collect additional information of the two explosions and the victims", he elaborated.

Eye witnesses told Aswat al-Iraq that an explosion took place near a temporary check point in the north of the city, 35 km north of Kerbela, and the other one in one of the agricultural area during an attempt to prepare it for explosion.

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**14. Fifty-Seven Arrested, Fourteen Bombs Disrupted**

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

[http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=146438&l=1](http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=146438&l=1)

Security forces over the past few days have arrested 57 wanted terrorists in different mid-Euphrates areas, in addition to dismantling 14 bombs directed against the Karbala pilgrims.

Commander of Mid-Euphrates Operations Staff General Othman al-Ghanimi told Aswat al-Iraq that the arrests were done through judicial arrest warrants in cooperation with the intelligence forces in the region.

He added that some of the arrested were forming "terrorist cells".

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**15. Authorities Arrest Terrorist Group Responsible For Bat-ha Explosion**

Wednesday, 11 January 2012

[http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=146455&l=1](http://en.aswataliraq.info/%28S%28dhriw5554lckrv45gmngr355%29%29/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=146455&l=1)

The terrorist group responsible for the Bat-ha explosion was arrested, security sources said today.

The explosion resulted in 130 casualties among religious visitors to the holy city of Karbala.

The source told Aswat al-Iraq that the culprits were from Thi Qar province, including a security member.

A suicide terrorist exploded himself , 25 km north west Nassiriya, last Thursday, resulting in 50 killings and more than 80 wounded.

Nassiriya, center of Thi Qar province, lies 365 km south of the capital, Baghdad.

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**16. TFG Foils IED Attack Plans**

Monday, 09 January 2012

[http://www.somaliareport.com/index.php/post/2484/TFG\\_Foils\\_IED\\_Attack\\_Plans](http://www.somaliareport.com/index.php/post/2484/TFG_Foils_IED_Attack_Plans)

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**17. Kenyan Security Forces Seize Explosives**

Friday, 06 January 2012

[http://www.somaliareport.com/index.php/post/2459/Kenyan\\_Security\\_Forces\\_Seize\\_Explosives](http://www.somaliareport.com/index.php/post/2459/Kenyan_Security_Forces_Seize_Explosives)

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**18. Official's Son Given Explosive Device, Told To Kill Father**

Thursday, 12 January 2012

<http://www.hadhwanaagpress.com/?p=4284>

The governor of Sool region in Somaliland for first time said that his son was assigned to kill him with landmine bomb attack.

In report published in Jamhuriya newspaper, Mohamed Mohmud Ali, the governor of Sool region said that Al Shabaab has tempted his son by persuading him to kill him (the governor).

He said one day when I was at home, his son came in and said "dad! I have been handed over explosive device".

"A man, who sells a stall in front of the school, has tempted me and used to give sweets with free of charge, he and I became buddies and then the man took me to two other guys and then handed over me this explosive device to kill you" the son told his dad, the governor of Sool region.

The Jamhuriya newspaper quoted the governor as saying that they have seized one man and they are still tracking down the two others.

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**19. Bomb Explodes In Imphal, Two Grenades Recovered**

Thursday, 05 January 2012

<http://www.e-pao.net/GP.asp?src=3..060112.jan12>

One day after CorCom announced its decision to ban the Congress party and all its election related activities, unidentified persons triggered a blast at the Yumnam Leikai Ngakraba Leirak residence of a businessman at around 5.30 pm today.

According to police source, one hand-grenade exploded at the court-yard of one Taorem Deepak (41) while another explosive spotted at the residential compound has been recovered by police.

Even though impact of the blast caused partial damage to the gate and some part of the building, there is no report of human casualty or injury.

A prompt protest demonstration was staged by the locals at the Ngakraba Leirak section of NH-39 .

On the otherhand, State police personnel recovered a hand-grenade from the Konthoujam residence of one Dr Sapam Ranjan.

Police report said that the explosive device was lobbed by unknown persons at around 9.30 pm of January 3.

It is informed that Dr Ranjan is preparing for contesting the upcoming assembly election from Konthoujam assembly constituency.

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## 20. Three Bombs Explode In Imphal

Monday, 09 January 2012

<http://www.morungexpress.com/regional/75156.html>

Three powerful IED (Improvised Explosive Device) bombs exploded close to the Irabot Memorial Park community hall at Lamlai Chalou in Imphal East in the wee hours of Monday, but no one was injured in the blasts except some damage caused to the hall. Another three IEDs were also recovered from the spot, according to police.

The blasts occurred at around 1:30 early morning at the adjacent locality of State agriculture minister Pharoijam Parijat when three IEDs exploded in quick succession near a hall of Irabot Memorial Park located at Lamlai Chalou along Imphal Ukhrol road, about 12 km from here.

