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1. [Trend] **U.S. "Red Dot" Spy Program Hunts Bombs in War Zones** (REUTERS)

Thursday, 15 September 2011

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/15/us-usa-security-bombs-idUSTRE78E51Z20110915>

The U.S. agency that operates spy satellites is helping the military spot homemade bombs before they kill American troops on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The "Red Dot" program started six months ago puts a red dot on a display in Humvee vehicles or command posts to alert military personnel to the location of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), which are responsible for many of the U.S. combat casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The National Reconnaissance Office helps detect the bombs with satellites that hone in on the electronic signals from the detonator and that information is combined with imagery, the agency's director Bruce Carlson said on Thursday.

"It's incredibly difficult to take a picture someplace and fuse it with signals intelligence that you might have a million different pieces of," Carlson told a defense writers group.

"To sort that all out and then geolocate it rapidly is a difficult process," he said. "But in many cases we are able to do that and do it in minutes or less."

Most IEDs are electronically detonated because they use shaped charges for more precision, Carlson said.

The NRO, which designs, builds and operates U.S. intelligence satellites, works with the Air Force, National Security Agency and other intelligence agencies by positioning the satellites and adding data from drones and aircraft.

IEDs have killed 2,205 and wounded 21,693 Americans in the Iraq war as of June, according to Pentagon statistics. In Afghanistan, IEDs have killed 719 and wounded 7,448 Americans as of June.

"Even though we still have an unacceptable loss from IEDs, we are catching a lot of them before they are detonated."

Despite false positives, Carlson put the effectiveness of the program's ability at locating IEDs at about 80 percent.

"We get a lot of false positives but we don't report a lot of false positives," he said.

"We try to make sure that we balance between conservatism and driving people crazy. If you just put a red dot every mile, nothing gets done," Carlson said.

Other devices used by insurgents that the NRO is helping to locate are push-to-talk radios, essentially a transmitter and receiver, which are used extensively in combat zones and are "incredibly difficult to locate."

But the science has improved exponentially over the last three years to do that, Carlson said.

"There was a time just three or four years ago where if you asked us to geolocate a push-to-talk radio we could probably get you within 3 miles," he said. "Now ... we measure it in meters and that means it's targetable."

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2. [Trend] **Taliban Vow to Continue to Attack Weddings, Funerals in Pakistan** (Long War Journal)
Sunday, 17 September 2011
http://www.longwarjournal.org/threat-matrix/archives/2011/09/taliban_vow_to_continue_to_att.php

While claiming credit for Thursday's deadly attack at a funeral in the district of Dir, the Movement of the Taliban in Pakistan said it would continue to hit at weddings and funerals of tribal groups who support the Pakistani and US governments. From CNN:

The threat came as the Taliban claimed responsibility for Thursday's suicide blast targeting a funeral procession for a member of an anti-Taliban militia.

"Anyone who supports the U.S. and Pakistani military will face the same fate," Taliban spokesman Siraj-ud Din said. "We will target funeral processions and wedding ceremonies of those who support the U.S."

Din said Friday that the deceased and his attendants were enemies of Taliban because of their pro-government activity.

Siraj-ud Din's threat is nothing new. Since December 2007, Pakistani Taliban groups have conducted 35 major terror attacks at mosques, shrines, funerals, weddings, and religious processions. See LWJ report, [Suicide bomber kills 31 mourners at funeral in Pakistan's northwest](#), for a list of such attacks.

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3. [Trend] **New Badge for British IED Search Teams** (BFBS)

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

<http://bfbs.com/news/afghanistan/new-badge-ied-search-teams-51513.html>

The dangerous work of High Assurance IED search teams is being recognised with the creation of a Search Badge.

The oval-shaped badge is emblazoned with the word "search", with a design of an eye and flame above it, to represent the nature of the work.

The search teams are out on the ground in Helmand Province every day of the year searching for roadside bombs, which are removed or destroyed by EOD operators.

The Adjutant General, Lieutenant General Mark Mans, has presented the badge to operators and advisors who have recently returned from Afghanistan and to those who will deploy shortly.

It was officially launched at Carver Barracks, Wimbish, Essex, the home of search specialists 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) and 101 Engineer Regiment (EOD).

Over 100 soldiers from 17 Field Squadron (EOD), part of 101 Engineer Regiment (EOD), who are also based at the barracks, are currently deployed in Afghanistan.

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4. [Security] "**Beware of Perfume Bottles; They Could Be Bombs**" (PTI)

Thursday, 15 September 2011

<http://ibnlive.in.com/generalnewsfeed/news/beware-of-perfume-bottles-they-could-be-bomb/825346.html>

Himachal Pradesh government has advised its employees to beware of perfume bottles which may be used by terrorists as bombs. In a letter written to various departments, Secretary in the General Administration Department of Himachal Pradesh has warned that according to an intelligence input, Pakistan-based terrorists have devised a new kind of IED concealed in perfume bottles, which will explode if used. The letter further states that these bottles may be sent through couriers to officials. It advised the employees to beware of such gifts. These intelligence inputs were given by IG Police (intelligence) CID Himachal Pradesh, letter said.

