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### 1. [Attack, Pakistan] Bombing Kills Taliban Enemy In Pakistan

Saturday, November 3 2012

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/04/world/asia/suicide-bomber-kills-anti-taliban-politician-in-pakistan.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/04/world/asia/suicide-bomber-kills-anti-taliban-politician-in-pakistan.html?_r=0)

A prominent anti-Taliban politician in northwestern Pakistan was killed on Saturday in a suicide bombing, underscoring the dangers faced by politicians who stand up to the insurgents.

Police officials said the bomber detonated explosives near a filling station while a vehicle carrying the politician, Fateh Khan, passed by in a town in the Buner district, in the restive Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province. Two security guards working for Mr. Khan and three passers-by were also killed in the attack, seen as an act of retribution by the Taliban.

Ehsanullah Ehsan, a Taliban spokesman, claimed responsibility for the attack and warned of more assassinations. "Our mujahedeen killed him," he said in a telephone interview. "We carried out this noble deed."

Mr. Khan had long been a member of the Awami National Party, a secular party that rules the province and opposes the Taliban insurgency. About three years ago, Mr. Khan shifted political loyalties and joined forces with an opposition politician, Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao, a former interior minister. Mr. Khan also led an anti-Taliban militia in the province.

Leaders of Awami and Mr. Sherpao's political party, the Qaumi Watan Party, which also opposes the insurgency, have been targeted by the Taliban. Mr. Sherpao himself has escaped two assassination attempts.

Taliban insurgents have been methodical in targeting their opponents, including politicians and tribal elders who have organized anti-Taliban militias. The tactic has demoralized the local population, which complains that the government and the military have failed to provide sufficient security.

Mr. Ehsan vowed more attacks on politicians as preparations for general elections, expected to be held early next year, get under way.

"We will target Awami National Party members in the future as well, wherever we find them," he said. "There will be no mercy."

The Buner district has been a stronghold of the Taliban, and they still maintain a presence in isolated pockets. The district is used as a transit route by the insurgents as they cross the border to safe havens in Kunar Province, in Afghanistan.

The district neighbors the picturesque Swat Valley, where the Taliban held sway until they were pushed out after the Pakistani military staged an offensive in 2009. But despite the military operation, the Taliban have not been completely routed.

On Oct. 9, a Taliban gunman there shot a student and activist, Malala Yousafzai, 15, who has become a symbol of resistance to the Taliban for her forceful defense of education for girls. The brazen shooting shocked the nation and was condemned worldwide. Ms. Yousafzai is currently under treatment in England.





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## 2. [Attack, Afghanistan] Roadside Bomb Kills Afghan Police Chief

Saturday, November 3 2012

[http://www.khaleejtimes.com/displayarticle.asp?xfile=data/international/2012/November/international\\_November106.xml&section=international&col=](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/displayarticle.asp?xfile=data/international/2012/November/international_November106.xml&section=international&col=)

Officials say a roadside bombing in southern Afghanistan has killed a district police chief, as the insurgents increasingly target Afghan security forces amid the drawdown of foreign troops.

Ahmadulah Nazik, who is the administrator of Dand district in Kandahar province, said Rahmatullah Khan died on Saturday while trying to reach a police outpost under Taleban attack.

The killing comes a day after four policemen were shot dead in southern Helmand province by their own colleagues. Taleban spokesman Qari Jusuf Ahmedi said the killers fled and joined the guerrillas.

The US-led NATO coalition is continuing its drawdown toward a planned withdrawal of the majority of combat troops in 2014. Insider and other attacks have thrown doubt on the capabilities of the Afghans to maintain control after the transition.



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### 3. [Security, Pakistan] Peshawar Shrine And Roadside Bombing Attempts Foiled

Saturday, November 3 2012

[http://centralasiaonline.com/en\\_GB/articles/caii/newsbriefs/2012/11/03/newsbrief-02](http://centralasiaonline.com/en_GB/articles/caii/newsbriefs/2012/11/03/newsbrief-02)

An attempt to bomb another Pakistani shrine was thwarted as police defused an improvised explosive device (IED) planted in Mian Umar Baba Mausoleum in Chamkani, Peshawar, officials told Central Asia Online November 2. The 3kg IED was planted in the graveyard, Bomb Disposal Squad Additional Inspector General Shafqat Malik told Central Asia Online.

Police also defused a 5kg IED that was connected to a remote-control device and planted along a road in the Kotwali area, Malik said.





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### **4. [Attack, Pakistan] Militants Bomb Sufi Shrine In Peshawar**

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/290165/militants-bomb-sufi-shrine-peshawar.html>

Militants have bombed a Sufi shrine on the outskirts of Peshawar city of northwest Pakistan, the third such attack in the region since last week.

The powerful bomb went off at the Phandu Baba shrine in Chamkani, a suburb of the provincial capital, late yesterday though there were no casualties.

The blast caused extensive damage to the shrine. Police said the bomb contained three kilograms of explosives. The explosion was heard in most parts of Peshawar.

At least three shrines in Peshawar and Nowshera have been attacked since October 28. On Friday, a bomb disposal squad had defused an improvised explosive device planted at the Mian Umar Baba shrine in the same village. On October 28, four persons were killed and several others injured when a bomb went off at the Kaka Sahib shrine in Nowshera town.

The attack was condemned by political parties and civil society groups. Hundreds of people blocked the Grand Trunk Road in Nowshera to protest the blast. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks though the Taliban has been blamed for bombing shrines. The militants consider the practice of visiting shrines to be “un-Islamic”.



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### **5. [Security, Pakistan] Five Kg Bomb Defused In Nowshera Ahead Of CM's Visit**

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-7-140935-5-kg-bomb-defused-in-Nowshera-ahead-of-CMs-visit>

The bomb disposal unit officials on Saturday defused a five kilograms bomb on the Grand Trunk Road near Wattar area ahead of the chief minister's visit to the area, police sources said.

The sources said the police was tipped off about the presence of the bomb on the one-way road.

"Apparently, the bomb was planted to target the Awami National Party (ANP) leaders as the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ameer Haider Hoti was scheduled to address a public meeting in Daag Ismail Khan," an official said, adding, the explosives were placed in a pressure cooker and planted on the green-belt.





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### **6. [Attack, Pakistan] Bomb At Police Check Post In Jala Bela Leaves Eight Injured**

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://dawn.com/2012/11/04/bomb-at-police-check-post-in-jala-bela-leaves-8-injured/>

A bomb explosion near a police check post in Jala Bela, Charsadda has left eight people injured, including five police officers and three civilians, officials said. One of the injured was a child.

SHO Daudzai Police Station, Amir Amir Sultan confirmed that a bomb had been fixed on a cycle next to the police check post, when it exploded.

SP Javed Khan said that three kilograms of explosives had been used in the blast. The explosion has destroyed the check post, sources said.

The injured have been shifted to hospital, where two of the injured are said to be in critical condition, Charsadda hospital sources said.





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### 7. [Security, Pakistan] Huge Supply Of Military Grade Explosives Found

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/460543/accidental-find-huge-supply-of-military-grade-explosives-found/>

Police have uncovered an entire factory that had been disassembling live artillery shells in the suburban village of Wadpaga.

Hundreds of artillery shells were recovered from the factory, which falls in the jurisdiction area of Chamkani police station.

On Saturday morning, a small explosion occurred in the factory building in which a man's hands were blown off. The victim was identified as Umar Khan, a resident of Kamar Khel Bara. He was rushed to the Lady Reading Hospital by his father, Haleem Gul.

Suspicious arose when Haleem told policemen that his son was handling a scrapped mortar shell when it suddenly exploded. It was initially considered an explosion of scrap metal imported from Afghanistan, which is usually kept in storage along the main Ring Road in the city.

Police personnel were sent to inspect the site of the explosion. They reported that hundreds of old shells had been found in the building, along with several hundred kilograms of explosives.

"We immediately arrested both the injured and his father from the hospital with the help of the bomb disposal squad (BDS) and raided the house from where another man Bilal, who is also Umar's son, was arrested," said DSP Fazal-e-Wahid while talking to The Express Tribune.

He added that hundreds of old, but live shells, had been stored under beds in the house. The police team also found 10 bags full of explosives weighing around 1,000 kg.

Umar later died at the hospital. His brother Bilal is said to be a police employee. "Bilal works at the Kot (arms store) in Police Line," the DSP added.

BDS head Shafqat Malik said the rented house was a factory involved in the supply of military grade explosives for the manufacture of bombs. According to the DSP, the quantity of explosives was enough to assemble dozens of homemade bombs.

"They were taking the explosives out of the artillery shells by means of so-called 'processing'. They could be members of terrorist groups or merely suppliers of the explosives, which are in great demand,"





Malik said, adding that no one would suspect a policeman and his family of running such a factory inside their house, which is how they successfully operated for a long time until they were accidentally discovered by the police.

Haleem and his son Bilal, who were arrested, are said to be members of a militant organisation called 'Amer Bil Maroof', which operates from Bara, Khyber Agency. Hundreds of posters of the militant group were found in their house.



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#### 8. [Attack, Pakistan] Militants Bomb School

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-7-141103-Militants-bomb-school>

Militants blew up another school in Safi tehsil in Mohmand Agency, official sources said on Sunday.

The sources said the militants had planted explosives at the Government Primary School Khazina in Safi tehsil and triggered the explosions early in the day.

With the destruction of the school in Khazina, the number of destroyed schools in the Mohmand tribal region has reached 109.



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### **9. [Security, Pakistan] Five-Kg Bomb Defused Near Mazar-E-Quaid**

Tuesday, November 6 2012

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/karachi/06-Nov-2012/karachi-five-kg-bomb-defused-near-mazar-e-quaid>

A possible terrorism bid was averted on Tuesday when a remote-controlled bomb was defused near Mazar-e-Quaid (the mausoleum of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah).

Officials said the Bomb Disposal Squad was promptly called by police after people informed police helpline (15) about a suspicious parcel near Mazar-e-Quaid.