The blasts caused some damages to the ceiling, staircase and gallery of the hall.

Police said they also recovered another three IEDs at the site where the blasts took place and that a bomb squad defused them.

Meanwhile, the Coordination Committee (CorCorm), a conglomerate of Manipur based seven militant groups, which has been continuously targeting Congress offices in its attempts to ban the Congress party in Manipur, denied hand in Monday's blasts at Lamlai Chalou.

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## **21. Two Injured In Cotabato City IED Blast**

Saturday, 14 January 2012

<http://www.journal.com.ph/index.php/news/provincial/21601-2-hurt-in-ied-blast>

Two persons, including a meat vendor, were wounded in an explosion caused of an improvised explosive device planted by unidentified suspects at the gate of the house of a village chief the other night in Cotabato City.

One of the victims was Joseph Bacaro, meat vendor, who was immediately taken to the hospital for treatment.

Reports reaching Camp Crame showed the incident occurred at around 6:15 p.m. in front of the house of Barangay Chairman Anacleto "Johnny" Cisneros, of Rosary Heights 9.

Investigators said the victims were selling meat in a small market near the house of the village chief when the explosion occurred.

It was learned that the IED was placed near the room of the village chief's son.

Some witnesses said they noticed a group of suspicious men roaming around the area.

For his part, Philippine Army's 6th Infantry Division (ID) Public Affairs Office (PAO) chief Col. Prudencio Asto said the IED is designed from an 81mm mortar with cellphone as a triggering device.

Recovered at the scene were leaflets of Bangsamoro Islamic Forces Movement (BIFM).

Security forces also recovered an IED a few meters away from the blast site.

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## 22. Weapons Cache Discovered In Mannar, Burma

Saturday, 07 January 2012

<http://www.lankasinews.com/view.php?204mOlddacaB5YO34e3SAMq30234mBdeddcZBmYc20eeQMAAae4d4Y5n4ca0HIOy32>

Mannar police together with the CID officers recovered a stock of weapons from a forest in Palampitty area in Mannar district.

This raid carried out after receiving information's from a former LTTE carder of the area.

During the time of raid police recovered 14 60mm motor bombs,1-81mm motor bomb, 3 fuse boxes,,3 chargers and 1 T.N.T60mm bomb from the area.

However police carting out further investigations this regard.

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### **23. Police Investigate Court Bombing In Kuala Lumpur**

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v6/newsindex.php?id=639147>

The police investigating the three bombings in the vicinity of the Jalan Duta Court Complex yesterday believe that the homemade explosives were detonated by timers

Kuala Lumpur police chief Datuk Mohmad Salleh said the police were awaiting verification from experts and chemists to determine the type and class of explosives used.

The police found explosion debris like plastic cones, ball bearings, clocks and batteries at the scene of the blasts, he said in a statement posted on Facebook today.

"The police have collected evidence from the scene and will send them for analysis. We are also looking for other witnesses who can help in the investigation into the bombings," he added.

Five people were injured when homemade explosives went off at three locations near the court complex yesterday as about 4,500 people gathered there in rally over the verdict on parliamentary opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim sodomy trial.

The victims were injured by ball bearings or impact from the explosions, said Mohmad, adding that a motorcycle was badly damaged while damage to several other vehicles was minimal.

He said the police were looking for clues to track down those responsible behind the bombings and public cooperation was welcomed.

The case is investigated under Section 6 of the Explosives Act 1957 (Act 2007) which carries imprisonment up to seven years or a fine up to RM10,000 or both, if convicted.

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#### 24. Police Say Recovered IED Was Constructed By Experts

Friday, 13 January 2012

<http://www.nst.com.my/local/general/explosives-assembled-by-experts-1.31725>

The explosives which injured five people near the Jalan Duta court complex were assembled by experts, said police who have offered a RM10,000 reward for information leading to the arrests of the culprits. (Clockwise from top left) This is how the improvised explosive device looked like.

(Clockwise from top left) This is how the improvised explosive device looked like. The police use triangular cones unlike the ones used in the explosion, the PVC pipe used as a container for the explosive and a sample of the 9V battery used to assemble the explosive.

In announcing the reward yesterday, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar said the culprits had disrupted what was otherwise a peaceful rally on Monday.

"These people have tarnished the image of the country as we have always been recognised as peace-loving and harmonious.

"I appeal to anyone with information to come forward to facilitate in the investigations," Ismail said.

In Monday's incident, five people, including a lawyer, suffered minor injuries in three separate explosions which also damaged several vehicles.

The blasts, which went off in a space of 30 minutes, occurred not long after the acquittal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim of a sodomy charge.

