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Police Recover Arms Five Days After Encounter

The recovered explosives, including 12 RDX slabs, three remote controls, 15 electronic detonator wires and more.

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1. [Attack, Kurram] Armed Men Attack Bus In Kurram; Three Injured

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://dawn.com/2012/10/09/armed-men-open-fire-on-bus-in-kurram-three-injured/>

Unknown armed men attacked a bus in the Kurram tribal region on Tuesday injuring at least three passengers.

The region's political administration said the bus, which was heading from Parachinar towards Peshawar and was carrying 20 passengers, was attacked with rockets and automatic weapons.

The injured passengers were shifted to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) Tull for treatment, whereas, security forces had surrounded the area and had started a search operation.

Kurram is one of the seven Pashtun tribal regions in Pakistan on the Afghan border, an area widely considered the headquarters of Al Qaeda militants and their allies.

Kurram, the only part of Pakistan's border region that has a significant Shia population, has been racked by sectarian violence between Sunni and Shia tribes.



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2. [Attack, Quetta] Teenage Boy Killed In A Targeted Attack On Police Check Post In Balochistan

Tuesday, October 9 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=10/9/2012&id=4#4

A teenage boy, identified as Jalaluddin, was killed and around 15 people, including four Policemen, were injured in a bomb blast targeting a Police check post on Double Road in Quetta on October 8, reported Daily Times. According to Police sources, a bomb attached to a bicycle on Double Road exploded outside Urban Planning and Development Office. As a result, 16 people were injured, including four Policemen. Later, a Jalaluddin succumbed to his injuries.

United Baloch Army (UBA) claimed responsibility for the attack. UBA spokesman Mazar Baloch telephoned news organisations from an undisclosed location and claimed the responsibility.



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3. [Attack, Helmand] Explosion Kills Two Afghan Intelligence Officers

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/explosion-kills-two-afghan-intelligence-officers>

Police say a car bomb has killed at least two people, both Afghan intelligence officers, in a southern city.

Helmand province police spokesman Fareed Ahmed said the explosives had been hidden in a vehicle parked outside of an office of the National Directorate of Security in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

Ahmed added that the bomb went off Monday afternoon, wounding another three intelligence officers and four civilians.

He says that he can confirm at least two deaths and that he is still waiting on information about whether there are others.





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4. [Special Interest,] Pakistan's Almost-Suicide-Bombers

Tuesday, October 9 2012

http://afpak.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/10/09/pakistans_almost_suicide_bombers

In recent personal interviews with three would-be suicide bombers aged 15-19, who were caught in April 2010 by security forces in Pakistan, I was told a strikingly different story than one might expect of a Pakistani youth's journey towards militancy. These young men from North Waziristan were not religious, nor motivated by supposedly Islamic ideas, and had no substantial animosity toward the United States or the Pakistan Army - in fact they knew very little about the world outside their small tribe. How, then, were they recruited to carry out something as violent and psychologically traumatic as suicide bombing?

When one of my students at Quaid-e-Azam University, where I am a professor, mentioned that his cousin had been in a militant rehabilitation facility in the Swat valley, I contacted the Pakistan Army's Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) to find out if I could interview some of the young men from this rehab center. I was put in touch with three boys who had been released from custody, but were still under surveillance by the loose network of informants the Army's intelligence division maintains in the rugged tribal regions. I interviewed each one of the teenagers separately on June 23, 2012, and had a follow-up group meeting with them on September 10, 2012. No security official was present during our meetings, and the boys seemed comfortable enough to speak freely. They did all request complete anonymity, though, because of the small communities they come from, before describing to me the way they grew up in the tiny villages of Machikhel and Dande Darpa Khel, which some may recognize as the sites of frequent U.S. drone attacks.

The common thread between the lives of these youths was their complete isolation from rest of the Pakistan and from the world at large. The lack of access to TV, Internet, and formal education meant they were almost completely oblivious to such massive events as 9/11, and as such they were unaware of where and what exactly the United States was. One of the boys mentioned that there was only one TV in their entire neighborhood, and even that one didn't work half of the time. Their only access to information was the radio, which has for years been dominated by the jihadists who were using the name of Islam to mobilize the people. They would also listen to the views of their parents, who were concerned about a possible war in Pakistan due to the influx of militants into the local tribes bordering Afghanistan.

The absence of formal, state-run schools in the tribal areas forced the three boys to enroll at local madrassah just as the United States was in the early phases of waging war in Afghanistan. They learned about the war from their teacher, who said that America wanted to destroy Islam and Pakhtun culture. What was more dangerous than hearing such rhetoric was that children were all trained in the madrassah to submit and not question the elders - something that would have serious repercussions later when they were being recruited to be suicide bombers. Despite the propaganda against the United States, one boy recalled, "The anti-American rhetoric didn't bother us too much, since we still hadn't felt the war".

But that all changed when the United States stepped up its drone strikes across the borders inside Pakistan's tribal areas. "My parents' fears became a reality as our areas became unsafe, and we started getting frustrated with the jihadis in the nearby areas. The militants had brought the war to Pakistan, and the tribal people of Pakistan were forced to be a part of it. Those who opposed the militants were murdered, and everyone else was forced to support them by providing either their children to be militants, or by paying for the cause of jihad." After several years of being under the brutal militant rule nobody in the tribal areas, no one wanted their children to be militants



fighting an unknown enemy, one of the boys said, so the militants had to find a new strategy of recruiting - by instilling fear in the youth. As one of the boys recalled, "We were taken for a short trip to a wrecked house by a kind man who had been living in our village peacefully for a few months. We were told that the wreckage was caused by a drone strike from the United States that killed women and children. We were taken to several such wreckages every time the drone strike would happen. The sight frightened all of us."

The kids I interviewed mentioned how they were told by the recruiters not to discuss these fears with their family members because they would get scared. "We were told to abandon our houses, leave our parents and siblings in silence, in order to protect them."

