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Police and soldiers inspect a blast crater after a bomb was detonated on a road in Narathiwat. One soldier was killed and three others injured in the insurgent attack. (Picture: The Nation, 2012)

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## 1. [Attack, Afghanistan] Bombs, Rocket Kill 11 Afghan Civilians

Saturday, July 7 2012

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hs57XnFNQKR-DxL\\_rhG4Gd-sMIQ?docId=CNG.94f3b9267f7fdd1fb024c4fb38c618c8.2b1](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hs57XnFNQKR-DxL_rhG4Gd-sMIQ?docId=CNG.94f3b9267f7fdd1fb024c4fb38c618c8.2b1)

Bomb blasts and a rocket attack have killed 11 civilians including at least four children in the space of 24 hours in southern Afghanistan, officials said Saturday.

A roadside bomb ripped through a pickup truck Saturday in the Chora district of Uruzgan province killing six people, provincial police spokesman Jawed Faisal told AFP.

"All six civilians on board were killed and their vehicle was destroyed," he said.

On the same day a bomb exploded in the Gereshk district of southern Afghanistan's volatile Helmand province, killing one child and wounding another, a statement from the provincial media office said.

In the same district on Friday a bomb blast killed three children and wounded two others, the statement said.

Meanwhile, a rocket attack Saturday targeting the governor's office in the southwestern province of Farah killed one civilian and wounded 26 others, officials said.

Improvised explosive devices (IEDs) planted on Afghan roads are a common insurgent tactic but they frequently miss their intended target -- Afghan and NATO troops -- resulting in civilian deaths.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombings but officials in Uruzgan and Helmand blamed them on the "enemies of Afghanistan", a standard phrase used to refer to the Taliban.

Thousands of Afghan civilians have been killed in the decade-long insurgency being waged by the Taliban to topple the US-backed government of President Hamid Karzai.

According to the United Nations, the number of civilians killed in the war has risen steadily in the past five years, reaching a record 3,021 in 2011 -- the vast majority caused by insurgents.

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## 2. [Attack, Afghanistan] Dozens Killed, Including Six U.S. Troops, In Insurgent Attacks In Afghanistan

Monday, July 9 2012

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/dozens-killed-including-6-us-troops-in-insurgent-attacks-in-afghanistan/2012/07/09/gJQAT3c2XW\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/dozens-killed-including-6-us-troops-in-insurgent-attacks-in-afghanistan/2012/07/09/gJQAT3c2XW_story.html)

A series of fresh attacks across Afghanistan on Sunday and Monday killed more than a dozen people, including six U.S. troops, officials said.

The American service members lost their lives when a roadside bomb hit their vehicle in Maidan Wardak province, which lies just west of Kabul and has recently become one of the country's most dangerous stretches.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

The incident, one of the bloodiest in months for the U.S. troops in Afghanistan, occurred Sunday. On the same day, 23 Afghan civilians were killed by multiple blasts in Arghistan district of southern Kandahar.

In another attack, five Afghan police were killed by remote-control bomb in Bamian province, regarded as the most secure part of Afghanistan, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry said.

The violence continued Monday, when three children were killed by suicide bombers on motorcycles in Kandahar, the provincial capital where Afghan troops are slated to take the lead in maintaining security in coming months. Officials said the bombs went off before the attackers reached their intended target.

Also, the city's police headquarters was attacked by three suicide bombers Monday. By early evening in Kabul, officials would not comment on the number of casualties.

A top Afghan prosecutor, Mohammed Ali Ahmadi, was fatally shot by gunmen in a separate attack in restive southern Ghazni, officials said.

Also on Monday, U.S. and Afghan officials condemned what NATO forces called the "Taliban's public execution of a woman" outside of Kabul. In a video circulating throughout the capital, a man is shown firing his weapon at a woman accused of adultery. The scene, which recalled the public executions during Taliban rule, was carried out by insurgents, according to U.S. officials.

"Let's be clear, this wasn't justice, this was murder and an atrocity of unspeakable cruelty," said Gen. John R. Allen, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. "The Taliban's continued brutality toward innocent civilians, particularly women, must be condemned in the strongest terms."

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### **3. [Attack, Afghanistan] Landmine Blasts Kill 18 Near Chaman Border**

Monday, July 9 2012

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2012\07\09\story\\_9-7-2012\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2012\07\09\story_9-7-2012_pg7_2)

At least 18 people were killed and seven others were injured in two landmine explosions in Shena Rai area of Afghanistan, some 30 kilometres away from Chaman boarder on Sunday. According to Qila Abdullah Deputy Commissioner Bahsiher Bangulzai, a car was on its way from Chaman to Spin Boldak in Afghanistan when it hit a landmine in Shena Rai area. Later, a truck carrying 25 people was sent to rescue the blast victims, but it also hit a landmine. As a result, 18 people, including women and children, were killed and seven others injured. According to Assistant Commissioner Habibullah Musakhel, the seven injured were shifted to the Chaman District Headquarters Hospital for treatment. Identification of the deceased could not be ascertained. No group has claimed responsibility of the attack so far, he said. Local sources confirmed the victims were all Afghans while the officials refused to verify their identities as the blasts took place on the other side of the border. President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf have condemned the blast. The president also directed the administration to provide immediate and best medical facilities to the injured and report him on the incident.

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#### **4. [Security, Pakistan] Bomb Defused Outside Businessman's House In Peshawar**

Monday, July 9 2012

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/405740/bomb-diffused-outside-businessmans-house-in-peshawar/>

Police foiled a sabotage attempt and defused a pressure cooker bomb planted outside the house of a tribal businessman in the suburban village of Chamkani on Sunday night.

Police officials, speaking to The Express Tribune, said that a bomb had been planted outside the house of Haji Anwar, a businessman from Mohmand Agency. Anwar had been receiving threats from militants who had been demanding money from him.

The bomb had been spotted by the owner of the house and he had informed the police about it.

“It was an 8 kilogramme pressure cooker bomb which had been planted near the house, barely 100 feet away from the UNHCR store which was gutted by a fire,” said SHO Haji Inayat, adding that the Bomb Disposal Unit had defused the device successfully.

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## **5. [Attack, Pakistan] Three Security Persons Injured In Planted Mine Accident**

Monday, July 9 2012

<http://www.onlinenews.com.pk/details.php?newsid=196549&catname=1>

Three security personnel got injuries when two of their vehicles hit a land mine at Goyan in Orakzai Agency, on Saturday.

According to sources a vehicles of security forces were on the way when one of them collided with a planted explosive at Goyan, where Naib Subadar Abdul Baser and Lans Naek Qamar Fayaz were severely injured, whereas, the second vehicle hit another planted bomb at Kawari Maki, where Sepahi Talib Jan got serious injury.

Later on the injuries were shifted to the CMH Kohat Hospital.

While, six missiles were fired on Kalia headquarters from Karadar hills, however, no any lose has been reported.

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## 6. [Attack, Afghanistan] NATO Says Eight Troops Killed In Afghanistan

Monday, July 9 2012

[http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/national\\_world/2012/07/09/nato-says-8-troops-killed-in-afghanistan.html](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/national_world/2012/07/09/nato-says-8-troops-killed-in-afghanistan.html)

A bomb in eastern Afghanistan killed six NATO service members yesterday, a day when 22 other people died from roadside bombs and insurgent attacks.

NATO said the blast was caused by an improvised explosive device; it provided no other details about the attack and did not identify the dead service members. The statement said NATO's policy is to allow "national authorities" to give details about the soldiers.

The service members' deaths were the latest yesterday caused by bombs planted by insurgents along roads, paths or mountain tracks.

In addition to the six NATO deaths, bombs and attacks killed 16 Afghan civilians, five policemen and a member of the U.S.-led coalition in southern Afghanistan, Afghan and NATO authorities said. Another coalition member was killed on Saturday.

The civilians, including women and children, were killed in three blasts in Arghistan district, along Afghanistan's border with Pakistan.

Kandahar province spokesman Ahmad Jawed Faisal said one bomb exploded when a minivan ran over it yesterday morning. A second went off when other civilians riding a tractor arrived to help the wounded. A third explosion occurred about two hours later when a civilian vehicle hit a roadside bomb in another area of the district, killing two women.

At least 10 civilians were wounded in the three blasts.

The policemen were killed while responding to a gunbattle against insurgents early yesterday at a checkpoint in the Musa Qala district of neighboring Helmand province.