The blasts disrupted what had been a peaceful rally by several thousand people who had gathered outside the court complex in support of Anwar.

In the aftermath of the incident, allegations arose blaming the police for the explosions.

"I am very hurt and disappointed that fingers have been pointed at the police force for the explosions.

"It seems that the police will always get the blame no matter what," Ismail said.

"We had been very lenient during the rally despite the supporters not adhering to the 10 conditions imposed prior to the gathering.

"We kept our pledge of allowing public gatherings and yet we are still getting blamed.

"These allegations are baseless and we want to nail those responsible," he told reporters at the senior officers mess in Bukit Aman yesterday.

Ismail was speaking to reporters after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with University Kebangsaan Malaysia on the Masters in Policing Science.

This is the second time the police have signed the MoU.

Meanwhile, in a separate press conference, City Criminal Investigation Department chief Datuk Ku Chin Wah disclosed that the blasts were the work of experts.

He said nobody would be able to assemble an improvised explosive device (IED) without knowledge or experience.

"Even if someone had ben tutored on how to assemble an IED, that person would need experiece to succeed.

"It is not something you can just assemble according to instructions," he said.

It is learnt that the explosives comprised simple materials including a PVC pipe, alarm clock, ball bearings, wires and batteries. The cost of one such device is about RM20.

The homemade explosive were hidden inside plastic traffic cones and placed at three different locations in the vicinity of the court complex.

Ku pointed out that the cones used by the culprits were different from the ones used by police.

"The cones used by police have a triangular base while those used in the explosions were square and round," he said, adding there have been no video recordings prior to the explosions.

"There were no closed-circuit television cameras in the area and the only recording we have is the one in the aftermath of the incident," Ku said.

Those with information on the incident can contact investigating officer Deputy Superintendent Yahya Abd Rahman at 019-4708946 or the nearest police station.

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**25. Explosives Recovered In Northeastern Antioquia**

Friday, 06 January 2012

[http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=es&tl=en&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.elmundo.com%2Fportal%2Fnoticias%2Fantioquia%2Fejercito\\_hallo\\_artefactos\\_explosivos\\_en\\_el\\_nordeste\\_de\\_antioquia.php](http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=es&tl=en&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.elmundo.com%2Fportal%2Fnoticias%2Fantioquia%2Fejercito_hallo_artefactos_explosivos_en_el_nordeste_de_antioquia.php)

**[Approximate Translation]**

As part of offensive operations in rural areas of the municipality of Anori, Antioquia, troops of the Fourth Brigade, succeeded in neutralizing two cylinders loaded with explosives and a landmine.

Deadly traps, spread by terrorists from the Farc 36 squad, would be activated by pressure relief system to the passage of troops or civilians living in the region.

Another explosive device was located in an area known as High El Olivo, Valdivia municipality of Antioquia, by members of Battalion No. 129 Ground Combat Antonio de La Torre Miranda, who advanced offensive operations against terrorist factions of the gang "Mario Velez" of the FARC.

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## 26. Mexican Authorities Seize Rocket

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

<http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=auto&tl=en&js=n&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.omnia.com.mx%2Fnoticias%2Fdecomisa-ejercito-un-cohete-trazador-de-senales-de-humo%2F>

### [Approximate Translation]

The assurance of this device was held in Hermosillo, Sonora, as reported by the Military Zone V, clarified that it is harmless, it contains no explosive charge and its use is only to demarcate a territory with colored smoke.

The Ministry of National Defense (SEDENA) through the Command of the Fifth Military Zone, based in Chihuahua, announced verification of the characteristics of the booster rocket yesterday seized Monday January 9 in Hermosillo, Sonora, by Public Safety personnel that state.

The special features of this device are as follows, according to his own SEDENA:

This is an MK-40 rocket, model 3 FZ, with a head composed of a 2.75 caliber smoke grenades, "Smoke FZ-32 model, from which are used to create a smoke signal for speed color of the land without contain explosive material. It is usually used by U.S. Armed Forces as a promoter of long-range weapons air-to-earth, but in this case no risk.

The material is regulated insured by the Federal Firearms and Explosives, however this device does not have specific material to cause harm and is only used for the delimitation of areas.

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## 27. Police Say Colorado Bomb Used Paper Bag Container

Monday, 09 January 2012

<http://www.pikespeakparent.com/blogs/police-say-colo-bomb-that-hurt-2-was-in-paper-bag.html>

A bomb that seriously injured a Colorado couple was left beside their car in a paper bag with their names written on it, and the woman's ex-husband is a person of interest in the case, police said Sunday.

Allyson Stone, 44, and her current husband, 59-year-old Christopher Stone, were hospitalized with burns after the explosion Saturday in Lafayette.

