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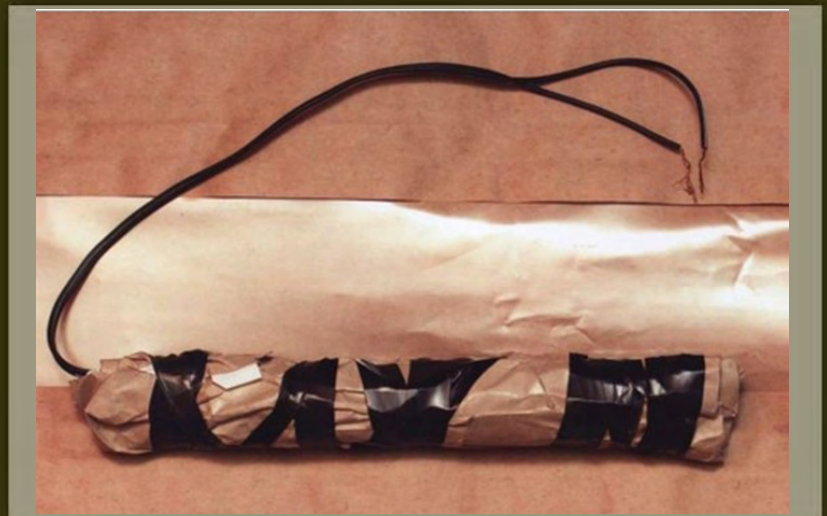
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#### 1. [Security, Pakistan] Mega Terror Bid Foiled, Three Afghan Terrorists Arrested In Wah Cantt

Friday, 31 August 2012

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/31-Aug-2012/mega-terror-bid-foiled-three-afghan-terrorists-arrested-in-wah-cantt>

The police foiled a mega terror bid as they arrested three Afghan nationals and recovered weapons and explosives from their possession here in Wah Cantt on Friday.

According to details, the police on secret reports conducted raid in the forest near Wah Cantt graveyard during which three foreign terrorists stated to be Afghan nationals were arrested.

The police also recovered Detonators, remote controls, suicide vests, nuts, bolts, shrapnel, hand grenades and other bomb-making paraphernalia from their possession.

Police said the terror-mongers were hatching a plan to target sensitive installations in the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.



## AFPAK

### 2. [Security, Afghanistan] Afghan Intelligence Thwarts Terror Plots In Kabul, Logar, And Parwan

Friday, 31 August 2012

[http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/08/afghan\\_intelligence\\_4.php](http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/08/afghan_intelligence_4.php)

Over the past two days, Afghan National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives thwarted four terror plots; two the plots were aimed at targets in Kabul City, another was to take place in Parwan province, and yet another in Logar province.

NDS personnel have arrested nine suspected Taliban insurgents with links the plots, including six suspects who were arrested on Aug. 28 in Kabul's 8th district, according to an NDS statement obtained by Bakhtar News Agency.

The six-man cell had carefully placed potassium chloride-based homemade explosives inside a washing machine, various kitchen appliances, a mattress, pillows, and a gas cylinder. According to Pajhwok Afghan News, the six-man cell had also rigged an unknown number of vehicles with explosives to be used in their planned attacks in Kabul and Parwan.

NDS officials believe the explosives were smuggled into Afghanistan from Pakistan. Among those arrested were Mohammad Wali, from Kabul province; and Zaboob, Abdul Jabar, Marouf, and Khair Mohammad from Panjshir province.

In a separate raid on Aug. 30, NDS operatives arrested three suspected Taliban members in Kabul who were planning attacks in the Shar-e-Now area of Kabul City and in Logar province. Those arrested were identified as Gulam Dastagir and Ajmal from the Mohammad Agha district of Logar, and Abdul Munir, a resident of the Jablul Siraj district in Parwan province, according to Pajhwok Afghan News. Several embassies are located in the Shar-e-Now area of Kabul, including the Indian, Dutch, Belgian, and Indonesian embassies. However, it was not revealed which locations the suspects had planned to attack, or if attacks were planned against embassies.

The NDS raids in Kabul follow a series of successful operations by NDS personnel that have disrupted several high-profile terror plots against urban targets and Afghan officials this month. Earlier in August, NDS personnel killed five suspected Haqqani network cell members during a night raid against the group's safe house in Kabul's Pul-i-Charki area. The raid resulted in the confiscation of a large quantity of explosives and small arms, as well as the seizure of numerous vehicles rigged with explosives.

On or about Aug. 12, another NDS raid prevented the Taliban from conducting coordinated suicide





bomb attacks on the Afghan Parliament and the Afghan Presidential palace, and disrupted an assassination attempt against Afghan Second Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili.

In early July, NDS deputy spokesman Shafiqullah Tahiri revealed that as many as 241 would-be suicide bombers planning to assassinate government and parliamentary members had been arrested between 2010 and 2012. Among those the Taliban had planned to assassinate with suicide bombers were both of Afghanistan's vice presidents, Balkh province governor Atta Mohammad Noor, numerous cabinet members, and parliamentarians Abdul Rasul Sayyaf and Sibghatullah Mujadidi.



## AFPAK

### 3. [Attack, Afghanistan] Twin Suicide Bomb Attack Kills 12 In East Afghanistan

Saturday, September 1 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/01/us-afghanistan-bombing-nato-idUSBRE88002T20120901>

A twin suicide bomb attack targeted a NATO base in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing eight civilians and Afghan policemen, local officials said.

A spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said no one from the alliance was killed in the attack, which happened in Wardak province's Sayed Abad district.

"The truck bomb was huge, killing 12 and wounding 50 more," said provincial governor spokesman Sahidullah Shahid.

The Taliban, which took responsibility for the early morning attack, said it had dispatched two bombers, one on foot and one in an explosives-laden truck.

The NATO base was targeted last year on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks when a suicide bomber drove into it, killing four civilians and wounding 77 U.S. troops.

Wardak province saw the worst single incident suffered by foreign forces in over 10 years of war when the Taliban shot down a transport helicopter last year, killing 38 troops, 30 of whom were American, mostly elite Navy SEALs.

Two U.S. troops were killed on Saturday in a separate insurgent attack in eastern Ghazni province, ISAF said in a statement.

Violence is increasing across Afghanistan ahead of the 2014 deadline for NATO to withdraw most of its troops, and fears are mounting that the 350,000-strong NATO-trained Afghan security forces will not be able to tackle insurgents once they leave.

This week 19 Afghans, including an adolescent boy and a young girl, were beheaded in three separate attacks.

Insider attacks, when Afghan forces turn their weapons on foreign troops, have sharply shot up. Three Australian soldiers were shot dead by a gunman wearing an Afghan army uniform this week, bringing to 15 the number of foreign soldiers killed this month in insider attacks.

A total of 45 NATO-led coalition troops have been killed in rogue shootings this year.



## AFFPAK

### 4. [Law Enforcement, Pakistan] Four Arrested In Khyber Agency; Arms, Explosives Recovered

Saturday, September 1 2012

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2012/09/01/news/national/four-arrested-in-khyber-agency-arms-explosives-recovered/>

At least four extremists were arrested and huge cache of arms and explosives was recovered from their possession here on Saturday.

According to details, the security forces conducted search operation in Zakhakhel area of Landikotal in Khyber Agency.

During operation, four extremists were arrested and 46 mortar shells, others arms and explosives were recovered from their possession.

The nabbed extremists were shifted to Landikotal FC Cantt for further interrogation.





## AFPAK

### 5. [Attack, Pakistan] Suicide Car Bomb Targets US Consulate Employees In Pakistan

Monday, September 3 2012

<http://blogs.voanews.com/breaking-news/2012/09/03/suicide-car-bomb-targets-us-consulate-employees-in-pakistan/>

A suicide car bomber killed at least two people and wounded 19 others in an attack on a U.S. consulate vehicle in northwestern Pakistan.

The bombing occurred as the vehicle travelled Monday through an area housing various international organizations, including the United Nations, in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

The U.S. embassy in Islamabad says two Americans and two Pakistani working at the consulate were among the 19 wounded in what it described as “an apparent terrorist attack.”

Earlier, Pakistani officials said the blast killed two Americans, but the consulate said they only received non life-threatening wounds.

Police say the bomber's vehicle was loaded with 110 kilograms of explosives.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Peshawar is located on the border Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal region.