Daoud Ahmadi, the spokesman in Helmand, said a group of Taliban fighters attacked the police checkpoint about 3 a.m.

Afghan police called for reinforcements, but on the way, one of the police vehicles hit a roadside bomb, killing the five policemen.

Ahmadi says three other policemen were wounded in the four-hour gunbattle against the insurgents. He says the bodies of 20 insurgents were recovered from the battlefield.

Separately, two NATO service members were killed in southern Afghanistan: one in a roadside-bomb explosion on Saturday, and the other during an insurgent attack yesterday.

NATO did not disclose where the incidents occurred or provide the nationalities of the troops killed. Also yesterday, human-rights activists and Western officials expressed horror at a video showing a young

Afghan woman who had been accused of adultery apparently being shot dead in front of a crowd of jeering men in a village about an hour's drive from Kabul.

Authorities in Parwan province, where the NATO force has one of its largest bases, said they think the images, shot in late June, are authentic, and they vowed to pursue those who carried out the killing.

The Taliban denied responsibility for the woman's execution. Local offshoots of the Islamist movement often carry out harsh punishments without the specific approval of the group's leadership.

A provincial spokeswoman, Roshna Khalid, said the victim was a 22-year-old woman named Najiba. Khalid said that local police had swiftly reported the incident, and the video is being treated as evidence. "With this clip we have, we can identify some of the perpetrators," she said.

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## 7. [Attack, Pakistan] One Dead, 18 Injured In SUPARCO Bus Blast

Wednesday, July 11 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-58371-1-dead,-18-injured-in-SUPARCO-bus-blast>

At least one person was killed and 18 were others injured in a powerful bicycle-bomb blast at a bus-stop in Mawach Goth near Hub Chowki on Sindh-Balochistan border, Geo News reported.

Majority of the injured was Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) employees on board a bus.

The identity of the one killed has not been ascertained yet.

According to SSP Amir Farooqui, SUPARCO bus was the likely target of this attack.

"The bus was damaged in the attack, which makes us believe it was the primary target of this improvised explosive device (IED) attack," said Farooqui.

The explosive device was planted on a bicycle, he added.

Most of injured were shifted to Murshid Hospital, whereas six were taken to Civil Hospital with four of them critical.

Later, one of the critically injured victims of the blast succumbed to his wounds in Civil Hospital.

Rangers, police, and SUPARCO officials have reached the spot.



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## 8. [Trend, Afghanistan] Combined Force Detains Taliban Weapons Dealer

Thursday, July 12 2012

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=117099>

In the Maidan Shahr district of Afghanistan's Wardak province, an Afghan and coalition security force detained a Taliban weapons dealer and seized 110 pounds of explosives today, military officials reported.

The detained individual acquired and provided weapons -- including grenades, sniper rifles and assault rifle components -- to the Taliban for use in attacks throughout the region, officials said.

In other Afghanistan operations today:

-- A combined force detained one suspect and seized explosive materials while searching for a Taliban explosives expert in the Nawah-ye Barakzai district of Helmand province. The explosives expert constructed and planted improvised explosive devices throughout the region.

In July 11 operations:

-- A combined force found and cleared an IED in Ghazni province's Waghaz district.

-- A combined force found and cleared an IED in Logar province's Muhammad Aghah district.

-- In Logar province's Muhammad Aghah district, a combined force discovered a weapons cache containing mortar rounds, a land mine, and homemade explosives used to construct IEDs.

-- A combined force found and cleared four IEDs in Paktika province -- two in the Sharan district and two in the Yosuf Khel district.

-- In the Mata Khan district of Paktika province, a combined force detained an insurgent while investigating a weapons cache containing small arms, ammunition and grenades.

In July 10 operations:

-- A combined force called in an airstrike that killed Omar, a Taliban leader, and an associate in the Charkh district of Logar province. Omar served directly under senior Taliban leaders and was known as an explosive specialist who was directly involved in several attacks in recent months that killed several Afghans. At the time of the operation Omar was attempting to acquire rockets for insurgent attacks.

In July 7 operations:

-- A combined force seized a cache containing more than 22,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate -- a material used in the construction of IEDs -- 10,827 feet of detonation cord, and 281 sticks of dynamite in the Ghazni district of Ghazni province. The combined force destroyed all materials in place. No civilians were harmed during the operation.

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## 9. [Attack, Afghanistan] Bomb Kills Head Of Women's Affairs In Afghan East

Friday, July 13 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/13/us-afghanistan-women-assassination-idUSBRE86C0JO20120713>

A regional head of women's affairs was targeted and killed by a car bomb in Afghanistan's east on Friday, officials said, the latest act of brazen violence against women in the country.

Hanifa Safi was killed when driving through the capital of Laghman province, Mehtar Lam, when a bomb attached to her car exploded, said the provincial governor's spokesman Sarhadi Zwak.

"It killed her and left her husband, who was with her in the car, in a coma," Zwak told Reuters, adding that the attack about 150 km (93 miles) east of Kabul also wounded 10 civilians.

Zwak declined to say whether or not he believed the Taliban were behind the attack, instead saying "enemies of Afghanistan" planted the bomb.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Safi is the second provincial head of women's affairs to be assassinated since the posts were created around 10 years ago in each of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, reporting to the Ministry of Women's Affairs in Kabul.

She joins Safia Ama Jan, who headed the department in southern Kandahar province, and was gunned down in 2006 by members of the Taliban.

Friday's killing came days after Reuters obtained a video of a 22-year-old woman, named Najiba, being publicly executed for alleged adultery about an hour's drive from Kabul, sparking international outcry.

The Taliban denied involvement in that attack, although officials in Kabul directly blamed the group for the shooting, a death whose similarity to punishment meted out during their 1996-2001 reign chilled many ordinary Afghans.

A manhunt has been launched for the alleged Taliban members involved in her killing in Parwan province, which took place late last month.

Both killings come at a time of increased violence against women in Afghanistan, which activists blame on what they say is waning interest in women's rights on the part of President Hamid Karzai's government.

Afghan women have won back basic rights in education, voting and employment since the Taliban were ousted from power in 2001, but fears are mounting at home and abroad that such freedoms could be traded away as Kabul seeks peace talks with the group.

There are also concerns on the ground and at rights groups that Afghan women are being left out of the equation as most foreign troops plan to leave by 2014 and donor fatigue and general war weariness take their toll on the impoverished country.

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## 10. [Attack, Pakistan] Bomb Blast At Political Rally In Pakistan Kills Seven

Friday, July 13 2012

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/07/13/world/asia/pakistan-unrest/index.html>

A bomb planted on a bicycle at a political rally in southwestern Pakistan's volatile Balochistan province killed seven people and wounded 12 on Friday, a senior police official said.

The blast occurred as the provincial leader of the Awami National Party, part of Pakistan's coalition government, took the stage to speak, said Wazir Khan Nasar, a police official in Quetta.

The provincial leader, Aurangzaib Kasi, was among the wounded, he said.

While there was no immediate claim of responsibility, authorities believe Kasi was targeted because of his party's platform opposing extremism in Pakistan.

The ANP, as the group is known locally, is the largest Pashtun party. Its strongholds are in Balochistan and Sindh provinces.



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## **11. [Security, Pakistan] Six Bombs Recovered Near FSD Borstal Jail**

Friday, July 13 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-58679-6-bombs-recovered-near-FSD-Borstal-Jail>

Six bombs were recovered and defused near the Borstal Jail averting any terror plot on Friday here, Geo News reported.

Police sources said that six handmade toy bombs packed in a shopper kept in the farm along roadside hardly 100 yards away from the Borstal Jail was recovered on a tip off and defused by the bomb disposal squad

Madina Town SP said six indigenous bombs of football size on the whole contained six kilogram of explosives. He said that it could have been a terror plot targeting the nearby Borstal Jail or Police Investigation Cell, which was foiled. However, an investigation in this regard was underway, he said.

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## 12. [Security, Kenya] Six Sought In Race To Block Boko Haram Style Attack

Friday, July 6 2012

[http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/index.php?articleID=2000061354&story\\_title=Six-sought-in-race-to-block-Boko-Haram-style-attack](http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/index.php?articleID=2000061354&story_title=Six-sought-in-race-to-block-Boko-Haram-style-attack)

Police are looking for six Kenyans believed to be planning attacks on mosques in Nairobi, Mombasa, and Garissa in an attempt to spark religious hatred.