The couple found the bag as they were preparing to drive to Boulder, and they put it in the car with them, police said. Christopher Stone told investigators it exploded as his wife began to open it when they had driven about a block.

About 20 homes were evacuated as police investigated. Residents were allowed to return about eight hours later when no other explosives were found.

Lafayette Police Cmdr. Gene McCausey said Sunday that Allyson Stone's former husband, 55-year-old Michael Anthony Brittain, is considered a person of interest in the case.

McCausey said police and FBI agents searched Brittain's home in the Denver suburb of Thornton on Saturday night. However, Brittain is not in custody and has not been charged. A phone listing for Brittain could not immediately be found.

Neighbors told KMGH-TV that Brittain is a nice person and they couldn't imagine him being involved in the attack.

Brittain and Allyson Stone have had friction in the past, the station reported.

Court records show Brittain was charged in a domestic violence case involving his wife and children in August 2003. However, the Boulder County district attorney dismissed three of the charges in February 2004, and Brittain was found not guilty on a remaining assault charge in January 2004, according to a state court summary.

Allyson filed for divorce three days after Brittain's arrest in the case. In February 2011, the judge in the divorce case issued a judgment saying Allyson Stone owed \$121,520 to Brittain, court records said.

Court documents also show that in March 2007, a 63-year-old Boulder County woman was granted a permanent restraining order against Brittain. It's unclear why she obtained the order.

Allyson Stone has been in the news in the past. She received death threats in 2010 after a dog bit her and the case went to court, The Denver Post reported. The dog could have been put to death under vicious-animal statutes but was spared. Authorities have said they don't believe the explosion was related to that incident but hadn't ruled it out.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also was assisting in the investigation.

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## 28. Islamic Extremist Arrested In Florida Bomb Plot

Monday, 09 January 2012

<http://channel6news.com/2012/01/islamic-extremist-arrested-in-florida-bomb-plot/>

A Kosovo-born was arrested over the weekend for allegedly plotting to carry out a series of attacks in the city of Tampa in Florida, U.S. prosecutors announced on Monday.

Sami Osmakac, 25, was arrested on Saturday evening after a number of meetings with an undercover officer. Osmakac, who is a naturalized U.S. citizen, allegedly plotted to attack several locations in Tampa with a car bomb, firearms and other explosives.

According to the criminal complaint, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was contacted in late September by a person who said Osmakac and another individual had come into his business and asked if he had any flags which represent al-Qaeda. Osmakac soon after began working for the informant at his business.

On November 30, court records indicate Osmakac and the informant drove around the Tampa area while discussing a potential violent attack which Osmakac was seeking to execute. "During this meeting, Osmakac asked the [informant] to help him procure firearms and a belt containing explosives for use in the attack," according to the criminal complaint.

During the same meeting, the informant allegedly told Osmakac that he knew someone who would be able to provide firearms and explosive devices. However, unknown to Osmakac, the individual the informant was discussing is in fact an FBI undercover officer.

After the informant and Osmakac called the undercover officer on December 19, Osmakac allegedly met with the undercover officer in person. During the meeting, Osmakac told the undercover officer he wished to acquire at least one AK-47-style machine gun, several Uzi submachine guns, at least ten grenades, and an explosive belt with a multi-directional blast range of approximately 15 yards (13.7 meters).

Four days later, Osmakac met with the undercover officer again and provided a \$500 down payment for the weapons and explosives. "Osmakac also asked the [undercover officer] if he could build explosives that could be placed in three different vehicles and detonated remotely near the location where Osmakac would conduct an attack using the other weapons he previously asked for," the criminal complaint alleged.

The undercover officer allegedly told Osmakac that it would be difficult to get three car bombs, but that he could possibly obtain a set of explosives which could be placed in the trunk of a car. "The [undercover officer] further explained that the explosive device for the car would be designed so that it could be triggered by using a cellular phone," the complaint says.

For the explosive belt, Osmakac allegedly said it should be built to function both outdoors and in an enclosed space in case he was unable to get inside his intended target. "Osmakac told the [undercover officer] that he wanted the explosive belt to be built to kill people," prosecutors allege.

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Another follow-up meeting, which was recorded by audio and video devices, took place on January 1st. "I want to do something, something terrifying, like one day, one night, something's going to happen, then six hours later, something else," Osmakac allegedly told the undercover officer.

Osmakac described his attack generally by stating that he wanted to get a hotel room, park the car bomb at his target, leave the area, detonate the bomb in the car, and then retrieve the weapons and explosive belt from the hotel. Osmakac identified several places in Tampa as possible targets, but said he was looking for places with big gatherings.

Among Osmakac's alleged bomb targets were night clubs in the Ybor City area of Tampa, the Operations Center of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Ybor City, and a business in the South Tampa area of Tampa.