The explosive material was defused within half an hour, one of the BDS members said, adding that five kilogram explosive was concealed in a packet and connected with remote-control.

He said the bomb contained ball bearings.

Heavy police contingents arrived at the site and cordoned off the area, evacuating citizens from the mausoleum as the bomb recovery caused panic among area people.

Earlier, Majlis-e-Wahdat Muslimeen leader Allama Aftab Haider was shot dead along with his associate in Saddar area near Parking Plaza. His vehicle was fired upon by unknown bike riders.



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### 10. [Attack, Pakistan] Suicide Bomber Attacks Senior Police Officer In North-west Pakistan, Killing Him, Four Others

Wednesday, November 7 2012

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/11/07/suicide-bombing-kills-5-people-including-3-policemen-in-northwest-pakistan/>

A Taliban suicide bomber struck a vehicle carrying a senior Pakistani police officer on Wednesday, killing him and four other people in the country's northwest, police said.

The bomber detonated his explosives as Hilal Hyder's vehicle was passing through a crowded market in the city of Peshawar, said police officer Asif Iqbal.

Hyder, who was investigating cases against militants in the troubled northwest, was killed along with two of his guards and two bystanders, said Iqbal. At least 37 other people were wounded.

Pakistani Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan claimed responsibility for the attack, saying Hyder was working against the militant group.

"We killed him today in Peshawar because he was behind the arrest of some of our fighters," Ahsan told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location.

The Pakistani Taliban have been waging a bloody insurgency for the past several years because they oppose the Pakistani government's alliance with the United States and want to enforce Islamic law throughout the country.

Peshawar has experienced many attacks because it is located on the edge of Pakistan's tribal region, the main sanctuary for militants in the country.





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### **11. [Attack, Pakistan] Blast Kills One In Lower Kurram Agency**

Wednesday, November 7 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-74556-Blast-kills-1-in-Lower-Kurram-agency>

One person was killed and 14 others injured in bomb explosion at Sadda bazaar in Lower Kurram Agency on Wednesday.

According to political administration here, the explosive device went off when the vehicle of Political Moharrar was passing through the area.

The deceased was identified as Khayal Badshah.

The injured were shifted to Sadda Hospital.

The Khasadar Force has started investigation of the incident.



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### 12. [Attack, Pakistan] Taliban Suicide Attack On Base In Pakistan's Biggest City Kills One

Thursday, November 8 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/08/us-pakistan-attack-idUSBRE8A707720121108>

A Taliban suicide bomber killed at least one person when he rammed his vehicle into the gates of a military base in Pakistan's largest city on Thursday, police said, the latest in a series of audacious attacks on security forces.

Thirteen people were wounded in the explosion, but the attacker was unable to penetrate into the headquarters of the Rangers paramilitary base in the port city of Karachi.

"It is a heavy blast near the Rangers office, with some casualties," said senior police official Javed Odho.

He told Pakistani television the bomber had used more than 100 kg (220 pounds) of explosives in the attack. Karachi is Pakistan's financial hub and home to 18 million people.

A spokesman for a prominent faction of the Pakistani Taliban, headed by insurgent Maulana Fazlullah, claimed responsibility.

Sirajuddin Ahmad, speaking by telephone, said the attack was "revenge for the arrest, torture and killing of our people" by security forces in the region.

The bombing is the latest in a series of attacks on military bases in Pakistan, including a 16-hour assault on Pakistan's navy base in Karachi in 2011 that killed at least 10 people and an attack on the army headquarters in Rawalpindi in 2009.

Some of the assaults have prompted speculation the attackers had sympathizers inside the military who gave them information about the bases.

Nuclear-armed Pakistan, an uneasy U.S. ally, is fighting its own homegrown Taliban as well as other insurgents who cross its porous border with neighboring Afghanistan.

Karachi is home to a number of sectarian groups and fighters allied to the Taliban insurgency and is also faced with an epidemic of violent crime.







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### **13. [Attack, Afghanistan] Twenty Dead In Suicide Attack, Bomb Blasts Across Afghanistan**

Thursday, November 8 2012

<http://www.tolonews.com/en/afghanistan/8256-20-dead-in-suicide-attack-bomb-blasts-across-afghanistan>

At least 20 people including 12 Afghan civilians were killed on Thursday in a suicide attack and three other bomb blasts across four provinces - Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul and Laghman.

A suicide attacker struck Kandahar city in southern Kandahar province early Thursday morning, killing three police and injuring four others, local officials said.

The blast happened around 5AM when a man riding a motorbike detonated his explosives in front of a police station in Kandahar city's District 4, provincial spokesman Jawed Faisal told TOLONews.

Witnesses said the blast was very heavy and it broke window panes of surrounding buildings.

Kandahar public health officials said the four police who were injured have been transferred to Kandahar Mirwais Hospital and they were in a stable condition.

No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Meanwhile, a roadside bomb blast in southern Helmand province killed 10 civilians and wounded seven others on the way to a wedding, local officials said.

All the wounded are children and the dead include five women, a child, and four men, according to Mohammad Ismail Hotak at the Helmand provincial police headquarters.

The blast happened Thursday around midday in Helmand's Musa Kala district when a civilian vehicle struck a bomb planted in the road, Hotak said, adding that they were on their way to a wedding.

The victims have been taken to nearby hospital, he said.

A second roadside bomb on Thursday killed five Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and injured one in eastern Laghman province, provincial spokesperson Sarhadi Zowak told TOLONews.

The blast happened Thursday morning in the Badpakh district as a convoy of the ANA was returning to their base and one of the cars struck the bomb, Zowak said.

In southeast Zabul province, two young boys were killed Thursday morning when the car they were travelling in struck a roadside bomb in Shahjoy district, according to an officer at the provincial police headquarters.



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#### 14. [Security, Afghanistan] Taliban Bomb Maker Captured In Wardak

Thursday, November 8 2012

[http://www.wakht.af/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6958%3Ataliban-bomb-maker-captured-in-wardak&catid=6%3Asecurity-a-crime&Itemid=17&lang=en](http://www.wakht.af/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6958%3Ataliban-bomb-maker-captured-in-wardak&catid=6%3Asecurity-a-crime&Itemid=17&lang=en)

An armed Taliban shadow Chak district chief and bomb maker and Haqqani Network affiliated member Malawi Mahmud Shah, was captured in southern province of Wardak, the international coalition press office stationed in Bagram base said Thursday.

The operation launched by the Afghan National Army, 6th Special Operations Kandak, in Wardak province on Nov. 6, a statement from the coalition forces said.

The United Nations imposed sanctions on the Haqqani network Nov. 6, and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has ruled out possible peace deal with the Haqqani, the statement said.

Shah has been responsible for numerous terrorist attacks and in April 2012, launched an 18-hour attack on the embassy and parliament in Kabul, the statement said.

"The Taliban and Haqqani in Chak district are currently in disarray," Lt. Col. Christopher J. Fox, the Special Operations Task Force - West said. "Each time the Afghan National Security Forces capture an insurgent leader, security increases in the region, the statement said.

According to the statement, security for the people of Afghanistan is essential for the prosperity and stability of this country's future.



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### **15. [Attack, Pakistan] Pakistan MP Survives Shoe Bomb Attack**

Friday, November 9 2012

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/290786>

A Pakistan MP escaped an assassination attempt on Friday when a bomb planted in his shoe exploded as he put them on outside a mosque after prayers, officials said.

The blast in Dera Bugti, about 500 kilometres (300 miles) east of Quetta, capital of the restive province of Baluchistan, wounded 12 people, but their injuries were not life-threatening, police and local officials said.

Ahmedan Bugti, a lawmaker with the Pakistan Muslim League-Q party, which is part of the ruling national coalition, left his shoes outside the mosque while he was offering Friday prayers, provincial home secretary Akbar Durrani said.

Someone planted an explosive device in one of them which detonated as he put the shoe back on.

"Bugti's leg was badly wounded, a helicopter has been arranged to fly him to Quetta," Durrani said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but Baluchistan is plagued by Islamist militancy, sectarian violence between majority Sunnis and minority Shiite Muslims and a separatist insurgency.

Separatists demanding more autonomy and a greater share of Baluchistan's oil and gas revenues rose up in 2004, while violence has surged in the province this year and human rights activists have raised concerns about an increase in targeted killings.



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### 16. [Attack, Afghanistan] Bomb Kills Ten Afghans Heading For Wedding

Friday, November 9 2012

<http://arabnews.com/bomb-kills-10-afghans-heading-wedding>

A roadside bomb killed 10 civilians, including women and a child, heading for a wedding party in southern Afghanistan yesterday, officials said.

“Ten civilians, including four women and a child were killed in a roadside bomb attack as they were going to attend a wedding party in Musa Qala district of Helmand province,” the provincial governor’s spokesman Ahmad Zeerak told AFP.

Seven children were wounded in the blast, which police blamed on Taliban insurgents. The attack took the day’s toll in the Afghan war to 18, with a suicide bomber on a motorcycle killing three policemen in a pre-dawn attack and five Afghan troops dying in a roadside bombing.

The blasts came as Afghan forces take increasing responsibility for the fight against Taliban insurgents as US-led NATO combat troops prepare to pull out by the end of 2014.

The suicide attack came in Kandahar city in the south of the country while the soldiers died in Laghman province in the east.

“Around 5:00 a.m., a suicide bomber on a motorbike detonated his explosives at a police checkpost, leaving three Afghan policemen killed and two others wounded,” the provincial governor’s spokesman, Javed Faisal, told AFP.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but similar attacks have been claimed by Taliban militants fighting to bring down the US-backed government of President Hamid Karzai.

The roadside bomb hit a pick-up truck carrying Afghan army soldiers, killing five and wounding one in Mehtarlam, the Laghman provincial capital, Sarhadi Zwak, the provincial governor’s spokesman, said.

On Oct. 19 a huge roadside bomb ripped through a minibus carrying guests to a wedding party in northern Afghanistan’s Balkh province, mostly women and children.