The six include Ahmed Iman Ali, Al Shabaab's leader and co-ordinator for Kenya, and Abdikadir 'Ikrima' Mohammed, an Al-Qaeda commander of foreign fighters in Somalia. It is not clear when and how the six entered the country from Somalia, where Al Shabaab foreign fighters are on the run from African Union and Transitional Federal Government forces.

"Their goal is to create religious conflict," a high-placed security source told The Standard On Saturday on condition of anonymity. "After the Garissa attacks, they plan to attack mosques and burn copies of the Quran."

Security reports name the six Kenyans as Ali, Ikrima, Kahale Famau Kahale (Abdulghafur Ahmed), Eric Achayo Oganda (Ibra), Juma Otit Ayub Were and Athumani Ahmed. Security officials have released photographs and other personal details to help identify the terror suspects.

Sources familiar with their alleged plot say the mosque attacks are meant to seem like revenge for the killings of 17 people on July 1 in raids on two churches in Garissa. Sources claim the terrorists believe conditions in Kenya are ripe for religious and ethnic divisions.

"Some of the weaknesses they have identified include tribalism and Kenyans' apathy towards security machinery," the report states.

### Garissa attacks

The Garissa attacks, blamed on Al Shabaab, resembled those used by Nigerian Islamic militant group Boko Haram. Members of the group have been training in Somalia in recent months. Their attacks on religious sites in Nigeria have led to Muslim-Christian conflicts that have claimed hundreds of lives.

Last month, United States and United Kingdom security officials raised concerns about new operational links between Boko Haram, Al Shabaab, and Al Qaeda (in Yemen and the Maghreb). There are fears Kenya may see more attacks by Boko Haram-trained Kenyan terrorists.

Meanwhile, the hunt for a British terror financier hiding in Kenya took on new urgency in the week leading up to the anniversary of the first attack to which she has been linked. Security personnel from at least three countries this week scaled up the search for Samantha Lewthwaite amid fears of an attack planned for today — the seventh anniversary of a 2005 bombing in which her 19-year-old husband helped kill 52 people in London. The July 7 attack on the city's transport system remains the worst ever to hit the UK.

Kenyan sympathisers helping keep her hidden responded to the new hunt by claiming that Lewthwaite has fled to Somalia for a second time. “We know she is safe back in Somalia,” the Al Shabaab affiliated Muslim Youth Centre (MYC) wrote on Twitter on Thursday evening, just hours after President Kibaki released a statement warning terrorists of all stripe: “We will hunt you down. We will not relent in our pursuit or be intimidated.” The statement accompanied changes in the leadership of the Provincial Administration and the police in North Eastern and Coast regions.

The series of MYC tweets referred to ‘Dada Mzungu’, avoiding names that Lewthwaite uses like Sherafiyah and Asmantara. But links provided led to a blog posting that included a photo of the 28-year-old Lewthwaite. Seven officers from the Scotland Yard Counter-Terrorism Command flew into the country on Monday to join the hunt for the mother of three.

They joined officers from Kenya’s Anti-Terrorism Police Unit and the US Central Intelligence Agency who have had no luck picking up her trail. Meanwhile, the US Government has imposed sanctions on six people linked to Islamist militants in Somalia. The list includes three Kenyans — Aboud Rogo Mohammed, Abubaker Sharif Ahmed and Omar Awadh Omar.

Rogo is a cleric blamed for radicalisation and recruitment of non-Somali Africans. Ahmed is accused of hiring Kenyans for “action” in Somalia. Both have been arrested and charged over past terror attacks, but have not been convicted. Omar is awaiting trial in Uganda on charges of helping to plan a 2010 terror attack in Kampala.

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### 13. [Security, Nigeria] Police Defuse Bomb In Nigeria

Saturday, July 7 2012

<http://gulfnews.com/news/world/other-world/police-defuse-bomb-in-nigeria-1.1045704>

Nigerian police said Saturday they have made safe a bomb in Jos, a central flashpoint city wracked by ethnic unrest and attacks blamed on the Islamist group Boko Haram.

“The police anti-bomb squad successfully recovered, disarmed, defused and evacuated the improvised explosive device ... planted by terrorists,” Plateau State police spokesman Emmanue Abuh told AFP.

He said the bomb was discovered late Thursday in an area of the city called Congo Russia after most residents had gone to bed.

“There was no casualty or damage to property. No arrest has been made in connection with the incident yet,” he said.

Jos and its environs have been hit by repeated violence between Muslims and Christians in recent years.

Explosions and gunfire rocked Nigeria’s restive northeastern city of Damaturu on Friday, police said, in an area plagued by repeated attacks by Boko Haram Islamists.

“There have been huge explosions and sporadic gunfire around [the] Shagari Low Cost area of the city,” said Gbadegesin Toyin, police spokesman in Yobe state of which Damaturu is the capital.

“We still don’t have details of what is going on, but we have alerted our men to confront any eventuality,” he said.

Damaturu, which is near Boko Haram’s base of Maiduguri, is under curfew, with residents forced to be in their homes from dusk to dawn following running clashes between troops and Islamists last month.

A resident of the affected area, Babagana Abdullahi, told AFP earlier that his neighbourhood had been “besieged by loud explosions and shootings,” and that he could not tell what was happening because he was confined to his home due to the curfew.

Contacted again, he said, “the explosions and shootings have stopped in the last 20 minutes, but they lasted two hours.”

Nigeria’s radical Islamists have repeatedly attacked the city, typically targeting the security services, while a specialised army unit has initiated raids on suspected Boko Haram hideouts.

One such raid occurred last Saturday, when the Joint Task Force said it received intelligence about an impending Boko Haram attack and launched a pre-emptive offensive that left three of the sect members dead.

The group rents residential homes in the city, converts them into arms depots and then uses the buildings to plan raids, according to security sources.

Boko Haram's attacks in the area have previously hit police stations as well as prisons, where the Islamists say their leaders are being illegally detained.

The group has said it wants to create an Islamic state in northern Nigeria, although its demands have varied widely since it renewed its insurgency in 2010.

#### Coordinated assaults

The city was shut down by fierce fighting last month after suspected Boko Haram gunmen launched coordinated gun assaults on several targets after learning that one of their senior operatives had been arrested.

The resulting clashes killed at least 40 people, led the Yobe state government to impose a city-wide ban on movement, which temporarily stranded residents unable to return home or access food.

Nigeria has been criticised for what some term the heavy-handed raids on alleged Boko Haram targets, while doing little to temper the Islamist threat.

Three of Boko Haram's leaders were last month designated global terrorists by the US State Department, which said the group was responsible for more than 1,000 deaths since the start of last year.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and the world's eighth largest oil producer, is roughly divided between a predominantly Muslim north and a southern, wealthier half, where most are Christian.

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## 14. [Security, Nigeria] Man Caught 'Planting' Bomb In Jos

Sunday, July 8 2012

<http://www.thenationonlineng.net/2011/index.php/news/53098-man-caught-%E2%80%98planting%E2%80%99-bomb-in-jos.html>

A 35 year old man was caught while trying to plant a bomb at an Islamic School in Bukuru, Jos South local government area of Plateau State. The police moved in immediately to detonate the bomb.

The police also defused another bomb planted in Congo Russia, central area of Jos city.

That brings to six the numbers of bombs planted at different locations in Jos and Riyom in the last thirty days. Besides, about three bomb factories have been discovered and detonated in Jos so far. In spite of that bombs are been discovered in Jos streets now and then.

Members of the community who got hold of the suspect in Bukuru alleged that there were five of them that went to the scene to plant the bomb but were able to grab one of them, while the other four escaped.

The source said, "We were vigilant because we heard rumour of that attacks were been plotted against this community, so at about 10pm Friday night, we saw people strange to us and we monitored their activities. We later discovered they were about planting an object, so we went after them and we were able to grab one which we handed over to security agencies"

At Congo Russia area of Jos North local government another explosion was averted following the discovery of an improvised explosive devise (IEDS) planted in the neighbourhood by suspected terrorist gang.

The Plateau State Police Command in a statement by the Public Relations Officer, DSP Abu Emmanuel, said at about 11pm on Thursday, there was a distress call from the Divisional Police Officer of Nassarawa Gwom about a strange container suspected to be a bomb planted in the area.

"We moved swiftly to the scene to discover it was a bomb and we immediately defused it.

The statement added that Commissioner of police in the state, Dipo Ayeni appreciates and is highly delighted with the manner members of the public reacted to the incident and for notifying the police and called on them to sustain the tempo.

