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Aftermath of the bombing in Yobe, Nigeria on Nov 5, 2011.

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1. [Attack: Baghlan] **Seven Killed In Baghlan Eid Suicide** (BBC)

Sunday, 6 November 2011

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-15610537>

A suicide bomber has killed at least seven people near a mosque in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province, say officials.

The bomb went off as worshippers were leaving the mosque in Old Baghlan City after prayers marking the start of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha.

Officials said two police officers were among the dead; at least 18 people were wounded.

The Taliban routinely carry out such attacks on civilians and troops.

Baghlan police chief Asadullah Shirzad said the explosion had hit at 09:30 local time (05:00 GMT) as people were leaving prayers.

He said the attacker had arrived on foot, the AFP news agency reports.

Siddiq Siddiqui, spokesman for the interior ministry, condemned the "act of violence against civilians on this important day".

Mr Siddiqui said initial investigations indicated the attack was the work of the Taliban.

A second attacker had been arrested before he could detonate his bomb, he said.

Acts against civilians

On Friday, before the Eid holiday, the Taliban published a statement on its website, attributed to Mullah Omar calling on fighters "to take every step to protect the lives and wealth of ordinary people".

The statement warned of punishments under Islamic sharia law for fighters responsible for civilian deaths.

American Marine Gen John Allen, the commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, condemned the bombing and challenged Mullah Omar to do so, too, reported the Associated Press news agency.

"If Mullah Omar is serious about his call upon the Taliban to eliminate acts against civilians, he too should condemn this publicly," Allen said.

Baghlan had been a peaceful province of Afghanistan, but levels of violence increased from 2010.

The United Nations says the first six months of 2011 were the deadliest for civilians across Afghanistan since the war began in 2001, as the Taliban sought to demonstrate it could still carry out attacks beyond its southern heartland.

Attacks have included the killing of seven UN workers in Mazar-i-Sharif in April, and the assassination of the police chief for the north of the country earlier this year.

The Nato-backed International Assistance Force (Isaf) is gradually handing over responsibility for security to the Afghans but about 140,000 foreign troops remain in the country.

The handover is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

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2. [Attack: Badghis] **Roadside Bomb Blast Kills 11 people In Western Afghanistan** (AP)

Tuesday, 8 November 2011

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-pacific/interior-ministry-roadside-bomb-blast-kills-11-people-in-western-afghanistan/2011/11/08/gIQAKDHIZM_story.html

The Afghan Interior Ministry says a roadside bombing in the country's west has killed 11 people, most of them members of one family.

A ministry statement on Tuesday says the bomb went off as a police vehicle was driving by Monday evening in Badghis province's Qadis district. The vehicle was part of a three-vehicle police convoy that had stopped shortly before to pick up a family that needed a ride into town.

The ministry says nine of the 11 killed were from one family, including six children and two women. Two policemen were also killed while three people — a 10-year-old child and two other policemen — were wounded.

The ministry condemned what it described as an "un-Islamic" act that killed the civilians during the second day of a major Islamic holiday.

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3. [Attack: Helmand] **Three British Soldiers Walk Away From Bomb Blast Without A Scratch** (Mirror)

Monday, 7 November 2011

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2011/11/07/three-british-soldiers-walk-away-from-bomb-blast-without-a-scratch-thanks-to- armour-115875-23543425/#ixzz1dJcy0wto>

THREE soldiers walked away without a scratch after their light tank set off a Taliban roadside bomb – thanks to its stronger armour.

The members of 1st Battalion, The Queen’s Dragoon Guards were unhurt because their new 35-ton Scimitar Mk2 combat vehicle has been specially designed to absorb IED blasts.

The Welsh Cavalry trio were on patrol in Nahr-e Saraj, Helmand, when they were hit by the explosion last week.

Vehicle commander Lieutenant Peter Gordon-Finlayson said the massive blast stunned the crew for a few moments before they realised they had survived.

Scimitars, deployed in Afghanistan only two months ago, are part of the British Army’s new CVRT – Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance Tracked fleet – which have had improved plates of armour attached to protect crew against blasts.

Lt Gordon-Finlayson 26, from Marlborough, Wiltshire, said: “It felt like a car crash, and it took me a few moments to take it all in. But the training soon kicked in for all of us.

“After checking that I and the crew were unharmed it only took about 30 seconds for the jokes and banter to start, which helped to alleviate the stress of what had just happened. But I’ve got to say that all credit must go to the Scimitar. It really is thanks to the vehicle that we all walked away without a scratch.”

And Lt Gordon-Finlayson also believes the vehicle, which has a 30mm cannon, is proving itself as a deterrent.

He added: “The Taliban are afraid of the Scimitar Mk2 and they are too afraid to take us on head to head. When we arrive in an area, the insurgents tend to leave.”

Gunner Lance Corporal James Hatton, 26, from -Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Gwynedd, said: “After that experience, the regiment’s confidence in the new fleet has grown.”

Trooper Robert Griffiths, 23, of Swansea, who was the driver, said the crew were in high spirits.

He said: “I’m massively impressed with the amount of protection the upgraded armour provided. It was obviously a shock, but I’ve never had such a buzz in my life.”

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4. [Attack: Paktika] **Up to 70 Taliban Killed in Base Attack** (VOA)

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

<http://blogs.voanews.com/breaking-news/2011/11/09/afghan-officials-up-to-70-taliban-killed-in-base-attack-3/>

Afghan officials said Wednesday Afghan and NATO troops killed at least 70 Taliban militants who launched an attack on a base near the Pakistani border.

A spokesman for the governor of eastern Paktika province said the combined force repelled the assault late Tuesday in the Barmal district.

NATO said a large group of insurgents attacked the base with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. Troops called in coalition air support to help fight the militants. There were no reports of coalition casualties.

Elsewhere, NATO said two of its service members died in southern Afghanistan. One soldier was killed in an insurgent attack, while the other one died in a bomb blast. The coalition did not provide any other details.

Earlier on Tuesday, Australia's Defense Ministry said an Afghan soldier seriously wounded three Australian and two Afghan soldiers when he opened fire at the base in central Uruzgan province.

The attack came less than two weeks after another Afghan soldier shot dead three Australian soldiers and wounded seven others during a parade, and just days after Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard visited the war-torn country.

Ms. Gillard told reporters in Melbourne Wednesday that while the incidents are “distressing” and “dreadful,” the country's mission in Afghanistan must continue. She noted that training is pivotal to that mission and that troops aim to deny terrorists a country where they can train to “wreak violence around the world.”

Australia has 1,550 troops in Afghanistan, the largest number of any non-NATO member. At least 32 Australian troops have been killed in Afghanistan since the country joined the NATO-led coalition. Taliban has hit the insurgents hard, they continue to be able to pull off headline-grabbing attacks.