Just days later, a suicide bomber killed more than 40 people, including police and civilians, in a mosque in Maimana, provincial capital of Faryab, also in the north.



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### 17. [Attack, Pakistan] High-Intensity Bomb Used In Karachi

Friday, November 9 2012

<http://gulftoday.ae/portal/8d1d3102-fd8f-46f5-9b3b-6f2807226fb5.aspx>

A suicide attack targeted the Karachi headquarters of paramilitary force, Rangers, killing three personnel and injuring nearly a dozen others on Thursday.

It was a high-intensity blast that rocked the office in North Nazimabad, police said. A truck slammed into one of the entrances of the Rangers compound.

The condition of three Rangers staffers was stated to be precarious in the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where the injured persons were shifted.

Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan said the group claimed responsibility for the attack.

“We punished the Rangers as they are working against us and they are doing nothing to serve Islam,” Ahsan told over the telephone from an undisclosed location.

The deafening blast that occurred just before seven in the morning was heard across Karachi. Fear and panic gripped the citizens. It caused damaged to nearby buildings and shattered windows in the vicinity.

Senior police official Javed Odho told Pakistani television the bomber had used more than 100 kg of explosives in the attack.

Two persons, who were making film of the blast by their mobiles phones, were arrested from the scene.

A portion of the building collapsed, which also caught fire. The neighbouring schools and colleges were quickly closed.

A Rangers spokesman said that the suicide bomber struck the residential portion of the premises.

The attacker entered the building while breaking the main gate. The security forces immediately cordoned off the area and started investigations.

Witnesses reported seeing a large plume of smoke rise into the sky from the residential block. Pakistani television showed images of the blast site, what appeared to be an apartment block with a gaping hole in the middle. A part of the two-story building was razed.

One of the Rangers, Mohammed Farooq, said he was preparing for work when he looked out the window and saw a vehicle smash through the main gate and into the building.

“Then there was a really big bang and I lost my balance and I saw a lot of smoke and then I lost consciousness,” he said, speaking from the hospital.



## AFRICOM

### 18. [Attack, Somalia] Suicide Bomb Attack Leaves Three Dead In Somalia Capital

Saturday, November 3 2012

<http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/news/130740/>

Two suicide bombers killed three people outside a restaurant in the Somali capital on Saturday November 3 residents said, underlining the serious security challenges the Horn of Africa nation faces, according to Reuters.

A Reuters witness said he saw the bombers' two bodies and that of a guard.

"Two suicide bombers opened fire at guards at the gate and as soon as they entered two successive blasts took place," Mogadishu resident Farah Hussein told Reuters on Saturday.

"I cannot go in but I see three dead people in front of the gate. The guards fought the bombers and denied them access. The bombers blew themselves up at the gate."





## AFRICOM

### 19. [Attack, South Africa] Two Hurt By Petrol Bomb

Saturday, November 3 2012

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/crime-courts/two-hurt-by-petrol-bomb-1.1417051#.UJfaBoZqOV0>

A casual labourer was severely burned and his driver attacked by a panga-wielding mob in Nelson Mandela Bay on Friday as a truck was petrol-bombed during a wage dispute, the Weekend Post reported.

Workers believed to be affiliated to the SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union (Saccawu) petrol-bombed the truck transporting casual labourers to the Classic Processed Products (CPP) processing factory in Markman township shortly after 5am.

This is the second truck belonging to labour contractors True Labour Concept, which has been supplying casual labourers to CPP, to be bombed within a week.

Last Friday a truck was bombed outside the same driver's house in Motherwell.

The striking workers are demanding a 20 percent or R450 increase.

When paramedics arrived on the scene, the passenger, Malungisa Nochongo, was writhing in pain, having suffered severe burns to his back. He was admitted to St George's Hospital where he is in critical condition.

As the driver fled the burning truck, he was attacked by a mob carrying sticks, pangas and spears, and suffered deep lacerations to his face and head.

Six other labourers fled the inferno, suffering minor injuries.

Police spokesman Captain Andre Beetge said the factory had been embroiled in a labour dispute with workers for the past seven weeks.

"To continue with its operations, the company has been employing casuals who are transported by the truck every day," Beetge said.

He said when the truck arrived at 5.30am, the workers threw sticks and stones and eventually petrol-bombed the vehicle. The entire cab in which the driver sat was razed.

CPP's security company, Impact Loss Control, was also on the scene.

Impact owner Trevor Wilson said his security officer, the only witness to the incident, went to open the gate for the truck at about 5.15am.

"About 10 men ran out of a shack from across the road carrying sticks, stones and bottles and started attacking the truck that was bringing in labour.

"Once they got openings into the truck, they threw a petrol bomb into the truck," he said.



“They had malicious intent to cause harm and show that nobody is going to work here while they are on strike. The person that was badly burned was a young guy. His skin was hanging off his body and his spinal cord was exposed.”

Beetge said two cases of attempted murder and malicious damage to property had been opened.





### AFRICOM

#### 20. [Attack, Kenya] Blast In Kenya's Garissa Kills One

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFBRE8A309320121104>

A suspected grenade attack on a church in the eastern Kenyan town of Garissa killed one and injured at least 11 people on Sunday, the Kenya Red Cross and a local official said.

Militants have staged several attacks since Kenya sent troops into Somalia a year ago to fight al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab rebels following raids and kidnappings in the border region that threatened tourism and wider regional instability.

Three of the 11 injured people at Garissa's district hospital needed to be evacuated by air and the hospital urgently needed blood, the Kenya Red Cross said.

Garissa County Commissioner Mohamud Maalim said one of those injured, a police chaplain, had later died from his wounds.

"Those who carried out these attacks are people living in this town. We urge the public to cooperate with security officers. There is no justification for an attack on a worship centre," Maalim said.

Two television channels said the Utawala Interdenominational Church - which is in a police compound - had been attacked and that for some time after the blast, gunfire could be heard at the scene of the attack. No one from the police was immediately available to comment.

In September, a grenade attack on a church in Nairobi by suspected al Shabaab sympathisers killed a nine-year-old boy. In July, attacks on two churches in Garissa killed 17.



## AFRICOM

### 21. [Attack, Libya] Explosion At Benghazi Police Station Injures Three

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/04/us-libya-benghazi-explosion-idUSBRE8A302G20121104>

A car bomb exploded on Sunday in front of a police station in Benghazi, injuring three police officers in the latest in a series of attacks on security officials in Libya's second largest city.

The front of the central Hadayeq police station was charred and blackened with smoke. The entrance to the station was completely damaged, with glass strewn on the street and firefighters putting out a damaged police car that was on fire.

A Reuters photographer saw three policemen receive first aid for small injuries in front of the station. Officials at the scene said there were no deaths.

A policeman who refused to be identified said the explosion went off when a homemade bomb was attached to the bottom of a parked police car in front of the station.

The Libyan government is struggling to control armed individuals and militias that gained power during an armed conflict that ousted Muammar Gaddafi last year. Benghazi was the birthplace of the revolt.

Benghazi has been hit by several bombings and attacks this year on international convoys and official buildings, the worst of which led to the death of the U.S. ambassador in September.

In early September, a Libyan intelligence officer was killed and another wounded when their car exploded as they stopped to buy cigarettes in a busy shopping district.





### AFRICOM

## 22. [Attack, Libya] Intelligence Headquarters In Libyan Capital Under Grenade Attack

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201211050314.html>

Libya's intelligence headquarters has been hit by a rocket-propelled grenade as two rival militia groups clashed in Tripoli.

Rival Libyan militias fired guns and rocket-propelled grenades at each other on Sunday and set fire to the former intelligence building, one of the worst breakdowns in security in the capital since Muammar Gadhafi's fall.

At least five people have been injured, while the building has been partially destroyed, RT's Paula Slier reports. The Central Tripoli Hospital also came under fire.

Earlier on Sunday a car bomb targeted a police station in the city of Benghazi injuring three police officers.



## AFRICOM

### 23. [Attack, Somalia] Roadside Blast Kills Four Soldiers In Somalia's Port City Of Kismayo

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://shabelle.net/roadside-blast-kills-4-in-somalias-port-city-of-kismayo/>

At least four soldiers died and more than that number injured in a roadside bomb that rocked on Monday afternoon in Somalia's southern port city of Kismayo, 500 Km south of Mogadishu, reports said.

Reports said the blast occurred near the airport targeting a military convoy carrying Kenyan soldiers serving under the African Union mission in Somalia (AMISOM), killing 4 soldiers following the attack.

Kenyan army condoned off the site of the explosion near the airport of Kismayo and began carrying out crackdown to find out the perpetrators. No arrests reported.

It was unavailable to reach Kenyan army officials for comments on the attack and death toll.

No group has said yet it carried out the bomb attack, but al shabab militants have in the past claimed more blasts in the city since the allied forces moved in last month.



### AFRICOM

#### 24. [Attack, Kenya] Bomb Blast Wounds At Least Two In Kenya

Tuesday, November 6 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-74377-Bomb-blast-wounds-at-least-two-in-Kenyan-capital>

At least two people were wounded in the Kenyan capital when a bomb was set off in the Eastleigh neighbourhood of Nairobi, the latest in a string of attacks, police said Tuesday.

"Two people have sustained injuries and rushed to hospital... it was a very powerful explosion," said Wilfred Mbithi, head of police operations in the city.

Bomb experts scoured the scene after the blast, which was set off on a bridge as people travelled on busy streets to work on Tuesday morning, and is suspected to have been an improvised explosive device, Mbithi said.

"I just heard a loud blast and as I ran, people shouted at me saying I was bleeding," said one victim who only identified himself as John, before he was taken to hospital.

Kenya Red Cross said three people were wounded in the blast, some with minor injuries.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place in a neighbourhood that is home to many Somalis, as well as ethnic Somali Kenyans.

Suspected Kenyan supporters of Somalia's Al-Qaeda-linked Shebab insurgents have carried out a string of attacks in opposition to Nairobi sending troops into Somalia last year to fight the extremists.

Mbithi said investigations were being carried out to see if the blast was linked to the Shebab.