However, this was only the first step. What came next in the militant's strategy to transform the youths into suicide bombers is much more disturbing. "For an entire month we were made to watch videos of men raping women, and other such videos that depicted pain, and agony of women at the hands of white men," one of the boys told me. "And we were repeatedly told that this is what the Americans are doing to women on the other side of the border, and precisely what they will do to your women if you don't take up weapons against them. The videos would leave me sleepless at nights - they changed the person I was."

Another young man said, "I would wake up in the middle of the night, desperate to see or call my mother and sister to see if they were safe because of the fear I felt picturing my mother and sister to be in the same situation as those women in the videos. However, we were not allowed to make contact with the family because it would weaken us."

Their families told me that they repeatedly pleaded with the militants in the area to return their children, but to no avail. "We were threatened and told that the kids are working for a noble cause," one of the parents said. "We were offered money to be silent on the topic so that the people in the neighboring tribes wouldn't become cautious of the new recruitment methods."

The stories of these three young men suggest that the upper echelon of militants in Waziristan and other tribal regions of Pakistan might be fighting a religious and ideological battle - at least this is what they present in their narrative - but their recruitment strategy has taken a shift away from the big ideas of pan-Islamism and protecting their religion from the outside world, toward much more psychologically sophisticated techniques to keep the wheel of insurgency in Afghanistan and terrorism in Pakistan turning. Could this shift be a sign of militants losing strength due to the surge in drone strikes? Or of locals' frustration with the militants for bringing the drones to the region, and the increasing difficulty of running operations in those areas?

It appears that youths in the tribal areas who are turning to militancy are not recruited and trained in Islamist fundamentalism and ideas of Islamic jihad in the way militant organizations once did. The idea of the global Islamic cause against the Judea/Christian world doesn't sell in this age of capitalism and self-interest, in which people are more concerned with making ends meet, or rising from their socio-economic class. The works of Syed Qutb, one of the intellectual fathers of modern militant jihadist groups, show precisely this difficulty in mobilizing masses for the cause of Islam. Qutb called on jihadists to mobilize Muslims through the use of powerful sentiments of fear, rather than ideas of Islamism and religion.

What makes it easy for militants to hypnotize these young kids is the lack of exposure the kids have of the world outside their tribe, and the close knit communal structure of the society. With little access to media and to rest of the Pakistan, and no state education, the youth and people in tribal areas live isolated lives. Their naiveté is what makes them vulnerable to militant propaganda - something the allied forces have failed to take into account in their war against terrorism. It was not out of any ideological or religious inclination, but largely due to the isolation of the tribes from rest of the world, that allowed the militants to easily penetrate into these areas, which



later became their safe havens. The people on the ground showed very little understanding or knowledge of the events of 9/11 and the "war on terror" when I inquired. They are not allies of the militants, but are caught in the midst of an asymmetric battle between the United States and the militants, a battle in which innocent tribe-members are suffering the most.

The militants have also been able to successfully invoke fear amongst young children by repeatedly showing them rape videos, and telling them how their mothers and sisters will be treated by the "white men." And it was out of this fear of losing their mothers and sisters that the boys I interviewed agreed to become suicide bombers. In their minds, they were out to sacrifice themselves to protect their loved ones, but little did they know of the reality that rest of the world was viewing on TV.

People in the tribal regions have gotten weary of the militants' behavior. As long as the militants were not bothering the locals, villagers allowed them to spread through the region. But now that the same militants are disturbing ordinary lives, the tribal regions are witnessing a wave of anti-militant sentiment. The United States and Pakistan must seize this unique opportunity to flush out militants from their safe havens. By establishing direct links with the locals and filling in the information vacuum, officials can offer the people a different narrative about the "War on Terror" and the United States.

There are hundreds of kids aged 9-21 that are being recruited in a similar way by the militants. As long as the United States and Pakistan do not come up with a counter-radicalization policy that will allow the kids to become more integrated with rest of the Pakistan, and the world at large, it will be hard to stop the wave of insurgency and suicide bombing against both, the Pakistan and the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.





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5. [Attack, Sindh] Pakistan Provincial Minister's Home Attacked In Sindh

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://english.samaylive.com/world-news/676515140/pakistan-minister-attacked-sindh-ppp-gha-siraj-durrani-taliban.html>

Unidentified attackers on Tuesday lobbed a grenade at the home of a Sindh minister and planted explosive devices outside the houses of two other senior leaders of ruling PPP in the southern Pakistani province, police said.

Two attackers riding a motorcycle lobbed the grenade at the residence of Agha Siraj Durrani in Shikarpur city this morning. The explosion damaged the gate of the house. Durrani, the Minister for Local Government in Sindh, and his family were not in the house at the time of the attack, officials said.

Police subsequently found improvised explosive devices outside the homes of Pakistan People's Party lawmaker Hayat Talpur in Mirpurkhas and Sindh Law Minister Ayaz Soomro at Larkana. The devices were defused by the bomb disposal squad.

In yet another incident, unidentified persons hurled a low intensity bomb at PPP lawmaker Imdad Pitafi's residence in Hyderabad. No damage or loss of life was reported. The incidents occurred two days after six PPP workers and a journalist were killed when gunmen fired at a rally that was to be addressed by parliamentarian Nafisa Shah at Khairpur in Sindh.

Shah is the daughter of Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah. Police claimed the shooting at the rally in Khairpur was linked to rivalry between two factions of a tribe though some reports have suggested that the PPP workers were deliberately targeted.

Provincial minister Agha Siraj Durrani linked today's attack on his home to opposition to a local government system that was recently introduced by the Sindh government. Sindhi nationalist groups have opposed the measure.

Geo News channel reported the Sindhu Desh Liberation Army had claimed responsibility for planting the bomb outside Law Minister Ayaz Soomro's house. A letter from the group was found near the bomb.