He advised members to report any suspicious movement of criminal elements to security agencies with a view to nip in the bud the criminal activities of terrorist gangs in the state.

The police said, "Yes we are in custody of the suspect who was found allegedly planting bomb in Bukuru, we cannot disclose his name now, we are investigating the matter to know his level of involvement in the crime, so we assumed he is innocent for now".

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## 15. [Security, Kenya] KRA Foils Smuggling Of Explosive Material

Thursday, July 12 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201207120994.html>

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) says it has thwarted plans to smuggle into the country dangerous ingredients that could be used to make explosives.

KRA Head of Marketing and Communication Kennedy Onyonyi said officers at the Namanga border on Tuesday confiscated 20 bags containing sodium benzoate and another 20 with potassium nitrate crystalline when they raided a go-down.

Potassium nitrate is used in the manufacture of fireworks, matches, gunpowder and agricultural fertilizer among others.

"It is a banned substance in some countries due to its use by terrorists as an ingredient in the manufacture of explosives and rockets," said Onyonyi.

"A finely dispersed powder of sodium benzoate can form explosive mixture with air. Both can be used in mining and quarrying operations and civil engineering blasts."

He said the raid at various places in the small Namanga town ended at the go-down on the Kenyan side of the border "after suspicious people attempted to bribe the officers to allow the consignment into the country using public transport. Two people approached the officer and asked him not to substantiate the nature of goods they wanted to smuggle in," Onyonyi said in a statement on Thursday.

In turn the officer reported the incident to the KRA officers and on learning that the suspects took off.

"Namanga being a small town, KRA officers decided to raid all the possible places to establish what the two suspects wanted to smuggle in upon which they stumbled on the consignment," he added.

He said KRA has launched investigations to establish the motive of the parties involved in the importation of the substance and for what purpose, "we have commenced investigations on the purpose of importation, origin and consignee. The owners of the consignment have since gone underground."

Two weeks ago, two Iranian men were charged with being in possession of dangerous explosives after 15 kilograms of RDX explosives was recovered in Mombasa.

In May, a blast along Moi Avenue left one person dead and 38 others wounded.

Investigators into the Assanand House blast in Nairobi showed that it was caused by a fertilizer bomb. The Criminal Investigation Department said that the initial analysis of the debris and other material at the site showed traces of ammonium nitrate, which is known to make explosives.

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## **16. [Trend, Somalia] Somali Soldiers, Police Seize Weapons In Elasha Biyaha**

Thursday, July 12 2012

[http://sabahionline.com/en\\_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2012/07/12/newsbrief-04](http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2012/07/12/newsbrief-04)

A joint task force of Somali police and soldiers in Elasha Biyaha seized on Wednesday (July 11th) a cache weapons hidden by al-Shabaab, UN-funded Radio Bar-Kulan reported.

The weapons included explosives and bomb-making materials, ammunition, military uniforms and parts of anti-aircraft missiles, said commander of the Somali Armed Forces General Abdikarin Yussuf Dego-badan.

Dego-badan said the weapons had been hidden underground, which the soldiers located with the help of locals who provided them with information.

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## **17. [Attack, Iraq] Car Bomb Kills Seven, Wounds 20 In Central Iraq**

Friday, July 6 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/06/us-iraq-violence-idUSBRE8650ZN20120706>

A bomb in a parked car killed seven people and wounded 20 on Friday when it exploded in the central Iraqi city of Ramadi, police and hospital sources said.

The blast in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, killed mainly women in a residential area, the sources said.

"We heard a big explosion and when we arrived at the scene we found a parked car on fire," a police officer said.

"Bodies were scattered everywhere and some houses were destroyed," he said, declining to be named. He said police had begun evacuating the wounded and had cordoned off the area in case of further explosions.

Five of the wounded were in a critical condition, a hospital source said.

Although violence in Iraq has eased since its peak in 2006-2007, last month at least 237 people were killed and 603 wounded in attacks, making it one of the bloodiest months since U.S. troops withdrew at the end of last year.

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## **18. [Attack, Iraq] Iraq Gun And Bomb Attacks Kill Three**

Monday, July 9 2012

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ga5Rsn5RFndO8V\\_ho7TBQSwckZLg?docId=CN.G.dba09693268cc30cd85097ca9c801c64.5e1](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ga5Rsn5RFndO8V_ho7TBQSwckZLg?docId=CN.G.dba09693268cc30cd85097ca9c801c64.5e1)

Gun and bomb attacks north of Baghdad on Monday killed three people including two anti-Al-Qaeda militiamen, security and medical officials said.

In the deadliest attack, two Sahwa fighters were killed when gunmen attacked their checkpoint in the predominantly Sunni city of Samarra, 110 kilometres (70 miles) north of the Iraqi capital, police and a hospital doctor said.

The Sahwa are made up of Sunni Arab tribesmen who joined forces with the US military against Al-Qaeda from late 2006, helping to turn the tide of the insurgency.

And in the restive city of Mosul, 350 kilometres (220 miles) north of Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed a retired army brigadier general and wounded a serving major general and three civilians, the army and a medic said.

The latest violence comes amid a spike in attacks, with Iraq suffering a wave of unrest in June that left at least 282 people dead, according to an AFP tally, although government figures said 131 Iraqis died.

While the violence in Iraq has declined dramatically since its peak in 2006-2007, attacks remain common across the country.

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## **19. [Attack, Iraq] Bomb Kills Three, Wounds 14 In Baghdad**

Tuesday, July 10 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/10/us-iraq-violence-idUSBRE8690TN20120710>

A bomb in a bus killed three people and wounded 14 in Baghdad, hospital and police sources said on Tuesday, the latest attack to raise fears of a return to sectarian violence in Iraq.

The explosion occurred in Sadr City, a Shi'ite district in northeastern Baghdad, the sources said.

International mediator Kofi Annan is in a separate, heavily fortified part of the capital for talks with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Syria.

Although violence in Iraq has eased since its peak in 2006-2007, last month at least 237 people were killed and 603 wounded in attacks, making it one of the bloodiest months since U.S. troops withdrew at the end of last year.

Sunni insurgents often attack Shi'ite targets to try to reignite sectarian violence that has killed tens of thousands.

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## 20. [Attack, Yemen] Deadly Suicide Bombing At Sanaa Police Academy

Wednesday, July 11 2012

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-18796212>

At least 20 people have been killed in a suicide bomb attack at the police academy in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, medics and security officials say.

Police sources said the bomber had blown himself up among a crowd of cadets as they left the academy after classes finished for the day.

Dozens of people were wounded and many ambulances rushed to the scene.

Islamist militants have vowed to launch attacks in retaliation for an ongoing army offensive on their strongholds.

In May, more than 90 soldiers were killed when a suicide bomber dressed in army uniform blew himself up during a parade rehearsal in Sanaa.

Ansar al-Sharia, an offshoot of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, said it had carried out the attack - the deadliest in the capital since Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi was elected president in February.

The group took advantage of the instability resulting from the popular uprising that forced Mr Hadi's predecessor, Ali Abdullah Saleh, to step down in November after 32 years in power.

After coming to power, Mr Hadi said one of his most important tasks was the continuation of the war on al-Qaeda and instructed the military to regain control of several key towns in the southern province of Abyan.

Last month, the army recaptured the provincial capital, Zinjibar, after a campaign which left hundreds of militants and dozens of soldiers dead.



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## **21. [Attack, Iraq] Bomb Targeting Baghdad Home Of Interior Ministry Official Kill Parents**

Thursday, July 12 2012

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Iraqi+officials+Bomb+targeting+Baghdad+home+interior+ministry/6928186/story.html>

Iraqi officials say the house of an interior ministry official has been bombed, killing his parents.

Police say the early Friday explosion targeted the home of a Shiite interior ministry lieutenant colonel in the western Baghdad's Sunni-dominated Ghazaliyah district as the family was sleeping. The official, who is Shiite, was not home at the time of the attack, which was badly damaged.

Officials at Yarmouk hospital confirmed the deaths. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

Government employees and security forces are frequently targeted by insurgents in Iraq.

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## 22. [Attack, Syria] Car Bomb Explodes On Al-MazzeH Highway

Friday, July 13 2012

<http://www.sana.sy/eng/337/2012/07/13/431220.htm>

A car exploded on Friday on al-MazzeH highway near the area leading to Kafrsouseh causing material damage only. The explosion was caused by the blast of an explosive device planted in the Mercedes car by an armed terrorist. SANA reporter quoted a source at Damascus Police Department as saying that the car was parked on the roadside and was remotely detonated in an area that witnesses heavy traffic movement.