The blast comes a day after attackers hurled a grenade into a church in the northeastern town of Garissa, close to the Somali border, killing one policeman and wounding 14 people.

Kenyan troops, now integrated into an African Union force, seized the Shebab bastion of Kismayo in September, a key southern Somali port, prompting warnings of retaliation from both the insurgents and their Kenyan supporters.



## AFRICOM

### 25. [Attack, Somalia] Explosion Rocks Somali Parliament

Wednesday, November 7 2012

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2012/11/201211711223399246.html>

A large explosion has rocked the Somali capital Mogadishu, killing one person, the AFP news agency reported, citing its own reporter who was at the scene of the blast.

The cause of Wednesday's explosion was not immediately clear.

The blast, believed to be a car bomb set off close to the parliament, is the latest in a string of attacks in the war-ravaged Mogadishu.

A body of a Somali government security official dressed in military uniform could be seen following the explosion.

"The explosion went off outside the Somali parliament. We don't know if it was a suicide bomber. Police are here and they've surrounded the area," a witness told the Reuters news agency.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast, but the al-Qaeda-linked fighters with the hardline group al-Shabab have conducted a series of guerrilla-style attacks in the capital since pulling out of fixed positions there last year.

Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri this week urged all Muslims to support al-Shabab, who want to overthrow the embattled federal government and replace it with Islamic law.

In recent months, they have suffered major setbacks, with African Union troops wresting several strongholds from them. The insurgents have vowed to topple newly elected President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, who took office in September after being chosen by the country's new parliament, bringing an end to eight years of transitional rule.

An offensive led by AU peacekeepers mainly from Uganda and Burundi has stripped al-Shabab of most of the towns they held. But analysts have warned the group are still a dangerous force, reverting to guerrilla tactics and carrying out targeted attacks.





## AFRICOM

### 26. [Security, Nigeria] JTF Escape Bomb Blast In Miduguri

Wednesday, November 7 2012

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2012/11/jtf-escape-bomb-blast-in-miduguri/>

The men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) Tuesday survived another fresh bomb explosion which was planted along the major road linking Gwange/London Ciki wards of Maiduguri metropolis.

Our Correspondent report that the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) which was planted by suspected terrorists group exploded at about 8am few metres away from the JTF vehicle which was in a patrol operation, a situation that led to the shattering and damaging of the windscreens, as well as the body of the vehicle destroyed without no casualty from the occupants.

Immediately after the blast, our Correspondent gathered that, there was an exchange of gunshot sounds around the area which lasted for twenty minutes, before the JTF cordoned off the area to prevent further attacks.

Confirming the incident to Journalists, the JTF Spokesman, Leutenant Colonel Sagir Musa said, at about 8:35 am on Wednesday, there was a failed IED attack on a JTF patrol vehicle along Gwange/Costain area of Maiduguri metropolis.

He said, an IED remote control bomb targeted at JTF vehicle (s) was planted and buried on the road by suspected Boko Haram Terrorists.

He added that no casualty was recorded and nobody was killed or wounded. The area was cordoned off, searched and swept by the bomb disposal arm of the JTF, pointing out that normalcy has since been restored in the area.



## CENTCOM

### 27. [Law Enforcement, Egypt] Police Arrest Another Suspect In Nasr City 'Terrorist Cell'

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/security-source-police-arrest-another-suspect-nasr-city-terrorist-cell>

Police on Saturday arrested another suspect in what they are deeming a “terrorist cell,” revealed last month after police raided an apartment in Nasr City, a security source said Sunday.

The source added that the suspect has been referred to investigation by state security prosecutors.

Late last month, the Interior Ministry said it had detained 12 Islamist militants it suspects of having links to Al-Qaeda and planning attacks inside the country and abroad. The suspect arrested on Saturday is the ninth of the 12 suspects to be referred to investigation.

The 12 Islamist militants belonged to cells in the Cairo districts of Nasr City, Sayeda Zeinab and Heliopolis, as well as an area on the Cairo-Alexandria Desert Road, a ministry statement said, adding that they lived in rented apartments and used false names.

In the October raid, Karim Ahmed Essam al-Azizy, who was initially identified as a Libyan, was killed. Officials have said they had information Azizy may have had links to the 11 September attack on the US Consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi, during which Washington’s ambassador to Libya and three other Americans were killed. This information could not be confirmed.

The investigation suggests militant networks might have a foothold beyond Sinai, and that Egypt could be attracting militants from other nations such as Libya and Tunisia, which like Egypt last year toppled autocrats that had suppressed militant Islamists.

The security source also said that on Sunday police detained 21 suspects in Alexandria and Damietta also believed to be members of the supposed terrorist cell. The source added that the suspects were arrested while carrying bombs and explosives.





## CENTCOM

### 28. [Attack, Syria] Bomb Shakes Damascus, Opposition Holds Unity Talks

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/05/us-syria-crisis-idUSBRE88J0X720121105>

A bomb exploded near army and security compounds in Damascus, Syrian television reported, and fractured opposition groups seeking to topple President Bashar al-Assad began unity talks abroad to win international respect and arms supplies.

The 50-kilogram (110-pound) bomb, near a large hotel in a heavily guarded district, was described by state media as an attack by "terrorists" - the government's term for insurgents in the 19-month-old uprising against Assad.

Opposition activists said Sunday's blast appeared to be the work of the Ahfad al-Rasoul (Grandsons of the Prophet) Brigade, an Islamist militant unit that attacked military and intelligence targets several times in the last two months.

The mainly Sunni rebels have carried out a series of bombings targeting government and military buildings in Damascus this year, extending the war into the seat of Assad's power.

The Syrian conflict has aggravated divisions in the Islamic world, with Shi'ite Iran supporting Assad -- whose Alawite faith derives from Shi'ite Islam -- and U.S.-allied Sunni nations such as Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar backing his foes.

The Syrian Network for Human Rights, an activist monitoring group, said government forces had killed 179 people on Sunday. It said most of the dead were civilians killed in shelling of Damascus suburbs and included 14 women and 20 children. The rest were rebels killed in battles in the capital and the northern provinces of Idlib and Aleppo.

Opposition campaigners said the Syrian army shelled rebel positions inside a Palestinian refugee camp on the edge of Damascus on Sunday, killing at least 20 people. They said the Yarmouk camp had become the latest battleground in the war.

In northern Idlib, opposition sources said rebels were forced to halt an offensive to take a big air base because of a shortage of ammunition, a problem that has dogged their campaign to cement a hold on the north by eliminating Assad's devastating edge in firepower.

Islamist insurgents had launched the attack on the Taftanaz military airport at dawn on Saturday, using rocket launchers and at least three tanks captured from the military.

The Syrian government restricts journalists' access in Syria, making it difficult to verify reports from the ground.

The Jaafar bin Tayyar Division, a rebel unit in Deir al-Zor, said its fighters had taken control of the al-Ward oilfield near the Iraqi border on Sunday, after overrunning a loyalist outpost that had 40 militiamen defending it.

Rebel commanders, former Syrian officials and the Syrian head of an oil services company familiar with oil production in the area said the fields, mostly not operational, had been under de facto rebel control for months.



### FEARS OF WIDER CONFLAGRATION

The conflict began with peaceful protest rallies that morphed into armed revolt when Assad, whose family has ruled Syria since 1971, tried to stamp them out with military might. About 32,000 people have been killed, wide swathes of the major Arab state have been wrecked and the civil war threatens to widen into a regional sectarian conflagration.

The opposition talks that began in Qatar marked the first concerted attempt to meld feuding, disparate groups based abroad and coordinate strategy with rebels fighting in Syria.

Divisions between Islamists and secularists as well as between those inside Syria and opposition figures based abroad have foiled prior attempts to forge a united opposition and deterred Western powers from intervening militarily.

Analysts were skeptical the planned four days of opposition talks in the Qatari capital Doha would bring immediate results.

They aim to broaden the Syrian National Council (SNC), the largest of the overseas-based opposition groups, from some 300 members to 400, to pave the way for talks in Doha on Thursday including other anti-Assad factions to crystallise a coalition.

"The main aim is to expand the council to include more of the social and political components. There will be new forces in the SNC," Abdulbaset Sieda, current leader of the Syrian National Council, told reporters in Doha ahead of the meeting.

The meetings would also elect a new executive committee and leader for the SNC, he said.

A Qatar-based security analyst, who asked not to be named, said the meetings would bring a small step forward, at most. "The Syrian National Council is just too divided," he said.

In Cairo, the international mediator on Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, called on Sunday for world powers to issue a U.N. Security Council resolution based on a deal they reached in June to set up a transitional Syrian government.

But Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, speaking at the same news conference, dismissed the need for a resolution and said others were stoking violence by backing rebels. His comments highlighted the impasse over Syria's civil war.

Russia and China, both permanent council members, have vetoed three Western-backed U.N. draft resolutions condemning Assad's government for the violence. The other three permanent members are the United States, Britain and France.





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### 29. [Attack, Bahrain] Five Bomb Blasts Hit Bahrain Capital, Two Killed

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/05/us-bahrain-bombs-idUSBRE8A40BM20121105>

Five bombs exploded in the heart of the Bahraini capital Manama on Monday, killing two people, officials said, in rare attacks targeting civilians during the 21-month-old uprising against the kingdom's U.S.-backed rulers.

The blasts, one outside a cinema, could be a sign that radical elements of the opposition are escalating violence. They took place days after the government said it had banned all rallies and opposition gatherings to ensure public safety.

The victims were Asian street cleaners and one died after kicking a device which then blew up, said the Interior Ministry. It said the bombs were home-made and described the blasts as "terrorist acts" - its term for attacks by opposition activists.

Police have been targeted by explosions several times this year, as the government has stepped up efforts to quell the uprising that has simmered since democracy protests broke out in early 2011.

But bombs targeting civilians are rare in the Gulf nation, where the Sunni Muslim Khalifa dynasty rules over a majority Shi'ite population. The kingdom hosts the U.S. Fifth Fleet, which patrols oil shipping lanes in the Gulf region.