The Sindh government stepped up security at the homes of all lawmakers and ministers following today's attacks. PPP leaders condemned the attacks, saying their political opponents were using "dirty tactics" to harass the ruling party.



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6. [Attack, Helmand] Blast In Afghanistan, Six Policemen Killed

Wednesday, October 10 2012

<http://english.samaylive.com/world-news/676515216/afghan-blast-afghanistan-blast-cops-killed-taliban-top-news.html>

A Taliban roadside bomb ripped through a police vehicle in a southern Afghanistan town on Wednesday, killing six officers including a commander, an official said.

The officers, part of a US-sponsored community force known as the Afghan Local Police (ALP), were patrolling in Nad Ali, a restive town in the province of Helmand when hit by the blast, the official said.

"It was a roadside bombing. It hit a local police vehicle and killed six policemen. The bomb was planted by the Taliban," Mohammad Ibrahim, the Nad Ali district chief, told .

He said the bombing was in retaliation for recent operations by the ALP against insurgents -- the Taliban, an Islamic militant force that has been waging an insurgency to bring down the Kabul government since 2001. Police are coming under increasing attack from the Taliban as Afghan security forces take on a greater role in countering the insurgents ahead of a withdrawal of NATO troops in 2014.

On Monday, a suicide car bomber targeting an Afghan police station in the southern city of Lashkar Gah killed two intelligence agents and wounded 15 other people.



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7. [Attack, Orakzai] Six Killed In Bomb Blast In Pakistan

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://english.samaylive.com/world-news/676515280/six-killed-in-bomb-blast-in-pakistan.html>

At least six persons were killed and 15 more injured when a bomb went off in a crowded market in the Orakzai tribal region of northwest Pakistan.

The bomb, hidden in a donkey cart, exploded in Hasanzai Bazar of Orakzai Agency this morning.

State-run Radio Pakistan reported that six persons were killed and 15 more wounded.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Orakzai Agency is one of the seven semi-autonomous tribal districts of northwest Pakistan.





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8. [Special Interest,] Afghans Sold U.S. Troops Bogus Bomb Protection

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/10/afghanistan-bomb-fraud/>

Contract fraud in Afghanistan has yielded a major unexpected threat to U.S. troops from homemade bombs, according to the U.S.' contracting watchdog in the country. And the watchdog agency considers the threat so dire that it took the rare step of tipping its hand on an active criminal investigation to warn the military command in Afghanistan.

John Sopko, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, is warning that "potentially significant contract fraud" from a \$361,680 deal with an Afghan company may have led troops to falsely believe that metal bars placed over water drainage systems and roadside holes are effective against implanted insurgent bombs. A letter Sopko sent to Marine Gens. John Allen, commander of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and James Mattis, commander of U.S. forces in the Mideast and South Asia, says a "large number" of the so-called "culvert denial systems" were "not installed or were installed in a defective manner." (.pdf)

The denial systems aren't sophisticated. Typically, they're metal bars placed over the crevasses, sometimes latticed together. The military likes them because insurgents place bombs inside those crevasses, out of view of U.S. troops — and often out of reach of the heavy, cumbersome, robotic bomb detection systems the troops use. The military hired an unspecified Afghan company to place those bars over the holes in February 2011, but Sopko calls the firm's work "ineffective and susceptible to compromise by insurgents seeking to replace IEDs," or improvised explosive devices.

But the shoddy or non-existent culvert denial systems may not be limited to one crooked or incompetent company at work in a specific part of the country. Sopko's letter, dated Oct. 10, warns, "We are concerned this problem may be more widely spread throughout Afghanistan."

The letter does not say if any troops have actually lost their lives or their limbs relying on the firm to fill the roadside ditches. A spokesman for Sopko, Phil LaVelle, didn't specify whether the threat has manifested. LaVelle also declined to specify which U.S. agency awarded the \$361,680 contract to the sketchy Afghan firm.

But the letter unavoidably tips the company that it's the subject of a criminal investigation — something that oversight agencies rarely do. "In this case," LaVelle says, "the information that was developed was obviously urgent and life threatening."

Homemade bombs are a maddening problem for the U.S. in Afghanistan. They often rely on chemicals for their explosives; use minimal metal elements; and avoid remote, signal-based detonation — all of which frustrate U.S. detection tools, many of which were developed for the different kinds of IEDs used in Iraq. Insurgents launched 600 bomb attacks on U.S. troops in August 2012 alone, slightly more than they did in August 2009, although the Pentagon task force to stop the bombs says that the insurgent weapons have been growing less effective.

If the investigation determines that the Afghan company doesn't have ties to any U.S. nationals, it may be up to the Afghan justice system to act on Sopko's findings. His agency doesn't have jurisdiction over Afghans, but can recommend charges to the Justice Department if U.S. civilians are involved or to the military under the Uniform Code of Military Justice if service personnel are in on it. A search of a federal contracting database shows at least

five other contracts have been awarded by the Army to assist in various ways with constructing culvert denial systems.





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9. [Attack, Islamabad] Explosion In ISB Airport Parking Lot

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-71087-Cracker-bomb-explosion-in-ISB-airport-parking-lot->

A low intensity bomb placed in a bag exploded in the parking lot of the Benazir International Airport.

According to airport security officials, preventive measures were taken when it was discovered that the bag had been placed in the parking lot for several hours. The bomb disposal squad was summoned and the bag exploded during examination.

Officials from the bomb disposal squad said the low intensity explosion was a result of a cracker bomb placed in the bag. No damage was caused from the explosion.

Sources add that the bag was placed next to an official vehicle parked in the lot.