### Dismantling Two Explosive Devices on a Bridge in al-Treimseh Town in Hama

In Hama, the military engineering units dismantled two explosive devices planted by an armed terrorist group at the bottom of a bridge in al-Treimseh town in Mhardeh area in the province's countryside.

SANA reporter quoted a source in the province as saying that the two explosive devices weighed 100 kg and were set ready to blow up the bridge leading to al-Treimseh town.

Tens of terrorists overrun the village of al-Treimseh in Hama Countryside on Thursday morning, committing a massacre in which more than 50 civilians were killed and tens were injured before the security authorities arrived, according to eye witnesses who spoke to the Syrian TV. Three security personnel were martyred during the clashes, according to SANA reporter in Hama.

### Workshop for Making Explosive Devices Seized in Farms in Daraa

In Daraa, after having been informed by the inhabitants, the authorities seized a workshop for making explosive devices in the farms between Daraa al-Balad and Nasib town. According to a source in the province, the workshop was found to include 125 explosive devices of various weights.

### Two Terrorists Killed in Bus Explosion on Aleppo-Homs Road

In the province of Aleppo, two terrorists were killed in an explosion of a micro bus they were using in transporting explosives on Aleppo-Homs road near the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA).

SANA reporter cited a source in the province as saying that the bus was laden with an amount of explosives that exploded on the road near the abovementioned site killing the two terrorists who were inside the bus. The reporter said that no injuries among the passersby were reported.

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## 23. [Law Enforcement, United Kingdom] Woman Is Seventh Held In London Terror Probe

Saturday, July 7 2012

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/woman-is-seventh-held-in-london-terror-probe-7922234.html>

Police have arrested a seventh person as part of an ongoing investigation into a suspected terror plot.

A 22-year-old woman was detained at a residential address in Hackney, east London, early today.

She was arrested on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism under the Terrorism Act 2000, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said.

The arrest, by officers from the Met's Counter Terrorism Command, follows six others made on Thursday.

The woman is in custody at a south-east London police station.

On Thursday British Muslim convert Richard Dart, 29, was reportedly one of the six people arrested over the suspected terror plot.

Dart, who changed his name to Salahuddin al-Britani after converting, is believed to have been one of three people detained in Ealing, west London, and was arrested in the street.

The others detained in Ealing were a 21-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman held at separate home addresses.

Three men living just over a mile from the Olympic site in Stratford, east London, were also arrested.

The men, aged 18, 24 and 26, who are believed to be members of the same Bangladeshi family, were detained in a raid on their home.

The six, who include a former police community support officer, remain in custody at a south-east London police station on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

Warrants of further detention were granted at Westminster Magistrates' Court yesterday.

The alleged plan involved Islamist extremists with potential targets in the UK, but was not linked to the Olympics, it is understood.

The threat to the UK from international terrorism is currently rated substantial - the third highest of five levels.

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## 24. [Law Enforcement, United Kingdom] Terror Suspect Tracked To London Olympic Park

Sunday, July 8 2012

[http://www.keydmedia.net/en/news/article/terror\\_suspect\\_tracked\\_to\\_london\\_olympic\\_park/](http://www.keydmedia.net/en/news/article/terror_suspect_tracked_to_london_olympic_park/)

An Islamist terror suspect in Britain charged with breaking restrictions on his movements had crossed through London's Olympic Park five times, newspapers reported Sunday.

The 24-year-old -- named only as CF -- is suspected of being a militant for Somalia's Al-Qaeda-allied Shebab rebels, The Sunday Telegraph and the Sunday Mirror said. He is one of nine people suspected of being a risk to national security who are subject to Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIM) -- legal orders which restrict movements, contacts and computer use.

The Sunday Mirror said he was a British jihadist. The Sunday Telegraph said he comes from a large Somali family in north London.

CF was deported from Somalia back to Britain in March last year. He served two months in jail for a previous absconding offence before being released and placed under the TPIM restrictions and ordered to live in Norwich, eastern England. He wears an electronic tag allowing the authorities to track his movements.

CF was arrested again last month and charged with five separate breaches of an order banning him from using the train route which passes through the Olympic Park in Stratford, east London.

The alleged offences occurred between April and May. He is due to be prosecuted later this year. CF is to challenge the banning order at the High Court on Monday, newspapers reported.

Following his arrest, a lawyer for the Home Office warned that CF was committed to "Islamist extremism". In papers lodged in the High Court proceedings, he said Home Secretary Theresa May believes that were it not for his TPIM restrictions, CF "would re-engage in terrorism-related activities, either in the UK or Somalia". It could not be said that he has "renounced his commitment to terrorism", he argued.

"As CF has previously re-engaged in Islamist extremist activity, despite being on bail, previous disruptive action has not been enough to dissuade him from his involvement in Islamist extremism.

A spokeswoman for the state Crown Prosecution Service said: "CF has been charged with five offences of breaching his TPIM. He is next in (criminal) court on July 27."

The London 2012 opening ceremony will take place on the same day.

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## **25. [Attack, Turkey] One Soldier Killed In Landmine Explosion In E Turkey**

Sunday, July 8 2012

<http://english.cri.cn/6966/2012/07/08/2821s710863.htm>

One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed and another injured in a landmine explosion, believed to have been planted by the banned Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), in eastern Turkey on Sunday, local newspaper Today's Zaman reported on its website.

The incident occurred during a military operation against the PKK in Tunceli province after a group of PKK members set several trucks on fire in the province over the weekend, said the report.

A special sergeant died and a soldier was injured in the landmine explosion while carrying out the military operation.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Since then over 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

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## **26. [Security, Russia] Terrorist Attack Prevented In Dagestan**

Monday, July 9 2012

<http://vestnikkavkaza.net/news/politics/28724.html>

The police and military have prevented a terrorist attack and defused three bombs in the Kizlyarsky District of Dagestan, ITAR-TASS reports.

A bomb was found at a road near the Krasny Voskhod Village. It was made out of a 10-liter bucket, filled with ammonia nitrate and aluminum powder with projectiles and 250 meters of wires.

The police found two more similar bombs in a forest near the village. They also encountered a three-liter can with explosives, 18 detonators, 20 kg of ammonia nitrate and aluminum powder, 1.5 kg of plastid, a fire extinguisher with cutoff top.

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## **27. [Attack, Montenegro] Five Wounded By Mine On Albania-Montenegro Border**

Monday, July 9 2012

<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n282632>

Five people were wounded, two seriously, when their car hit a landmine near Cerem on the border between Albania and Montenegro, police said here Monday, AFP reported.

The incident happened on Montenegrin soil some 20 metres (yards) from the Albanian border on Sunday when the car hit the mine.

The Albanian police said Yugoslav forces mined the area during the 1998-99 Kosovo conflict in a bid to stop Kosovo Albanian rebels from crossing through neighbouring Montenegro to Albania to arm themselves.

Montenegro was part of the Serb-dominated Yugoslav federation at the time.

The wounded, all ethnic Albanian Montenegrins, were taken to Tirana's military hospital for treatment, the police said.

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## 28. [Special Interest, United Kingdom] G4S Whistleblower: 50 Per Cent Chance Of Olympics Bomb

Friday, July 13 2012

<http://www.theweek.co.uk/olympics/47956/g4s-whistleblower-50-cent-chance-olympics-bomb>

A whistleblower who worked with G4S on preparing security personnel for London 2012 has said there is a "50 per cent" chance of a bomb being carried into an Olympic venue when the Games begin in two weeks' time.

He told Sky News that trainees who failed basic tasks were still given a security badge and approved to work in the Olympic park. One security guard failed to find a 9mm pistol hidden in a volunteer's sock during a patdown while another allowed a 'terrorist' who put a mock bomb through an X-ray machine to melt away into the crowd.

The whistleblower's claim follows yesterday's row over the army being forced to step in as cover for G4S's failure to meet the obligations of its contract to supply enough Olympic security guards.

In a separate development, MPs expressed concerns that the Olympics had put "unprecedented pressure" on MI5 and MI6 and left the UK vulnerable at a critical period.

The G4S whistleblower told Sky: "I can see so many security loopholes for this event. Security staff are given a very short time to achieve their training and there is a very slack approach.

"During my employment I planted pretend IEDs, decommissioned weapons, knives and other large metallic objects on students and sent them through the metal detectors.