The explosions on Monday took place between 4.30 am and 9.30 am (0130 and 0630 GMT) in the Qudaibiya and Adliya districts of Manama, the BNA agency said, citing a police official. It described the explosives as "locally made bombs". A third Asian worker was wounded, it said.

Washington has called on Manama to begin dialogue on democratic reforms with the opposition but criticism has been offset by its support for a country that plays a key role in U.S. efforts to challenge Iranian influence in the region.

The United States and Gulf allies fear Iran's nuclear energy program is a front for developing nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran denies. Iran, a Shi'ite power, also denies accusations from Manama of fomenting the unrest in Bahrain.

Thirty-five people were killed in Bahrain during protests in February and March 2011 and the two months of martial law that followed. But almost daily clashes have continued since between protesters and riot police in Shi'ite districts.

Activists and rights groups say nearly 50 civilians have been killed in clashes with police since the end of martial law in June last year, while the authorities say two policemen have died including one killed by a bomb attack last month.

Opposition politician Matar Matar of Shi'ite party Wefaq said he doubted opposition activists were behind Monday's attacks, noting that leading Shi'ite clerics had called on followers to avoid escalating the conflict with the government.

He suggested the police or military may have been responsible, or a rogue unit.

"This incident is strange - why would anyone target workers?" he said. "I'm worried that police and military are losing control of their units or it is (preparation) before declaring martial law."

The rallies ban announced last week was condemned by Amnesty International as a violation of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.





## CENTCOM

### 30. [Attack, Syria] Car Bomb Hits Syria's Hama, Several Killed

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://presstv.com/detail/2012/11/05/270558/car-bomb-hits-syrias-hama/>

Several people have been killed after a car bomb went off in central Syrian city of Hama as clashes continue between foreign-sponsored insurgents and government forces, state TV reports.

The blast took place in Hama, 213 kilometers (132 miles) north of the capital Damascus, on Monday.

In another incident in the capital, a bomb explosion rocked the al-Mazzeh Jabal district with early reports of casualties.

Heavy clashes continued between Syrian troops and insurgents in Damascus and in the country's largest city Aleppo.

On Sunday, at least 30 civilians were killed by insurgents in the northwest city of Idlib, as they continued their deadly attacks across the country.

Syria has been experiencing unrest since March 2011. Many people, including large numbers of army and security personnel, have been killed in the turmoil.

The Syrian government says that the chaos is being orchestrated from outside the country and accuses Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey of arming the opposition.





### CENTCOM

#### 31. [Law Enforcement, Iraq] Iraqi Police Arrest 11 Terrorists

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=9107117218>

Baghdad's Operations Command arrested 11 gunmen on Monday as they were preparing for a terrorist attack in the Northern parts of the Iraqi capital.

"These people were preparing for a terrorist operation in Northern Baghdad when the second brigade's forces affiliated to Iraq's Federal Police identified them and defused their terrorist plot," Spokesman for Baghdad Operations Command Dhia al-Wakeel said.

He said the gunmen have already confessed to attacks on Shula, Jakook and al-Taji districts in Baghdad.

A car bomb, different kinds of explosive devices and weapons with silencers were also confiscated during the police raid on the terrorists in Baghdad, Iraq's Arabic-language al-Rafedain news website reported.



### CENTCOM

#### 32. [Attack, Iraq] Three Killed In Bombing At Baghdad Shiite Mosque

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://gulfnews.com/news/region/iraq/three-killed-in-bombing-at-baghdad-shiite-mosque-1.1098639>

A car bombing near a Shiite mosque in east Baghdad killed three people on Monday, as people continued to mark a key date in the Shiite calendar, officials said.

The blast struck at around noon (0900 GMT) near the Al Obaidi mosque in the east of the capital, killing three people and wounding eight others, according to security and medical officials.

It came as Shiites mark Ghadeer, the day in the Islamic lunar calendar when Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) is said to have named Imam Ali, his cousin and son-in-law, as his immediate successor, according to Shiite belief.

Though Ghadeer fell on Saturday, Shiites in Iraq have continued to mark it over subsequent days.



### CENTCOM

#### 33. [Attack, Iraq] Two Car Bomb Attacks Kill Four In Iraq

Monday, November 5 2012

[http://www.mercurynews.com/nation-world/ci\\_21932301/2-car-bomb-attacks-kill-4-iraq](http://www.mercurynews.com/nation-world/ci_21932301/2-car-bomb-attacks-kill-4-iraq)

Iraqi authorities say that two car bomb explosions have killed four people and wounded at least 16 others around Baghdad. Some of the casualties were soldiers.

Police officials say Monday's first bombing took place near an outdoor market in the Shiite neighborhood of al-Obeidi on the eastern edge of Baghdad, killing four shoppers. At least eight people were wounded.

Later, police said a car bomb struck an army patrol in Taji area, wounding eight people, including four soldiers. Taji, is 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Baghdad.

Health officials in nearby hospitals confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release the information.

Violence has ebbed in Iraq, but insurgent attacks are still frequent.





### CENTCOM

#### 34. [Attack, Syria] Damascus Bomb Kills At Least 11

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://www.manoramaonline.com/cgi-bin/MMOnline.dll/portal/ep/contentView.do?contentType=EDITORIAL&channelId=-1073753405&programId=1080132918&contentId=12762677&tabId=1>

A bomb attack in the Damascus district of Mezzeh killed 11 people and wounded dozens more on Monday, including children, Syrian state media and an activist group reported.

The state television report gave no further details. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based watchdog, said at least 11 people had been killed and 30 wounded by a car bomb in the area known as "Mezzeh 86" - a district that is home to many government loyalists.



## CENTCOM

### 35. [Attack, Iraq] Suicide Bomber Kills 31 At Army Base Near Baghdad

Tuesday, November 6 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/06/us-iraq-violence-idUSBRE8A50CF20121106>

A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-filled car into soldiers outside an army base near Baghdad on Tuesday, killing 31 people and injuring tens more in one of the worst attacks this year on the country's military.

Bombings and attacks have eased sharply since the height of Iraq's sectarian strife in 2006-2007, but al Qaeda's local affiliate and other Sunni Islamist insurgents often target local security forces and Shi'ite Muslims to stoke tensions.

The bomber drove his car into crowds of troops and recruits outside the base in Taji, 20 km (12 miles) north of the Iraqi capital, leaving body parts and burned vehicles scattered in the streets outside, police and hospital officials said.

At least 31 people were killed, mostly soldiers, and another 50 people were wounded in the blast, a hospital source said.

"There were army trainees leaving the base and small buses were waiting for them when the explosion took place," said Ahmed Khalef, a policeman working nearby. "We immediately started to rescue the wounded. You could smell of charred bodies."

Insurgents in Iraq have carried out at least one major attack a month since U.S. troops withdrew from the country in December last year. Now Iraqi officials worry Islamists may be gaining a moral and financial boost from the Syrian crisis.

Bombings at the end of October killed more than 40 people, including some in blasts in Shi'ite neighborhoods in Baghdad and an attack on an Iranian pilgrim bus during the Islamic Eid al Adha festival.

Sunni Islamists and al Qaeda's affiliate, Islamic State of Iraq, often hit Shi'ite pilgrims and religious sites in an attempt to drive the country back to widespread sectarian killing. They target security forces to try to weaken the government of Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.





## CENTCOM

### 36. [Attack, Syria] Explosion Hits Syrian Oil Pipeline Near Homs

Tuesday, November 6 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/06/us-syria-crisis-pipeline-idUSBRE8A50B020121106>

An explosion hit the main oil pipeline feeding a refinery on the western edge of the Syrian city of Homs on Tuesday during fighting between rebels and army forces in the area, opposition activists said.

Video footage, which could not be independently verified, showed thick smoke rising from the pipeline which links eastern oil fields with the Homs refinery, one of two in the country.

"The pipeline exploded overnight when fighting broke out after the Free Syrian Army launched concerted attacks against army roadblocks in the area," Nader al-Husseini, an opposition campaigner, said from Homs.

The pipeline, located in a farmland area called al-Basatin, has been hit several times before, with both sides accusing the other of sabotaging it. President Bashar al-Assad has moved armored units to Homs to try and contain the armed revolt in the city, 140 kms (90 miles) north of Damascus.

With Western sanctions imposed last year on Syria's oil sector, production has fallen sharply. Economic decline and loss of state control over many parts of the country have curbed production of oil products and caused severe shortages.

Citing official data, the Syria Report news website said local consumption of gasoline declined 12 percent in the first eight months of 2012. State supply deliveries of fuel oil fell 24 percent and heating oil dropped 23 percent, it said.



### CENTCOM

#### 37. [Attack, Syria] Damascus Bombs Kill At Least 15, Groups Say

Tuesday, November 6 2012

[http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/11/06/14971940-damascus-bombs-kill-at-least-15-groups-say](http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/11/06/14971940-damascus-bombs-kill-at-least-15-groups-say)

Explosions hit the Hai al-Wuroud district in northwest Damascus on Tuesday, killing at least 15, Syrian state media and regime foes reported.

The opposition Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a group monitoring the violence, said at least 40 were wounded in the attack that used three bombs.

Hai al-Wuroud, a hilltop neighborhood inhabited mostly by members of President Bashar Assad's minority Alawite sect, is situated near barracks and housing for elite army units.

Damascus has several hilltop enclaves mostly inhabited by the Alawite, a sect of Shiite Islam that has dominated Syria, which has a Sunni Muslim majority, since the 1960s.

Later Tuesday, a car bomb exploded near a shopping center in northeast Damascus, killing and injuring several people, opposition activists in the capital said.

The bomb went off near Qasioun Mall in the religiously and ethnically mixed area of Ibn al-Nafis, they said.

This latest spate of violence came a day after more than 250 people were killed, according to an activist monitoring group.

The United Nations and Arab League envoy to Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, said in an interview with the newspaper al-Hayat that Syria could "turn into a new Somalia" unless the 19-month-old crisis ends soon, the BBC reported.