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5. [Tech] **MSU Develops Laser to Detect Roadside Bombs** (MLive)

Friday, 16 September 2011

http://www.mlive.com/lansing-news/index.ssf/2011/09/msu_develops_laser_to_detect_r.html

A Michigan State University research team has developed a laser that could detect roadside bombs -- one of the deadliest enemy weapons encountered in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The laser, which has comparable output to a simple presentation pointer, potentially has the sensitivity and selectivity to canvas large areas and detect improvised explosive devices (IEDs) -- weapons that account for around 60 percent of coalition soldiers' deaths.

Marcos Dantus, chemistry professor and founder of BioPhotonic Solutions, led the team and has published the results in the current issue of Applied Physics Letters.

The detection of IEDs in the field is extremely important and challenging as the environment introduces a large number of chemical compounds that mask the select few molecules that one is trying to detect, Dantus said.

"Having molecular structure sensitivity is critical for identifying explosives and avoiding unnecessary evacuation of buildings and closing roads due to false alarms," he said

The research team sought a nondestructive method of detecting IEDs since they can be found in populated areas. Detectors must also be able to distinguish explosives from vast arrays of similar compounds that can be found in urban environments. Dantus' latest laser can make these distinctions even for quantities as small as a fraction of a billionth of a gram.

The laser beam combines short pulses that make the molecules vibrate, as well as long pulses that are used to "listen" and identify the different "chords." The chords include different vibrational frequencies that uniquely identify every molecule, much like a fingerprint. The high-sensitivity laser can work in tandem with cameras and allows users to scan questionable areas from a safe distance.

"The laser and the method we've developed were originally intended for microscopes, but we were able to adapt and broaden its use to demonstrate its effectiveness for standoff detection of explosives," said Dantus, who hopes to net additional funding to take this laser from the lab and into the field.

This research is funded in part by the Department of Homeland Security. BioPhotonic Solutions is a high-tech company Dantus launched in 2003 to commercialize technology invented in a spinoff from his research group at MSU.

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6. [Attack: Sirzad, AFG] **Bomb Explosion Kills Three in Afghanistan** (Press TV)
Friday, 16 September 2011
<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/199489.html>

At least three people have been killed and several others wounded in a bomb blast in the troubled eastern Afghanistan, local Afghan authorities say, Press TV reports.

The blast took place in a market in Shirzad district of Nangarhar Province in the country's east at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, a Press TV correspondent reported.

According to some government sources, the people killed in the blast were tribal militias supporting the government.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack and the exact number of casualties is still not known.

Fighting between militants and foreign forces has recently intensified in the southern and eastern provinces of Afghanistan.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of nearly 150,000 US-led forces in the country.

Taliban militants have recently stepped up attacks after announcing the beginning of the spring offensive. They carry out more attacks in spring and summer.

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7. [Security] **Anti-narcotic Police Capture Ammonium Nitrate** (Bakhtar News Agency)

Saturday, 17 September 2011

<http://www.isaf.nato.int/article/isaf-releases/isaf-joint-command-moring-operations-update.html>

Saturday, September 17, 2011 Kabul (BIA) The National Police captured a quantity of chemical ammonium-nitrate and narcotics from related areas of Gereshak district, Helmand province yesterday.

The National Police captured a quantity of chemical ammonium-nitrate and narcotics from related areas of Gereshak district, Helmand province yesterday. A source of anti-crime department of interior ministry told this news agency, the seized materials included 900 Kg of chemical ammonium-nitrate which is used on making of bomb, a Kalashnikov, a number of bullets and 30 Kg of opium. These materials were seized from a hideout in Gereshak district of that province. No one has been arrested in connection with the case, said the source.

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8. [Attack: Musa Qalah, AFG] **Blast Kills 2, Injures 8** (Press TV)

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

<http://www.isaf.nato.int/article/isaf-releases/isaf-joint-command-evening-operational-update-september-10-2011.html>

At least two people have been killed and eight others have been injured after a bomb attack targeted a police station in Afghanistan's southern Helmand Province, Press TV reports.

A bomber detonated his explosives-laden car at the entrance of the police office in Musa Qala district of the province when he was stopped at the building's gate late on Tuesday, Helmand provincial spokesman Daud Ahmadi told Press TV on Wednesday.

He added that one police officer and one civilian were killed in the attack, while eight others, including three women, were injured.

No group has claimed responsibility for the bomb attack.

Police have launched an investigation into the incident.

The attack comes hours after Taliban militants attacked the US Embassy, NATO headquarters and police buildings in Kabul. Afghan officials say at least 14 people were killed in the 20 hours of violence.

The security situation continues to deteriorate in Afghanistan with foreign and Afghan forces falling prey to Taliban militants on a near-daily basis.