"They're not being seen by X-ray staff and they're not being picked up during physical searches, so the training is completely insufficient."

The whistleblower estimated that 99 per cent per cent of personnel coming through the G4S training system had no security background. "Many have language problems," he added, "so they won't be able to communicate with ticketholders and many completely lack confidence."

He claimed that only 10 per cent of the trainees should have been employed for the Olympics but that there appeared to be a "zero-fail policy".

He concluded: "I think if you walked through into one of the Olympic venues with a lethal capability on you then you have a 50 per cent chance of getting through that screening procedure and getting into the venue."

The sense of an Olympic security meltdown will not be helped by a report published yesterday by MPs on the Commons Intelligence and Security Committee expressing concern that preparations for London 2012 had put "unprecedented pressure" on MI5 and MI6 and that lower priority security service business was being neglected.

According to the BBC, the report says MI5 has highlighted three potential threats to the Games:

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- An attack by al-Qaeda or its affiliates on US or Israeli athletes and spectators;
- An attack or hoax by Irish republican dissidents which would be more likely to cause disruption than casualties;
- Clashes between rival groups of foreign nationals visiting London for the Olympics.

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## 29. [Security, India] Powerful IED Recovered In Assam

Sunday, July 8 2012

<http://www.business-standard.com/generalnews/news/powerful-ied-recovered-in-assam/29767/>

A powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED), weighing more than four kg, has been recovered from Assam's Baksa district today, official sources said.

The IED, kept in a plastic box, was found near a culvert in Harijhar Path in Goreswar town of the district by the public who alerted patrolling army personnel in the area.

The security forces cordoned off the area and a bomb disposal squad had rushed to the spot to defuse the IED, the sources added.

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### 30. [Security, Vietnam] Unexploded 450-Kg Bomb Found In Central Vietnam

Sunday, July 8 2012

<http://www.thanhniennews.com/index/pages/20120709-unexploded-450-kg-bomb-found-in-central-vietnam.aspx>

Sappers unearthed an unexploded 450-kilogram bomb leftover from the Vietnam War in the central province of Ha Tinh on Saturday, the online newspaper VnExpress reported.

The sappers found the bomb while searching for unexploded ordinances (UXOs) in a cornfield in a rural village of Huong Son District.

They found the bomb with its fuse intact only one meter below ground in a vertical position, they said.

It was then removed from the cornfield in order to be defused.

According to government statistics, around 800,000 tons of UXOs were left behind after the Vietnam War ended in 1975.

Between 1975 and 2000, UXOs killed more than 40,000 people in Vietnam, injuring 60,000 others. The nation spends about US\$100 million per year clearing UXOs.



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### 31. [Attack, India] Soldier Killed, Three Hurt In Narathiwat

Sunday, July 8 2012

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/national/Soldier-killed-3-hurt-in-Narathiwat-30185704.html>

A roadside bomb killed one soldier and seriously injured three others in Narathiwat's Joh I Rong district yesterday, while two suspected RKK insurgents were apprehended with a 10kg bomb by rangers in Rangae district.

The bomb, concealed in a fire-extinguisher cylinder and buried under Ban Khok-Ban Yaning Road in Tambon Chuap, was detonated at 11.40am when a pick-up truck carrying the four-soldier team passed by, said Pol Lieutenant Kavipat Kraipherm of Joh I Rong police.

The bomb killed team leader Master Sergeant First Class Suparp Setnok, 48, while seriously wounding Master Sergeant First Class Pongsak Singkaew, 32, Sergeant Wissanu Jampanil, 26, and Sergeant Thongpam Thanyarak, 30.

A police investigation found the team was returning to their base at Wat Joh I Rong from a community activity when suspected insurgents hiding in the roadside bushes detonated the bomb.

Meanwhile, a patrolling ranger team ran into a suspicious man carrying a sack, Abdulhagam Jehma, 23, on Rangae-Rusoh Road in Rangae district's Tambon Mareu Botok at 11.30am. The man said he was waiting for a friend who had gone to have the flat tyre on his motorcycle fixed at a nearby garage. The team leader, Master Sergeant First Class Chamnan Phumraksa, asked to look inside the sack and found a 10kg home-made bomb.

The team also nabbed Muhammadsainung Yunu, 20, who returned to the spot 20 minutes later riding the black Honda Wave motorbike that Abdulhagam had described. The duo were further interrogated for information, including where they were planning to plant the bomb.



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### **32. [Attack, India] Three Persons Including Infant Injured In Bomb Blast In Manipur**

Monday, July 9 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date1=7/9/2012&id=6#6](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=7/9/2012&id=6#6)

Kanglaonline reports that three persons including a seven month old infant and her mother were injured during a blast at the residence of Khurai Kongpal Laishram Leikai (Imphal East District) Gram Panchayat Pradhan (head of local self-Government) identified as Yendrembam Jiten around 9:20 pm on July 8. The three have been identified as Yendrembam Ashalata, and her infant daughter Tania and Yendrembam Robita alias Echan. Police said the incident happened when unidentified persons lobbed a hand grenade which exploded at the courtyard of the family injuring all the three with splinters. The family members said there have been no previous threats or monetary demands from any group or individual. The family members have also urged all concern to clarify on the grenade attack.

In another incident, a hand grenade exploded at the residence of Imphal East Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Thoudam Guni at Thoubal Wangma Taba College Road at around 11.20 pm on July 7. However, there was no casualty.

Further, unidentified miscreants exploded a hand grenade at the underground water reservoir constructed by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) at Sagolband Nepra Menjor Leikai in Imphal West District in the night of July 6 though no casualty has been reported, reports The Sangai Express. There has been an instance of an underground faction serving monetary demand to the construction, source said.

Meanwhile, a hand grenade was found near Ereima Shanglen located few metres away from the residence of Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly Thokchom Lokeshwar at Sagolmang Mamang Leikai in Imphal East District at around 10.25 am on July 8, reports Kanglaonline. The pin of the grenade was found removed and it was detonated safely by the bomb squad of Manipur Police.

Also, another hand grenade with pin removed was found at the residence of Yengkhom Joykumar at Kakching Mayai Leikai in Thoubal District at around 6 am on July 8. Joykumar is the owner of the oil pump located at Thoubal.

Meanwhile, an antique bomb was discovered by locals while digging a pond at Khundrakpam Mayai Leikai in Imphal East District at around 9 am on July 7.

Separately, reacting to the media report about the claim of Thoubal Superintendent of Police that one Kongbrailatpam Indu was arrested from Wangjing Keithel by Security Forces (SFs) on July 5, the People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) has denied any relationship between the outfit and the woman, reports The Sangai Express.

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### **33. [Security, India] Hand Grenades Recovered In Kupwara**

Tuesday, July 10 2012

[http://zeenews.india.com/news/jammu-and-kashmir/hand-grenades-recovered-in-kupwara\\_786610.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/jammu-and-kashmir/hand-grenades-recovered-in-kupwara_786610.html)

Four hand grenades were on Tuesday recovered along the banks of a pond village in Kupwara district of north Kashmir.

The Pakistani-made grenades along with a detonator were recovered along the banks of Ganie pond at Sogam, 120 kms from here, police said.

The grenades, which were in rusted condition, were destroyed by bomb disposal squad experts at the scene.

No one was arrested during the operation which was carried out on a specific information, police added.

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### **34. [Security, India] Police Recover Bomb In Nawadih**

Wednesday, July 11 2012

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ranchi/Police-recover-bomb-in-Nawadih/articleshow/14816758.cms>

Police have recovered a 25 kg can bomb planted allegedly by Maoists beneath a culvert in a bid to target police party near Daliam, a Naxalite-prone village of Upperghat in Nawadih.

Following the recovery of the bomb on Monday night, SP Kuldeep Dwivedi conducted a search of the Maoists in the area on Tuesday.

The bomb could cause major damage if it had exploded. Dwivedi said, "Acting on a tip-off, a police team conducted a search on Sarubeda-Upperghat route and recovered a can bomb planted under a culvert. The bomb contains wire and was in ready position. The bomb disposal squad safely removed the bomb and destroyed it later."

Dwivedi said the recent arrest of the Naxalite leader Navin Manjhi and frequent raids conducted by police in Upperghat had weakened the strength of the Red outfit in the area.

However, the rebels want to register their presence by triggering incidents and the recovery of can bomb is a failure in one of their efforts. "The police force along with CRPF are conducting search in the area to nab the Maoists," said Dwivedi.