The Pakistani Taliban, the Afghan Taliban, al-Qaida and affiliated militant groups are entrenched in the tribal regions and take advantage of the porous border to launch attacks against NATO and Afghan forces in Afghanistan.





## AFPAK

### 6. [Attack, Afghanistan] Suicide Attacker Kills 25 In East

Tuesday, September 4 2012

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-19478496>

A suicide bomber has attacked a funeral ceremony in the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, killing at least 25 civilians including the son of a district governor, officials have said.

Several hundred villagers and officials were attending the funeral of an influential tribal elder in the remote border district of Dur Baba.

The district governor was among 30 people injured, police say.

Locals recently staged an uprising against Taliban insurgents in the area.

Tribal elders and local intelligence officials in the district blamed the Taliban for the bombing, describing it as a revenge attack by militants in response to the uprising.

"The suicide attacker was walking among [the mourners]," a witness told the BBC.

"He was recognised by the brother of the district governor of Dur Baba. But as soon as he tried to arrest him, the attacker detonated his suicide vest. There is blood, and body parts [everywhere]. It was a packed funeral."

Another witness told the BBC that he was at the back of the crowd of mourners when the bomb went off.

"Someone shouted that there was a suicide attacker," he said, "and there was a stampede. When I woke up, I saw bodies and blood everywhere."

Correspondents say that while the Taliban have not so far admitted responsibility for the attack, they often target government officials and their opponents at public functions, including funerals and weddings.



## AFPAK

### 7. [Attack, Afghanistan] Twenty-Four Afghan Soldiers Killed Or Injured In Militants Attacks

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://www.khaama.com/24-afghan-soldiers-killed-or-injured-in-militants-attacks-193/>

At least 24 Afghan national army soldiers were killed or injured in various incidents across the country during the past 24 hours.

Afghan defense ministry following a statement announced the national army soldiers were killed or injured in militants attacks and roadside improvised explosive device explosions.

The source further added at least four Afghan national army soldiers were killed in Bakwa district of western Farah province, 10 soldiers were injured in Jalrez district of Maidan Wardak province, and 9 other soldiers were injured and another one was killed in Badghis, Nangarhar, Ghazni, Helmand and Uruzgan provinces of Afghanistan.

In the meantime Afghan national army soldiers killed four militants and injured six others during the military operations during the past 24 hours, Afghan defense officials said following the statement.

In a separate operation Afghan soldiers seized 26 improvised explosive device and discovered various weapons, ammunition and explosives during the operations.



## **AFPAK**

### **8. [Attack, Pakistan] Suicide Bombing Foiled At Jandool**

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-66392-Suicide-bombing-foiled-at-Jandool>

A terrorism attempt was foiled at Jandool in Lower Dir area here, Geo News reported.

According to the DPO a suicide bomber was gunned down outside the police station Mayar. He said that explosives were wrapped around his body and he was fired upon in order to stop him which led to the bomb he was carrying exploding.

Sources said that two policemen were also injured due to the blast.



## AFPAK

### 9. [Security, Pakistan] Three Would-Be Nuclear Power Plant Suicide Bombers Killed In Premature Blast In Punjab

Friday, September 7 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date1=9/7/2012&id=3#3](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/7/2012&id=3#3)

Police recovered dead bodies of three suicide bombers from a building in Ali Khel area near the border of Bhakkar District about 30 kilometres away from a nuclear plant in Garot, Khushab District on September 6, reports The Express Tribune. District Police Officer (DPO) Saifullah Khan Khattak said that the militants were planning to attack the nuclear plant. Police officials estimated that the terrorists may have had more companions who had left the area before the Police arrived as footprints of more than 12 people along with tracks of heavy vehicles could be seen at the site of the incident.

According to details, the terrorists were killed when three suicide jackets, each carrying 0.5 kilogramme of explosives, exploded as they were planning to leave their temporary residence. Police have identified two of the terrorists as Mawia Tariq and Omar Irfan, both belonging to Mandi Bahauddin District.



## AFPAK

### 10. [Trend, Pakistan] Terror Bid Foiled As Police Killed Militants In Peshawar

Friday, September 7 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date1=9/7/2012&id=5#5](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/7/2012&id=5#5)

Police on September 6 claimed to have foiled a terror bid by killing a militant and recovered 105 kilogrammes of explosive material in Bara Sheikhan area of Peshawar, the provincial capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, reports Daily Times. According to Police, they stopped a suspicion pushcart vendor for searching when he opened fire on them. In retaliatory firing, Police shot him dead. Police said that the vendor's other accomplice hurled a hand grenade at them and managed to flee from the scene. Senior Superintendent of Police (rural) said that Police seized at least 105 kilogrammes of explosive material from the pushcart. He said that a bomb with remote control and three hand grenades were also recovered. The SSP said that the terrorists wanted to target Sarbanda Police Station in Peshawar.

Separately, unidentified militants blew off a Government Girls Primary School located in Shewa area of Swabi District, reports The News. According to the Police, the explosion partly damaged the school building, however added that no casualty was reported.



## AFRICOM

### 11. [Attack, Libya] Libyan Intelligence Officer Killed In Car Bombing

Sunday, September 2 2012

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/09/02/libya-explosion-benghazi-idINL6E8K21TU20120902>

A Libyan intelligence officer was killed and another wounded on Sunday when their car exploded in Benghazi, Libya's second largest city, a security spokesman said.

A bomb planted in the car, which belonged to one of the officers, was remotely detonated when the two got into the vehicle in a busy shopping district in Benghazi, Supreme Security Committee spokesman Abdel Moneim al-Hurr told Reuters.

Hurr had earlier said that a bomb had exploded killing the driver of a car who was carrying the device and that a passenger was wounded and taken to hospital.

But he later said the two men in the car had been the target of the explosion and that they were both intelligence officers.

A Reuters journalist saw parts of a body inside the wrecked car. The street was closed off by dozens of police and military officials.

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

Gamal Abdel-Nasser is the largest and busiest street in Benghazi, home to many shops, cafes and restaurants. It is also close to one of the city's busiest hotels, the Tebesty.

Benghazi has been hit by several bombings and attack this year on international convoys and organizations as well as some Western missions.



## AFRICOM

### 12. [Attack, Nigeria] Doubts Over Govt, Boko Haram Talks As Blast Rocks Gombe

Tuesday, September 4 2012

[http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=97736:doubts-over-govt-boko-haram-talks-as-blast-rocks-gombe-&catid=1:national&Itemid=559](http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=97736:doubts-over-govt-boko-haram-talks-as-blast-rocks-gombe-&catid=1:national&Itemid=559)

After a lull, terrorists yesterday struck in Sabon-Laye, the Gombe capital, where they exploded a bomb.

Although no life was confirmed lost at press time, the incident caused panic in the state capital and brought business activities to a standstill as shop owners and traders immediately shut their outlets and markets and rushed to their homes.

Nevertheless, the military in Borno State made a breakthrough yesterday as they recovered a register alleged to contain suspected Boko Haram members during a dawn raid in the home of a "commander" of the terrorist group.

Some concerned residents in Gombe said yesterday's blast had cast doubts on the purported dialogue between the Federal Government and the Boko Haram.

Last week, presidential spokesman, Dr. Reuben Abati, confirmed that the Federal Government was dialoguing with Boko Haram to end the attacks by the terrorists.

He said the dialogue between government and Boko Haram was being facilitated through "backroom channels."

"The form of the dialogue is that backroom channels are being used to reach across with the sole objective of understanding what exactly the grievances of these persons are, what exactly can be done to resolve the crises," said Abati.

Security operatives stormed the area and blocked all the adjoining streets to the scene of the blast.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Fuje Attajiri, who confirmed the explosion, said the police had brought the situation under control.

He said no life was lost, adding that no suspect had been arrested in connection with the blast.

But some eyewitnesses told The Guardian that policemen whisked away 10 persons from the scene of the explosion.

One of the residents said: "For the police to tell you that they did not arrest anybody, they are telling you and the world lies because we saw them when they arrested some youths in this area."

A senior police officer however said: "I saw our men coming into the command with some people, but I can not confirm to you whether the arrest was made at the scene where the bomb exploded or not."

"Frankly speaking, I agree with you that some youths were brought here today (yesterday) and they are in our cell





but I don't know their offences."

In the Maiduguri raid, men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) recovered a cache of arms and ammunition, bomb-making materials and 39 cans of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

In a statement yesterday, the JTF spokesman, Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa, said: "We conducted a follow-up operation in the residence of a wanted commander of Boko Haram in Bulunkutu-Lawanti area of Maiduguri metropolis."