The developments come as fighting between militants and foreign forces has recently intensified in the southern and eastern provinces of Afghanistan.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of nearly 150,000 US-led forces in the country.

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9. [Attack: Faryab, AFG] **9 Afghans Killed by Roadside Bomb** (Press TV)
Saturday, 17 September 2011
<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/199714.html>

Afghan officials say a roadside bomb explosion has killed 9 Afghan civilians, including 5 children, in the northwestern province of Faryab, Press TV reports.

Local officials said on Saturday that the bomb went off in the Ghormach district of Faryab province on Friday, a Press TV correspondent reported.

The governor of Ghormach said five children and four men were killed when the bomb detonated as they were herding cattle.

Another child was injured in the incident.

Police officials say the bomb had been planted by the Taliban along a public road to target civilians.

However, the Taliban has not claimed responsibility for the incident.

Roadside bombs or improvised explosive devices (IEDs) are by far the most lethal weapons used by Taliban militants against foreign and Afghan troops as well as innocent civilians.

Meanwhile, the security situation continues to deteriorate in Afghanistan, and fighting between militants and foreign forces recently intensified in the southern and eastern provinces of the country.

Insecurity is on the rise across Afghanistan, despite the presence of nearly 150,000 US-led forces.

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10. [Attack: Landikotal, PAK] **IED Blast Injures Five FC Personnel in Landikotal** (Daily Times)
Sunday, 18 September 2011
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2011%5C09%5C18%5Cstory_18-9-2011_pg7_7

An improvised explosive device (IED) planted on Charbagh road on the west of Landikotal Bazaar was detonated targeting a vehicle of security forces. As a result of the explosion, five personnel of the security forces were wounded and the front part of the vehicle was damaged. Intense firing, which followed the blast, scared the shopkeepers and the citizens. The blast was of such high intensity that it shook the whole of the Landikotal Bazaar and it was closed down following the IED explosion as a security measure. The injured personnel were rushed to the Landikotal Combined Military Hospital, the Landikotal tehsildar said. Frontier Corps (FC) officials rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area and started a search operation in order to arrest the suspected persons. They also collected evidence after the blast to further probe into the matter. Landikotal Assistant Political Agent (APA) Iqbal Khattak and his staff accompanied by heavy contingents of the Khasadar Force also rushed to the site. Sources said that some of the suspected people were caught from surrounding areas, however the number of the detained people could not be confirmed. The main road leading to Torkham was also blocked for traffic to avoid any untoward incident, which was later reopened.

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11. [Attack: Lower Dir, PAK] **Suicide Bomber Kills 31 Mourners at Funeral in Pakistan's Northwest**
(Long War Journal)
Thursday, 15 September
2011 http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2011/09/suicide_bomber_kills_58.php

A suicide bomber killed 31 people and wounded dozens more in an attack at a funeral for a member of a tribe that has raised an anti-Taliban militia in Pakistan's northwestern district of Lower Dir. The attack took place today in the Samarbagh area of Lower Dir, where more than 100 mourners were attending the funeral of a tribal member. The suicide bomber detonated his vest among the crowd as they were preparing to offer funeral prayers.

"The funeral was that of an ordinary villager, but some participants of the funeral who belonged to a local tribal volunteer force opposed to the Taliban may have been the target," the chief of police for Lower Dir told BBC.

Thirty-one people were killed and 35 more have been wounded, some critically, Reuters reported.

While no group has claimed credit for the attack, the Taliban is the likely culprit. A group of Taliban fighters under the command of Swat leader Mullah Fazlullah is known to operate in the region. Also, Qari Zia Rahman, the dual-hatted al Qaeda and Taliban commander, operates on both sides of the Afghan-Pakistan border area. These commanders, along with Faqir Mohammad, have been launching numerous raids on both sides of the border; many of the attacks have targeted government forces and anti-Taliban militias [see LWJ report, Pakistani Taliban kidnap 25 boys in northwest, for more details].

Today's attack in Lower Dir is the second in the district in three days. On Sept. 13, the district president of the Awami National Party, which has opposed Taliban rule, was killed in an IED attack in the Maidan area of Lower Dir.

In another attack on Sept. 13, Taliban forces under the command of Tariq Afridi killed four children and a school bus driver on the outskirts of Peshawar, the provincial capital. The attack targeted members of a tribe that opposed Taliban rule. "This was to teach them a lesson and we will continue to carry out attacks wherever and whenever possible no matter if it is a school or a school bus," Mohammad Afridi, a Pakistani Taliban spokesman told The Associated Press.

Taliban and allies target religious sites

Over the past four years, the Taliban and allied Pakistani terror groups have shown no reservations about striking inside mosques and other religious sites, as well as during religious processions and events. There have been 35 major attacks on mosques and other Islamic institutions in Pakistan since December 2007, according to information compiled by The Long War Journal.