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5. [Attack: Sibbi] **FC Troops Escapes Remote Control Roadside Bomb Attack In Sibbi** (Daily Times)
Sunday, 6 November 2011
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2011%5C11%5C06%5Cstory_6-11-2011_pg7_8

A convoy of Frontier Corps (FC) troops escaped a remote-controlled blast in Mian Ghundi on Sibbi Road, outskirts of Quetta, on Saturday. According to security forces sources, unidentified persons planted an explosive device on Sibbi Road and detonated it when a convoy of FC vehicles passed by. However, no one was hurt in the blast as it took place a few minutes after the convoy had passed by. The security personnel cordoned off the areas soon after the blast. According to official sources, around 4 kg explosives were used in the blast. No group has claimed the responsibility for the attack. Security forces are investigating the incident.

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6. [Attack: Quetta] **Suicide Bomber's Explosives Prematurely Detonates Killing The Bomber** (The Nation) Sunday, 6 November 2011
<http://nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Politics/06-Nov-2011/Wouldbe-suicide--bomber-killed-in-Quetta>

A would-be suicide bomber was killed when his suicide vest exploded near an Imambargah in Hazara town of Quetta on Saturday while a convoy of Frontier Corps narrowly escaped a remote controlled bomb attack in the outskirts of provincial metropolis.

According to police sources, a suspected militant who was heading towards Imambargah Baqir located near Kirani Road of Hazara town, skidded and a huge blast occurred that rocked entire locality. As a result, the suspected terrorist was killed and his body parts scattered around the area. Luckily, no other person was hurt in the blast.

“It was a suicide blast as bomber was heading towards Imambargah to target it when his suicide vest exploded prematurely,” DIG police Quetta Hamid Shakeel told reporters.

Another police official seeking anonymity said the accused wanted to plant explosives to Imambargah when these went off. “The upper portion of the accused body has not been distorted,” he added.

Police and other law enforcement agencies rushed to the site soon after the incident and cordoned off the area.

Sources said the body parts of alleged suicide bomber were gathered and he was identified as Pervez Elahi, a resident of Dera Murad Jamali.

Bomb Disposal Squad sources said about 3 Kg explosives were used in the blast adding, that no material such as ball bearing, often used in suicide blast, were found in the vest.

Police and other law enforcement agencies were investigation the incident.

In another incident, a convoy of Frontier Corps Balochistan narrowly escaped a bomb attack at Mian Gundi area, in the outskirts of Quetta.

Sources said miscreants had planted explosives along the road which were detonated through a remote controlled device when FC convoy was passing through. No loss of life was reported except minor damage to a vehicle.

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7. [Attack: Nowshera] **Militants Bid To Bomb Shrine In Nowshera** (International News)
Monday, 7 November 2011
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=76585&Cat=7&dt=11/7/2011>

Militants made a failed attempt to blow up the tomb of Akhun Baba in Taru Jabba in Nowshera district on Sunday, police sources said.

The sources said that the militants had planted explosives around the tomb of Akhun Baba and had left the place after showing light to the prima cord.

However, a boy in the nearby graveyard saved the tomb of the saint by alerting the local people about it.

The police and the bomb disposal unit (BDU) personnel were called out who defused the explosives stuffed in a tin in time to prevent the explosion.

The BDU team said the explosives weighed six kilograms.

The militants have attacked and bombed a number of shrines in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the adjoining tribal areas. These included the shrines of Sufi poet Rahman Baba and the tomb of popular Pashto poet Amir Hamza Shinwari.

Meanwhile, three persons sustained injuries in a firing incident in Pirpiai here on Sunday.

One Shabbir Ahmed, admitted to the District Headquarters Hospital, Nowshera said that he was taking passengers in his Suzuki pick-up (RIS-1465) from Nowshera Bus Stand to Pirpiai when an oil tanker struck his vehicle near Janabad Khwar on the Grand Trunk Road.

He said that the tanker entered its terminal and he followed it to complain about the mishap.

Shabbir alleged that Zikriya, resident of Kohat, Mujahid, resident of Landi Kotal opened fire at them, injuring one of three persons.

He said that the police arrived on the spot and arrested Zikriya, Mujahid and Irfan and recovered four Kalashnikov rifles, one repeater and a rifle from their possession.

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8. [Attack: Mardan] **Girls' High School Blown Up In Mardan** (International News)
Thursday, 10 November 2011
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=76703&Cat=7&dt=11/10/2011>

The militants blew up a girls' high school in Katlang tehsil late Tuesday night, police and locals said.

"The blast, which took place at the Government Girls High School near the Ghundo Police Post at 11:30 p.m., destroyed seven rooms and the boundary wall," area resident Ziaullah told The News.

He said the blast shook the entire area and the nearby residence of former MPA Muhammad Iqbal Khan was also partially damaged. It was second similar incident in Katlang tehsil as a government primary school in Shamozaï village was blown up a month back.

Locals said the school was recently upgraded to a high level but the classes had not yet started. No casualty was reported in the incident, as there was nobody there at the time of the occurrence.

Following the incident, the police launched a search operation in the area but no arrest had been made till the filing of this report. Police registered a first information report (FIR) against unidentified militants.

The sources said that for the last several weeks, militants had stepped up their activities in the district and targeted several girls and boys schools in rural areas in the limits of Chura, Jabbar and Katlang police stations in Mardan.

On November 2, 2011 (Wednesday), a bomb disposal unit defused a locally made bomb planted under a bridge in Par Hoti Police Station limits. The same day, the authorities defused another device planted to a telecommunications tower of a private firm in the limits of City Police Station.

The intensification of militant activities in the district, particularly in the city, has panicked the local people. Body found: A bullet-riddled body was found at Khunki Bridge in Katlang village on the first day of Eidul Azha, police said. The police shifted the body to a hospital. After autopsy, the body was handed over to the Tehsil Municipal Administration staff for burial.

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9. [Attack: Swabi] **Suicide Bomber Dressed As Beggar Kills ANP Leader, Son** (The Nation)

Thursday, 10 November 2011

<http://nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Politics/10-Nov-2011/Bomber-kills-ANP-leader-son>

A distinguished leader of Awami National Party (ANP) was killed along with his minor son and a gunman when a suicide bomber attacked their vehicle while they were on their way home from Eidgah after offering Eidul Azha prayers.

Hanif Gul Jadoon, a former district senior vice-president of ANP and Nazim of tehsil Swabi, was on the hit list of militants. He was killed on the spot and his security guard and minor son succumbed to injuries in hospital as a result the attack on Monday (Eid Day) in Malikabad, about 22 miles from the district headquarter.

Eyewitnesses said that Hanif Gul offered Eid prayers in the Malikabad Eidgah and from there he embarked on his vehicle which was driven by his driver, Niaz Muhammad. Hanif and his six-year-old son Ahmad Hanif were sitting on the front seat. His gunmen, Farman Shah who succumbed to injuries in district headquarter hospital and Gul Khitab were on the second seat while his 15-year-old son Ijaz Ahmad and Wazir Shah, an aged person of Malikabad, were travelling on the last seat of their Parado.

The vehicle was a few yards from their residence when they were attacked by a suicide bomber who was dressed as a beggar. He approached the vehicle and exploded himself near the front door where Hanif was sitting holding his son in his arms. As a result the driver lost control over the vehicle. His son Ijaz told this correspondent, there was a huge blast, followed by the smoke which engulfed them. It was difficult to know what happened and he along with Wazir Shah Baba plunged through the back pane which had already shattered by the explosion.