During the same meeting on January 1st, Osmakac allegedly asked how far he should be from the car bomb to avoid being injured in the blast. He also expressed his desire to 'take down buildings' and 'kill people inside.'

"You know, they saying they like 3 trillion in debt, they like 200 trillion in debt, and after all this money they're spending for homeland security and all this, this is gonna be crushing them, this gonna terrify them," Osmakac is quoted as saying in the criminal complaint.

During the second portion of the plot, Osmakac said he wanted to use the explosive belt to enter a building with a lot of people and take hostages. He would then demand for certain prisoners to be released before detonating his explosive belt in an attempt to kill his hostages and police officers.

Osmakac also allegedly discussed his desire to attack a U.S. Army base and to take down bridges across the Tampa Bay area, but recognized such a plan would be unrealistic. "I mean, I made many plans, but there's not enough people," he said.

At a later point during the same meeting, the undercover officer asked Osmakac when he would be ready to carry out his plan. "I've been ready, man. Whenever we can get this done, I'm ready," he allegedly said. Osmakac later shook his head in the negative when the undercover officer said he could still change his mind because nothing had been delivered yet.

"We all have to die, so why not die the Islamic way," Osmakac allegedly told the undercover officer. When the officer asked if he didn't want to have a wife and children first, Osmakac allegedly said that Allah allows people to have children in Jannah (paradise).

On Saturday, Osmakac and the undercover officer agreed via text message and a handwritten note to meet at a hotel in Tampa later that day. During the meeting, Osmakac was shown an item in a truck bed which was designed to resemble a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED).

When they later arrived at the hotel room, the undercover officer began showing Osmakac a fully automatic AK-47, ammunition and magazines for the AK-47, a pistol, ammunition and a magazine for the pistol, grenades and an explosive belt. He later gave them to Osmakac, although none of them were functional.

After trying on the explosive belt, Osmakac allegedly told the undercover officer to film him with a digital video camera. During the 8-minute video, Osmakac says his belief is that the blood of Muslims is

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'more valuable' than that of people who do not believe in Islam. He also said he wanted "pay back" for wrongs he felt were done to Muslims.

Following the meeting, Osmakac was taken into custody and charged with one count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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**29. IED Injures One In Daraa**

Monday, 02 January 2012

<http://www.abna.ir/data.asp?lang=3&id=288018>

An explosive device planted by a terrorist group went off on Sunday in al-Sadd area in Daraa city, injuring citizen Mohammad Jabr and damaging his car, in addition to causing damage to a car belonging to a Jordanian man who was driving by.

Mohammad Jabr told the Syrian TV that he was on his way home from purchasing groceries when the device exploded.

Jordanian citizen Alaa Fayez al-Ubaydat said that the aforementioned car exploded after passing over an explosive device planted on the road, hitting his own car and another vehicle.

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### 30. **Sticky Bomb Kills Official At Iranian Nuke Facility**

Wednesday, 11 January 2012

[http://ap.stripes.com/dynamic/stories/M/ML\\_IRAN\\_EXPLOSION?SITE=DCSAS&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-01-11-01-34-15](http://ap.stripes.com/dynamic/stories/M/ML_IRAN_EXPLOSION?SITE=DCSAS&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-01-11-01-34-15)

Two assailants on a motorcycle attached magnetic bombs on Wednesday to the car of an Iranian university professor working at a key nuclear facility, killing him and wounding two others, a semiofficial news agency reported.

The attack in Tehran strongly resembles earlier killings of scientists working on the country's controversial nuclear program.

The bomb explosion killed Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, a chemistry expert and a director of the Natanz uranium enrichment facility in central Iran, the semiofficial Fars news agency reported.

The killing of Roshan was similar to previous assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists that Tehran has blamed on Israel and the United States. Both countries have denied the accusations.

Roshan, 32, was inside the Iranian-assembled Peugeot 405 car together with two others when the bomb exploded near Gol Nabi Street in north Tehran, Fars reported.

Fars described the explosion as a "terrorist attack" targeting Roshan, a graduate of the prestigious Sharif University of Technology in Tehran.

A similar bomb explosion on January 12, 2010, killed Tehran University professor Masoud Ali Mohammadi, a senior physics professor. He was killed when a bomb-rigged motorcycle exploded near his car as he was about to leave for work.

In November 2010, a pair of back-to-back bomb attacks in different parts of the capital killed one nuclear scientist and wounded another.

The slain scientist, Majid Shahriari, was a member of the nuclear engineering faculty at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran and cooperated with the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran. The wounded scientist, Fereidoun Abbasi, was almost immediately appointed head of Iran's atomic agency.