One of the most brazen attacks took place on Dec. 4, 2009, when a suicide assault team stormed a mosque frequented by military officers in Rawalpindi. Two senior generals were among the 40 people killed.

Another major attack took place on July 1, 2010, when suicide bombers struck the Data Ganj Bakhsh shrine in Lahore, killing 41 people and wounding more than 170. Three suicide bombers detonated their vests at the shrine at a time when it was most frequented, in an effort to maximize casualties.

The last major attack against religious targets took place on Aug. 31, when a suicide bomber killed 11 people in an attack outside a mosque in Quetta.

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12. [Attack: South Waziristan, PAK] **Soldier killed in S Waziristan blast** (The News)
Saturday, 17 September 2011
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=68091&Cat=7>

A soldier was killed and three others were wounded in a roadside blast in South Waziristan's Ladha area on Friday, official sources said.

The sources said the troops retaliated after the blast and killed three militants.

The explosion reportedly took place Friday morning when suspected militants targeted the soldiers operating in the area.

The security forces, according to the sources, had been carrying out search operations against the militants in different areas of Ladha sub-division for the last three days.

The military had launched action against the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan militants in parts of South Waziristan populated by the Mahsud tribe in October 2009.

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13. [Attack: Karachi] **Bomber Targets Top Pakistani Policeman; 8 Killed** (USA Today)
Monday, 19 September 2011
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2011-09-19/pakistan-blast/50460968/1>

A Taliban suicide bomber detonated a vehicle packed with explosives Monday outside the home of a senior police officer tasked with cracking down on militants in Pakistan's largest city. The blast killed at least eight people and left a crater 10 feet (3 meters) deep, police said.

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the early morning attack in the southern port city of Karachi. The target of the bombing, Chaudhry Aslam, escaped unscathed and said he would not be cowed by the attack.

"This is a cowardly act," Aslam told local television. "I'm not scared. I will not spare them."

The eight people killed included six policemen guarding Aslam's house and a mother and daughter, said Aslam. He estimated that at least 440 pounds (200 kilograms) of explosives were used in the attack.

The death toll could have been even worse if it had happened a few minutes later when many children would have been headed to schools located near Aslam's house in the Defense neighborhood of Karachi, an upscale residential area that rarely experiences militant attacks or other forms of violence that plague the city.

"Thank God it was half an hour before school time," said former Pakistani cricket team captain Moin Khan, who passed by the site of the attack shortly after the blast.

"It was horrible. I saw four bodies," said Khan. "Broken pieces of vehicles were scattered more than 100 feet."

Local television footage showed extensive damage from the blast. The fronts of several two-story concrete buildings were totally blown away. Rubble littered the streets amid the burned wreckage of cars hit by the explosion.

Aslam is a top police officer in the Crime Investigation Department, which works to arrest Taliban fighters and other militants in Karachi, a bustling city that is home to some 18 million people and is also Pakistan's main commercial hub.

Karachi has not seen as many militant attacks as other major cities in Pakistan, but it is believed to be home to many Taliban militants who have fled army operations in the northwest near the Afghan border. Pakistani Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan claimed responsibility for Monday's attack.

"We will continue targeting all such officers who are involved in the killing of our comrades," Ahsan told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location.

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14. [Trend] **More Than 20 Killed in Violence Across Iraq** (Washington Post)
Saturday, 10 September 2011
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/13-killed-in-iraq-restaurant-bombing/2011/09/14/gIQAfvUWRK_story.html

More than 20 people were killed and scores were injured Wednesday in attacks across Iraq, continuing a week of sectarian violence that prompted fears that conflict between religious groups could escalate.

In Babil province, south of Baghdad, 16 people were killed and 46 were injured when a car bomb went off in a busy restaurant Wednesday morning. Police later found the bodies of three members of the Mahdi Army, the paramilitary force of anti-American Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, in another area of the province, not far away.

A car bomb parked outside a restaurant where local police were having breakfast killed 15 people and wounded 41 in the southern town of al-Shumali, said a Hillah hospital official. (Sept. 14)

In Anbar province — where 22 pilgrims on their way from a shrine in Syria were kidnapped and fatally shot in the desert Monday — two Iraqi soldiers were killed and nine were injured when an explosive charge detonated under a bus close to an Iraqi military base near Ramadi.

Ahmed Abu Risha, the Sunni leader of the Anbar Salvation Council — begun during the war as part of the U.S.-allied Awakening movement — this week blamed such killings on the Sunni insurgent group al-Qaeda in Iraq, saying the attacks were designed to reignite sectarian violence in the country as the U.S. military prepares to depart Dec. 31.

“They want to [cause] sectarian violence again in the country . . . along with the American withdrawal,” he said.

Some religious leaders said the killings could be retribution by Sunni insurgents for Sadr’s recent call to halt attacks on U.S. forces as they continue the drawdown.