“I rushed towards my father and I saw that blood was gushing out from his head. Both my father and brother were in serious condition. The gunman, Farman Shah was also in pool of blood. The people who were coming from Eidgah rushed to pick the injured and shifted them to the Civil Hospital Topi and District Headquarters Hospital,” he said. Locals said they saw the suicide bomber when they were on their way to Eidgah. However, all of them considered him a beggar and no one thought he could be a bomber. District Police Officer Muhammad Ijaz Khan told this correspondent that eight to ten kilograms explosive was used in the bomb. The legs of the bomber and two unexploded hand-grenades were recovered by the police from the site.

Officials and other sources said that there were two main reasons for the Taliban to target him. First, he was a prominent leader of the secular ANP and first leader from the district to become victim of a suicide attack. Second, Hanif played an important role in the military operation conducted in Malikabad on February 3, 2010 against the suspected militants, killing three militants, including their leader Shafi Akbar and arresting 152 people.

ANP senior leader Azam Khan Hoti who visited the suicide spot told media men, “It was a coward act. The terrorists are cowardly people and if they think that their attacks will dent our resolve to wipe out them, they are greatly mistaken.”

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10. [Attack: Baghdad] **3 Killed, 5 Wounded In Double Explosion North Baghdad** (Aswat Al-Iraq)
Saturday, 5 November 2011
http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=145518&l=1

Three persons were killed and five wounded in a double explosion directed against the residence of a leading member of pro-government Al-Sahwa (Awakening) forces, north of Baghdad, security sources said here today.

The source told Aswat al-Iraq that the attack took place early morning by unknown gunmen, which led to the killing of his wife, brother and another from the same family.

"The house collapsed", the source added.

The leading member was not at home at time of explosion.

Another bomb exploded when the people hurried that resulted in five casualties, security sources said.

No other details were given, except that the area was surrounded to search for the culprits.

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11. [Attack: Mosul] **Civilian Killed, 6 Wounded In 2 Explosions In Baghdad** (Aswat al-Iraq)

Saturday, 5 November 2011

http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=145521&l=1

A civilian was killed and six wounded today in two sticky bomb explosions in Sadr City and Ur Quarter, according to security sources.

The source told Aswat al-Iraq that the first bomb was in a main square in Sadr City, while the second exploded near a restaurant.

No other details were given.

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12. [Attack: Anbar] **4 Explosions, Building Burnt In Mid Baghdad** (Aswat Al-Iraq)

Sunday, 6 November 2011

http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=145528&l=1

A civilian was killed and five injured by the explosion of four bombs, while a commercial building was burnt in two incidents, in central Baghdad, security sources said today.

The source told Aswat al-Iraq that the four bombs exploded in Shorja, a crowded commercial center.

The burning happened in a commercial building that contained clothes and accessories.

No reasons for the burning have been given up until now.

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13. [Attack: Salahal-Din] **Pro-Government Sahwa (Awakening) Force Commander Killed In Iraq** (Aswat Al-Iraq)

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=145540&l=1

A Pro Iraqi-government al-Sahwa (Awakening) Force commander has been killed in an explosive charge blast in Iraq's Salahal-Din Province on Wednesday, a police source reported.

"An explosive charge, planted under the car of Sheikh Ali al-Sheikhani, blew off early Wednesday in Salahal-Din's Railway Station, killing him on the spot," the police source told Aswat al-Iraq news agency.

In another incident, the police source said that 2 explosive charges blew off against al-Sahwa checking point in Balad township of Salahal-Din Province on Tuesday night, cause no human casualties.

Tikrit, the center of Salahal-Din Province, is 175 km to the north of Baghdad.

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14. [Attack: Karbala] **Over 20 Iraq's Karbala Province Children Injured By Plastic Blasts** (Aswat Al-Iraq)
Friday, 9 November 2011
http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=145542&l=1

At least 22 children in southern Iraq's holy city of Karbala have been injured over the past 2 days due to their playing with plastic weapons, firing steel balls," Karbala's Health Director stated on Wednesday.

Dr. Alaa Hammoud Budair told Aswat al-Iraq news agency that his Directorate had warned several times from the seriousness of such type of games that harm children.

"The injuries has been serious, most of them in the eyes and head, things that make children disabled for the rest of their lives and demand major operations in several cases," he said.

He said his Directorate had demanded the prevention of merchants to import such games, but the local markets were still full of them and might cause severe harm for children.

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15. [Attack: Hillah] **Roadside Bomb Hits US Army Convoy** (Press TV)
Saturday, 5 November 2011
<http://presstv.com/detail/208505.html>

An American military convoy has struck a roadside bomb in Iraq's central province of Babil, but the explosion has caused no casualties, Press TV reports.

The blast occurred in the central city of Hillah on Saturday, Iraqi police said.

American troops sealed off the area following the explosion and launched an investigation into the incident.

Meanwhile, four people lost their lives and 11 more sustained injuries after a bomb attack hit the house of an Iraqi local leader in the north of the capital Baghdad.

Iraqi security officials said that the attack took place Saturday morning.

The militants placed four bombs in the house of Yassin Issa Daud, a local leader of the Awakening Council group, in the town of Taji, some 20 km north of Baghdad.

Daud escaped the attack but his brother and wife were among the casualties.

Bombings broke out in Iraq after the US-led invasion of the country in 2003.

More than 33,000 American troops remaining in Iraq are scheduled to leave the Arab state by the end of 2011.

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16. [Attack: Baghdad] **Triple Blast Hits Baghdad Market, At Least 6 Dead** (Guardian)
Sunday, 6 November 2011
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/nov/06/baghdad-market-triple-attack?newsfeed=true>

Three bomb blasts have hit a busy market in Iraq's capital, killing at least eight people and wounding 26 others, police and hospital sources said.

The blasts occurred in Shurja, an important commercial district in central Baghdad, on Sunday at the beginning of a Muslim festival.

Officials said the bombs, planted on Sunday in different parts of the market, killed sellers and shoppers buying goods for the Eid al-Adha feast.

Iraqi Shia Muslims mark the beginning of the Eid on Monday, while Sunni Muslims do so on Sunday.

A Reuters witness close to Shurja market said: "I can see fire and black smoke mounting and a large number of fire engines, ambulances and police patrols rushing to the market."

A source at al-Kindi hospital in Baghdad said it had received eight dead and 26 wounded from the attack.

Iraqi forces are preparing to take full responsibility for security by the end of the year when all US troops pull out of the country, nearly nine years after the US-led invasion. Military leaders have expressed concerns that militants might ramp up attacks as the 33,000 US troops left in Iraq pack up to leave.

Although violence has dropped since the peak of sectarian fighting in 2006-7, bombings and killings occur on a daily basis and a stubborn Sunni insurgency linked to al-Qaida and Shia militias remain capable of carrying out lethal attacks.

The number of civilians killed in violence in Iraq climbed sharply in October following a string of suicide and roadside bombings in Baghdad. Attacks have also increased against Iraq's army and police.