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10. [Attack, Sibi] Rickshaw Bomb In Sibi Kills Nine, Injures 21

Friday, October 12 2012

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/450475/balochistan-unrest-rickshaw-bomb-in-sibi-kills-9-injures-21/>

Nine people were killed and 21 others sustained injuries in a bomb blast in the Nishtar Road area of Sibi, some 240 kilometres from Quetta, on Thursday.

The District Police Officer (DPO), Ghulam Ali Lashari, told The Express Tribune that the explosives were planted in an auto rickshaw, parked near a roadside hotel situated in the main bazaar. Consequently, nine people were killed and 21 others sustained injuries.

Security officials, including the Commissioner Sibi Division Umer Gull, Deputy Commissioner Aziz Ahmed Jamali, DPO Sibi Ghulam Ali Lashari and Frontier Corps' (FC) Col Afzal Mehmmod, rushed to the spot. The police and law enforcement authorities cordoned off the area and opened initial investigations.

Rescue teams reached the scene and began shifting the deceased and injured to the local hospital.

“Around 20 to 25 kilogrammes of explosive material was used in the explosion,” Lashari said, adding that the area was crowded when the blast occurred. “We are investigating; for now we are not sure if it was a time bomb or remote control device,” he said.

Sources said at least 10 shops, four private vehicles, four motorcycles and two auto rickshaws were destroyed in the blast.

According to Sibi hospital sources, around five injured people are in critical condition and were referred to hospitals in Quetta for better medical treatment.

The deceased were identified as Khaliqdad, Nadra, Shoba Khan, Syed Hameed Shah, Mehrullah, Ghulam Haider, Mirza Khan, Raheem Khan and Nadir.

So far, no one has claimed responsibility for the blast, which targeted residents in a crowded district of Sibi.





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11. [Attack,] Two Killed, Three Injured In IED Blasts

Friday, October 12 2012

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/450405/increasing-militancy-two-killed-three-injured-in-ied-blasts/>

Two people were killed and three were injured in three separate incidents of improvised explosive device (IEDs) blasts in the Khyber Agency, South Waziristan Agency and Nowshera on Thursday.

Landikotal political administration official Shahid Afridi said that a peace volunteer of Touheedul Islam was killed and two were injured when an IED planted near their check-point in the remote Bukarh area exploded early Thursday morning. The official said that the injured were shifted to Agency Headquarters Hospital.

The deceased peace militia volunteer was identified as Sala Gul. The official said that according to the militia members, the IED was planted by Lashkar-e-Islam (LI) who are constantly targeting peace militia volunteers to gain control of the area.

In another incident, an IED exploded on GT Road near Akora Khattak killing a worker of the National Highway Authority (NHA). SHO Fazal Subhan said that around 7:30am, an NHA worker Sajid was patrolling the area near Sorya Khel when he came across a black bag by the road side. When he picked it up, the bag exploded killing the worker on the spot. According to the Bomb Disposal Squad, the bomb weighed three kilogrammes.

In the third such incident, a security official was injured when an IED planted by the roadside exploded near him in the Sararogha area of South Waziristan Agency. According to a security forces official, the victim was patrolling the area when the low intensity bomb detonated near him. The injured personnel was shifted to a hospital and a search operation was launched to find the culprits.

With additional reporting by Our Correspondents in DI Khan and Landikotal.



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12. [Trend,] Undetonated Explosives Still Posing Danger

Saturday, October 6 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201210070059.html>

Unexploded ordnance (UXOs) are weapons (bombs, bullets, shells, grenades, and land mines that did not explode when they were employed and still pose a risk of detonation.

Rwanda like any other country that experienced war from the 1990s inherited a lot of undetonated explosives. In the Northwestern Region, a lot of explosive weapons were left scattered beneath the soil. These explosives pose a lot of danger today.

According to Police, on October 3, 2012 three tortoise grenades were recovered. One was recovered next to the parliamentary building where COTRACO is currently building a retaining wall while two others were recovered in the ceiling of SP Petrol Station house in Nyagatovu cell, Gitarama Sector in Muhanga District. The examples are a clear indication that these weapons are still at large.

Police statistics show that in the last four years, about 30 people were killed by such explosives while about 300 others were injured.

Governemnt put in place a team of experts in demining exercise to get rid those UXOs and to also sensitize the public to beware of such dangerous explosive weapons.

The sensitization process includes displaying to the community various types of explosives and the way they should avoid them.

"This has in return helped the community have prior knowledge on those deadly munitions and also take precautions to keep away from them. They in the process joined the campaign and a number of people showed where some of these ammunitions were kept or hidden."

Note that some people especially children, were [and still] killed by these explosives, unknowingly, trying to play around with them.

These efforts the police say have since paid-off since many of these ammunitions have been recovered and disposed off. But the few which are still out there pose a threat to people's lives, especially children, and the public is cautioned to beware.

Everyone is called upon to take preventive measures and report any suspicious device, avoid touching them and notify the nearby security organs or other concerned Institutions.



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13. [Security, Minna] Police Discover Bomb Factory In Minna

Sunday, October 7 2012

<http://www.channelstv.com/home/2012/10/07/police-discovers-bomb-factory-in-minna/>

Acting on the tip-off by one of the five suspects in regard to the killing of three Policemen in two separate operations in the Minna last week, a team of armed plain cloth men stormed the sect's bomb factory located behind a popular private school in the area at about 8:30pm on Saturday.

Item recovered during the raid which lasted about two hours included two 1.5gms gas cylinder cans already prepared for explosion.

Other lethal weapons found in the house include about 30 cans of disposable food beverage and soft drinks also stockpiled with explosives, 25 kilograms of fertiliser, batteries, remote control devices and other electrical gadgets.

An officer in the team that raided the bomb factory who spoke in confidence to Channels Television in Minna explained that the operation lasted for about two hours.

"We took our time before we stormed the bomb factory. We did not want to cause any chaos in the area and in the town. We also want to avoid any loss of lives and this we were able to achieve," he said.