And in July 2011, motorcycle-riding gunmen killed Darioush Rezaeinejad, an electronics student. Other reports identified him as a scientist involved in suspected Iranian attempts to make nuclear weapons.

Rezaeinejad allegedly participated in developing high-voltage switches, a key component in setting off the explosions needed to trigger a nuclear warhead.

The United States and other countries say Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons technology. Iran denies the allegations, saying that its program is intended for peaceful purposes.

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### **31. Clash Between Chechen Rebels And Russian Troops Kills Seven**

Monday, 09 January 2012

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-16469020>

Four Russian security personnel and at least three Islamist militants have been killed in clashes in Chechnya, says Russia's Interior Ministry.

The fighting happened as Russian forces confronted the rebels at a camp in heavily forested mountains, officials say.

The militants had reportedly laid trip wires and mines around their hideout, which were buried under deep snow.

Chechnya's long-running insurgency has recently spread to neighbouring areas.

The fighting began on Sunday when a Russian security patrol came across the militants in the south of Chechnya, officials say.

"During the pursuit of a bandit group in wooded mountainous terrain in Chechnya's Vedenskiy District, three bandits were destroyed," an unnamed security source told Russia's Interfax news agency.

"Preliminary indications are that the militants were able to fortify their so-called camp and set up a large number of trip wire mines around it," the source told Interfax.

"It was these mines that killed the law-enforcers."

In addition to those who died, 16 other Russian servicemen were injured, a Russian Interior Ministry statement said.

Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov said on Sunday that the Russian operation was close to achieving its objectives.

"We have practically found their den and we are now doing everything we can to destroy them in their den," his government's website quoted him as saying.

The Russian authorities have been fighting insurgents in the North Caucasus region since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Chechen separatists and Russian forces waged two wars in the 1990s.

Since the second of those wars ended in 2000, the insurgents have increasingly been Islamists and the unrest has spread to other Russian republics in the region, especially Dagestan.

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**32. Police Officer Killed In Bomb Defusing Operation In Dagestan**

Wednesday, 11 December 2012

<http://www.itar-tass.com/en/c32/313534.html>

One police officer was killed and three to six of his colleagues were injured in a blast in the village near the Komsomolsk settlement near the Kizilyurt town of Dagestan during an operation to defuse an improvised explosive device, a source in the republic's Interior Ministry told Itar-Tass on Wednesday.

The source said that preliminary information suggests that the bomb was found on Tuesday evening. Sappers are currently working at the site. There have been no reports so far about the details of the incident.

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**33. Security Forces Disrupt 35 Kg. IED In Dagestan**

Sunday, 08 January 2012

<http://www.itar-tass.com/en/c32/312269.html>

Federal Security Service sappers in Dagestan have destroyed a powerful explosive device placed in a car.

Sappers with the use of a hydrodynamic device destroyed a homemade explosive device -- a bucket filled with nine kilogrammes of mixture of ammonium nitrate and aluminum powder with a homemade detonator, a source at the operational headquarters of the Russian National Antiterrorist Committee in Dagestan told Itar-Tass.

The Vaz-2107 car with forged numbers was found in a forest three km away from the village of Nechayevka in the Kizilyurt district on Saturday evening. The homemade bomb and two sacks of ammonium nitrate weighing about 30 kilogrammes were found in the car. The site was cordoned off until the morning.

Other state registration number plates were also found in the car.

An inquiry is underway to establish who is the owner of the car and who placed the bomb in it.

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**34. Explosives Confiscated At Salem Checkpoint, West Bank**

Sunday, 08 January 2012

<http://www.demotix.com/news/994885/explosives-confiscated-salem-checkpoint-west-bank>

Improvised explosive devices were confiscated this morning at Salem Checkpoint near Jenin. Four Palestinians were arrested and a major terror attack prevented.

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### 35. Authorities Disrupt IED In Istanbul

Friday, 06 January 2012

<http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=auto&tl=en&js=n&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.samanyoluhaber.com%2Fgundem%2Fak-parti-burosuna-zaman-ayarli-bomba%2F726462%2F>

#### [Approximate Translation]

Kartal, is set to the time left in front of a liaison office in the AK Party, pressure and fragmentation bomb, detonated by experts in a controlled manner. In the incident, a passerby called Hulya Rang Spacers woman suffered head injuries.

Quarter Street in front of the Patriarchs, the AK Party Liaison Office in front of the Mosque of the Patriarchs, a citizen, and the mechanism for seeing objects at a time on the cans picked up. Name of the unidentified person who understands it would be a bomb, then left the body on the street, gas box. Meanwhile, another person on the street, take the bomb out of the box began to examine the natural gas. Other citizens who want to combine the cables in the street party has intervened and the police were called to the scene.