He said a cache of arms and ammunition were recovered from the commander's house, among them 39 cans of IEDs, three Kalashnikov rifles, six empty magazines, and a laptop, chemical weapons, 306 x 7'62 mm special ammunition, and a notebook containing the names of suspected Boko Haram members, living and dead.

The JTF said that other arms and ammunition recovered at the commander's house were 40-IED remote control tools, 54 SIM cards, 20 electrical switches, 50 Q-link electrical switches, 20 torchlight batteries, a Rapid Propelled Gun-bomb fuse, and 50 Q-link motorcycle battery chargers.

The Guardian learnt yesterday that gunmen on Sunday night torched the Marte Divisional Police Station and the Church of Christ in Nigeria (COCIN) with explosives and petrol-bombs, killing a police sergeant and two civilians.

Marte is the headquarters of Marte Local Council, located 140 kilometres north of Maiduguri.

The gunmen, according to a resident, came in three unmarked Golf Volkswagen vehicles and eight motorcycles, and bombed the police station and the church. They allegedly set ablaze five vehicles and motorcycles at the police station.

Other public buildings torched by the gunmen, the source added, included the residence of the Unit Commander of the Nigeria Army.

He said: "It was a nightmare for us as explosions and gunshots rent the town on Sunday night. We took refuge in shops.

"The terrorists overpowered the police and other security agencies as both the police and the army ran out of arms during the four-hour attack and bombing."

According to him, the security agents alerted their colleagues at the Monguno Military Barracks of their ordeal, but the terrorists had a field day as they intensified their attacks on the station and church.

Already the body of the slain policeman has been conveyed to a hospital mortuary in Maiduguri for autopsy.

The Borno State Police Command spokesman, Gideon Jibrin, told The Guardian that "there were attacks on Marte police station on Sunday night where suspected gunmen burnt the COCIN Church and killed one officer."

He confirmed the burning of vehicles, motorcycles at the police station, Army commander's residence in the town.

Jibril said no arrests had been made over the attack, adding that investigations were being conducted by the police and JTF.

Meanwhile, the Jigawa State government has organised a two-day workshop for Islamic scholars on the need to



inculcate the right Islamic values on their followers to sustain the peace in the state.

The state has been divided into 75 centres where the scholars will be posted to educate the Imams that lead prayers in mosques on the basic tenets of the religion.

Governor Sule Lamido in his address at the workshop, said the training was part of the efforts of his administration to bring the different sects in Islam under one umbrella to ensure proper that Islamic knowledge is impacted on the people to sustain the prevailing peace in the state. This, he said, would go a long way to teaching the leaders of tomorrow the true practice of the faith so that they would not derail.

He said since the inception of his government he had organised 10 major brainstorming sessions with the council of Ulamas and the five emirs, adding that it would be a continuous process.

The Secretary of the Jigawa State Council of Ulamas, Bala Musa, said the government had been active in ensuring that the scholars were up to date in the teaching of Islam.

He said 1,700 Hisbah guards (Sharia Police) were being trained to strengthen the right practice of the religion.



## AFRICOM

### 13. [Attack, Somalia] Grenade Attack Kills Two In Mogadishu

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201209060026.html>

A grenade attack in Somalia's capital Mogadishu on Wednesday has left two people dead, the latest in series of attacks against Somali and AU forces in the city since Al shabab's pull out, according to Eyewitnesses.

On Wednesday, unidentified assailants hurled a grenade into an army checkpoint at Bar-ubax junction in central Mogadishu, killing two.

"The soldiers fired back following the blast, killing two bystanders while several others sustained sever injures and were rushed to a hospital for proper treatment," a witness told Shabelle Media by phone from the scene.

Somali Security forces mounting in pick-ups have arrived at the scene and halted temporally the entire public movement and transportation during their operations in the area.

"The situation is now calm and things have returned into normal. No one was arrested over the explosion so far by the forces," another witness confirmed.

No group has yet claimed the responsibility for the attack.



## AFRICOM

### 14. [Attack, Nigeria] Nigeria Mobile Phone Masts Targeted

Thursday, September 6 2012

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-19500177>

At least 24 mobile phone masts have been attacked across northern Nigeria, industry officials say.

A military spokesman blamed the militant Islamist group Boko Haram for the first such attacks on nine mobile phone companies.

Boko Haram has previously threatened to attack the firms, accusing them of helping security agencies to monitor its members.

Experts say the damage could run into millions of dollars.

Gunshots and explosions were heard and fires raged as mobile phone masts were targeted in northern Nigeria's main city, Kano, as well as the cities of Maiduguri, Gombe and Bauchi.

An attack also happened in the town of Potiskum.

Military joint task force spokesman for Maiduguri Lt Col Sagir Musa told the BBC the security forces suspected that Boko Haram had carried out the attacks.

It was a new trend in the violence carried out by the group, he said.

'Collusion'

Nine companies had reported infrastructural damage to 24 masts since Wednesday, said Gbenga Adebayo, the chairman of the Association of Licensed Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria, AP news agency reports.

Companies targeted include South African telecom giant MTN as well the United Arab Emirates firm Etisalat, AFP news agency reports.

"We confirm that like all the other major telcos, some of MTN's installations in northern Nigeria have been damaged by unknown persons," spokeswoman Funmilayo Omogbenigun is quoted as saying.

Experts say the damage is like to run into millions of dollars as the cost of a single tower can exceed \$1m (£627,000).

Boko Haram launched a military campaign in 2009 to fight for Islamic rule, bombing government buildings, churches and assassinating moderate Muslim clerics.

In February, it threatened to attack Nigerian telecom companies.

It accused them of breaking their "ethical obligations" and helping the security forces to monitor and track down its members.

Nigeria is roughly divided between a mainly Muslim north and predominately Christian and animist south.



## CENTCOM

### 15. [Attack, Iraq] Car Bomb Outside Coffee Shop Kills Two, Wounds 11 In Baghdad

Saturday, September 1 2012

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/01/world/meast/iraq-violence/>

A car bomb exploded outside a Baghdad coffee shop Saturday, killing two people and wounding 11 others, police in the Iraqi capital said.

The blast happened around 9 p.m. (2 p.m. ET) in the al-Shurta al-Rabaa neighborhood, a predominantly Shiite section of southwestern Baghdad.

With those deaths, the Iraqi Interior Ministry announced Sunday that 164 people had been killed throughout the country in August. This figure incorporates information from Iraq's interior, defense and health ministries.

A CNN tally indicates that more than 270 people died last month in violence throughout Iraq, however.

Official government death tolls have historically been lower than unofficial figures and daily tallies from media and other organizations.

Saturday's bombing caps a particularly turbulent few months in the Middle Eastern nation.

Violence had generally dropped in Iraq in recent years compared with the middle of the past decade, when Sunni-Shiite conflict raged during the height of the Iraq war.

However, it hit a nearly two-year peak in July with 325 deaths reported, the Interior Ministry has said. That was the deadliest single month since August 2010, when the toll was 426, the ministry said. U.S. troops completed their withdrawal from Iraq in December.

The most recent violence includes a wave of shootings and bombings August 16 that killed more than 80 people and wounded more than 270 across the country.

Insurgents carried out attacks in Baghdad and Kirkuk, Salaheddin, Anbar, Wasit and Diyala provinces, according to police and Interior Ministry officials.

The violence came in the final days of the holy month of Ramadan, when Iraqis traditionally fill shops and markets to prepare for the Eid feast.

Iraqi authorities blamed al Qaeda for what they describe as coordinated assaults targeting mostly Shiite areas.



## CENTCOM

### 16. [Attack, Syria] Twin Bombs Rock Damascus

Sunday, September 2 2012

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iOiLu8GRx6Gp3rvwJuCzSrKpmKUw?docId=CNG.07748a4305236cb85a1e484e8022dcba.591>

Twin bombs exploded near a tightly guarded government compound in the heart of Damascus on Sunday, state media said, as new international peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi said change was "unavoidable."

Speaking to satellite news channel Al-Jazeera as he took over as UN-Arab League envoy from former UN chief Kofi Annan, Brahimi carefully refrained, however, from publicly calling as his predecessor had for President Bashar al-Assad to step down.