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17. [Attack: Anbar] **Governor Escapes Roadside Bomb Blast** (Irish Examiner)

Monday, 7 November 2011

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/world/iraqi-governor-escapes-bomb-blast-527380.html#ixzz1dKds2iBq>

The governor of Iraq's largest Sunni province has survived an assassination attempt in a former insurgent stronghold west of Baghdad.

Iraqi police said Qasim al-Fahadawi, the governor of Anbar province, escaped unhurt when a roadside bomb hit his motorcade as it headed to Baghdad this morning.

A provincial media official said three bodyguards were injured in the attack.

Mr Al-Fahadawi has been a frequent target for insurgents. He lost a leg in a 2009 bombing at his office in the city of Ramadi.

Today's attack came as Anbar officials consider joining other provinces to create an semi-autonomous Sunni region in Iraq.

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18. [Attack: Samarra] **Blast Kills Three Iranian Pilgrims** (Press TV)
Wednesday, 9 November 2011
<http://presstv.com/detail/209187.html>

Three Iranian pilgrims have been killed and seven others injured in a bomb explosion near Samarra in Iraq's northern Salahuddin Province.

The wounded pilgrims are being treated at Baghdad Hospital and will be transferred to Iran as soon as possible, IRNA reported.

Samarra, where the 11th Shia has been laid to rest hosts Shia Muslims all through the year.

Bombings have occurred on an almost regular basis in Iraq over the past few months.

Aside from civilians and pilgrims, Iraqi army and police personnel have also been targeted in the bombings, which are apparently carried out to undermine public trust in Iraqi security forces and question their ability to maintain security.

Analysts believe the recent wave of violence is a plot devised in Washington to create a sense of false insecurity and provide a pretext for the extension of US military stay in the oil-rich country beyond the December 2011 deadline.

According to Opinion Research Business, since the US-led forces invaded Iraq in 2003 more than 1 million civilians have been killed and about 5 million children have been orphaned.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki had earlier blamed foreign countries for causing trouble in Iraq, saying some nations are "spending money and making efforts" to destabilize the country.

"The Iraqis do not want to build an aggressive country that will replace others. They want a country that will help in achieving local and regional stability," Maliki said.

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19. [Attack: Nigeria] **Three Bomb Blasts, Gunfire Rock Northeast Nigeria** (Reuters)
Friday, 4 November 2011
<http://af.reuters.com/article/nigeriaNews/idAFLDE7A302W20111104>

Three bomb blasts and gunfire shook the Nigerian city of Maiduguri on Friday, where an Islamist sect is engaged in a campaign of violence against local authorities, witnesses and military sources said.

One blast was at the El-Kanemi College of Islamic Theology around the time of Friday prayers.

A local security source said it was not yet clear if there were any casualties.

Nigeria's northeast has suffered almost daily shootings and frequent bombings in the past months, attacks blamed on militant Islamist sect Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is forbidden", usually targeting public and religious figures.

Security forces this week started door-to-door searches for weapons in northeast Borno state after an arms amnesty for Islamist militants expired on Oct. 31. It was unclear if the bombings were a response to that operation.

Boko Haram says it wants Sharia law more widely imposed across Nigeria. It draws much of its support from unemployed youths in the remote, economically deprived north.

The group claimed responsibility for a deadly bombing on the United Nations' headquarters in the capital Abuja in August.

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20. [Attack: India] **Two Arrested In Connection With Explosion At Santa Cruz** (PTI)

Friday, 4 November 2011

<http://ibnlive.in.com/generalnewsfeed/news/two-arrested-in-connection-with-explosion-at-santacruz/888547.html>

A 20-year-old youth and his polio- affected friend were today arrested after an explosive material, prepared by the latter, accidentally went off in an isolated location near the highly sensitive Air India colony in suburban Santacruz, police said today. According to police, the college dropout youth had conspired to kill his girlfriend's parents after they refused his marriage proposal and asked his friend to prepare a bomb that could be used to explode in her parents' car. The accused were identified as Suraj Shetty (20) and Sanjay Salvi (31) who is affected by polio, police said. According to police, scattered pieces of explosive were found near the Air India colony yesterday after a minor explosion that injured Salvi. He was rushed to a private hospital by Shetty, who was sitting on a bike near the site of incident. "The probe has revealed that Shetty was in love with a girl for the past six years. However, the girl's parents were against their relationship and had even fixed her marriage with somebody else. Furious Shetty wanted to teach the family a lesson," said a police official. According to police, Shetty took the help of Salvi. The duo purchased a remote-controlled toy helicopter and used its circuit for making an explosive. "The other material used in the explosive was taken from fire crackers," the official said. On Thursday evening when the incident happened, the duo was taking a trial. "Salvi wrongly pressed the joy stick early, leading to the blast," police said. Shetty himself rushed Salvi to the nearby hospital, but tried to hoodwink the police by fabricating stories. Later he confessed and told the police about their conspiracy, leading to his and his friend's arrest. The duo has been charged with attempt to murder of the IPC and other relevant sections of the Explosives Act.

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21. [Attack: India] **Jilted Lover's Blast Experiment Boomerangs** (DNA)

Saturday, 5 November 2011

http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report_jilted-lovers-blast-experiment-boomerangs_1607663

A minor explosion near the highly-sensitive Air India Colony in Santa Cruz has left the city police in a tizzy.

The tension was intensified as the blast took place on the eve of senior BJP leader LK Advani's arrival in the city. A pipe bomb weighing 6 kg was recovered hours before the start of the yatra at Madurai, six days ago.

Secondly, at the same time, a meeting of Left wing activists was going on in the central suburbs. Thirdly, there is a mosque at a distance of over 100 meters from the blast spot.

However, what the police later found out really left them baffled.

A special team comprising additional commissioner of police VN Patil, inspector Prakash Patil, assistant police inspector Nitin Patil and Manish Awde which carried out the investigation learned that one Suraj Shetty, 20, was in love with one of his classmates for the past six years. However, the girl's parents were against their relationship and had even fixed her marriage with someone else.

Shetty then decided to teach the family a lesson and therefore wanted to explode a bomb in their car.

According to ACP Patil, Shetty took the help of his polio-inflicted friend Sanjay Salvi, 31. The duo purchased a remote-controlled toy helicopter for Rs 1,100 and used its circuit for making an IED. "The explosives were sourced from the crackers," said Patil.

The accused had planned to place the IED on the petrol tank of the girl's family car on the day of her marriage or even before, if the need arises.

The police said the incident took place when the duo was taking a trial. While Salvi was carrying the IED on his wheelchair, Shetty followed him on his motorbike. "However, the explosive went as Salvi wrongly pressed the joy stick early, leading to the blast," said Patil.

Shetty rushed Salvi to the nearby civic hospital. However, the police got suspicious on finding scattered IED pieces on the spot. Their first breakthrough came when one of Salvi's relatives informed the police about their plan.

Though Shetty did not budge during the initial police interrogation, confessed to the crime early on Friday, leading to his arrest. The duo has been charged with attempt to murder.