Efforts to get the residents of the sleepy town to speak to Channels Television failed as all the people approached refused to divulge any information about the house and its occupant.

When contacted the state Police Public Relations Officer, Pius Edobo refused to speak on the raid, but promised to give full details later.





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14. [Trend,] Tunisian Kids' Magazine To Be Prosecuted For Petrol Bomb Guide

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/09/us-tunisia-magazine-petrolbomb-idUSBRE8980TS20121009>

A popular Tunisian children's magazine is to be prosecuted for telling its young readers how to make a petrol bomb, officials said on Tuesday.

The latest edition of "Qaws Quzah", Arabic for "Rainbow", featured a piece about the history of petrol bombs in its "Knowledge Corner", including detailed instructions and a diagram.

"It is an improvised weapon that is often used in riots and acts of sabotage because it is easy to make and use," the article read.

The magazine, read for decades in Tunisia by boys and girls aged 5 to 15, has no political orientation. But the article touched a raw nerve in a country still seeking to tame the unrest stirred up by last year's successful revolution, the first of the Arab Spring.

The Ministry for Women and Family Affairs said the article "encourages violent and terrorist thought" as well as endangering children's lives by "encouraging the use of Molotov cocktails in acts of vandalism or terrorism".

It said it would ask an investigating magistrate to open a case against the publishers and all those involved in the issue. While the specific charges will be for the judge to decide, the ministry's comments suggested they could include incitement to violence.

Tunisia's revolution led to the democratic election of a transitional government headed by the moderate Islamist Ennahda party, but violence persists among extreme religious groups, during which petrol bombs have been a weapon of choice.





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15. [Law Enforcement,] Man Held For Explosive Device, Weapons

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/crime-courts/man-held-for-explosive-device-weapons-1.1399639#.UHR3clGZ95c>

A 28-year-old man was arrested on Tuesday afternoon after being found in possession of an explosive device in Lynnwood Glen, Pretoria, Gauteng police said.

He was arrested at his home by police responding to a report of intimidation by his neighbours, said Warrant Officer Anna-Belle Middleton.

“Police dogs reacted positively to an explosive device which was found in his possession,” she said.

The contents of the device were taken to be analysed by the forensic lab.

Police also confiscated 30 air pistols, 13 knives and other combat equipment from his home.

He was detained at the Garsfontein police station and was expected to appear in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on charges of possession of an unauthorised explosive device soon.



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16. [Attack, Maiduguri] Thirty-Two Dead At Maiduguri Hospital After Soldiers Attack

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201210100552.html>

Nigerian officials dumped dozens of corpses in front of a hospital in northeast Nigeria after soldiers opened fire and killed more than 30 civilians. The hospital, overwhelmed by the scale of the violence, had to turn away the dead as its morgue had no more room.

The killings Monday come as besieged, underpaid and enraged soldiers remain targets of guerrilla attacks by the extremist Islamist sect, Boko Haram, which holds this city in the grip of bloody violence.

That anger among the enlisted men and officers stationed throughout Nigeria's northeast has seen civilians harassed, arrested, tortured and even killed - raising concerns that Monday's attack may just be the tip of killings committed by security forces, human rights activists warn.

"This is just the latest in a number of incidents in Maiduguri where soldiers have allegedly committed serious abuses, including extrajudicial killings of community members following Boko Haram attacks," said Eric Guttschuss, who studies Nigeria for Human Rights Watch.

A bombing Monday morning by suspected members of Boko Haram that a soldier said killed a lieutenant sparked the violent retaliation. The troops opened fire with assault rifles and heavy machine guns mounted on armored personnel carriers on a busy street in Maiduguri, near the local headquarters of the Nigerian Union of Journalists.

An Associated Press journalist saw more than 50 shops and homes burned in the attacks Monday, with the bodies of civilians lying alongside the streets. The dead carried no weapons, nor any sign they belonged to the sect or posed a threat to the soldiers.

Footage aired Tuesday afternoon by the state-run Nigerian Television Authority showed people trying to splash water on their burning homes after the attack, while others fearfully raised their hands above their heads as a government motorcade sped past.

On Tuesday, a worker at Maiduguri General Hospital told the AP that officials collected 32 corpses after the attack. The hospital turned away other bodies as its morgue was full, the worker said, with bodies of the dead on the floors for hours. The worker spoke on condition of anonymity, out of fear of angering soldiers.

The worker said the remaining bodies were taken to the nearby Umaru Shehu Ultra-Modern Hospital. Officials there declined to talk Tuesday to an AP journalist.

In statements Tuesday, military spokesman Lt. Col. Sagir Musa denied that soldiers killed civilians and blamed the resulting fires and damage that went on for blocks on the single bomb that targeted soldiers earlier that morning. He did not explain how the dozens of civilians were shot dead.

While widely considered to have one of the strongest militaries in Africa, Nigeria's armed forces have been accused of killing civilians in the past - including after abandoning military rule for an uneasy democracy.



In 1999, ethnic Ijaw activists claimed more than 200 civilians were killed by the military in Odi in Bayelsa state. In 2001, soldiers burned down seven villages in Benue state and killed at least 150 civilians in the midst of ethnic violence there.

Another military raid in Nigeria's oil-rich Delta state against militants there killed 100 people, activists said, though soldiers blocked AP journalists from reaching the area at the time.

Lucy Freeman, who studies Nigeria for Amnesty International, said her advocacy group remained concerned about the killings Monday in Maiduguri and called for an independent investigation.

"To execute a person who is already in the custody of security forces or otherwise under their control ... (can) constitute a crime under international law for which those responsible must be brought to justice," Freeman said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the country's leaders remain apparently unable to halt the mounting casualties, including the killings of more than 20 university students recently in the nation's northeast.