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### **35. [Attack, Philippines] Eight Soldiers Hurt In Basilan Bomb Blast**

Wednesday, July 11 2012

<http://www.philstar.com/nation/article.aspx?publicationsubcategoryid=200&articleid=826399>

An improvised bomb planted by suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits injured eight Army soldiers in Sumisip, Basilan province on Tuesday night, a military official said Wednesday.

Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang, spokesman of Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom) based in this city, said the victims were soldiers from the 12th Scout Ranger Company (SRC) and 11th Division Reconnaissance Company (DRC).

Cabangbang said the soldiers were on their way to Barangay Mangal for a security mission when one of their military trucks hit the improvised device, which was laid as a landmine. The incident took place at around 8:27 p.m., he said.

“At least eight of the soldiers were unfortunately wounded in action,” Cabangbang said.

The explosion partially damaged the military vehicle, he said.

Military explosive ordnance and disposal (EOD) personnel were deployed to the blast site to determine the type of bomb that hit the soldiers.

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### **36. [Security, India] Police Defuse Bomb In Srinagar**

Thursday, July 12 2012

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/police-defuse-bomb-srinagar-143253073.html>

Police defused a bomb placed in a suitcase near the Jawahar Tunnel, dubbed as state's lifeline, here on Thursday.

Acting on a tip off, the bomb squad and local dog squad neutralised the bomb and also recovered five kilograms of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) from the site.

Interacting with mediapersons here, Inspector General of Police B. N. Ramesh, said, "Our team found a green box with protruding yellow wires and immediately alerted the 24 Battalion. We stopped the traffic on both sides and the bomb defusal squad and the local dog squad was sent, the areas was sanitized."

"We are examining the possibility whether it (IED) was a remote control thing and we collected some forensic evidence," he said.

Ramesh refrained from blaming anyone for planting the bomb.

"I cannot say Yatra was an intended target, because the putting of the device at that point at 8:00 pm, it can be any convoy. There is no point in accusing anybody without any evidence," he said.

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### **37. [Security, India] Two Landmines Unearthed In Andhra Pradesh**

Thursday, July 12 2012

[http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date1=7/12/2012&id=7#7](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=7/12/2012&id=7#7)

Special Task Force (STF) Police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel unearthed two landmines, each weighing 19 kilograms, underneath a road between Duggeru and Diguva Mendangi in Makkuva mandal in Vizianagaram District of Andhra Pradesh on July 9, reports The Hindu.

At a press conference in Vizianagaram on July 11, Superintendent of Police Karthikeya said the Andhra-Odisha Boder (AOB) Zonal Committee and Srikakulam-Koraput Joint Division Committees of the Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) might have placed the explosives to target the Police.

Further, Karthikeya appealed to Maoists to join mainstream.

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### **38. [Security, United States] Backpack Full Of Grenades Found In Southern California**

Monday, July 9 2012

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/07/09/us/california-grenades-found/index.html>

City workers in Southern California discovered a backpack Monday filled with grenades and other explosive devices, a sheriff's spokesman said.

The municipal employees came across the backpack in a storm drain in Placentia around 9 a.m., Orange County Sheriff's Department spokesman Jim Amormino told CNN.

Police and bomb squad personnel subsequently responded and located six grenades, blasting caps, fuse igniters and some white and black powder, according to Amormino. These were discovered in the backpack as well as buried in dirt nearby.

It appears the explosive devices were put in the area intentionally, according to the sheriff's department spokesman, who added that he believes they had been there for some time.

FBI agents were on scene Monday afternoon helping sheriff's department members in their investigation, as is routine when explosive or suspicious items are found, said Ari Dekofsky, a spokeswoman for the bureau's Los Angeles office.

There was no immediate threat to the public's safety, added Dekofsky.

By 2:45 p.m., all the explosive devices had been safely detonated, said Amormino.

Placentia is a city of about 50,000 people located just north of Anaheim and 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

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### 39. [Special Interest, United States] Would Al Qaeda's Wildfire 'Ember Bomb' Really Work?

Tuesday, July 10 2012

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/07/would-al-qaedas-wildfire-ember-bomb-really-work/>

Al Qaeda's bizarre plan to attack America by using an "ember bomb" to ignite wildfires is so impractical that the terror group would be better off armed with a cigarette lighter, according to California fire officials who recently tested an al Qaeda-prescribed incendiary device.

In early May, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the state's threat assessment center conducted a "practical evaluation" of a home-made "ember bomb," a complex device described in detail in a recent edition of the al Qaeda-produced Inspire magazine under the title "It Is of Your Freedom to Ignite a Firebomb."

"In America, there are more houses built in the [countryside] than in the cities," the Inspire article's author says under the pseudonym The AQ Chef. "It is difficult to choose a better place [than] in the valleys of Montana."

In response, California officials went about building and testing a sophisticated version of the device, complete with time-delay ignition, according to a "For Official Use Only" document published online today by the anti-secrecy website Public Intelligence.

During the test, which was conducted on the concrete floor of a training facility, the device lit a fire that burned on its own fuel for just under 12 minutes. While the testers said the fire could have potentially spread to any nearby brush, the device itself did not produce any embers and all the heat was concentrated in one location – meaning it would not start other fires on its own – and left behind a large, black, "obsidian-like substance" where the device had burned.

"The 'Ember Bomb' device is an effective heat source and will ignite vegetation; however, we judge it is highly impractical based on the amount of energy and time it takes to construct the device, and the amount of physical evidence that will likely remain following its use," the document said. "...[T]here appears to be little practicality associated with employing this method versus other that would likely leave far less physical evidence, such as manually starting a burn with a cigarette lighter."

Capt. Ryan Stonebraker, head of the California State Threat Assessment Center and trooper with the California Highway Patrol, told ABC News he has not seen any indication anyone has attempted to start a fire with such a device, but said that regardless of how a blaze starts, the "threat is still on my mind."

"It's very difficult to stop fires," he said. "I think what's important is that first responders are aware of the methodology... The threat isn't just from al Qaeda [abroad], but homegrown extremists as well."

Stonebraker said the test was the first-ever collaboration between the threat assessment center and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the results were sent to law enforcement agencies across the country.

“We thought this was kind of obviously something different, so we did the tests so that first responders could see how it worked... and what to look for,” he said.

The firebomb device was described in the ninth edition of Inspire, a magazine produced by al Qaeda’s Yemen affiliate, AQAP. Earlier editions of the sleek magazine were believed to be crafted by U.S.-born radical Samir Khan before he was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen in September 2011.

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## 40. [Trend, United States] Someone Placed Bomb At Canton Home

Tuesday, July 10 2012

<http://www.argusleader.com/article/20120710/NEWS/307100018/Someone-placed-bomb-Canton-home>

Harley Ellis doesn't know who left a bomb on the back step of his trailer, but since it was discovered Sunday he's had trouble sleeping.

"I don't sleep much now," he said Monday at the mobile home park where he lives. "I pay attention to every little noise now."

It was about 8 a.m. Sunday when Ellis went to open the back door of his trailer on West Third Street in Canton to let his dog out when he felt it hit something. That's when he noticed a device with jugs of gasoline and gunpowder connected to battery wires and a timer.

When he saw the timer wasn't moving, he said he thought about picking it up and throwing it away.

"Then I thought I should call it in and maybe they could find out who did it," Ellis said. "If the timer was moving, I would have been a little more concerned."

Canton Police Chief David Miller said the device was a legitimate homemade explosive device, but did not go off because of a flaw in the design.

Miller said the Sioux Falls Police Department bomb squad was called in to disable the device, and several trailers around the area were evacuated for a few hours for safety concerns until it was disabled.

No one was injured.

Miller said it appears to be an isolated incident meant for one individual but declined to discuss further details as to why that trailer may have been targeted.

The investigation has been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Ellis said he had a roommate at his trailer for a while, who packed up and left Sunday after the incident. He said he is unsure whether the bomb was meant for him or his roommate.

He plans to live in the trailer until he and his mom, who is ill, can move into a house. Ellis said police told him they'd step up patrols in the area.

Ellis is determined not to let the incident scare him off or intimidate him.

"I stay there because they aren't going to run me off," he said.

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## 41. [Special Interest, United States] American Pleads Guilty In Plot To Blow Up Pentagon

Wednesday, July 11 2012

[http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/american-pleads-guilty-in-plot-to-blow-up-pentagon\\_786696.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/american-pleads-guilty-in-plot-to-blow-up-pentagon_786696.html)

A US citizen, charged for plotting an attack on Pentagon and US Capitol using remote-controlled aircraft filled with explosives, has pleaded guilty to two counts in the case.