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22. [Security: France] **Terrorist Legend Carlos The Jackal Back In The Dock For More Bombings** (Sun)
Saturday, 5 November 2011
<http://www.thesundaily.my/news/columns/letters>

Carlos the Jackal, the jailed Venezuelan terrorist who ran rings around international police for years before his capture, returns to the dock Monday on charges relating to a string of terrorist attacks that rocked France in the 1980s.

Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, 62, will appear in a special criminal court in Paris charged with being complicit in four attacks that killed 11 people and injured more than 100 in France in 1982 and 1983.

Three of his former associates, Germany's Johannes Weinrich and Christa Frohlich and Ali Kamal Al Issawi, a Palestinian, will be judged in absentia over their alleged role in the attacks.

In the first attack on March 29, 1982, a bomb exploded on a train running between Paris and the southwestern city of Toulouse, killing five people.

A month later, a car bomb exploded on a Paris street, in front of the offices of Al Watan Al Arabi magazine, killing one person.

The other two attacks date to December 1983. In the first, a bomb exploded in the main train station of the city of Marseille, killing two people. Later the same day, three people were killed in a blast on a high-speed train travelling between Marseille and Paris.

The prosecution argues that the bombing campaign was designed to obtain the freedom of Carlos's then German partner Magdalena Kopp and a Swiss associate, who had been arrested on charges of weapons possession in Paris in February 1982.

The first attack coincided with the expiry of an ultimatum to France's interior ministry to set them free, contained in a letter bearing Carlos's fingerprints.

The trial reopens a chapter in international terrorism, in which Carlos shot to fame as the suspended architect of spectacular attacks carried out in the name of Palestinian freedom, including a mass hostage-taking at the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna in 1975, in which three people were killed.

"The trial that starts Monday is one of a bygone era," France's Le Figaro newspaper wrote Thursday. Saddam Hussein and Colonel Moamer Gaddafi, two of Carlos's former paymasters, were dead, and the Communist regimes that had sheltered him had fallen, the paper wrote.

The son of a Marxist lawyer was "no longer a threat to anyone," the paper wrote, questioning the usefulness of the trial that is set to run until Dec 16.

Carlos is already serving life in prison for the 1975 killing of two French police agents and a Lebanese informant.

This is the first time he will be tried on terrorism charges.

He and Weinrich are accused of having targeted former French president Jacques Chirac in the attack on the Toulouse-Paris train, which the then French opposition leader took regularly to visit his constituency.

The prosecution's case draws heavily on intelligence files from former East Germany and Hungary. Carlos's defence team has questioned the reliability of the documents.

Around 50 people have joined the case as civil plaintiffs.

Carlos, who will be represented by a team of lawyers including his French partner Isabelle Coutant-Peyre, whom he married in prison, denies the charges and insists he is being held in France illegally.

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He accuses former French interior minister Charles Pasqua of giving the order to capture him in Sudan in 1994.

In recent months he has given a number of interviews from the VIP section at Paris's La Sante prison, where he is said to have struck up a friendship with Panama's jailed ex-dictator Manuel Noriega.

In an interview with Europe 1 radio he said he hoped to soon be freed, owing to an intervention on his behalf by Venezuela's government.

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23. [Attack: Nigeria] **Over 70 Police Officers Feared Killed In Boko Haram Attack In The Last Two Days**
(Tribune)

Sunday, 6 November 2011

<http://tribune.com.ng/sun/news/5521-yobe-over-70-police-officers-feared-killed-in-boko-haram-attacks>

Residents of Damaturu, Yobe State capital, are still in shock two days after multiple bomb blast hit the town simultaneously resulting into the death of many people. Witnesses in Damaturu told Sunday Tribune that the attack hit several targets including churches and the headquarters of the Yobe State Police Command.

The Islamist group, Boko Haram, meanwhile, once again claimed responsibility for the attack, promising to hit further target.

A police source, who spoke to Sunday Tribune on phone simply, said, "it was devastating and we are still picking corpses."

According to him, the death toll cannot be easily ascertained but it was on the high. "These people came to us and sincerely they have overwhelmed us to the extent that we have no option than to take to our heels."

A civil servant in Yobe State, Mallam Kalamu Ibrahim, who spoke with Sunday Tribune said, "We heard that more than 70 police officers were killed and as I am talking to you I cannot get to my house since I left Maiduguri around 5:00 pm. There were gun shots everywhere, it is like the policemen were confused and they shut at all directions."

He said his wife informed him that his family members were okay but that he should not try to enter Damaturu because they were told that Boko Haram members numbering about three hundred had unleashed terror on the city.

Another man from Potiskum told Sunday Tribune that, "We don't know what is happening at the moment but we are hearing blasts from all side as I am talking to you now.

"Some of our people in Damaturu said that trouble started at about 5.30 pm when six bombs went off in different parts of the town, the main targets being the 360 Housing Estate, the anti-terrorism squad office and the police headquarters and churches as well as mosque. We also learnt that St Mary's Catholic Church and five other churches were burnt by the Boko Haram fighters"

It would be recalled that before the attack, Yobe State Commissioner of Police, Suleimon Lawal had said there was no sign of the dreaded Boko Haram members in the state, when he was reacting to the killing of a Police Constable, Adamu Ali in the state capital by unknown gunmen.

He said: "We are not fighting Boko Haram in Damaturu. We are fighting hardened criminals. You don't hear me talk of Boko Haram because I don't think I have Boko Haram here. "

Sunday Tribune, however, could not get the police commissioner on phone as at the time of filing this report to confirm the number of death.

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24. [Attack: Nigeria] **Exodus In Yobe As Death Toll Hits 150** (The Nation)

Monday, 7 November 2011

<http://www.thenationonlineng.net/2011/index.php/news/25500-boko-haram-exodus-in-yobe-as-death-toll-hits-150.html>

More attacks are coming, Islamic sect Boko Haram has warned.

The warning came as the death toll in last weekend's attacks hit 150.

"We will continue attacking Federal Government foundations until security forces stop their excesses on our members and vulnerable civilians," Abdul-Qaqa, a spokesman of the group, said yesterday.

The United States, also yesterday, warned of possible attacks in Abuja.

It says Boko Haram targets the major hotels mainly used by diplomats, politicians and the business elite visiting the capital city.

Boko Haram has twice attacked Abuja through suicide bombings at the police headquarters and the United Nations (UN) House.

Boko Haram launched co-ordinated attacks in Damaturu and Potiskum in Yobe State as well as Maiduguri in Borno State at the weekend. The death toll increased to 150 yesterday.

Ibrahim Bulama, an official of the Nigerian Red Cross humanitarian organisation, said the death toll was expected to rise as local clinics and hospitals tabulate the casualty figures from Friday's attacks.

As bodies piled up in the morgue in Damaturu, a rescue agency official told Agence France-Presse (AFP) the body count stood at 150.

"I was involved in the evacuation of corpses to the morgue. I personally counted 150 bodies," the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at the hospital. He said some families had already collected their loved ones for burial, reducing the number to 97 by end of the day.

An AFP reporter counted 97 bodies still in the mortuary.

The Red Cross earlier said the death toll stood at 63. The police said it was 53, of whom 11 were their men.