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17. [Attack, Kismayo] Roadside Bomb Kills Two And Injures Five In Kismayu

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201210090907.html>

At least two people were killed and five others injured in a huge roadside bomb explosion inn Somalia's southern port city of Kismayo, the latest in series of attacks against Somali and Kenyan forces, reports said.

Tuesday's attack took place at Alanley village, targeting Somali government forces as they were carrying out massive operations aimed to secure the city, after the Al Qaeda-linked Al shabab insurgents vacated.

"The explosion was a remote controlled land-mine that hit on a vehicle carrying soldiers from Somali government and their Raskomboni militia fighters. At least two soldiers dead following the blast," a resident who asked not to be named, told Shabelle Media Network by phone.

No group has yet claimed the responsibility for the attack.

In the aftermath of the attack, the situation of the city has returned to normal and public movement and transpor-tations are up and running.



AFRICOM

18. [Security, Garissa] Police Foil Terror Plot In Northern Kenya

Wednesday, October 10 2012

<http://www.nzweek.com/world/police-foil-terror-plot-in-northern-kenya-10845/>

Kenyan police on Tuesday foiled a terror plot in northern town of Garissa after a neatly wrapped briefcase that had a bomb in it was discovered and safely detonated.

Regional police commander, Philip Tuimur said the bomb believed to be an Improvised Explosive Device (IEDs) was discovered by a taxi driver at the wee hours of the Tuesday.

Tuimur said the device was set at the Gamadid road Junction where many commuters gather to take transport from taxi operators. "We managed to detonate the device safely. There is no cause for alarm now," he said.

According to Charles Dulu Munyoki, the taxi driver who identified the brief case carrying the dangerous explosive, he raised an alarm to his colleagues as the package looked suspicious.

"It was around 05:00hrs when I spotted a suspicious brief case at a road junction in Garissa town. I then told my colleagues where one of us rang a Criminal Investigations Department (CID) officer who informed his seniors who later sent bomb experts who helped in detonating the bomb," Munyoki said.

Police had a rough time in controlling curious members of the public who wanted to have sight of the bag that had the dangerous explosive.

The mission which took almost three hours where bomb experts backed up by Administration Police and Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) involved metal detector and bags surrounding the brief case that carried the bomb.

The incident has caused panic among the local residents and taxi operators who have expressed fears of possibility of terror attacks in the restive region which is close to Somalia where Al- Shabaab have faced a major onslaught from KDF and allied forces.

Residents in the northern Kenya are blaming the renewed attacks in the region on the Somali insurgents who are now fleeing towards Gedo region in southern Somalia near the border with Kenya.

In the past few months attacks involving planting of Improvised Explosive Devices on main roads in the northern Kenya targeting Kenya security forces have been rising.

A police officer who did not want to be identified said the bag was too heavy and could wreck havoc two hundred meters away.

The officer added that the bag was a bait to attract passers- by so as they could pick it and immediately explode.

"This is somebody who wanted to harm unsuspecting wananchi (citizens). Going by the strategic position he had placed the explosive, he wanted somebody to go and open the bag before it could explode since it had already been set," the police officer said.



A loud bang was heard one kilometer away after the detonation as a big hole was dug by the impact as pieces of the ill fated brief case which saw several other debris littering the place.

Divisional deputy police commander, Chemonges Ndiema however, refused to link it to the Al-Shabaab militia group only saying that investigations would be carried into the matter.

He however said that the incident “might have been carried out by a group of frustrated boys.” He did not specify the boys he was referring.

But local residents say the incident might have been planted there by Al-Shabaab sympathizers in Kenya who are not happy with the military operation to get rid off the insurgents blamed for bomb and grenade attacks in Kenya including abduction of foreigners.

The police boss said that bomb experts will analyze the debris in order to identify the source of the explosives which would have been used to kill hundreds of innocent people.

Garissa town has of late witnessed a spate of grenade and gun attack to police and innocent members of the public over the past two weeks which are seen as retaliatory attacks from the embattled Al-Shabaab militias in Somalia since the capture of the port city of Kismayo.

More than 20 security officers and scores of civilians have been killed, property worth millions were destroyed in Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Nairobi and Mombasa since the Kenyan soldiers entered Somalia in bid to forestall dangers facing from threats of Al-Qaeda linked Somali Islamist Group, Al-Shabaab.

Kenya says the deployment of her troops in the southern regions have so far helped to prevent the movement of explosives to the strategic towns of Husingo and Badhade, the conduit points for the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), the counterfeit electronics and contraband sugar smuggling across the region.

Military officials said these regions are crucial to the stabilization of Kenya’s coastal and northeastern provinces, which have been targeted by attackers preying on soft civilian targets.



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19. [Attack, Jigawa] Gunmen Bomb Bank, Police Station In Jigawa

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201210110594.html>

Unknown gunmen yesterday bombed a police station and Unity Bank branch in Gwaram town in Jigawa State with Improvised Explosive Devices (IED).

The explosives blew off the roof of the bank and destroyed some part of it while the police station was still on fire as at yesterday afternoon.

The police anti-bomb squad was busy combing the area for other undetonated IED.

The Jigawa State Police Commissioner, Theophilus Kayode, who visited the scene with Governor Sule Lamido, said his men were immediately deployed to the scene of the incident soon after they got wind of it but nobody had so far been arrested. He said efforts have been intensified in the area and neighboring communities to arrest the perpetrators, adding that security is on alert to nip any such incident in the bud.

Governor Lamido said from all indications, the act was the handiwork of professional criminals.



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20. [Law Enforcement,] Tunisian Jihadists Held In Syria

Monday, October 8 2012

http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/tunisian-jihadists-held-in-syria_804375.html

Three Tunisian jihadists have been arrested by the Syrian army, Xinhua reported.

According to Shems FM, the three belong to a group of foreign fighters, dubbed "Jibhat Nosrat El Shem", who are supporting the rebel Free Syrian Army against the forces of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

It is estimated that hundreds of Tunisian jihadists are currently fighting against Assad's troops.