Rezwan Ferdaus, 26, a Massachusetts resident, entered a plea agreement under which he would be sentenced to 17 years in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release.

A Northeastern University graduate with a bachelor's degree in physics, Ferdaus was arrested in September last year for his plot to attack the Pentagon and US Capitol in Washington using large remote controlled aircraft filled with C-4 plastic explosives.

In the written agreement filed on Tuesday in US District Court in Boston, Ferdaus said he will plead guilty to attempting to damage and destroy a federal building by means of an explosive and attempting to provide material support to terrorists.

He was charged in a six-count indictment with attempting to damage and destroy a federal building, destroy national defence premises, receipt of explosive materials, possession of six fully automatic AK-47 assault rifles and three grenades, attempting to provide material support to terrorists and al-Qaeda. In exchange of his guilty plea, the government will dismiss remaining charges against him.

The government had alleged that in 2010, Ferdaus plotted to commit acts of violence against the United States. With the goal of terrorising the US, decapitating its "military centre," and killing as many "kafirs" as possible.

Ferdaus extensively planned and took substantial steps to bomb the Pentagon and US Capitol using remote controlled aircraft filled with explosives.

In September 2011, Ferdaus requested and instructed undercover FBI employees to deliver explosives and firearms for his attack plan.

He had sought 25 pounds of C-4 explosives, including approximately 1.25 pounds of actual C-4 explosives, three grenades, and six fully automatic AK-47 assault rifles. He had begun designing and constructing detonation components for improvised explosive devices (IED) using mobile phones that were delivered to individuals whom he believed to be al Qaeda operatives.

Ferdaus allegedly supplied 12 mobile phones, each of which had been modified to act as an electrical switch for an IED, to FBI undercover employees, who he believed were members of or recruiters for al-Qaeda, to be used to kill American soldiers stationed overseas.

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## 42. [Trend, United States] Secure Social Network Helps U.S. Detect Bomb Chemicals

Thursday, July 12 2012

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/interview-secure-social-network-helps-us-detect-bomb-chemicals>

A U.S.-led effort to stop the spread of roadside bombs in places like Afghanistan and Iraq is meeting with some success, by using a secure Facebook-style network to trade tips with other countries about suspect chemical shipments.

Operation Global Shield tracks chemicals that can be used as bomb ingredients, building on knowledge from the fight against drug trafficking, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) head John Morton told Reuters in an interview.

The two-year-old programme gets countries to sign up to a secure site resembling a social media portal, where they can alert each other to irregular shipments.

It also introduces customs-tracking technology to parts of the world more used to using ledgers and handwritten notes.

"We're working with the customs officers around the world to identify shipments that don't add up," Morton said ahead of the annual meeting of the World Customs Organization in Brussels.

"Countries that don't have traditionally large amounts of exports or imports in a particular precursor chemical and all of a sudden there's a spike."

Global Shield tracks 14 such chemicals which are themselves legal, but can be used by insurgents in homemade bombs known as improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

They range from common household compounds like hydrogen peroxide, used as a hair bleach and antiseptic, to industrial solvents like nitromethane, which is used in dry-cleaning.

Using the network, a customs official can identify a suspicious shipment going to another member country and try to confirm if the shipper is trustworthy.

"We had a recent seizure in Afghanistan... where we came across precursor chemicals that were being used for IEDs, just completely mislabelled as cement paste," Morton said.

The Global Shield programme has resulted in seizures of more than 120 tonnes of suspect chemicals and 40 arrests in the last two years, he said.

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### **43. [Security, United States] Small Pipe Bomb Left In Woman's Mailbox**

Thursday, July 12 2012

[http://blog.al.com/live/2012/07/small\\_pipe\\_bomb\\_left\\_niwomans.html](http://blog.al.com/live/2012/07/small_pipe_bomb_left_niwomans.html)

Authorities today disabled a small pipe bomb that police said was left in a Theodore woman's mail box, Mobile police said.

The device, described by spokesman Cpl. Christopher Levy as being about two inches long, was taken inside the woman's home and kept for several days before a friend came by and told her to turn it in to authorities.

No arrests had been made as of Thursday night, and a motive for placing the bomb in the mailbox had not been established.

The woman, who does not drive a car, kept the device inside her Oak Drive home in a plastic zipping storage bag, Levy said, before the friend, who had a car, decided today to turn it in to authorities.

Mobile County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Joe Mahoney said that the woman came to the sheriff's substation on U.S. 90 with the device. Once deputies realized that the bomb was live, they evacuated the building and nearby area, Levy said.

The Mobile police bomb squad was called in, along with the FBI and U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents, Levy said.

The bomb was taken outside and "rendered safe" but not detonated, Levy said, and the FBI and ATF took custody of it to continue the investigation.

Levy did not specify the makeup of the bomb, type of explosive used or design of the triggering device. Mahoney, however, said that the bomb was "something big enough to blow up a mailbox."

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#### **44. [Security, United States] Bomb Squad Investigates Explosive Device**

Thursday, July 12 2012

<http://www.krdo.com/news/Bomb-squad-investigates-suspicious-device/-/417220/15494718/-/m4glrs/-/index.html>

Colorado Springs police reopened part of a neighborhood late Thursday afternoon where an explosive device was found at around 12:30 p.m.

Police first described the device as suspicious but later determined it was a small homemade explosive device.

Police closed Tremont Street between Fillmore and Taylor streets for most of the afternoon, closed Fillmore at Taylor for about an hour and sealed off the Hyde Park Apartments on Tremont. A Dairy Queen near the Fillmore/Tremont intersection was temporarily evacuated.

A crew from Griffith Landscaping found the device while picking up trash in the area. The landscapers told KRDO NewsChannel 13 that they put the device in the back of the truck and opened it later on. They thought it was suspicious and called police.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was an auto part or an electronics part," said landscaper Marvin Owens. "As we peeled it down, I saw that it was a cylinder and had certain things taped to it."

The Colorado Springs Bomb Squad responded to the scene. They placed the device in a container and moved it to Clear Springs Ranch, a training area at Fort Carson, where it was detonated. The affected area reopened by 6 p.m.

The device was discovered in nearly the same spot where Oscar Frias, 34, was found shot to death last September. Residents wondered if there is some connection between the two incidents, but police have not established a link nor released more details about the device.

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#### **45. [Attack, Colombia] Southwest Colombia FARC Attacks Injure Four More**

Sunday, July 8 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/24974-southwest-colombia-farc-attacks-injure-4-more-army.html>

A FARC attack on a health post in the southwest of Colombia has left four people injured, the Colombian army said Sunday.

According to an army press release, the four were injured when an explosive device launched by the guerrillas fell on a health post located in an indigenous reservation in Toribio, a municipality in the north of the Cauca department.

The army did not say whether the injured were civilians or members of the military.

Since Thursday, nine people, including at least four children, have been injured in guerrilla attacks on four towns in the violence-plagued department.

The FARC offensive forced local authorities to declare the highest alert on Saturday after which the commander of the armed forces and the commander of the army flew from Bogota to Popayan, the capital of Cauca, to coordinate the counter-insurgency efforts.

The Cauca department has long been one of the hardest hit by Colombia's armed conflict because of its strategic position connecting FARC-controlled coca fields in the south of Colombia with the Pacific ocean.

Other illegal armed groups like the "Rastrojos" and the "Urabeños" are also active in the region.

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#### **46. [Attack, Colombia] FARC' Car Bomb Kills Child In Cauca, Injures Two**

Wednesday, July 11 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/25019-farc-car-bomb-kills-child-in-cauca-injures-2.html>

A car bomb, allegedly planted by the FARC, injured two adults and left one child dead in southwest Colombia, local media reported Wednesday.

One day before President Juan Manuel Santos was scheduled to visit the embattled department of Cauca, which in the last week has seen a series of FARC attacks, a bomb exploded on the outskirts of the rural town of El Plateado.

This is the second supposed FARC attack on El Plateado in the past week. In the first attack, the homemade bombs were launched injuring seven police officers and damaging enough homes to displace more than 100 families, according to Caracol Radio.

One of the adults injured Tuesday was also a police officer, according to the commander of Cauca's police force.

Cauca, a coca-producing region near the Ecuadorian border, has long been a battleground in Colombia's armed conflict.

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