Brahimi said he fears warlords and militias could come in to fill a void left by a collapsed state, according to the BBC.

The Syrian uprising has left more than 32,000 dead since it began with peaceful protests in March 2011.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said Tuesday before a visit to Saudi Arabia that a safe exit and possible immunity from prosecution for Assad "could be arranged" if it would end the conflict.

"Done. Anything, anything, to get that man out of the country and to have a safe transition in Syria," Cameron told the Saudi-based Al Arabiya news network in Abu Dhabi when asked about offering Assad safe passage.

"Of course I would favor him facing the full force of international law and justice for what he's done. I am certainly not offering him an exit plan to Britain, but if he wants to leave he could leave, that could be arranged," he said.

It was unclear if Cameron had spoken to other U.N. Security Council members about the idea, which could involve offering Assad immunity from prosecution if he accepted asylum in a third country. Nor was it clear what nation would take him.



## CENTCOM

### 38. [Attack, Syria] Syria Opposition Fighters Bomb Presidential Palace, Shell Military Airport

Wednesday, November 7 2012

<http://english.alarabiya.net/articles/2012/11/07/248168.html>

Opposition fighters reportedly fired at the Syrian presidential palace, but missed, and shelled the Mazzeh military airport and intelligence headquarters in Damascus, Al Arabiya TV reported on Wednesday.

The attacks were an indication of the violence moving increasingly from the suburbs into districts of the Syrian capital.

A car bomb exploded overnight in the southern Qadam neighborhood, causing at least one death, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based watchdog that relies on a network of activists and medics on the ground.

Wednesday's attempted mortar strike on Assad's palace drew comparisons with a bomb attack in a highly guarded district of Damascus in July that killed four of the president's top lieutenants.

In the Mazzeh district, home to many embassies and offices of the security services, three civilians were killed and 12 wounded from mortar fire, it said.

Opposition fighters, meanwhile, clashed with pro-regime Palestinian forces in the southern Hajar al-Aswad district and the nearby Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmuk, AFP reported, which has become a new focal point of violence.

10 members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), a faction loyal to President Bashar al-Assad, were killed by rebel fighters, Reuters reported.

Home to some 148,000 residents, the camp has been the scene of fierce fighting between the rebels and the PFLP-GC.

Wednesday's violence followed bomb attacks in the suburbs of Damascus on Tuesday, including three explosions in the western Qudsaya area, that killed 19 people and wounded more than 50, according to the Observatory.

Elsewhere in the country, regime air power kept up strikes over northern Aleppo and the surrounding region on Wednesday as rebels continued their months-long battle for control of the





commercial hub.

The violence on Tuesday left 150 dead, including 79 civilians, 48 soldiers and 23 rebels, said the Observatory, which says 36,000 people have died since the outbreak of the revolt against Assad's regime in March 2011.



## CENTCOM

### 39. [Attack, Syria] Syrian Judge Killed In Renewed Fighting In The Capital

Wednesday, November 7 2012

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/08/world/middleeast/syria-war-developments.html?pagewanted=all>

A series of rebel mortar attacks rocked Damascus on Wednesday as a bomb killed a judge in the second assassination of a senior official in as many days.

Judge Abad Nadhwah died instantly when a remotely detonated bomb exploded under his car, the state-run SANA news agency said. Gunmen assassinated the brother of the Syrian Parliament speaker in broad daylight on Tuesday in a central neighborhood, according to SANA. Mohammad Osama al-Laham, was felled by bullets fired into his car in the Midan neighborhood while en route to work.

SANA attributed both attacks to terrorists, the government's standard description for the opposition. Mr. Laham was the brother of Jihad Laham, the speaker of the People's Assembly. Four mortar attacks, claimed by the Free Syrian Army, shook government strongholds in Damascus, the Syrian capital, on Wednesday in what was seen as a significant escalation.

Fierce shelling and airstrikes by regime forces were also reported by rebel groups in several areas of the Damascus suburbs while clashes raged between the Free Syrian Army and government troops.

The Houran Freeman Brigade claimed responsibility for mortar attacks that targeted Mezze 86, a Damascus neighborhood near the official palace that houses the offices of President Bashar al-Assad. The Mezze military airfield and the prime minister's administrative complex also were hit.

Activists said the palace remained intact, because of mistakes in coordinating the attack, and that Mezze 86 was hit by mistake.

Mezze 86, a hilltop district mostly populated by members of Mr. Assad's minority Alawite sect, had also been targeted on Tuesday. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a group based in Britain with contacts inside Syria, reported on Wednesday that three civilians were killed and more than two dozen wounded by shelling in the Hajar al-Aswad district in the Damascus suburbs where clashes have been raging between rebel fighters and regime forces helped by fighters from pro-government Palestinian groups. Two rebel fighters also were killed, the observatory said.

"The situation inside Syria is turning grimmer every day, and the risk is growing that this crisis could explode outward into an already volatile region," Jeffrey D. Feltman, the United Nations under secretary general for political affairs, told a meeting of the Security Council on Tuesday.

Underscoring that threat, Israel accused Syria of moving tanks into a demilitarized zone of the disputed Golan Heights region captured by the Israelis in the 1967 war and asked the Security Council to address "this alarming development." Mr. Feltman, who answered questions from reporters at the United Nations, said he was concerned about the new Golan tension and called it "another example of spillover from areas that had been previously immune from fighting."

Mr. Feltman also quoted activists as saying that 250 people had died across Syria on Monday. "We continue to hope that the Security Council can come together and act in a unified fashion on Syria, as this would be critical to any peace effort," he said.

There was no sign of that.

The Russian foreign minister, Sergey V. Lavrov, held talks in Jordan with the highest-ranking defector from the Syrian government, former Prime Minister Riyad Farid Hijab, who attacked Moscow's enduring support for Mr. Assad as unworkable for a political transition.

Remarks by David Cameron, the British prime minister, that Mr. Assad might be granted safe passage out of his country as a means to end the fighting also caused a stir, with his office quickly stressing that he did not mean Mr. Assad should avoid prosecution.



Lakhdar Brahimi, the international envoy to the conflict, warned that unless there was a greater international effort, Syria risked descending into becoming another Somalia — which as a failed state became a font of international piracy and other terrorist problems for 20 years. In an interview with the pan-Arab newspaper Al-Hayat, Mr. Brahimi said the main effort should be a binding Security Council resolution on a political transition.

Other mayhem in the capital and throughout the country on Tuesday included three bombs that exploded late in the day in Qudsiya, a working-class suburb of Damascus, according to SANA and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

At least 10 people died and 40 were wounded, the group said. The bombs exploded in crowded Zahra Square, near an area heavily populated by the Republican Guards, an elite military unit whose members are drawn from Mr. Assad's minority Alawite sect, which controls Syria. The guards are among the main units used to suppress the opposition.

On Monday, opposition members vowed to step up attacks in the city center to try to draw government units away from extended assaults on other outlying neighborhoods.

"We are planning to escalate our attacks on the areas of the government thugs," said one member of the Jundullah Battalion, a unit of the Free Syrian Army full of Sunni Muslim fundamentalists.

In Amman, Jordan, Mr. Lavrov held a rare meeting between a senior Russian official and the opposition, saying he wanted to glean their thoughts on ending the conflict.

"The idea of the meeting was to get an agreement or a road map on how to deal with opposition forces and save the Syrian people," Mr. Lavrov told a news conference. At the same time, he warned that any alternative to the Assad government might visit further chaos on Syria.

Mr. Hijab rejected that assessment, saying that replacing Mr. Assad was the sole way out of the uprising, which started as a peaceful protest movement in March 2011.

"Russia is searching for a political solution in which Bashar al-Assad stays," he said in an interview with Al Arabiya, an Arabic satellite television station. "We told Lavrov frankly that there could be no political solution at all with the presence of Bashar al-Assad."

On a visit to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, Mr. Cameron told Al-Arabiya in an interview that if safe passage and possibly immunity for Mr. Assad would end the bloodshed, it might be negotiated.

"I am certainly not offering him an exit plan to Britain, but if he wants to leave he could leave, that could be arranged," said Mr. Cameron. "Of course I would favor him facing the full force of international law and justice for what he's done."

Mr. Assad has shown no intention of going anywhere. Indeed, analysts have long said that the fact that he inherited the presidency from his father prompted him to destroy Syria rather than abandon his legacy.

The lack of a cohesive Syrian opposition has been blamed for preventing a more robust international effort on Syria. Efforts to create a more unified coalition sputtered along Tuesday in Doha, Qatar, where a meeting was scheduled for Thursday to try to implement an American-backed plan to broaden the opposition to include more factions, including more representatives of the military units doing the fighting.

On that front, news agencies in Turkey reported that seven Syrian Army generals arrived with their families through the border town of Reyhanli in Hatay Province, escorted under tight security.

The generals were sent to the Apaydin military camp, home to high-ranking military officers and their families who have fled Syria.

The Turkish newspaper Zaman reported on its Web site that the latest defections brought the total number of Syrian generals who have defected to 42.





### CENTCOM

#### 40. [Attack, Iraq] Iraq Car Bomb Kills Four

Thursday, November 8 2012

<http://paktribune.com/news/Iraq-car-bomb-kills-four-officials-254773.html>

A car bomb in the centre of a city south of the Iraqi capital killed four people and wounded 11 others on Thursday, officials said.

The blast occurred at around 10:00 am (0700 GMT) in Hilla, capital of Babil province and around 95 kilometres (60 miles) from Baghdad, a medic and a police officer said.

Both spoke on condition of anonymity.

Violence in Iraq is dramatically lower than its peak in 2006 and 2007 when the country was in the throes of a brutal sectarian war.

The latest deaths came after figures last week showed a sharp decline in attacks in October, with the number of people killed the lowest monthly total since June.