The Syrian conflict has claimed up to 20,000 lives, according to various groups. The UN puts the toll at over 18,000 people, while Syrian authorities say 8,000 have died.



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21. [Attack, Damascus] Suicide Bombers Hit Syria Security Complex

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/09/us-syria-crisis-attack-idUSBRE89806520121009>

Rebel suicide bombers struck overnight at an Air Force Intelligence compound on the edge of the Syrian capital Damascus, killing or wounding at least 100 people, insurgents and activists said on Tuesday.

The militant Islamist group al-Nusra Front said it had mounted the attack because it was used a center for torture and repression in the crackdown on the 18-month-old revolt against President Bashar al-Assad.

"Big shockwaves shattered windows and destroyed shop facades. It felt as if a bomb exploded inside every house in the area," said one resident of the suburb of Harasta, where the compound was located.

Activists living nearby said the bombing caused at least 100 casualties among security personnel, based on the number of ambulances that rushed to the scene and the enormity of the explosions.

No official casualty figure was given. Security forces cordoned off the area and deployed snipers along routes leading to it.

Rebel fighters have carried out a series of bombings of government and military buildings in Damascus in recent months, bringing the war to the heart of Assad's power base.

The most notable was an attack on the National Security headquarters which killed the defense minister and two other senior security officials in July.

The latest bombing coincided with a series of rebel raids on roadblocks manned by Assad forces on a highway leading north from Harasta and in Sunni Muslim neighborhoods of Damascus that have been at the forefront of the revolt, residents said.

Syrian warplanes also bombed areas near the town of Um al-Asafir on the edge of Damascus, and artillery pounded the suburb of Artous, killing at least one woman, according to opposition activists.

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Residents and opposition activists told Reuters the attack set off huge explosions and was followed by a gun battle. Video footage taken by activists, which could not be independently verified, showed a large explosion.

"The decision was taken to hit Air Force Intelligence because it is one of the most notorious security divisions, and a citadel of repression whose extent is known only to God," said an Al-Nusra statement posted on social media.

The Airforce Intelligence unit is commanded by Brigadier General Jamil Hassan, one of Assad's senior lieutenants, and is mostly made up of personnel from the president's minority Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shi'ite Islam.

There was no information on whether Hassan was present during the attack.



Opposition activists said hundreds of Assad's opponents have been imprisoned without charge and tortured in the Harasta complexes.

The Syrian National Council Opposition group said in a statement that it was concerned about the fate of political prisoners in the compound.

Opposition sources said the al-Nusra Front is made up mostly of Syrian Salafists who had ties to intelligence agencies before the revolt and were allowed to use Syria as a launchpad against the then U.S.-backed, Shi'ite-led government in Baghdad.

The United Nations says the front is affiliated to al Qaeda.

"Al-Nusra is proving itself as the group capable of launching the most devastating attacks against the regime," a Western diplomat following the revolt said.





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22. [Trend, Orenburg] Exploding Shells Rock Russian Military Test Site Near Kazakhstan Border

Tuesday, October 9 2012

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/exploding-shells-rock-russian-military-test-site-near-kazakhstan-border/2012/10/09/f710348c-11f1-11e2-9a39-1f5a7f6fe945_story.html

A series of explosions rocked a Russian military test site on Tuesday, releasing giant clouds of smoke over the city of Orenburg near the Kazakhstan border and causing aftershocks.

Police closed the roads leading into Orenburg, halted trains and evacuated thousands of residents from three villages near the test site.

Yuri Berg, the governor of the surrounding region, wrote on his blog that the three explosions were caused by unplanned shell detonations. He said emergency services saw no potential harm to local residents.

Orenburg city officials said that the shells exploded inside a supply depot. Though no victims have been reported, Orenburg emergency services dispatched 14 ambulances to the Donguz test site and prepared facilities for the evacuated villagers and any potential victims.

Military officials have launched a criminal investigation into the suspected mishandling of weapons, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

Russian military equipment, which frequently dates back to the Soviet era, has exploded unexpectedly several times at test sites in recent years. President Vladimir Putin has pledged to overhaul and modernize the country's stagnant defense industry.





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23. [Law Enforcement, Madrid] Man Carrying Explosives And Bomb Manual Arrested In Spanish Capital

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2012/10/09/man-carrying-explosives-and-bomb-manual-arrested-in-spanish-capital/>

A Spanish man carrying potentially explosive substances and a bomb-making manual was arrested in Madrid, police said Tuesday.

Maps and plans for different sites in the capital were found in the suspect's possession, police said.

The 48-year-old man, identified only as Alberto R. M., was staying at a downtown Madrid hostel, whose manager notified authorities that he was acting suspiciously.

Officers found documents about explosives and various quantities of potassium nitrate, sulfur and coal powder, with some of the substances mixed in a 1.5-liter bottle.

The establishment was placed under surveillance and officers spotted an individual "who may have his mental faculties altered," police said.

The substances found and the mixture discovered in the suspect's room are being analyzed to determine if they could cause an explosion.

The suspect had instructions for making gunpowder and a manual called "Bombs and Homemade Explosives," as well as plans and notes on different sites in the Madrid area.

The addresses and telephone numbers of the U.S., Chilean, Uruguayan, Paraguayan and Brazilian embassies had been written down by the man.

The suspect has been charged with one count of possessing substances used to make explosives.

The man was arrested just days after police in Palma de Mallorca detained Jose Manuel Morales, a 21-year-old who was allegedly planning a massacre at the University of the Balearic Islands.

Morales spoke of his "complete admiration" for the two teenagers who killed 13 people on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School in the U.S. state of Colorado.

He was arrested with 140 kilos (308 pounds) of explosives and told police that he planned to set off bombs at the university.