Police in Babil said the car bomb detonated about 8:35 a.m. in the restaurant, which is just off the main highway and is a popular spot for soldiers and police officers — frequent targets for insurgents.

A truck driver near the scene said he had just finished loading up his truck with ceramic goods when he heard a terrifying sound.

“At first we thought it was a cooking gas explosion, but as I walked toward the restaurant, the grief and fear overwhelmed me,” said the driver, Ahmad Eshan. “It was an unbelievable sight.”

Among the 16 dead were three children and 11 soldiers. Leaders at local mosques were scrambling for blood donations for the injured, many of whom lost limbs in the attack, said Fadel Abbas, a local police captain.

In Baghdad on Wednesday, two policemen were killed and another was injured when gunmen opened fire on their patrol in the northwestern part of the city.

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15. [Attack: Al-Hamza] **Car Bomb Kills 15, Wounds Dozens in Southern Iraq** (The Peninsula)
Thursday, 15 September 2011
<http://www.thepeninsulaqatar.com/middle-east/165289-car-bomb-kills-15-wounds-dozens-in-southern-iraq.html>

A car bomb targeting a popular restaurant killed 15 people and wounded dozens more in the southern Iraqi town of Al Hamza yesterday, police and hospital sources said.

Elsewhere, two Iraqi soldiers were killed and 10 others wounded when a bomb attached to a military bus exploded at an army base in Habaniya, around 85km west of Baghdad, army sources said.

Bombings and killings occur on a daily basis in Iraq more than eight years after the US-led invasion but violence has dropped from the peak of sectarian fighting in 2006-07.

The US military is expected to fully withdraw by Decemebr 31 although Iraqi politicians are trying to decide whether to ask Washington to leave some troops beyond 2011 to continue to train its army and police.

The first incident occurred outside the Ehsan tourist restaurant, a popular rest-stop by a main highway for people travelling through Al Hamza, located just south of Hilla, 100km south of Baghdad. "I was in the kitchen when suddenly I heard a blast. I heard loud screams, and the sound of people running. I left the kitchen and went outside to see people covered in blood, lying on the ground," said Tahsin Mahmoud, a worker in the restaurant's kitchen. "It took a long time for Iraqi security forces to reach the scene."

"A powerful blast shook the restaurant. All I could see was smoke and shattered glass everywhere. I covered my face and hid. A few minutes later, I ran outside and saw cars ablaze," said Mehdi Mohammed, a waiter at the restaurant. A source in Hilla's main hospital put the toll at 15 people killed and 46 wounded while a police source at Iraq's provincial joint security centre said 15 people were dead and another 50 wounded. Deputy Health Minister Khamis Al Saad put the toll at eight killed and 36 wounded.

Iraqi officials often give conflicting tolls.

Officials said they suspected al Qaeda insurgents had carried out the attack. "Terrorist groups of al Qaeda are standing behind this cowardly crime. We have formed a team to investigate," said Haider Al Zambour, chairman of the security committee in Babel Council.

The United States military said one of its explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams conducted a post-explosion analysis at the scene of the incident in Hamza.

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16. [Attack: Kirkuk] **2 Injured in Sticky Bomb in Kirkuk** (Aswat al-Iraq)

Tuesday, 18 September 2011

http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=144912&l=1

A governmental official and his son were injured today by a sticky bomb explosion south of Kirkuk, security sources said here today.

General Sarhat Qadir told Aswat al-Iraq that the two injured persons were hospitalized, while a security force started their investigations.

No other details were given.

Kirkuk city lies 280 km north east of the capital, Baghdad.

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17. [Attack: Hilla] **Five Civilians Killed, 41 Injured in Booby-Trapped Blast in Hilla** (Aswat al-Iraq)
Wednesday, 14 August 2011
http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=144841&l=1

At least 5 civilians have been killed and 41 others injured in a booby-trapped car blast in front of a popular restaurant south of the city of Hilla, the center of west Iraq's Babel Province on Wednesday, a Babel police source reported.

"A booby-trapped car has blown up at 08.30 am local time (05:30 gmt) Wednesday in Shomaly village, 50 km to the south of Hilla city, killing 5 citizens and wounding 41 others, as a preliminary result," the police source told Aswat al-Iraq news agency.

The source gave no further details, but said the wounded persons were driven to hospitals by ambulance cars, whilst the security forces closed all the roads leading to the venue of the blast.

Hilla, the center of Babel Province, is 100 km to the south of Baghdad.

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18. [Attack: Fallujah] **Two Civilians Injured in Fallujah Car Attack** (Aswat al-Iraq)
http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default.aspx?page=article_page&c=slideshow&id=144851
Thursday, 15 August 2011

Two Iraqi civilians have been injured in an explosive charge under their car in Falluja city of west Iraq's Anbar Province on Thursday, an Anbar Police source reported.

“An explosive charge blew off on Thursday against a civilian car in central Falluja of Anbar Province, wounding 2 persons and causing damage to the car,” the Police source told Aswat al-Iraq.