At the scene, the police, bomb disposal team after receiving the news environment has extensive security measures. Viewing the bomb disposal teams, bomb, detonated in a controlled manner by means of fuses. The bomb exploded with a great noise, and 100 meters from an object thrown by a passerby, a woman's per-hit Rang Spacers Hulya said. Hulya injured in the beginning of the tab Selim Kartal State Hospital, had to be treated by removing.

An elderly person, first saw the bomb in front of the office, "I thought children's play. Sarktıgını carefully looked I saw the cable. Leaving it on the box away from the scene." he said.

Yucel Kurt's trades, the "take a friend examined the body and put it on the wall. You take my hand I looked after the object was a bomb I did not know. Cables hung out, time to defragment other citizens by stimulating the body leaving me told me to call the police, I called the police." he talked about the event.

Citizens, a woman walking on the road 100 meters from the bomb and then suddenly fall down, idol help understand the beginning of the wounded, he said.

Hulya tab that was injured in the incident, "came the explosion, then something happened to me and where I found myself in blood." he said.

Bomb disposal experts, exploding body, placed in a tomato box, set the time and pressure, and a fragmentation bomb, he said. Investigation into the incident continues.

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### 36. Chad Baillargeon Sentenced

Thursday, 05 January 2012

<http://www.cfra.com/?cat=1&nid=83601>

It was January 4th, 2011 when Chad Baillargeon was found with a bomb in his car while driving through the Glebe. Now, a year later, he's been sentenced to four years in jail, after pleading guilty to possessing an explosive device with intent to endanger life.

It was just after 11 that night and Baillargeon was driving without his headlights on. It was for that reason he was stopped. Moments later, patrol officers discovered a bomb inside his trunk.

According to a statement of facts, Baillargeon was going to get paid to detonate it at a home in Quebec. Though chemical analysis determined the device was incapable of exploding, Baillargeon thought it could, estimating it would destroy an area of 3,000 square feet. Crown Robert Wadden says it doesn't matter. "Under the criminal code, if you've got the parts...if you intend to use it...then it's a crime", he tells CFRA News.

It's unclear who was going to pay Baillargeon and though the biker enforcement unit was investigating, no links to organized crime have been established.

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### 37. Hoax Suicide Belt Recovered

Saturday, 07 January 20120

[http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=fr&tl=en&js=n&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fmonteregieweb.com%2Fmain%2Bfr%2B01\\_300%2BUne\\_fausse\\_ceinture\\_d\\_explosifs\\_seme\\_l\\_emoi.html%3FJournalID%3D24%26ArticleID%3D739022](http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=fr&tl=en&js=n&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fmonteregieweb.com%2Fmain%2Bfr%2B01_300%2BUne_fausse_ceinture_d_explosifs_seme_l_emoi.html%3FJournalID%3D24%26ArticleID%3D739022)

A belt scale mimicking a device for a suicide bomber placed in a recycling bin has raised concerns at the sorting center of the company in Châteauguay Tiru Tuesday, January 4.

The object was found on the sorting line of the property located in the industrial park. The Vice President of Operations of Groupe Tiru, Gilbert Durocher said that such findings are not common, but the situation is still taken seriously when it occurs. Relief have been alerted.

The police did not have to evacuate the sorting center. In fact, it was six bars of soap wrapped in aluminum foil industry, all connected by son. In this belt was attached to a remote remote starter and battery.

The belt turned into imitation bombs were realistic, according to a source who was there. Probably an element of disguise, police said.

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**38. Explosive Device Seized Near Gogama**

Thursday, 12 January 2012

<http://www.timminstimes.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3434006>

The Gogama OPP is currently in the midst of completing its investigation into an incident involving explosives which resulted in the closing of Hwy 144 south of Gogama overnight, said a statement from the OPP Thursday morning.

OPP officers were originally dispatched to a single motor vehicle collision, involving a 2003 GMC Sierra pickup truck, which occurred at approximately 11:00 p.m. Wednesday evening on Hwy 144 in St-Louis Township, said the police report.

The driver allegedly attempted to flee the scene by attempting to steal the responding tow truck which had arrived on scene ahead of the police.

"At one point the driver of the vehicle allegedly brandished an improvised explosive device (IED) and threatened to deploy it, should the police interfere with him," said the statement.

Once on scene the OPP managed to negotiate with the agitated person and have him surrender himself and the explosive device.

As a result and for obvious public safety concerns, Hwy 144 was closed to the public for several hours, said police. The highway was re-opened at 8:19 a.m. Thursday.

The OPP's Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) and an OPP specialized canine unit attended at the site to locate and neutralize any and all explosives at the scene.

Police determined that the 2003 GMC Sierra pickup is in fact a stolen vehicle from the Chatham area.