"From our inventory, 53 people have so far been killed in the attack," said Yobe State Police Commissioner Suleiman Lawal.

An AFP reporter said no office was still standing at the police headquarters which was still smoldering, 24 hours after the attack. Three burnt cars lay in front of the building.

A journalist described scenes of chaos and destruction in Damaturu.

"In fact, Damaturu is looking just like Libya ... burnt cars and buildings."

In a mainly Christian neighbourhood of Damaturu called Jerusalem, six churches were bombed, in addition to a police station.

"A police station and a mechanical workshop of the police were attacked. Six churches in the area were also bombed," said resident Edwin Silas, adding: "The whole city is traumatised."

Police Commissioner Lawal said the police were after the killers. He said: "We are ready for them, we are going to comb every place in the state, until we find and deal with them. Our men are ready." He was quoted by Reuters.

He gave the official death toll as 53.

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The unusually specific warning from the the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria identified possible targets of Boko Haram in Abuja as Transcorp Hilton, Nicon Luxury and Sheraton hotels.

The embassy said the attack may come as Nigeria celebrates the Muslim holiday and that its diplomats and staff had been instructed to avoid those hotels.

Deb MacLean, an embassy spokeswoman, declined to offer further details about the threat or the source of the information yesterday.

But the police assured all last night of adequate security in Abuja.

Deputy Force Public Relations Officer Yemi Ajayi said there was no cause for alarm as the police have strengthened security around the capital city.

Ajayi said: "I can assure you that we are fully prepared for any eventuality because the security arrangement in place is watertight. We are not leaving anything to chance and we are not taking the threat lightly.

"We have acted on the intelligence report at our disposal and we are assuring the Nigerian people that we are working round the clock to secure lives and property. We are on top of the situation."

Boko Haram also yesterday killed a police inspector in Maiduguri, the sect's spiritual home. Sect gunmen stopped the officer's car at gunpoint as he neared a mosque to pray with his family, Police Commissioner Simeon Midenda said.

Gunmen ordered the family away, then shot the Inspector to death, Mr. Midenda said.

The sect members later allowed his family to drive the car away, he said.

The killing prompted a frank acknowledgment from the police commissioner, whose men remain under siege from constant assassinations by the radical sect.

"Our men who live in the midst of the Boko Haram are not safe," Mr. Midenda said.

The UN Security Council described weekend's attacks in Damaturu and Maiduguri as "criminal and unjustifiable" and asked members to help Nigerian authorities bring those responsible to justice.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called for "an end to all violence in the area", while offering sympathy for the victims.

Pope Benedict XVI also appealed for an end to all violence, saying it only increases problems, sowing hatred and division even among the faithful. He told tourists in St. Peter's Square that he is following with apprehension the news from Nigeria.

An Associated Press count shows the Boko Haram has killed at least 361 people this year alone.

A mass exodus has hit Damaturu, the Yobe state capital following weekend's bomb attacks. Many people mainly women and children were seeing leaving the state capital yesterday.

Also, unclaimed bodies at the Gen. Sani Abacha Specialist Hospital in Damaturu have started decomposing.

Our correspondent who visited the morgue noticed that some of the bodies that were brought to the hospital were not embalmed. It was also observed that the mortuary lacks the capacity to contend the situation. The entire section of the mortuary it was gathered has only one employee.

Police Commissioner Lawal told our correspondent on the telephone that the police are on top of the situation in the state capital and other parts of the state.

He said the re-enforcement of security in the state is to ensure that innocent lives are protected.

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He called for calm by obeying the curfew in the state so as to avoid running into trouble with security operatives.

In spite their churches being burnt, Christians in Damaturu yesterday defied the security panic and held their Sunday service in open air at the premises of their burnt churches.

Eid-el-Kabir prayers observed by Islamic faithful who came out notwithstanding the precarious situation.

Our correspondent observed that some Christians conducted their Sunday service either under trees at the premises of their churches or in open air. But a lot of people stayed at home due to the security situation.

A member of the Living Faith Church Damaturu who does not want his name mentioned told our correspondent on the telephone that their "service though was held outside the church premises but went on hitch free".

"We had a very hitch free service. Though it was held outside but we give God the glory everything was okay," he said.

The Deputy Governor Abubakar Aliyu, commissioners, permanent secretaries and other government top functionaries observed the Eid-Kabir prayers.

Chief Imam, Uztaz Goni Ideni called for peaceful co-existence of all people in the country irrespective of tribe and religion.

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25. [Security: Nigeria] **US Warns Citizens In Nigeria To Avoid Luxury Hotels After Recent Bombings, Hotels Could Be Next Target** (Vanguard)

Monday, 7 November 2011

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2011/11/more-bombings-coming-boko-haram/>

Following weekend's bomb blasts and gun attacks in Damaturu, Yobe State capital by Islamic sect, Boko Haram which claimed more than 100 lives, the United States Embassy in Nigeria has warned its citizens in Nigeria to avoid luxury hotels in Abuja which may be the next targets of the sect even as the death toll has risen to 100.

The US embassy in a statement yesterday said it has information that the Boko Haram sect "may plan to attack several locations and hotels in Abuja".

The statement did not however disclose when the attacks would be carried out. The statement titled "Emergency Message For American Citizens", reads thus:

"The U.S. Mission in Nigeria issues the following emergency message for the attention of all U.S. citizens in Abuja, Nigeria.

Following the recent Boko Haram, aka Nigerian Taliban, attacks in Borno and Yobe State, the U.S. Embassy has received information that Boko Haram may plan to attack several locations and hotels in Abuja, Nigeria, during the Sallah holiday.

"All U.S. Government personnel have been instructed to avoid these locations, and previously scheduled events have been cancelled. American citizens should expect additional police and military checkpoints, additional security, and possible road blocks in Abuja for the foreseeable future.

"The U.S. government has no additional information regarding the timing of the possible attacks.

"The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens to exercise additional caution. Please maintain a high state of vigilance and personal awareness, particularly in and around Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, near Nigerian government facilities, diplomatic missions, large gathering places, hotels, markets and malls, and places of worship.

"We advise all U.S. citizens to review their personal security plans, remain aware of their surroundings, including local events, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of targeted violence to the U.S. Embassy in Abuja or the U. S. Consulate General in Lagos at the numbers below. U.S. citizens should maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance their personal security."

Also, police authorities in Borno State said that members of the Boko Haram sect carried out the attacks to show that they were still relevant after their plans to bomb strategic places in Borno State were thwarted by the police.

This was just as the Nigerian Red Cross said that the death toll was expected to rise as the United Nations and the Pope have joined in the condemnation of the attack.

A spokesman for the Islamist armed group, using the name Abul-Qaqa, who spoke hours after witnesses reported "scenes of carnage" vowed that "more attacks are on the way."

He said in an interview with newsmen: "We will continue attacking federal government formations until security forces stop their excesses on our members and vulnerable civilians."

Suleimon Lawal, the police commissioner in Yobe State, told Al Jazeera a suicide bomber drove a vehicle apparently laden with explosives into a building. Lawal said the attack killed 53 people but he did not disclose how many among the casualties were security officials.