Falluja, Anbar's largest city, is 45 km to the west of Baghdad

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19. [Attack: Babel] **Bomb Attack Outside Iraqi Restaurant Kills 13** (BNO News)

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

<http://wireupdate.com/news/bomb-attack-outside-iraqi-restaurant-kills-13.html>

At least 13 people were killed on Wednesday and dozens more were injured when a car bomb exploded outside a restaurant in western Iraq, local authorities said.

An explosive-filled vehicle exploded outside a restaurant located in Shomaly, located in Iraq's western province of Babel, about 150 kilometers (93 miles) south of Baghdad. Among the 13 people killed were 10 police officers, officials told the Aswat al-Iraq news agency.

According to reports, the off-duty police officers were on their day off and planning to eat out at the township's popular restaurant when they were caught up in the explosion. The booby-trapped vehicle also injured another 43 people.

No group or terrorist organization has claimed responsibility of the attack, and it was also not immediately known if the attack was targeting the group of police officers.

Also on Wednesday, a group of gunmen opened fire at a local police patrol in the northeastern Qahira district of Baghdad, killing two police officer and wounding another two people. The gunmen were able to flee after the attack.

In a separate incident, an explosive targeted a bus carrying Iraqi soldiers in Habbaniya Camp, which is located around 35 kilometers (22 miles) east of Ramadi, the center of western Iraq's Anbar Province. As a result, at least one soldier was killed and nine others were injured.

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20. [Attack: Anbar] **Iraqi Soldier Killed, 9 Wounded, in Anbar Blast** (Aswat al-Iraq)

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=144840&l=1

An Iraqi soldier has been killed and 9 others were injured in an explosive charge blast in Habbaniya Camp, east of Ramadi, the center of western Iraq's Anbar Province on Wednesday, a security source reported.

“An explosive charge blew off against a bus, carrying soldiers for a restaurant to take their breakfast, inside Habbaniya Camp, 35 km to the east of Ramadi, killing a soldier and wounding 9 others,” the security source told Aswat al-Iraq news agency.

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

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21. [Attack: Baghdad] **Civilian Killed in West Baghdad Blast** (Aswat al-Iraq)

Thursday, 15 September 2011

http://en.aswatiraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=144855&l=1

An Iraqi civilian has been killed in an explosive charge blast under his car in a west Baghdad district on Thursday, a security source reported.

“An explosive charge blew off under a civilian car in al-Bakriya area of west Baghdad’s Ghazaliya district, killing its driver,” the security source told Aswat al-Iraq news agency, adding that the security forces began investigations about the incident.

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22. [Security: US] **Homemade Bomb Found in Women's Restroom in Detroit** (Fox News)

Saturday, 17 September 2011

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/09/17/homemade-bomb-found-in-womens-restroom-in-detroit/>

A homemade bomb was discovered inside the ladies' restroom at Adi's Coney Island diner in southwest Detroit on Saturday afternoon, causing a section of the city to go into lockdown.

A restaurant employee discovered the device, which police called an IED (improvised explosive device) around 3:00pm and immediately called police.

"I went in the ladies room and I was making sure that there was tissue paper on the roll, and looked down beside the toilet, saw a black bottle and picked it up," said employee Barbar Avdoli. "I started looking at it as I carried it out -- I was gonna throw it in the dumpster -- and my boss lady seen the wires on and told me it was a bomb."

The entire neighborhood was blocked off and businesses closed while crews investigators swept the area for other potential threats.

Members of the bomb squad eventually detonated the explosive at a nearby car wash. Officials say people could have been seriously hurt if the device had gone off inside the bathroom. They say a glass bottle was inside the plastic shell, and it was loaded with gasoline.

"It looked like a bicycle water bottle, that goes on a ten-speed," said employee Heather Cyr. "When she flipped it over, I saw the wires and the numbers on it and was like -- this is no water bottle."

The Department of Homeland Security is investigating the incident. Surveillance video is being reviewed, and sources told myFOXdetroit.com they believe their suspect is a woman.

The person responsible is likely to face federal charges.

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23. [Security: US] **San Jose Man with Stockpile of Explosives is a Convicted Felon** (Mercury News)
Wednesday, 14 September 2011
http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18892053?nclick_check=1

The San Jose man who police say had a cache of improvised explosive devices and 45 guns in his Japantown home is a felon with a long criminal history and was once arrested on a city street with a loaded .357 Magnum in the front seat of his truck.

Mark Sedlock, 63, was arrested Tuesday after police found eight homemade explosive devices and dozens of handguns, rifles and shotguns while serving a search warrant at his home on North Sixth Street, according to Officer Jose Garcia. Sedlock was booked into Santa Clara County Jail on suspicion of making criminal threats, eight counts of explosives violations and multiple firearms and ammunition violations. Sedlock has at least 15 prior convictions, mostly misdemeanors, for offenses including being under the influence of alcohol, battery and possessing concealed weapons, according to court documents.