### CENTCOM

#### 41. [Security, Qatar] Qatar Aims For Patriot Missiles

Friday, November 9 2012

[http://www.upi.com/Business\\_News/Security-Industry/2012/11/08/Qatar-aims-for-Patriot-missiles/UPI-74561352410507/](http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Security-Industry/2012/11/08/Qatar-aims-for-Patriot-missiles/UPI-74561352410507/)

The government of Qatar is seeking to procure Patriot anti-missile missile systems from the United States under a Foreign Military Sales deal.

The U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency, in its notification to Congress, said the Patriot package requested would be worth an estimated \$9.9 billion.

The Patriot request comes on the heels of Qatar recently asking Washington for two Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile systems at a cost of \$6.5 billion.

DSCA said the Patriot package would include 11 Patriot Configuration-3 Modernized Fire Units; 11 AN/MPQ-65 radar sets; 11 AN/MSQ-132 engagement control systems, 30 antenna mast groups; 44 M902 launching stations, 246 Patriot MIM-104E Guidance Enhanced Missile-TBM with canisters; two Patriot MIM-104E GEM-T test missiles, 768 Patriot Advanced Capability 3 missiles with canisters; and 10 PAC-3 test missiles with canisters.

Also to be supplied: 11 electrical power plants; eight multifunctional information distribution systems/low volume terminals; and communications equipment.

Personnel training and logistics support would also be part of the deal in which Raytheon and Lockheed Martin would be prime contractors.



## **EUCOM**

### **42. [Attack, Turkey] Car Bomb Kills Child, Wounds 18 In Southeast Turkey**

Sunday, November 4 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/04/us-turkey-kurds-bomb-idUSBRE8A30CQ20121104>

A car bomb targeting a military vehicle in southeast Turkey on Sunday killed an 11-year-old child and wounded 18 other people, Turkish officials said.

The blast happened when a police special forces armored vehicle passed the entrance to the town of Semdinli, near Turkey's borders with Iraq and Iran, the scene of frequent conflict between Turkish security forces and Kurdish militants.

Most of the wounded were believed to be passers-by, with two reported to be in a serious condition. Police in the armored vehicle suffered only light wounds, Dogan news agency reported.

"This cowardly attack was right next to a place where weddings are held. Unfortunately there were civilian losses," Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan told a meeting of his AK Party, announcing the death of the 11-year-old child.

Police launched a search for the perpetrators and to see if there were any other car bombs in the area, security sources said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The area is a focus of activity for the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which has several thousand fighters based in the mountains of neighboring northern Iraq.

More than 40,000 people have been killed in the PKK's conflict with Turkey since it took up arms in 1984 with the aim of carving out a state in the mainly Kurdish southeast of the country.

The PKK is designated a terrorist group by Turkey, the United States and European Union.



## EUCOM

### 43. [Security, Israel] Syria Mortar Bomb Lands In Israeli Village, No Injuries Reported

Thursday, November 8 2012

<http://english.alarabiya.net/articles/2012/11/08/248434.html>

A mortar bomb fired from Syria hit the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights on Thursday, Reuters reported the Israeli military saying, with spill-over from the conflict in the Arab country on the rise.

An Israeli military source said the mortar bomb landed in an Israeli village and had not gone off. No casualties or damage were reported. A military spokesman added that a few mortars had been fired, all of them errant and not aimed at Israeli targets.

The incident follows several similar events in the past week, as fighting has flared in close-by Syrian villages between Syrian rebels and forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad.

“Israel now needs nerves of steel,” Israeli Homefront Minister Avi Dichter said on his Facebook page, pointing to the difficulty of pinpointing those responsible for firing the mortar bombs for possible military action against them.

With “no return address,” he wrote, Israeli defence officials have to adopt “a very careful response policy.”

On Saturday three Syrian tanks entered the demilitarized zone in the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria and Israel has asked the U.N. Security Council to act on what it said was “a dangerous escalation.”

Since then an Israeli military vehicle was hit by a stray Syrian bullet, a round of mortar bombs landed in the demilitarized zone and a landmine was set off by more stray firing, sparking a small fire.

The military spokesman said that all these incidents were not aimed at Israel. Israel’s army chief, Benny Gantz, on Sunday warned troops on the Golan Heights: “This is a Syrian issue that could become our issue.”

Israel captured the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau, from Syria during the 1967 Middle East war. The two countries signed a ceasefire agreement in 1974 after the so-called Yom Kippur War, but are still technically in conflict.

Israel annexed the territory in 1981 in a move not recognized internationally.



## EUCOM

### 44. [Security, Israel] Israel Blames Hamas For Gaza Blast

Friday, November 9 2012

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2012/11/2012119112941283876.html>

Ehud Barak, Israeli defence minister, has blamed Hamas for a blast along the border with the Gaza Strip which wounded an Israeli soldier.

Barak said on Friday that Israel was currently considering how and when to respond.

"Israel views with great seriousness the detonation of an explosive tunnel along the border with the Gaza Strip, south of Kissufim" a statement released by Barak's office read.

A nearby soldier suffered minor injuries, probably from shrapnel, an Israeli military spokesman said.

The blast, on a section of the border near the southern city of Khan Yunis, was claimed by the Hamas movement and came hours after a Palestinian teenager was shot dead by Israeli troops in the same area, Palestinian medical officials and witnesses said.

The Popular Resistance Committees said its fighters had confronted an Israeli force of four tanks and a bulldozer involved in a short-range incursion beyond Israel's border fence with the Gaza Strip.

"Terrorists opened fire at IDF soldiers while they were performing routine activity adjacent to the security fence," an Israeli military spokeswoman said in Jerusalem.

An Israeli military official said the soldiers responded by firing at "suspicious locations".

Ashraf al-Qudra, spokesman for Gaza's health ministry, said the boy had been killed near the border.

"Thirteen-year-old Hmeid Yunes Abu Daqqa was killed by bullets fired from an Israeli helicopter during an incursion in Abasan and Al-Qarara," he said, referring to two neighbourhoods east of Khan Yunis.

Witnesses confirmed that Israeli helicopters had opened fire as Israeli tanks carried out an incursion east of the city.

Palestinian gunmen fired mortar shells at the tanks, sparking a brief exchange of fire, they said.

The incident broke nearly two weeks of a lull in violence between Gaza gunmen and Israeli forces since the last wave of fighting that killed several fighters, mostly from Hamas.



## **EUCOM**

### **45. [Attack, Bulgaria] Bomb Goes Off In Bulgarian Pizza Place, No One Injured**

Friday, November 9 2012

[http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=144979](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=144979)

A bomb exploded in a pizza restaurant in the southern Bulgarian town of Chirpan late on Thursday, leading to no injuries or casualties.

The pizza restaurant, San Martin, is owned by a 51-year-old local man.

The place was not working at the time of the explosion, as it was undergoing repair works. Four workers were in it when the bomb exploded, the BGNES news agency informs.

The blast was caused by a homemade explosive device, police have found out.

Police are currently investigating the case.



## **PACOM**

### **46. [Security, Nepal] Bomb Defused In Dadeldhura**

Friday, November 2 2012

<http://thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=Bomb+defused+in+Dadeldhura&NewsID=353023>

Nepali Army bomb disposal team today defused a powerful bomb found at the Dadeldhura Education Campus.

According to watchman Indra Awasthi at the campus, he had seen a suspicious object wrapped in a piece of cloth at the campus gate early in the morning and then informed to the police.

Following his information, personnel from the Nepal Police and APF reached the site and confirmed the object as being a bomb.

Later the Nepali Army bomb disposal team from Shreenath Batallion reached the site and disposed the bomb.

Along with the bomb, police has also found a pamphlet reading the name of Sudurpaschim Janata Dal and a slogan admonishing politics in the campus premises.

Meanwhile, police has said they are investigating into the matter. Campus chief Bed Prakash Sharma demanded strong action against persons behind planting the bomb.



### PACOM

#### 47. [Attack, Thailand] Narathiwat Bomb Kills Three

Saturday, November 3 2012

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/breakingnews/319406/>

Three people were killed and eight others injured in two separate car and motorcycle bomb explosions in Narathiwat on Saturday night, reports said.

The first motorcycle bomb attack took place near a school in Ban Yaba, and the car bomb explosion occurred behind the Rueso police station.

Further details on the deaths and injuries were not available.

It was also reported that an outpost of village defence volunteers in Ban Klapor in Pattani's Saiburi district was ambushed. There were no reports on casualties.





### PACOM

#### 48. [Security, India] Explosives And Cash Recovered In Meghalaya

Wednesday, November 7 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date=11/7/2012&id=8#8](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date=11/7/2012&id=8#8)

Security Forces (SFs) during a search operation on November 5, recovered more than INR 2.2 million along with explosive material from the house of Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) 'commander-in-chief', Sohan D. Shira at Chachatgre village in East Garo hills District, reports Shillong Times. SFs further recovered 25 electric detonators for use in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosions, 8 wireless sets with chargers, 2 Sony handy cams, 3 solar plates, 4 solar LED home lights, 13 solar lamps, 3 mobile phones, 16 SIM cards and 2 pencil battery chargers.



## PACOM

### 49. [Attack, India] Blast Near Imphal Airport Injures Five In Manipur

Thursday, November 8 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date=11/8/2012&id=8#8](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date=11/8/2012&id=8#8)

The Times of India reports that, militants triggered an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in the Ghari area near Imphal airport on November 7, injuring five persons, including two army personnel. The spot is also close to a unit of 18 Sikh Regiment. The militant cadres, who are fighting to restore Manipur's past sovereignty, have been frequently targeting Security Forces (SFs) with IEDs across the State since September 5. Chief minister Okram Ibobi Singh had advised SFs to always remain alert and strengthen local intelligence network.

Also, two more IEDs planted by rebels to target SFs were detected at different places in Thoubal District on the same day. Bomb experts retrieved the explosives and detonated them.

Nagaland Post reports that normal traffic along the Indo-Myanmar section of National Highway 2 was disturbed for several hours on November 3, following detection of a powerful IED planted on the road by suspected militants with an intention to attack the SFs. The 3.50 kilograms weight IED with RDX explosive materials was discovered by troops of 15 Assam Rifles posting at Khongjom along NH-2 at Uningkhong, a place located between Wangjing and Tentha in Thoubal District. Personnel of the State Police bomb detection and disposal squad assisted by bomb experts from the Army defused the IED safely and disposed-off later at an open place at Thoubal Khunou. They recovered 12 batteries and six detonators with IED, made with RDX material.