He said: "The explosives rocked the building and there were casualties. Two of the suicide bombers perished in the bomb."

While insisting the group was not gaining an upper hand, Lawal vowed that it would be crushed. He said: "My strategy is a security strategy (that) I cannot disclose on air. So as they (Boko Haram) are not disclosing their

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security strategy, I don't think it is safe for me to tell the whole world what I am doing." The violence followed a series of attacks reported in the neighbouring cities of Maiduguri and Potiskum on Friday afternoon.

Spokesman of the Nigerian Red Cross, Ibrahim Bulama, said yesterday that "there's that fear that something might possibly happen again," even as he said the death toll is expected to rise as local clinics and hospitals tabulate the casualty figures from Friday's attacks in Damaturu.

News agencies, quoting officials, said after the attack on the building, armed men went through Damaturu, blowing up a bank and attacking at least three police stations and five churches, leaving behind their rubbles. People began leaving their homes on Saturday morning, after seeing the destruction, which included military and police vehicles burnt by the armed men, with the charred corpses of the drivers.

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26. [Attack: Kenya] **Attack On Church Compound Kills Two, 8 Year Old Girl And 25 Year Old Man**

(Christian Post)

Tuesday, 8 November 2011

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/attack-on-church-compound-in-kenya-kills-two-wounds-three-60952/>

Suspected Islamic extremists with Somalia's al Shabaab militia threw a grenade into the home of the church guard of an East Africa Pentecostal Church (EAPC) congregation outside Garissa, Kenya on Saturday night (Nov. 5), killing an 8-year-old girl and another member of the church, sources said.

Three other people were seriously injured in the 8 p.m. grenade attack on the house, which is near the gate of the church compound.

Killed instantly were 8-year-old Winnie Mwenda Mutinda and 25-year-old church member John Kikavu. The child was the youngest daughter of church elder Patrick Mutinda, who also serves as the guard or watchman of the church building, sources said.

The other three people in the house at the time of the blast were seriously wounded. The watchman's son, Samuel Mutinda, 12, suffered burns on his chest and leg, and his 10-year-old brother, Peter Mutinda, sustained burns on his hand and leg; the injuries of both boys required doctors to remove portions of skin. Burns on their grandmother, Rachael Kandu, also required the removal of skin from her leg, sources said.

The three wounded family members were first taken to the house of the church pastor within the compound before they were rushed to Garissa Provincial Hospital.

"The three injured Christians are in stable condition in the hospital undergoing treatment," the pastor told Compass. "I hope they will be discharged soon."

Al Shabaab activity near the Somali-Kenya border, including Garissa in northeast Kenya, has increased since Kenya began air strikes on al Shabaab-held territory in southern Somalia last month in retaliation for the rebel group's kidnapping and murder of foreigners in Kenya. Even before Kenya's military action, however, the Islamic extremist militia battling Somalia's transitional government had threatened and attacked Christians in northeastern Kenya.

The church pastor, the Rev. Ibrahim Makunyi Kamwaro, told Compass he was witness to the explosion.

"I saw big blast coming out of the house, and immediately I rushed to the scene of the incident, and I heard the attackers saying, 'You will have to stop taking of wine,' as they fled away," he said.

Islam forbids consumption of alcohol, but Makunyi Kamwaro said he was not sure what the comment meant.

"I think the church participation in the Holy Communion might have been taken to mean the church members taking wine," he said. "This statement is quite unclear to me."

Also on Saturday (Nov. 5), in the morning hours a bomb in Garissa near the Heller gas station and close to an electrical transformer was removed before it exploded. Police who received reports of white sparks at the site were able to remove and defuse the bomb.

Pastor Makunyi Kamwaro told Compass that, in spite of the al Shabaab activity in the area, he was not sure who was responsible for the deadly blast.

"At the moment we cannot say exactly who the attackers are, but what we know is that they are the enemies of the church," he said.

Another area pastor said a fellowship of church leaders met on Thursday (Nov. 3) and wrote a letter to authorities requesting police security for churches in Garissa, especially on Saturdays and Sundays.

The pastor said that he received a threatening message yesterday on his cell phone, reading, “Message from al Shabaab – You must migrate [from] Garissa town within 48 hours or you see bomb blast taking your life and we know your house, Christians will see war. Don’t take it so lightly. We are for your neck.”

In Garissa, police today also found three bombs before they could be detonated: one on a mini-bus, one near a gas station and one at a new house under construction.

In the attack on Saturday, in which one grenade missed its target before a second one hit, the parents of the children were not home; Patrick Mutinda was still in Garissa, about 1 kilometer from the EAPC building. His wife, known as “Mama Grace,” was helping the church pastor’s wife.

EAPC Pastor Makunyi Kamwaro told Compass that the church’s worship service will continue as usual this Sunday.

“Many of the church members have been with us here in the church building since the incident took place 10 hours ago,” he said yesterday, before Compass arrived at the scene today. “As I talk to you now over the phone, there are many people around or within the church compound: the church members, the police and people from the press. Thank you for keeping in touch with us and comforting us at this trying moment.”

Garissa is the provincial headquarters of Kenya’s North Eastern Province, which is predominantly Muslim.

Muslims restrict churches in Garissa in various ways. Christians are not allowed conduct prayers, sing or use musical instruments in rented homes owned by Muslims. No teaching of Christian Religious Education in schools is allowed; only Islamic Religious Knowledge is taught.

Garissa has more than 15 Christian denominations, the main ones being the EAPC, the Redeemed Gospel Church, the Anglican Church, the Deliverance Church, the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya, the Africa Inland Church and the African Christian Churches and schools.

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27. [Attack: India] **Bomb Destroys A Cargo Boat On The Salween River** (Mizzima)

Monday, 7 November 2011

<http://www.mizzima.com/news/inside-burma/6158-a-bomb-destroys-a-cargo-boat-on-the-salween-river.html>

A cargo riverboat was damaged by a bomb blast in the Salween riverside village of Measalat in Hphapun District in Karen State on Sunday, according to residents.

The bomb blast hit the ship about 9:30 a.m. It was broken into two parts by the blast and two other cargo boats were also destroyed.

There were no reported injuries.

The ship is owned by a Thai citizen and registered in Burma to provide transportation services, according to residents.

“The ship can carry at least 80 buffaloes or cows. I think it was a time bomb. Bomb splinters and five cell batteries were found,” a resident told Mizzima. “The bomb was made with gunpowder and was very powerful.”

The underground militant group All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) based in Mae Hong Son Province in Thailand, which is located near the blast site, confirmed that a bomb blast took place, but said it had no other details.

“There was a big boat in a village on the Salween River. The boat was bombed or mined. That’s all I know,” said Win Tint Han, an ABSDF official.

Residents said the boat may have been bombed because it had transported government troops. Government security forces are guarding the boat.

“The government troops wanted to move from Darkwin to Thawlayhta. The troops asked for help from the ship owner,” a resident said. The Maesalat Port is also known as Thawlayhta Port.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Major Saw Phaw Do, a commanding officer from Brigade No. 7 of the Karen National Union (KNU) said he did not know which group was responsible for the blast.