Police have not found any evidence that Sedlock was planning to carry out any violent act with the firearms or explosives. "There was no indication that he was part of a group or planning on targeting any individual or organization," Garcia said.

Tuesday's incident, which closed down a city block for nearly 12 hours, is not the first time Sedlock has been accused of illegally possessing firearms.

At a sentencing hearing in September 2009, stemming from his arrest for being a felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a loaded firearm in his vehicle, Santa Clara County Judge Socrates Peter Manoukian said he was "seriously concerned about Mr. Sedlock's affinity for alcohol and weapons," according to a court transcript.

The judge also noted that Sedlock had been "hostile toward police" while being arrested May 2, 2007, on Lincoln Avenue, on the weapons charges and driving under the influence of alcohol. The judge noted that Sedlock had a "loaded six-shot .357 Magnum with speed loaders and seven boxes of ammo with a .26 blood alcohol level," more than three times the legal limit.

Manoukian, who said Sedlock had similar offenses in the past while on probation, then sentenced him to two years and eight months in prison. Sedlock received 499 days credit.

As part of his explanation to the judge as to why he drank so much, Sedlock said that he had a cystic pineal tumor in his brain. The judge responded by saying "that's not exactly a brain tumor" and added that he was familiar with the condition. Sedlock then told the judge he "just got overwhelmed. ... I lost some people and stuff. My own doing for some reason or another, I just stopped dealing with it."

Tuesday, police served an arrest warrant at Sedlock's home for suspicion of making criminal threats, stemming from allegations that he threatened to hurt someone. Based on Sedlock's criminal history, police also obtained a search warrant and eventually found two sets of improvised explosive devices in containers within the house, Garcia said. Bomb squad technicians came on the initial call with the officers, since they had reason to believe Sedlock had some explosive materials in his home, Garcia said.

The entire residential block in the 400 block of North Sixth Street was evacuated so a police bomb squad could blow up a cache of explosives found along with several guns inside Sedlock's house. No one was hurt during the incident, and residents were allowed back into their homes about 11 p.m., nearly 12 hours after police first arrived at the scene.

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24. [Security: India] **Powerful IED Recovered, Two Militants Arrested** (Hindustan Times)

Thursday, 15 September 2011

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Powerful-IED-recovered-two-militants-arrested/Article1-746086.aspx>

A powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED), weighing more than ten kgs, was recovered from a car and two persons have been arrested in Assam's Dhubri district on Thursday, official sources said. Acting on a tip-off, troops of 19 Madras Regiment and police in a joint operation stopped a car at Bahalpur on National Highway 31 and recovered the IED from two persons travelling in it.

The police arrested the two people, suspected to belong to the militant outfit Muslim United Liberation Front of Asom (MULTA). The two have been identified as Jalaluddin and Shahidul Islam, sources said.

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25. [Attack: India] **IED Recovered in Jharkhand** (IBN Live)

Thursday, 15 September 2011

<http://ibnlive.in.com/generalnewsfeed/news/ied-recovered-in-jharkhand/825126.html>

Lohardaga (Jharkhand), Sept 15 (PTI) The security forces recovered an improvised explosive device (IED) and other weapons today during their anti-Maoist operation in Lohardaga district, the police said. The IED weighing 30 kg was planted at a place in Pesrar block, the sources said adding two other weapons were also recovered from another spot.

The anti-Maoist operation in Lohardaga district was launched on Tuesday. Lohardaga SP Jitendra Kumar Singh and a CRPF DIG reviewed the operational details with the security personnel during the day while district Deputy Commissioner Ratan Kumar reviewed developmental schemes in the rural areas, the sources added.

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26. [Security: India] **Experts: Agra Blast No Terror Attack** (Times of India)

Monday, 19 September 2011

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2011-09-19/india/30175230_1_blast-site-firecracker-dig-aseem-arun

Investigators on Sunday confirmed the use of indigenously prepared firecracker explosive material in the Saturday's blast at Jai Hospital in Agra in which six people were injured.

"The explosive used further adds weight to the perception that the incident was not a terror strike," a probe official said. An FIR has been registered against unknown miscreants in connection with the blast and four locals have been detained at the Hariparbat police station for questioning.

Experts from National Security Guard, Agra's Forensic Science Lab and Anti-Terror Squad of UP police are probing the blast site.

DG (special) Brij Lal, who visited Agra along with DGP R K Tewari, said after comprehensive analysis of the explosive samples picked up from the site, experts have confirmed the use of potassium chlorate, sulphur and charcoal as the basic ingredients of the explosive. "Such explosives are widely used for making firecrackers," he said.

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27. [Attack: India] **IED Explodes Near ADC Bhawan at Sangakpham, No Casualty** (Kangla Online)
Tuesday, 13 September 2011
<http://kanglaonline.com/2011/09/ied-explodes-near-adc-bhawan-at-sangakpham-no-casualty/>

ADC Bhawan located at Sangakpham Bazar in Imphal East came under attack once again with a powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exploded today morning. However, there was no human casualty or extensive damage during the blast.