Four people were wounded in the twin bombings which struck in the Abu Remmaneh district where several security service buildings and the office of Vice President Faruq al-Shara are located, state television said.

The attack, which state media blamed on "terrorists" -- the government's standard term for rebels fighting to end Assad's rule -- came a day after a bombing killed 15 people in a southern suburb of Damascus.

They were among at least 168 people killed on Saturday -- 110 civilians, 32 soldiers and 26 rebels, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Shara is the highest-ranking Sunni Muslim in Assad's minority Alawite-led government and was the subject of repeated defection rumours last month before he made a public appearance during a visit by a senior envoy from key ally Iran.

That was the first time he had appeared in public since he attended a state funeral for top security officials killed in a July 18 bombing that struck at the heart of Assad's regime.

Earlier, state media reported that a car bomb explosion near a mosque at Sbeneh in the southern outskirts of the capital on Saturday killed 15 people. Sbeneh is a poor neighbourhood where anti-government sentiment is strong.

The explosions came after a car bombing hit a funeral for two government supporters in the southeastern suburb of Jaramana on August 28 killing at least 27 people, according to the Syrian Observatory.

The violence in the capital came as the army renewed its bombardment of rebel-held areas in the provinces.

Shelling of Qusayr destroyed the last working bakery in the rebel-held part of the central town, activists said, aggravating a growing food shortage and highlighting the plight of civilians trapped by the fighting.

Human rights watchdogs have expressed growing concern about deteriorating conditions in areas under protracted siege and bombardment by the army, including parts of second city Aleppo and third city Homs.

"The shelling of Hanano did not stop from midnight until 5 am," an activist told AFP from the pro-opposition north-eastern district of Aleppo, a city of some 2.7 million people and a major battleground between troops and rebels since July 20.



"People are used to the power cuts, but the most difficult thing is getting hold of medicines, food and milk," the activist told AFP by Skype.

Brahimi, who took over as international peace envoy on Saturday, told Al-Jazeera that "change is necessary, indispensable, unavoidable."

He said his position was to engage all the parties and he would not be drawn on Assad's future.

"It is too early to speak about who should go and who should stay," he told the channel.

"This is not a step backwards. Mr Assad is there and is the president of the present government," he said. "Kofi talked to him, and I will talk to him."

Similar comments by the veteran Algerian diplomat soon after his nomination last month drew an angry reaction from Syria's exiled opposition, which accused him of giving Assad's regime a "licence to kill."

Brahimi, who will formally take the reins in handover ceremony with Annan and UN chief Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday, has been holding meetings at the UN headquarters in New York.

He takes over amid mounting pessimism about the prospects for peace after Annan announced he was stepping down last month blaming divisions in the international community for the failure of his April six-point peace plan.

The violence has since intensified with August much the bloodiest month of a conflict now in its 18 month that has killed more than 26,000 people, according to Syrian Observatory figures.





## CENTCOM

### 17. [Trend, Syria] Syrian Rebels Say They Planted Bombs In Army Building

Sunday, September 2 2012

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/sep/02/syrian-rebels-bombs-army-building?newsfeed=true>

Syrian rebels have said they planted bombs inside the army's general staff headquarters in Damascus as President Bashar al-Assad's forces bulldozed buildings in parts of the capital that have backed the uprising.

Syrian state television said four people were wounded in what it called a terrorist attack on the general staff compound in the highly guarded Abu Rummaneh district, where another bomb attack killed four of Assad's top lieutenants two months ago.

"The operation targeted officers in the Assad army who have been planning and giving the go-ahead for the massacres against the Syrian people," said a video statement by the Grandsons of the Prophet brigade, a division of the Free Syrian Army. "Bombs were planted inside the army headquarters," said the video statement, which was broadcast on Arab satellite channels.

But as the rebels demonstrated that they could strike at the heart of the security apparatus, residents said army bulldozers had moved on the Zayat and Farouk neighbourhoods to the west, and destroyed at least 20 buildings in the Sunni Muslim areas that have sheltered the insurgents.

In the eastern Damascus neighbourhood of Hazza, footage taken by activists on Sunday showed several buildings on fire. Opposition sources said the army had stormed the area and executed 27 men.

"Any youth of fighting age seems to have been captured and killed," said the activist Obadah al-Haj, who had fled the area.

Activist video footage from the area showed a young man lying dead beside a yellow taxi, shot in the face. Another dead youth was in the driver seat, blood covering his head and chest. Assad belongs to the minority Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shia Islam that has dominated power since members of the sect led a military coup in 1963. Assad's father took power in 1970.

As the uprising in Syria has spread, it has become more sectarian, with activists saying Assad's best trained forces from the mostly Alawite fourth division and the Republican guards are spearheading the fight in the capital. Assad, who is backed by Russia, Shia Iran and its Hezbollah Lebanese proxy, has lost control of rural northern, eastern and southern areas and has used helicopter gunships and fighter jets to subdue the opposition.

But the aerial bombardment has driven fresh waves of refugees into neighbouring countries, reviving Turkish calls for "safe zones" to be set up on Syrian territory.

With Russia and China blocking action by the UN security council and little appetite among western states, or Turkey itself, for committing troops to secure such zones, there is scant chance they will be set up any time soon.

Rebels said they had seized an air defence facility and attacked a military airport in the eastern province of Deir-al-Zor on Saturday. Video footage showed a walled army command centre in the province coming under attack on Sunday.





In the southern city of Deraa, which stands between Damascus and Jordan, troops continued razing and bulldozing houses in the old part of the city for a third day after army shelling and aerial bombardment drove 40,000 people from there to Jordan.

Free Syrian Army fighters had left, their light weapons no match for the firepower of Assad's forces, residents said.

"There are around 20 homes that have been demolished and 200 burned," said Ahmad Abu Nabout, a resident of Deraa. "Old Deraa is deserted. Troops cover up their looting by burning the homes or in some cases blowing them up."

"Looking at the burnt and looted homes you would think these are rubbish dumps," said Abu Anas, another resident.





## CENTCOM

### 18. [Attack, Syria] Car Bomb In Damascus Suburb Kills Five

Monday, September 3 2012

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/RestOfAsia/Car-bomb-in-Damascus-suburb-kills-five-watchdog/Article1-923923.aspx>

A car bomb on Monday ripped through Jaramana, a mainly Christian and Druze suburb of Damascus, killing at least five people, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Another 27 people were injured in the blast, said the Britain-based monitoring group, adding that the attack struck the area of Al-Wehdeh on the edges of Jaramana.

Syrian state news agency SANA blamed the attack on a "terrorist group."

"An explosive device planted in a car by an armed terrorist group went off in the Al-Wehdeh area of Jaramana," SANA said, adding that the casualties included women and children.

Many of the wounded were being taken away in ambulances, said an AFP correspondent at the scene, adding that the blast caused heavy damage to one building, with one of its balconies completely destroyed.

This is not the first time the southeastern suburb has been hit by a car bomb.

On August 28, at least 27 people attending a funeral for two supporters of the Damascus regime were killed in a similar attack, according to the Observatory.

"There is an increase of the use of car bombs in Syria," Rami Abdel Rahman, director of the Observatory, told AFP.

"At the same time, men in Jaramana - most of whose residents are pro-regime - have taken up arms to defend their district. This means that the regime has really lost control and the capacity to defend even its supporters."



## CENTCOM

### 19. [Attack, Syria] Syria Warplane Drops Bomb On Building In Aleppo Town, Kills 18

Tuesday, September 4 2012

<http://www.chinapost.com.tw/international/middle-east/2012/09/04/353117/Syria-warplane.htm>

A Syrian warplane bombed a building in the northern rebel-held town of Al-Bab in Aleppo province on Monday, killing at least 10 men, six women and two children, a watchdog said.

Violence also flared in the capital Damascus, where rebels said they are going back on the offensive after being pushed back by regime forces, and in the northwestern province of Idlib, where four troops were killed in clashes, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Among the dead in the Al-Bab strike were a girl and a boy, Rami Abdel Rahman, director of Britain-based Observatory, told AFP. "They died when the fighter jet bombed the building where they were sheltered.

The Syrian Revolution General Commission, a network of activists on the ground, said the toll was likely to rise.

"There are still people stuck in the rubble but nobody can go and help them because the aerial attacks have not ceased," it said.

The airstrike on Al-Bab followed a series of attacks on towns and villages in the Aleppo countryside, as regime forces fight to break rebel supply lines into the city.