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28. [Security: US] **USS Cole Bomb Suspect Finally To Face Judge In Guantanamo War Crimes Tribunal**
(Reuters)

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/International/2011/Nov-09/153426-uss-cole-bomb-suspect-finally-to-face-judge-in-guantanamo-war-crimes-tribunal.ashx#ixzz1dRJWlQQ8>

Nine years after his capture and a decade after the United States first authorized military tribunals for terrorist suspects, the alleged mastermind of the deadly bombing of the USS Cole will face a judge in the Guantanamo war crimes tribunal.

Abd al Rahim al Nashiri, a 46-year-old Saudi of Yemeni descent, is to be arraigned Wednesday on charges that include murder, attempted murder, conspiracy and terrorism.

He is the first high-ranking Al-Qaeda figure to face charges at Guantanamo under the Obama administration and could face the death penalty if convicted. But attorneys expect it will be a year or two before the case goes to trial.

Nashiri is accused of conspiring with Osama bin Laden and other Al-Qaeda leaders to bomb U.S. targets, including embassies in Africa and ships in the Gulf of Aden.

In the attack on the Cole in October 2000, two suicide bombers in civilian garb waved at the crew and then drove their boat full of explosives into the side of the warship as it refueled in the Port of Aden. The blast tore a 9-meter hole in the ship, killing 17 U.S. sailors and wounding three dozen more. Nashiri, described by U.S. investigators as Al-Qaeda's one-time head of operations in the Arabian Peninsula, is accused of planning and preparing the attack, choosing the suicide bombers and helping buy the boat and explosives.

He is accused of plotting similar boat-bomb attacks on another U.S. warship and a French oil tanker off Yemen. The January 2000 attack on the other warship, the USS The Sullivans, failed when the would-be suicide bombers ran their boat aground. The October 2002 attack on the tanker, the MV Limburg, killed a crewman and dumped 90,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf of Aden.

Nashiri is also accused of providing a fake passport to a suspect in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings that took place in Kenya and Tanzania.

An Al-Qaeda operative quoted in the 9-11 Commission report described Nashiri as widely known to be one of Al-Qaeda's most committed terrorists, "extreme in ferocity in waging jihad."

Nashiri was captured in Dubai in 2002 and held in secret CIA prisons before being transferred to Guantanamo in 2006.

The CIA acknowledged destroying videotapes of Nashiri's interrogations, during which he was stripped naked and hooded while a gun was loaded and a power drill revved next to his head. He also was subjected to "waterboarding," which creates the sensation of drowning.

Nashiri has said he gave false confessions that made his interrogators stop the mistreatment. He denied being part of Al-Qaeda.

But Guantanamo prosecutors said in court documents that they have more than 60,000 pages of classified and unclassified investigative material to support the charges against him.

Defense attorney Richard Kammen said Nashiri's treatment in U.S. hands would be a big issue in the trial and likely the reason he was being tried at Guantanamo rather than in a federal court.

"That's just going to infect everything in this case," he said. "What this whole process is about is to keep the public from knowing the full extent of the things which he and a lot of other people were subjected to."

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29. [Attack: Kenya] **Puntland Official Survives Roadside Bomb Attack** (Christian Post)
Tuesday, 8 November 2011
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201111090083.html>

An official from Somalia's semi-autonomous on Tuesday morning survived from a roadside bomb attack in Galk'yo town of central Somalia.

Farah Mohamed Hirsi, the deputy governor of Mudug region came under the blast while traveling inside the town of Galka'yo, about 700 km north of lawless Mogadishu.

Reports say that some of the soldiers guarding him sustained some injuries. No deaths were reported so far.

After the bomb attack, the security forces of Puntland administration reached at the scene and started search operations and investigations there.

The security officials declined to talk about the incident.

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30. [Attack: Philippines] **Bomb blast rocks North Cotabato** (ABS CBN)

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

<http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/regions/11/09/11/bomb-blast-rocks-north-cotabato>

An improvised bomb exploded near the University of Southern Mindanao in the town of Kabacan, North Cotabato at around 7 p.m. Tuesday, authorities said.

No casualties were reported as of posting.

Officials of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team responded to the area and recovered another improvised explosive device (IED) approximately 3 meters away from the blast site.

The device was made from 2 9-volt batteries, a cellphone with a circuit diagram, a tail fin of a cartridge 81mm mortar round and one complete IED secondary device with a cartridge of an 81mm mortar round as its main charge.

Meanwhile, another IED was recovered in front of a bakeshop in Kabacan National Highway at around 5 a.m. Wednesday.

A bomb disposal team defused the bomb.

Authorities have to yet to identify the motive of the planted bomb as well as the type of IED used.

In the town of Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, an IED was also recovered at a gas station around 11 a.m.

The IED, which was made from a 60mm mortar round, was defused by authorities.

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31. [Security: Ohio, US] **Loud Explosion In Mentor, OH Leads Officers To Bomb-Making Materials And Suspect** (Scripps)

Tuesday, 8 November 2011

http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_lake/police-loud-explosion-in-mentor-leads-officers-to-bomb-making-materials-man-arrested

A loud explosion in Mentor led police to the arrest of a man they said had materials that could be used to make bombs.

Someone called police to report the blast and smoke outside of a unit at Queensdale Apartments on Mentor Avenue at 11:38 a.m. Wednesday.

Once at the scene, Mentor police said 21-year-old Stephen Bull admitted to igniting aluminum powder and potassium perchlorate inside a plastic container on the balcony of his apartment.

Officers said they also discovered he had other materials that could be used to make explosives, including a small pipe bomb in the trunk of his car.

Bull was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a dangerous ordnance and illegal manufacturing or processing of an explosive – both are felonies.

The Lake County Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team helped secure the pipe bomb and explosive materials.

No one was hurt and no property was damaged as a result of the explosion.

Bull will appear in court Monday morning on the charges.

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32. [Attack: Egypt] **Attackers Blow Up Egypt Gas Line, Halting Exports** (AP)

Thursday, 10 November 2011

http://www.taiwannews.com.tw/etn/news_content.php?id=1754888

Attackers set off explosives along a gas pipeline in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula that transports fuel to neighboring Israel and Jordan early on Thursday, Egypt's state news agency MENA reported.

It is the seventh attack on the pipeline since the popular uprising ousted longtime Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak in February.

The report on MENA said unidentified assailants placed explosive charges in two separate places on the line that transports natural gas near the north Sinai town of el-Arish, causing blasts and huge fires. The explosions forced a shutdown and halted exports to Jordan and Israel.

But later, a Sinai security official said there was only one explosion Thursday on the pipeline. He said the attackers blew a hole in an underground part of the pipeline, causing less damage than in past attacks, which mostly targeted pumping stations.

The official said no one saw the attackers, though police was to search the site for clues. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Previous bombings have been blamed on al-Qaida-inspired militants who have stepped up activity in the Sinai, taking advantage of a security vacuum caused by scant police forces in the post-Mubarak era.

Gas exports through the pipeline resumed about a month ago after damage from previous bombings was repaired.

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