Police said Ryan Paul, 25, of Chatham, remains in police custody and has been brought to the Timmins and District Hospital for an assessment.

The investigation remains underway at this point but he is facing Criminal Code charges of:

- Possess Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose
- Possess Explosives Without Lawful Excuse
- Possess Property Obtained by Crime.

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### 39. Pipe Bomb Forces Dungannon Residents to Flee

Monday, 09 January 2012

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/pipe-bomb-forces-dungannon-residents-to-flee-16100897.html>

A viable pipe bomb was discovered in the Milltown area of Dungannon at the weekend.

A number of residents were evacuated from their homes in the Mark Street area of the town for several hours on Saturday as police and Army explosive experts took steps to make the device safe.

Residents have since returned home and detectives in Dungannon are appealing for anyone with information to get in touch.

DUP MLA Lord Morrow said those involved in planting the device had no regard for the safety of others.

"I utterly condemn and deplore the actions of those who left a pipe bomb in the Milltown area of Dungannon on Saturday," the Dungannon town councillor said.

"Those involved displayed absolutely no concern for the safety of residents who had to be evacuated from their homes whilst security forces dealt with what transpired to be a viable device.

"This was done to create the maximum inconvenience in the area whilst holding a community to ransom."

Lord Morrow said there had been an upsurge in this kind of activity in Dungannon and added that Sinn Fein's Gerry Kelly was wrong to suggest talking to the people behind the attacks.

"Those behind it need to be brought before the courts," the DUP man added.

"I completely refute Gerry Kelly's suggestion that dialogue with terrorist thugs will bring about a change in mindset, whilst their criminal deeds are conveniently swept under the carpet.

"A cosy chat with disillusioned, dangerous republicans is neither justice nor deterrent. Mr Kelly would serve his community better if he endorsed calls for such terrorists to be brought before the courts and taken out of society. He should be urging his community to give their full support to the police."

Lord Morrow said it was "totally unacceptable" that innocent residents in Milltown should be subjected to the inconvenience of being evacuated from their homes and they were "sick, sore and tired" of this type behaviour.

Ulster Unionist leader Tom Elliott also condemned the attack.

"There is no place in society for such items as pipe bombs," he said. "It is vital that people desist from using these devices. It is also important that the public report anything suspicious to the police.

"I trust the people of Dungannon and surrounding area will remain calm and look out for their neighbours."

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#### 40. Modified Cylinders Designed To Cause Explosion

Friday, 13 January 2012

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2012/0113/1224310194784.html>

An advertizing trailer and two modified gas cylinders found on the premises of a Louth man during a Garda raid should be considered explosive substances, his Special Criminal Court trial has heard.

Philip McKeivitt (58), Aghaboys, Mount Pleasant, Dundalk, Co Louth, has pleaded not guilty to the possession of an improvised trailer and two gas cylinders adapted to cause an explosion at his home on May 22nd, 2010.

His co-accused, Conan Murphy (25), Plaster, Mount Pleasant, has also pleaded not guilty to the possession of explosive substances at the same address and on the same date.

A Garda ballistics expert told Paul Greene SC, prosecuting, that he examined a number of items found on Mr McKeivitt's premises, including a recently constructed advertising trailer, two modified gas cylinders, 52 bags of glucose and a reel wound with modified electrical wire.

Det Garda Shane Curran told the court that concealed within advertising panels on the box-steel trailer were two gas cylinders which had been cut with an angle grinder.

Each cylinder had its gas regulator and a large section cut away, adaptations he had seen in other gas cylinders similarly modified to facilitate the insertion of an explosive fuel.

Det Garda Curran told Mr Greene it was his opinion that the gas cylinders and the trailer should be considered explosive substances. He said he was also present at Aghaboys when gardaí searching the premises removed 52 bags of glucose from the boot of a Vauxhall Vectra car belonging to Mr McKeivitt.

Det Garda Curran told the court that he was aware of several incidences where glucose was used as accelerant for explosive materials and that he had taken part in a joint operation with the PSNI where glucose was found in an explosive device.

Based on his knowledge and experience, it was his opinion that the glucose was to be used with an ammonium nitrate mix to form a high explosive.

Det Garda Curran said the reel and electrical wire were modified in a similar manner to the command wire of an improvised explosive device, and that these items should also be considered an explosive substance.

He agreed with Diarmaid McGuinness SC, for Mr McKeivitt, that no explosives were found at Aghaboys and that the adaptive trailer and the modified gas cylinders by themselves could not cause an explosion.

However, Det Garda Curran said it was his opinion that the items he examined had been adapted to aid or cause an explosion and should constitute explosive substances as defined under the law.

The trial continues before Mr Justice Paul Butler.

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