The army also pounded several districts of the city of Aleppo, the Observatory said, more than six weeks after the start of what President Bashar al-Assad's regime warned would be "the mother of all battles" in Syria's commercial hub.



## CENTCOM

### 20. [Attack, Yemen] Yemen's Export Gas Pipeline Blown Up By Al Qaeda Suspects

Tuesday, September 4 2012

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/731024.shtml>

Gunmen suspected of belonging to the Al Qaeda terrorist group blew up a gas pipeline that transfers Yemen's liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the Belhaf export terminal in the south early Tuesday, a security official told Xinhua.

The main pipeline, which transports supplies of gas to Yemen's Belhaf export terminal in the Gulf of Aden, was bombed by a squad of Al Qaeda assailants in Safir oil-fields in eastern Maarib province, the local security official said on condition of anonymity.

Improvised explosive devices and remote-controlled bombs exploded underneath the gas pipeline in the oil-producing Maarib province, causing a huge explosion at the area, the security official said.

Tuesday's bombing comes days after the pipeline was repaired following a previous attack that occurred in neighboring Shabwa province.

On Saturday, Yemen LNG had announced that the pipeline had been repaired after an armed attack by Al Qaeda suspects in August.

The 320-km pipeline, linking oil-producing Marib province to Belhaf LNG export facility in Yemen's restive south, has been repeatedly targeted by Al Qaeda operatives.

Oil revenues make up more than 70 percent of the state budget, while oil and gas products account for over 90 percent of Yemen's exports.

Yemen's oil production rapidly declined from more than 400,000 barrels per day at the beginning of the past decade to the current 270,000 barrels per day.

Despite the army reinforcements and high security measures at the country's oil projects, Al Qaeda militants have attacked the main LNG pipeline several times in recent months.



## CENTCOM

### 21. [Attack, Iraq] Three Killed In Iraq Attacks

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/three-killed-iraq-attacks>

Attacks on Iraqi officials and security forces killed three people and wounded four others Wednesday, security and medical officials said.

In the northern town of Tuz Khurmatu, 175 kilometers north of Baghdad, two people -- a female judicial investigator and a police sergeant -- were shot dead as they left the town's court, a local police lieutenant colonel and a doctor at the nearby hospital said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Also north of the capital, an anti-Qaeda militiaman was shot dead and another was wounded in a gun attack on a checkpoint in Samarra, according to a police officer and a doctor at the city's hospital.

Three other militiamen were wounded by a bombing targeting their car in the town of Baladruz, 75 kilometers north of Baghdad, security and medical officials said.

The fighters were all members of the Sahwa, or Awakening movement, a collection of Sunni tribal militias that began siding with US forces against Al-Qaeda from late 2006 onwards, helping turn the tide of Iraq's violent insurgency.

Wednesday's attacks came a day after violence north of Baghdad left eight people dead -- six soldiers, a police general and a teenager whose corpse was mutilated.

Violence in Iraq is down dramatically from its peaks from 2006 to 2008, but attacks remain common -- 278 people were killed in August, according to an AFP tally based on reports from security and medical officials.



## CENTCOM

### 22. [Attack, Syria] Blast At Damascus Mosque Kills Five Security Personnel

Friday, September 7 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/07/us-syria-crisis-blast-idUSBRE8860IX20120907>

An explosion outside a mosque in Syria's capital killed five security personnel on Friday and wounded several others, state television said.

Syria TV said the "terrorist" blast had been caused by explosives attached to a motorcycle in the Damascus neighborhood of Rukn al-Din.

The 17-month-old revolt against President Bashar al-Assad's rule has grown increasingly bloody in recent months, as rebels try to bring the fight to his seat of power in Damascus and to the economic hub, Aleppo.

Assad's forces have cracked down with troops, tanks and helicopter gunships on the unrest, which began as a series of peaceful protests but has now descended into civil war.

An opposition group, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said Friday's blast had been aimed at a security patrol in the area.

The British-based group, which has a network of activists across Syria, said that, in addition to the five dead, the explosion had wounded six members of the security forces, leaving several in critical condition.



## CENTCOM

### 23. [Attack, Syria] Second Car Bomb Rocks Damascus Ministries

Friday, September 7 2012

<http://news.sky.com/story/982297/second-car-bomb-rocks-damascus-ministries>

A second car bomb within a day has exploded in the Syrian capital Damascus, the country's state television has reported.

Syria TV said a "terrorist explosion" hit an area between the city's main courthouse and its Ministry of Information. No casualties had yet been reported.

"A terrorist car bomb attack hit the Mazzeh area (west of Damascus), in a street between the justice palace and the ministry of information," the state broadcaster said.

It comes after a bomb packed into a motorbike exploded as worshippers were leaving a mosque in the northern district of Rohn Eddin in Damascus. Both state television and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the first blast killed five soldiers.

Meanwhile, in commercial capital Aleppo in the north, one rebel was killed in clashes with the army in the embattled Salaheddin district, according to the London-based Observatory.

Rebels launched an offensive against Aleppo on July 20 and quickly seized several districts including Salaheddin, but the army later retook the district and other areas held by the Free Syrian Army.

Protests against President Bashar al Assad's regime have been held in towns and cities across Syria every Friday following weekly Muslim prayers since the March 2011 outbreak of an uprising.

This week's protests were held under the slogan of 'Besieged Homs is calling us', a reference to the central Syrian city that has been under army siege for several months.

President Assad's regime has blamed "armed terrorist groups" backed by the West and several Gulf countries for violence in Syria.





## EUCOM

### 24. [Attack, Israel] Palestinian Throws Bag Of Bombs At Checkpoint

Monday, September 3 2012

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4276680,00.html>

A Palestinian man who was denied entry to Israel by security forces stationed at the Hashmonaim checkpoint dropped a bag containing explosives and fled the scene on Wednesday.

An explosives expert who was alerted to the scene found four pipe bombs in the bag, which were then safely detonated. The security forces have launched a manhunt for the suspect.

The man arrived at the checkpoint, located near Modiin Illit, around 2 pm, and sought entry to Israel. He failed to present the necessary documentation and was turned away.

The Palestinian left the scene, but returned shortly with a large bag. When the security forces wished to search him, he hurled the bag at them and fled towards the nearby villages.

The checkpoint was closed to allow the bomb squad to neutralize the explosives. Large army forces were deployed to the region to search for the perpetrator and his accomplices.





## EUCOM

### 25. [Trend, United Kingdom] Electrician Made Deadly Explosives In Bomb Factory At His East Hull Home

Tuesday, September 4 2012

<http://www.thisishullandeastriding.co.uk/Electrician-deadly-explosives-bomb-factory-east/story-16819624-detail/story.html>

A man made explosives that could have killed someone at his east Hull home.

Unemployed electrician Paul Smith developed an "unhealthy" appetite for bomb-making after losing his job, Hull Crown Court was told.

Officers raided the address in Holm Garth Drive, off Bellfield Avenue, and found a bomb-making workshop, complete with two devices, up to 30 detonators and chemicals.

Smith, 40, told police "Some people collect stamps, I make bombs."

He has now pleaded guilty to "making or possessing an explosive substance under suspicious circumstances", under section 4 of the Explosive Substances Act 1883, at a previous hearing.

Prosecutor Richard Woolfall said bomb disposal experts from the Army's Royal Logistic Corps had declared the bombs so unstable they could not risk transporting them back to their Catterick base, so detonated them safely in a field instead.

Mr Woolfall said: "The experts said these pipe bombs could have maimed or killed.

"They were similar in design to those used in Northern Ireland and by the Taliban in Afghanistan today.

"Information to build these devices is freely available on the internet."

Mr Woolfall said officers found chemicals including sulphur, iron oxide and magnesium – key ingredients of a bomb – in the brick-built outbuilding.

A pestle and mortar, used to blend the chemicals before they were placed inside tubes, was also found by officers. Photographs of the bomb-making paraphernalia were shown to the court.

Smith also admitted possession of amphetamines, a class B drug, which he injected.

During taped police interviews, Smith had told officers he had made the bombs to impress his young nephews.

Smith, who denied wanting to injure anyone, said he would often take his homemade bombs to Mappleton beach, near Withernsea, to detonate.

Mr Woolfall said, prior to the police raid, there had been a number of "small explosions" at his parents' home.

He said: "On one occasion he had put something in a pan and forgotten about it. Some damage was done to the kitchen. In another incident, he blew a hole in a bucket in his garden."