Separately, an unexploded shell from World War II was found in a sandbank of Thoubal River near Khoirom under Yairipok Police station on November 3 at around 5 pm, reports Kanglaonline.



### PACOM

#### 50. [Security, India] Explosives Recovered In Manipur

Friday, November 9 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date=11/9/2012&id=4#4](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date=11/9/2012&id=4#4)

The Sangai Express reports that following the disclosure made by an arrested accused in the October 26 blast incident at Porompat (Imphal East District), a combined team of Imphal East and Bishnupur Districts Police recovered seven Chinese Hand grenades with detonators and four RDX cakes from Loktak Maru Temple, Phubala in Bishnupur District on November 7. Imphal East Superintendent of Police, Kamei Angam Romanus said the accused, identified as 'finance secretary', Ningthoujam Romen Singh alias Nongdrenkhomba alias RK alias Rocky (30) was arrested by Special Cell of Delhi Police based on inputs provided by Imphal East Police on November 1 from Out Gate Inter State Bus terminus (ISBT), Sarai Khale Khan, Delhi. The arrested man was brought to Imphal from Delhi by a team of Imphal East District Police on November 4.

Further, a team of East commandos arrested a People's Liberation Army (PLA) cadre, identified as Seilal Khongsai on November 6. One pistol and explosive material with detonators were seized from his possession.

Separately, PREPAK, on November 8, has claimed that the October 7 improvised explosive device (IED) blast at Ghari Makha Leikai which injured two Security Forces and four civilians was acted out by a Bomb Explosive Unit of the outfit.



### PACOM

#### 51. [Security, Indonesia] Police Disarm Bomb Found In Poso Resident's Backyard

Friday, November 9 2012

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/police-disarm-bomb-found-in-poso-residents-backyard/555180>

A bomb squad from Central Sulawesi Police disarmed a homemade bomb found in the backyard of a Poso resident's house on Thursday.

The homeowner, Yulianti, 63, who lives in the Landangan village, said she discovered the bomb in her backyard at 6:30 a.m.

"There was something like a can of butter that was wrapped in a plastic bag but some yellow cables could be seen coming out of it. We, as a family, were really afraid and reported this to the nearest security personnel," Yulianti said.

Two tactical vehicles from Central Sulawesi's bomb squad arrived at 8:00 a.m. to disarm the bomb on site before it was taken to the Poso Police headquarters.

Yulianti said the house was mostly empty the previous evening as the family had been at church.

Police have cordoned off the area where the bomb was found and have combed the area for clues. Personnel on site said the home-assembled bomb contained chemicals urea and nitrate, a detonator and a cable network.



## NORTHCOM

### 52. [Security, Canada] Bomb Found On B.C. Skytrain Tracks

Saturday, November 3 2012

<http://www.canada.com/news/national/Bomb+found+SkyTrain+tracks/7495088/story.html>

Police forces across British Columbia's Lower Mainland were on high alert Friday night as transit police hunt a would-be bomber.

A bomb was spotted by a passenger on an elevated SkyTrain track in Surrey this afternoon, and later removed and exploded by an RCMP bomb squad. The confirmed bomb threat is believed to be the first ever involving SkyTrain infrastructure.

Transit police spokeswoman Anne Drennan said officers will conduct a full sweep of TransLink's complete rail network throughout the night, also checking bus loops, stations, and terminals.

"We want to make sure there is nothing else out there to cause the public and our passengers harm," Drennan said.

Transit police have asked all police forces in the different Lower Mainland jurisdictions served by SkyTrain to go on "high alert" helping to monitor for tracks for suspicious activity. Extra uniformed transit police officers are stationed throughout the TransLink system, and plain clothes transit police detectives are on the lookout for the bombing suspect, Drennan said.

"This is a very rare occurrence," Drennan said. "It's obviously concerning to transit police, and that is why we've started an extensive and exhaustive investigation."

The bomb was spotted between Gateway and Scott Rd. SkyTrain stations in Surrey at 2:15 p.m. Police found that it was strapped to three empty cylinders. The cylinders, which looked like propane tanks according to police, will be kept for forensic investigation.

Police don't know how, or when, the bomb was placed on the train tracks. They will review video surveillance tapes, and are asking citizens who may have seen a suspect climbing the tracks or heaving up an object, to contact police.

A TransLink spokesman said buses started taking riders between the stations soon after the problem was first reported at 2:15 p.m., and the line reopened shortly after 5 p.m.





## **NORTHCOM**

### **53. [Law Enforcement, United States] Police Detonate Live Pipe Bomb After San Jose Traffic Stop; Driver Arrested**

Thursday, November 8 2012

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/11/08/police-detonate-live-pipe-bomb-after-san-jose-traffic-stop-driver-arrested/>

Police detonated a live pipe bomb found in a car during a traffic stop in San Jose Wednesday night.

Officers stopped the driver of the car for a traffic violation near the intersection of North First Street and Matrix Boulevard at 8:48 p.m.

After a search of the vehicle, police found a suspicious device and called in a bomb squad.

The bomb squad arrived shortly after 10 p.m. and detonated the pipe bomb without incident or injuries, police said.

The adult male suspect was in custody Thursday morning, police said.



### SOUTHCOM

#### 54. [Law Enforcement, Colombia] Police Arrest 'FARC Aide'

Thursday, November 1 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/26804-police-arrest-farc-aide.html>

The Colombian army arrested what they call a key member of a FARC support group in the department of Huila in southwest Colombia, local media reported Thursday.

The suspect, known by his alias 'Jairo' or 'Javier' is accused of being the leader of a civilian support network aiding the 17th Front of the FARC, one of the most belligerent strands of the group, operating in the north of the department.

Javier was notorious for blackmail and extortion of locals, kidnappings and collecting intelligence for the FARC as well as recruiting minors into the guerrilla's ranks.

It was also alleged that Jairo organized the purchase and transport of materials and uniforms across the area.

The army claim that with the capture of Jairo, they have neutralized the actions of the FARC in areas of Huila.

"We were checking some irregular actions of the 17th Front and this is how we managed to capture Jairo" said Huila police commander Colonel Juan Francisco Pelaez.

The army seized seven M26 fragmentation grenades, two revolvers, 18 cartridges, four cell phones and two maps of the town of Rivera from Jairo's residence.



## **SOUTHCOM**

### **55. [Security, Colombia] Huge Seizure Of Weaponry From North Santander Gang**

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/26842-huge-seizure-of-weaponry-from-north-santander-gang.html>

A mass seizure of contraband belonging drug trafficker "Megateo" and his gang was carried out by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Colombia police Monday.

The contraband was found in a parked car in a lot in the city of Cucuta, located in the North Santander department on the border of Venezuela. The vehicle carrying the contraband was allegedly detected by both DEA and Colombian police after months of tracking, according to Caracol Radio.

The discovered gang arsenal allegedly included more than 100 grenades and nearly 5,000 rifle cartridges among other weaponry.

Victor Ramon Navarro, alias Megateo, is known in the north of the country as "one of the most feared and belligerent men" in the north of Colombia. The former left wing rebel turned drug trafficker has a \$1 million bounty on his head. His gang's ties extend to both the powerful drug syndicate the "Urabeños" and rebel guerrilla groups FARC and ELN.

Megateo has been averting capture from authorities, reportedly wanted for drug trafficking, money laundering, manufacturing or bearing of weapons, extortion, murder and forced displacement.





## **SOUTHCOM**

### **56. [Attack, Colombia] FARC Attacks Continue In Colombia's South**

Monday, November 5 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/26837-farc-attacks-continue-in-colombias-south.html>

A series of attacks in Colombia's southern region by insurgent group FARC has left two policemen and five civilians injured, reported local media Sunday.

Authorities have blamed Colombia's largest guerrilla group, FARC, for three separate attacks in the southern departments of Cauca and Caqueta over the weekend.

Guerrillas from FARC's 6th Front reportedly launched an assault with guns and explosives against a group of government soldiers in the municipality of Corinto, Cauca province. The raid left five civilians injured, including up to three minors.

One of the children suffered gunshot wounds to the abdomen and leg, requiring a transfer to a hospital in Colombia's third largest city of Cali.

A second attack, which occurred just south of Corinto in the municipality of Jambalo, lasted forty-five minutes but left no injuries.

The third confrontation between the rebels and Colombian authorities took place in the troubled region of Caqueta and left two policemen injured.

Colombia's southern provinces have become a hotspot of guerrilla activity over the past week. The latest clashes came only days after FARC allegedly opened fire on the civilian population in the township of Timbiqui, also located in Cauca, killing two people.

Authorities also blamed FARC for an explosion on Halloween that killed two people and injured dozens more in the Valle de Cauca department.



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#### 57. [Law Enforcement, Colombia] FARC 'Leading Explosive Expert' Captured In Western Colombia

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The Colombian military captured on Monday one of the FARC's alleged leading explosive experts in an operation in the west of the country while two other guerrillas were killed.

Colombia media reported that the FARC member, alias Carepuño, who was under an arrest warrant for crimes of terrorism, is believed to be a leading manufacturer of mines and homemade explosives known as 'tatucos' used by the Sixth Front of the guerrilla group in northern and southern areas of Valle de Cauca.

Following several months of intelligent work, Task Force Apollo Third Division captured Carepuño, revealing afterwards that he had "frightened the residents of the municipality of Toribio and surrounding areas, with the indiscriminate planting of improvised explosive devices in the areas of the township of Tacueyo, Huila , Congo, Santo Domingo, La Luz, and Buenavista."

"He is an expert in the manufacturing and handling explosive devices (...) such as 'tatucos' and handmade grenades, besides planting landmines." added the Apollo Task Force.

It was also reported that two other FARC members were killed in fighting while in total four guerrillas were captured.