This is the third time the Bhawan has been attacked by some anti-social elements. The second blast took place on August 1, killing five persons including two schools girls and the bomber himself while injuring several others. The first attempt in July was however failed.

Police sources said the bomb was an IED and exploded early morning around 5:45 am at the northeastern side of the Bhawan building.

The explosion has inflicted damage on the fencing wall of the Bhawan and shattered the window panes of the building but no human casualty was reported due to the explosion.

The IED ripped off between a toilet and fencing wall of the complex. However, the nature of the device could not be ascertained till the filing of this report.

During the time of explosion no security personnel was available at the sentry post situated few metres away from the explosion site, sources said.

A team of police led by additional SPs Imphal East, Puspanjali and Birbabu, rushed to the spot and conducted investigation in an around the blast site.

A member of the ADC on the condition of anonymity said that there could have been heavy casualties like before if the bomb did not explode in the wee hours.

He urged any individual or organization involved in the attack to prevent such attack in the future.

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28. [Attack: India] **BSF Detect Powerful IED Planted by Naxals** (PTI)

Tuesday, 13 September 2011

http://zeenews.india.com/news/nhttp://zeenews.india.com/news/nation/bsf-detect-powerful-ied-planted-by-naxals_731424.html

BSF personnel on Tuesday detected a powerful IED planted by Maoists by the side of a normally busy road near here and defused it averting any possible mishap.

"The Improvised Explosive Device was kept in a steel container and was defused in good time before any vehicle could pass over it," a senior Border Security Force officer said.

The BSF is involved in anti-Naxal operations along with the CRPF in the Naxal affected state.

The IED was found near Bhuski village, a few kms from here, he said.

The force had received a specific intelligence about a booby-trap following which an operation was launched to detect any such device and prevent a possible ambush by the Naxals, the officer said.

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29. [Security: Philippines] **2 IED blasts greet Robredo in Cotabato** (Journal Online)

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

<http://www.journal.com.ph/index.php/news/provincial/13298-2-ied-blasts-greet-robredo-in-cotabato>

Two explosions greeted Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jesse Robredo yesterday in Cotabato City.

Philippine National Police (PNP) Directorate for Integrated Police Operation (DIPO) Western Mindanao director Chief Supt. Felicisimo Khu said the first explosion occurred at around 12:10 p.m. followed by another blast at around 12:15 p.m.

Khu said unidentified suspects planted the improvised explosive devices (IED) 20 meters apart beside the road near Cotabato City Regional Hospital. He said the IEDs exploded almost simultaneously.

It was learned that the explosion occurred shortly after the convoy of Robredo passed by in the area. Robredo was scheduled to attend a forum for the elected officer in charge of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Khu said the DILG convoy was already inside the compound when the explosion occurred.

Cotabato City police director Senior Supt. Roberto Badian said Robredo was not the target of the explosion.

Police are conducting follow-up investigation into the incident.

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30. [Security: Philippines] **Troops Recover Powerful Bombs After Clash with Rebels in Davao del Sur**
(PNA)

Friday, 16 September 2011

<http://balita.ph/2011/09/16/troops-recover-powerful-bombs-after-clash-with-rebels-in-davao-del-sur/>

Troops undertaking a Peace and Development Outreach Program (PDOP) have recovered two power explosives and other paraphernalia following a 30-minute firefight with the New People's Army (NPA) rebels in the hinterlands of Davao del Sur, a military official disclosed Friday.

Task Group Mulawin commander Lt. Col. Adolfo Espuelas Jr. said the firefight broke out around 7:30 a.m. Thursday in Sitio Tambolang, Barangay Datu Danwata, Malita municipality, Davao del Sur.

Espuelas disclosed that the presence of the NPA rebels was discovered by the troops when they were tipped off by concerned residents while they were “conducting survey and needs assessments” in the community. The NPA rebels were reportedly engaged in extortion activities, Espuelas said.

He said a firefight broke out when the troops chanced upon the NPA rebels when they proceeded to Sitio Tambolang, Barangay Datu Danwata to check the rebels' reported presence.

He said the NPA rebels, numbering close to 30, have fled to different directions following a 30-minute firefight.

Aside from the two Claymore mines, the troops also recovered a US-made Caliber .30 Carbine rifle with magazines of ammunition, two units of Motorola handheld two-way radios, improvised explosive device (IED) materials, medical paraphernalia, subversive documents of high intelligence value and other personal belongings abandoned by the NPA rebels, he said.

“The ongoing Peace and Development Outreach Program in Malita enhances the local government unit’s capacity to deliver basic social services especially in far-flung barangays,” Espuelas added.

Task Group Mulawin is under the Army's 1002nd Infantry Brigade based in Davao del Sur province.

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