Mr Woolfall said Smith had obtained some explosives for his bombs from wartime ordnance found on an East Riding beach.

He said: "Bomb-aimers would drop these munitions to cause a flash to allow them to determine how accurate they were."

Mr Woolfall said Smith, who began making bombs ten years ago, appeared unaware of the gravity of his actions.

He said: "He said bomb-making was a hobby and didn't think anything of it."

David Gordon, mitigating, said it was important to note Smith had not been charged with the more serious offence of "causing an explosion likely to endanger life or property", as covered under section 4 of the Act.

He said: "Understandably, there is sensitivity even to the slightest hint of someone possessing explosives. There have been terrorist attacks on the mainland in recent years.

"But the court can be comforted that the police have completed a thorough investigation into Mr Smith's background. He is no terrorist. He has no radical political or religious opinions.

"But he does have what might be regarded as a very unhealthy interest in making homemade explosive devices."



Mr Gordon said Smith did not keep his hobby a secret.

"It was well known that he was the man, who on family occasions, set off explosions for the entertainment of his family, friends and sometimes neighbours," he said.

"Of course, what he was doing was dangerous."

Mr Gordon showed to the court a photograph of a birthday cake given to Smith by his parents.

The cake, in the shape of a bomb, came complete with a candle for a "fuse". A message, spelled out in icing, said: "Paul 40 Today. Hope it goes with a bang".

Mr Gordon said his client was shocked by his arrest on April 3 this year.

He said: "He is somewhat of a naive 40-year-old to have supposed he could have been allowed to carry out his hobby without being disturbed by the police."

Mr Gordon said Smith had been taking amphetamines to "an increasing extent" after losing his job.

"The concerns of the police were entirely understandable," said Mr Gordon.

Sentencing, Judge Michael Mettyear said there was no need to add a custodial sentence to the five months Smith had spent on remand.

However, Judge Mettyear told Smith he would be serving a lengthy prison sentence if his actions had been politically or religiously motivated.

He added: "At your age, you should have known better."

Smith was given a ten-year Asbo, banning him from possessing explosives other than those "commercially available", such as fireworks.

He was also given a 12-month supervision order, a six-month drug rehabilitation order and told to complete 150 hours of unpaid community work.





### EUCOM

#### 26. [Attack, Russia] Militants Kill Four Russian Soldiers In Caucasus

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/05/us-russia-caucasus-violence-idUSBRE8840IS20120905>

Militants attacked a convoy of Russian interior ministry troops in the violence-plagued North Caucasus province of Ingushetia on Wednesday, killing four soldiers, Russian news agencies said.

The attackers set off explosions as the convoy was passing and then opened fire with guns and grenade-launchers, state-run RIA reported, citing regional security officials. At least four other soldiers were wounded.

Russia is battling a persistent insurgency in the North Caucasus more than a decade after federal forces ousted a separatist government in Chechnya, adjacent to Ingushetia, in the second of two devastating post-Soviet wars there.

Rebels target police and security forces as well as government officials and mainstream Muslim leaders in frequent attacks in the region along Russia's southern edge.



## EUCOM

### 27. [Security, Belgium] Belgian Bomb Squad Checks Suspect Vehicles Near U.S. Embassy

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/05/us-usa-embassy-brussels-idUSBRE88400T20120905>

Bomb disposal experts were investigating two suspect vehicles containing gas bottles near the U.S. embassy in central Brussels on Wednesday, a Belgian Defence Ministry spokesman said.

"As far as I know there are two suspect vehicles, one close to the American embassy and one close to the Belgian Defence Ministry," ministry spokesman Didier De Weerdts said. "Apparently there are gas bottles inside the vehicles."

He said several buildings had been evacuated between the embassy and the ministry and a bomb disposal squad was assessing the vehicles. Police closed several of the main routes through the district and out of the city center.



## EUCOM

### 28. [Attack, Russia] Russian Police Officer Dies In Chechnya Bomb Blast

Thursday, September 6 2012

<http://www.presstv.com/detail/2012/09/06/260135/russian-policeman-killed-in-bomb-blast/>

A police officer has been killed after an explosive device under his car went off in the violence-plagued North Caucasus republic of Chechnya.

A spokesman for the regional investigative committee, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the police captain was killed in the Chechen capital of Grozny -- situated 1498 kilometers (931 miles) northwest of the national capital Moscow -- on Thursday, RIA Novosti reported.

He added that the bomb detonated as soon as the policeman opened the car of his car.

According to preliminary investigations, the force of the blast was equivalent to the explosive force of four kilograms of TNT.

The incident came a day after four soldiers were killed and four others injured after unidentified assailants attacked a convoy of Russian interior ministry troops in the restive republic of Ingushetia.

Russia has been fighting militants since the mid 1990s in its North Caucasus region, where the republics of Chechnya, Dagestan, and Ingushetia have been the scene of sporadic attacks and militant clashes.

Violence first broke out in Chechnya in 1994, when 250,000 people were forced to flee to neighboring territories because of a war between Chechen separatists and the Russian army.

After a short-lived period of relative peace from 1996 to 1999, war resumed following attacks blamed on Chechen militant groups.

An estimated 100,000 people have been killed and thousands more displaced in the conflict.



## PACOM

### 29. [Security, India] Forty-Kg Explosive Device Defused In Chhattisgarh

Saturday, September 1 2012

<http://www.mizonews.net/nation/40-kg-explosive-device-defused-in-chhattisgarh/>

Security forces foiled a bid by Maoist ultras to trigger a massive blast in Bijapur district by defusing a powerful explosive device buried beneath the road surface, police said Saturday.

“A search team of security forces recovered a 40 kg bomb from Basaguda Road between Timmapur and Murdanda Friday evening,” Bijapur district Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal said. The device was later safely defused, he added.

“Three ‘tiffin bombs’ of 5 kg each were also recovered from near Tikler on Gangalur road,” Agrawal said.

Sources said a joint team of district police and Central Reserve Police Force was on a routine search operation when the device was detected, hidden under a mound of soil.

Digging a little, the search party uncovered a 40 kg device attached to a detonator.

Another search team also recovered three “tiffin bombs” of 5 kg each on Gangalur road near Tikler in the same district.

In neighbouring Sukma district, a team on patrol, comprising Central Reserve Police Force troopers also, Friday night spotted a group of Maoist guerrillas in the jungles of Koyabekur in Dornapal area, about 600 km south of state capital Raipur.

The two sides exchanged fire for nearly half an hour, after which the insurgents retreated into the forest under cover of darkness.

No casualty was reported on either side.

“A joint team of district police and CRPF had left for a search operation under the leadership of Sukma Sub Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP) Lakhon Patne late Friday evening. They were fired upon by Maoist guerrillas in the jungles of Koyabekur in Dornapal area. The security forces returned the fire, forcing the insurgents to retreat,” Sukma SP Abhisek Sandilya told IANS Saturday.



## PACOM

### 30. [Trend, India] Youth Killed After Bomb Hidden In Home Explodes

Monday, September 3 2012

[http://www.tehelka.com/story\\_main53.asp?filename=Ws030912Manipur.asp](http://www.tehelka.com/story_main53.asp?filename=Ws030912Manipur.asp)

A youth was killed in a powerful blast, which took place at Nongpok Keithelmanbi in Manipur's Thoubal district on Monday morning. There is speculation that the Monday blast may have been related to the upcoming panchayat poll in the four valley district of Manipur to be held on 13 September.

In what seemed to be a poll-related incident, 22-year-old youth Sanasam Chonchon was killed at his home in Nongpok Keithelmanbi around 35 KM from Imphal. According to the family, the blast took place around 6.30 am when a bomb placed under a pile of unused household items exploded suddenly while Sanasam Chonchon was trying to fish out hooks from the pile. Chonchon's family suspects that the bomb was deliberately placed under the garbage by some unknown miscreant.

"He did not have any enemy, everyone adored him and I think it's very cruel to kill him in such a way," said Chonchon's brother Rojen Sanabam.

Meanwhile, some of the candidates for the September panchayat election in and around the vicinity of the blast have already received bomb parcel from unknown persons.

Angered by the incident, locals of Nongpok Keithelmanbi have formed a joint action committee to prevent such attacks. Meanwhile, the committee against the killing of Chonchon has strongly condemned the blast, has urged armed groups in the state to stop attacking civilians.

Police are yet to establish the reason or nab the culprits responsible for the blast at Nongpok Keithelmanbi, but locals are assuming that the blast may have been related with the upcoming panchayat poll in Manipur. On the other hand, escalating instance of poll related violence including serving bomb parcels to candidates and hardcore workers has been reported from many villages in the districts of Thoubal and Imphal East. On Monday itself, a bomb was recovered from the resident of a gram panchayat candidate near Yairipok bazaar in Thoubal district.



## PACOM

### 31. [Law Enforcement, India] Fifteen Hundred Detonators Recovered In Hazaribagh

Monday, September 3 2012

[http://zeenews.india.com/news/jharkhand/1-500-detonators-recovered-in-hazaribagh\\_797566.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/jharkhand/1-500-detonators-recovered-in-hazaribagh_797566.html)

A total of 1,500 powerful detonators were on Monday seized near Nagwa village of the district, police said here.

Acting a tip-off that the consignment was on NH-33, six km from this town, the police intercepted a vehicle and seized the explosives stashed in bags, Superintendent of Police Manoj Kaushik told reporters here.





## PACOM

### 32. [Security, India] Man Apprehended, Explosives Recovered

Tuesday, September 4 2012

<http://www.business-standard.com/generalnews/news/man-apprehended-explosives-recovered/52007/>

A person was apprehended and huge quantities of explosives recovered from his possession in Assam's Karimganj district, BSF sources said here today.

Acting on a tip-off, a BSF team along with police apprehended a man from Lamajour under Badarpur police station yesterday while three others managed to escape.

The security forces recovered four detonators, huge quantities of explosives, fuse wire and some bottles of cough syrup, sources added.

The apprehended person has been identified as Yasin Ali and a massive search operation has been launched to nab the others who managed to escape.



## PACOM

### 33. [Security, Nepal] Powerful IED Recovered During Road Construction, Defused

Tuesday, September 4 2012

[http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?](http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=Powerful+IED+recovered+during+road+construction%26sbquo%3B+defused&NewsID=346006)

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A powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED) found at Badagaun Chur of Kushma Bazar in Parbat district on Tuesday morning has been defused.

An Armed Police Force mine disposal squad deputed from the Muktinath Brigade defused the bomb in the afternoon.

The IED found outside the premises of APF Chandika Battalion might have been planted there for the security of the battalion during the armed- conflict, according to chief of the squad Inspector Hira Bahadur GC.

The bomb was recovered during the construction of roads with a help of a dozer. It was found wrapped in a plastic bag.

Local children were about to take the plastic bag to their homes thinking that it was a money bag. However, the APF team was successful in averting any damage by taking control of the IED.

Following the detection of the IED, an alternative route to the roadway from Balewa to Kushma Bazaar has been managed for the movement of people.



## PACOM

### 34. [Security, India] IED Recovered In Gadchiroli In Maharashtra

Wednesday, September 5 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date1=9/5/2012&id=8#8](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/5/2012&id=8#8)

An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) weighing 20 kilograms, two detonators, and a booster were recovered by the Police from a canal near the Kumarguda forest on the Bhamragad-Lahiri road in Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist)-affected Gadchiroli District on September 3, reports The Hindu. The haul came when Gadchiroli Collector Abhishek Krishana, Superintendent of Police Suvez Huque and Additional SP of Naxal operations Rahul Seth were visiting Bhamaragad, according to informed sources.



## PACOM

### 35. [Security, India] Fifty-Kg Landmine Found In Saranda Forest

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ranchi/50kg-landmine-found-in-Saranda-forest/articleshow/16258863.cms>

A powerful can bomb weighing around 50kg fitted in an improvised explosive device (IED) planted in a forest road was recovered by the security personnel during search operation between Thalkobad and Baliba under Chotanagra police station area in West Singhbhum on Tuesday.

The landmine was planted allegedly by CPI (Maoist) ultras near the CRPF camp apparently to blow up patrolling party.

"The bomb and the explosive device were recovered following an intelligence input. The bomb was later defused by the security personnel," said West Singhbhum police superintendent Pankaj Kamboj.

A 150-metre long wire was also recovered from the site that falls in the Saranda forest area.



## PACOM

### 36. [Security, Australia] Eight Homemade Bombs Found At Rural House

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/8527601/eight-homemade-bombs-found-at-rural-house>

A man has been charged after police allegedly discovered eight homemade bombs at his house in NSW's rural south.

Detectives raided the property in Lower Boro on Tuesday and uncovered the improvised explosive devices, 45 cannabis plants and a load of hydroponic growing systems.

They also seized two rifles.

A 32-year-old man was arrested at the home and charged with 11 drug, gun and explosives charges.

He's due at Goulburn Local Court on Wednesday.



## PACOM

### 37. [Attack, India] IED Blast At Keishampat, Two AR Injured

Wednesday, September 5 2012

<http://ifp.co.in/imphal-free-press-full-story.php?newsid=9219&catid=1>

A powerful IED blast at Keishampat Lairembi Leirak left two Assam Rifles personnel seriously injured this morning at 8:45am. Later in the day, locals of the area staged a sit in protest at the Lairembi Community hall condemning the explosion in a residential area.

Both the injured personnel belonging to the 28 Assam Rifles, C-Coy Singjamei post have been admitted at the RIMS hospital. Both are said to be in critical condition.

The explosion happened just a few feet away from the busy Keishampat junction and the residence of Manipur Legislative Assembly Speaker Thokchom Lokeshwar Singh. However there has been no claim about the explosion from any outfit.

The two injured Assam Rifles personnel have been identified as Havildar (No. 2851020) Rajendra Singh, 32 son of Gopal Ram of Almeri district, Utrakhand and rifleman (No 2851774) Birendra, 40 of Himachal Pradesh. Both are personnel of the 28 Assam Rifles, C-Coy, Singjamei Post. A team of the Assam Rifles were on a routine patrol duty at the area when the the explosion took place.

Havildar Rajendra Singh received multiple splinter injuries on the front part of his body, while Rifleman Birendra received multiple splinter injuries on both sides of his legs.

The rear portion of the scooter upon which the Improvised Explosive Device is suspected to be fitted has been completely blown off. The Bajaj scooter bearing regd no MN 04 1242 is smoky grey in colour. The identity of the vehicle is yet to be ascertained till the filling of this report.

Police suspect that a remote control could have been used to trigger the explosion.

Splinters from the powerful explosion hit several other vehicles, window panes of nearby houses and the nearby community tin roof.

Splinters hit the back windshield and the back tyres of an I-10 car bearing regd no MN 06L 4213 parked in the nearby area was broken by the impact of the IED explosion. The car belongs to one Huidrom Dhamaljit of Thoubal Wangbal. He had park the car and went to visit a friend, when he heard a loud noise.

Another Tata Magic van bearing regd no MN 01X 3932 was also damaged by the splinters from the explosion. The Tata magic which was parked in front of the Lairembi community hall belongs to one Irom Ranjit of Keishampat Keisham Leikai.

A sit in protest was also staged at the Lairembi community hall this afternoon organized by the Mahila Kalyan Samiti.

Speaking to media persons, a demonstrator said the area is normally a crowed area, housing several offices, private tutorial centres, etc.



“Planting of explosives in the area is uncalled for and condemnable.”

She continued, “being morning there was not much crowd at the time, however there could have been much more casualties had there been a crowd as usual”.

Meanwhile, a PRO IGAR (S) press release said that in view of the forthcoming Panchayat election in the state, underground groups have planned to disturb the fragile peace in the state.

It has further added that, “... large numbers of attempts are being made by various underground outfits to infiltrate from International Border in order to create disturbance in the State”.

“Troops of Assam Rifles, being on high alert and maintaining strict vigilance by dominating International Border have foiled many infiltration attempts made by various groups in recent past.”

The release has further claimed, “In desperation and in an attempt to make their presence felt, the CorCom has started resorting to acts which might endanger the local population, if their nefarious designs succeed. In one such attempt today at 8:45am, an IED exploded near Keishampat Junction which led to two Jawans of Assam Rifles suffering minor injuries”.

“The cowardly action carried out by CorCom shows the frustration among the insurgent groups who wants peace, tranquility and prosperity in Manipur to be disturbed at any cost”, the statement added.



## NORTHCOM

### 38. [Attack, United States] Explosion In Front Of Home Rocks Glendale Neighborhood

Wednesday, September 5 2012

[http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region\\_west\\_valley/glendale/explosion-in-front-of-home-rocks-glendale-neighborhood](http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_west_valley/glendale/explosion-in-front-of-home-rocks-glendale-neighborhood)

Police and federal agents are investigating an explosion outside a Glendale home early Wednesday morning.

Authorities say someone left two improvised pipe bombs in the driveway. One detonated damaging two cars, the home's garage and part of the roof.

David Miller lives blocks away, but said the blast sent him and his neighbors clamoring out of their homes.

"I heard a very loud boom, my dogs come running into the bedroom, I knew from previous (explosions) where to go, cause it sounded like another explosion," Miller said.

The second device did not detonate, but the force of the blast from the first pipe bomb sent it sailing into a neighboring home owned by Daa Neuyen.

ABC15 camera's were there when Neuyen entered his home for the first time to survey the damage.

"It's broken window," said Neuyen as glass came crashing down when he pulled open his blind.

The pipe bomb traveled through the window, down a hallway, scraping the wall as it traveled and then pierced through two walls before lodging in an outer wall.

It left a nearly perfect cylinder looking silhouette cut out in the walls.

"This is the second time I've been hit," said Neuyen who described the first time a bomb intended for his neighbor damaged his home.

Neuyen is now selling his home.

Lt. Johnny Arevalo with Glendale police said two people were sleeping inside the home targeted when they heard the explosion just before 1 a.m.

This is the third explosion at this house which is near 66th and Olive avenues. The other two incidents occurred in June 2011 and July 2011, according to Arevalo.

Tom Mangan, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the pipe bomb was not elaborate.

"Simple will kill you just as easily when you look at the residence the vehicles house across the street you see how lethal these devices are," Mangan said.





Mangan said one of the homeowners works for the Deer Valley School District.

"It's puzzling to us why these homeowners are being targeted, why this specific individual is being targeted," he said.

Several neighbors described the homeowners as an average, older couple.

"(We're) lucky no one got hurt," Mangan said.

ATF and the FBI are working with Glendale police on this investigation. If suspects are caught, they could face state and federal criminal charges.

The homeowners have surveillance cameras installed around the house. Mangan would not say if they have any suspect(s) or person of interest(s).

"We'll get to the bottom of this soon," he said.



## NORTHCOM

### 39. [Attack, United States] Car Bomb Rocks Holly Bush Drive

Thursday, September 6 2012

<http://www.thehollyexpress.com/community/local-news-holly-michigan-48442/2103-car-bomb-rocks-holly-bush-drive->

Residents along the 800 block of Holly Bush Drive were awakened by a massive blast in the early Thursday morning after a car bomb exploded in a residential driveway.

According to a press release issued by the Holly Police Department, officers responded to several reports of a loud explosion around 1 a.m. on Sept. 6. Upon investigation, officers located a vehicle parked in a residential driveway which had sustained heavy damage from an explosive device.

Acting Chief of Police Michael Story said the explosion resulted in debris being blasted 45 to 50-feet away from the vehicle, and blew out the vehicle's windshield.

The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad and an investigator from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were contacted and assisted on the scene. The scene was secured, and no injuries were reported in the blast.

All agencies are seeking assistance from members of the public at this time in identifying suspects responsible for this crime. Those having information are asked to contact Det. Julie Bemus of the Holly Police Department at (248) 634-8221.



## SOUTHCOM

### 40. [Attack, Colombia] Explosions In Cali Leave Police And Civilians Injured

Friday, 31 August 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/25820-explosions-in-cali-leave-police-and-civilians-hurt.html>

Two explosive devices were launched in Colombia's third largest city Friday, leaving at least eight people hurt.

At least six police members and two civilians were left hurt after the activation of two explosives in the capital Cali of the western Valle del Cauca department.

The first artifact was activated when a police vehicle passed by, leaving two policemen hurt and damage to a red-colored private car. The second explosive was activated the moment that reporters and the Cali police commander, General Fabio Alejandro Castañeda, arrived with other police members as well as a drug detection dog.

The blast also reached graphic reporter Juan Pablo Rueda from newspaper El Tiempo, who had been looking to get images from the original scene of the crime.

According to a report by medical emergency director Maurix Rojas, the six police members and two civilians are currently out of danger.

Police are maintaining the zone of the attack and have deployed an operation to find the whereabouts of the responsible parties.

There is a reward of nearly \$11 thousand for the capture of the perpetrators of this public attack as part of the authorities' plan to take action and completely disarm the operation.



## SOUTHCOM

### 41. [Attack, Colombia] Grenade Explodes In North-Colombia Bar: One Dead, 27 Injured

Sunday, September 2 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/25835-grenade-explodes-in-central-colombia-1-dead-27-injured.html>

Unknown men threw a grenade into a bar in the northern Colombian city of Barrancabermeja Saturday, killing one and injuring 27

According to media reports, two men on a motorcycle passed the establishment and threw the grenade.

Following the attack, authorities started a search for the perpetrators. Police offer a \$5,500 award for information leading to the attackers.

Barrancabermeja is located in the Magdalena Medio region and one of the most important cities for Colombia's oil industry.



## SOUTHCOM

### 42. [Trend, Colombia] FARC Attacks Continue Despite Peace Talks

Monday, September 3 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/25844-farc-attacks-continue-despite-peace-talks.html>

New FARC attacks have continued over the weekend in various regions of Colombia despite the announcement of peace negotiations.

Guerrilla attacks were registered in the northwest Antioquia and southwest Cauca departments between Saturday and Sunday leaving two dead, several others hurt, and close to 90 houses affected.

According to RCN Radio, an attack against a military patrol in Antioquia between the municipalities of Toledo and San Andres de Cuerquia left two soldiers dead and another injured. Authorities attribute the act to the FARC's 36th Front.

Another attack on an energy tower in the Anori municipality of Antioquia left the population of the northeast of the department without light.

Newspaper El Pais reported that alleged FARC rebels of the 60th Front placed explosives around the village of Balboa in the Cauca department where soldiers and police were expected to pass. The commander of the department's police, Ricardo Augusto Alarcon, reported that the explosives left at least two civilians hurt and approximately 90 houses affected in two of the village's neighborhoods.

Alarcon also reported that guerrillas left a FARC banner on one of the houses and when soldiers tried to remove it they were harassed by rebels.

Other versions of the story indicated that officials of the region left the area after receiving death threats.

A military member announced that given these acts, protective measures will be taken. Allegedly, the hurt civilians are not in a grave state and are currently receiving attention in the locality's hospital.

Another attack was registered in Cauca in the eastern municipality of Inza, where a bus was incinerated by alleged guerrillas. Nobody had been in the vehicle at the time and only material damage was reported.

Despite President Juan Manuel Santos' announcement of "exploratory negotiations" to come to peace with the FARC to end the nearly 48-years of armed conflict, it seems that attacks continue in accordance with the increased violence of the past months.



## SOUTHCOM

### 43. [Attack, Colombia] Sixteen FARC Rebels Killed In Combat

Tuesday, September 4 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/25861-16-farc-rebels-killed-in-combat-colombian-army.html>

At least 16 FARC guerrillas have been neutralized during military operations over the past few days, authorities said Tuesday.

Various military operations on Monday and Tuesday resulted in at least 13 dead guerrillas, 10 captured (three of which were hurt) and three others demobilized from pressure by the troops.

The largest of the operations occurred in the jungles of the central Meta department Monday morning when forces killed ten guerrillas of the FARC's 7th Front and captured another four, among which was the third leader of the structure, alias "Fredy Cooper." The structure had been responsible for providing security to the ringleader of the group, alias "El Medico," and has been accused of burning various vehicles. Three other rebels demobilized during the operations of the last 72 hours.

In another military operation, two guerrillas were killed and two were captured from one of the FARC's mobile structures in the southern Caqueta department.

According to Caracol Radio, police also bombed a "mother" camp of the FARC's 33rd Front Tuesday in Catatumbo of the northern Norte de Santander department, leaving various guerrilla rebels dead including a presumed ringleader of the illegal organization.

During these operations authorities also seized abundant war and explosive materials.

Minister of Defense Juan Carlos Pinzon said Monday that the Armed Forces would maintain their offensive attitude in the country against any terrorist groups, criminals and drug traffickers.

"Seeing as Colombian armed groups continue insisting on terrorism or acting against the Colombian people, the public force will continue fighting without rest against any organization that attacks the interests of Colombians," said Pinzon.