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold gunned down 12 of their classmates and a teacher before turning their guns on themselves at the Colorado high school.



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24. [Law Enforcement,] French Police Find Explosives In Islamist Probe

Wednesday, October 10 2012

<http://english.alarabiya.net/articles/2012/10/10/242900.html>

French anti-terrorist police have found bomb-making materials and weapons while investigating suspected radical Islamists across the country, Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said on Wednesday.

Molins said a dozen suspects rounded up in raids over the weekend would be held for a further 24 hours after the discovery of chemicals used to make explosives at a garage in the Paris suburbs belonging to one of them.

“We are clearly confronted with an extremely dangerous terror network,” Molins said in a statement to the media. “It is essential to extend their stay in custody.”

Investigators searched garages in the town of Torcy, near Paris, overnight after an anti-terrorist raid on Saturday ended with police shooting dead an Islamist suspect linked to a grenade attack last month on a Jewish supermarket and arresting 11 others.

Molins said a shotgun, a revolver, bags of potassium nitrate, sulphur and a pressure cooker were discovered at a garage used by the suspect, a t whose home police on Saturday had found a list of Jewish groups in the Paris area.

“These are all products used to make what we call improvised explosives,” he said.

France’s Jewish community has been on edge after a series of attacks in recent months. In the worst incident, three Jewish children and a rabbi were among seven shot dead in the southern city of Toulouse in March by an al-Qaeda-inspired gunman.

Last week, the government said the terrorist threat remained high as it presented legislation allowing police to arrest those believed to have been involved in terrorism-related activity outside French borders.

Molins said the detention of the dozen suspects could be extended again by a further six days if necessary.



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25. [Security,] Widow ‘Training Girl Suicide Bombers’

Wednesday, October 10 2012

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4580954/77-widow-training-girl-suicide-bombers.html>

The British widow of a 7/7 killer has reportedly been training a squad of girl suicide bombers to mount attacks in Kenya.

Terror suspect Samantha Lewthwaite, whose husband Jermaine Lindsay died murdering 26 people on the London Underground in 2005, is wanted over a bomb plot in the East African state.

Now a group of fanatics with the al-Shabaab terror network — linked to al-Qaeda — have claimed she has been training women in neighbouring Somalia.

The Muslim Youth Centre, an online mouthpiece for al-Shabaab, posted a message accompanied by Lewthwaite’s photo. It said: “We call her ‘Dada Mzungu’ — tormentor of the kuffar.

“She came to Kenya to torment the kuffar. The kuffar hunt her but still can’t find her.

“She commands her all-female mujahid terror squad and conducts her operations against the kuffar. Now every Muslim sister wants to be like ‘Dada Mzungu’.”

Kenya has issued an upgraded terror alert, fearing revenge for its efforts to crush al-Shabaab. The Foreign Office warned: “Attacks may include places frequented by foreign travellers.” It urged Brit visitors to exercise extra caution.

Seven Met Police detectives have been deployed to Kenya to assist in the hunt for mum-of-three Lewthwaite — a soldier’s daughter from Aylesbury, Bucks.

The extremist Muslim convert is thought to have expressed her desire to become a suicide bomber in a poem published online.



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26. [Attack, Tallaght] Gardai Probe Nail Bomb House Attack

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://www.herald.ie/news/gardai-probe-nail-bomb-house-attack-3256659.html>

Gardai have launched investigations after two violent incidents in the Tallaght area in the space of less than nine hours -- a nail bomb explosion and drive-by shooting.

In the first incident, a car was shot up in the Rossfield Way estate in what sources say was not a gang related incident.

"It seems to be a personal dispute rather than anything to do with crime," said a source.

No-one was injured.

At nearby Cushlawn Park, what is believed to be a powerful nail bomb exploded at a house at 3am.

Gardai say that the device was ignited and exploded, causing damage to the front door.

There were two men and a woman in the house at the time but nobody was injured.

The army bomb squad was called at 5am to the scene to carry out a post-blast analysis on the device, and the remains of it were handed to gardai for further investigation.

Sources say the incidents do not appear to be linked.

Meanwhile, gardai are also investigating a shooting on Rossfield Crescent in Tallaght at 6pm yesterday evening.

A woman reported that her car had been hit in a gun attack, a youth was seen running away.



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27. [Security, Co Antrim] Bombs 'Not Intended To Attack Catholic Church'

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/local/bombs-not-intended-to-attack-catholic-church-1-4354518>

Viable pipe bombs found near a Catholic church hall in Dunloy in Co Antrim were not intended for an attack on the church, police have said.

The devices were found near St Joseph's Catholic church on Tuesday night, when Army technical officers said they were viable and removed them for forensic examination.

At around 2pm yesterday North Antrim TUV MLA Jim Allister called on police "to make it clear that there is no evidence or suggestion that this device formed any part of any attempted or planned attack on the Catholic church or community".

He added: "On the contrary, it may well turn out that the genesis of and explanation for this device is quite different. I trust that thorough forensic examination will provide answers and bring to justice those responsible."

Later the PSNI released a statement saying "that while they were viable devices they may have been there for a considerable period of time".

The PSNI added: "It is not believed the devices were intended for an attack on the parish hall, the nearby church, local community or police officers who on occasions use the hall for meetings to discuss local concerns. During the alert, police were in regular contact with the local clergy and elected representatives and although Bridge Road was closed for a time on Tuesday evening, disruption to the community was kept to a minimum."



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28. [Law Enforcement,] Bosnian Police Detain Five Terrorism Suspects, Raid Eight Homes Throughout Bosnia

Friday, October 12 2012

[http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/](http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/Bosnian+police+detain+terrorism+suspects+raid+homes+throughout/7369058/story.html#ixzz28vusCGWW)

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Police say they have detained five people as they sought evidence they were instigating and planning terrorist attacks.

Authorities raided eight homes, including at least one in the village Gornja Maoca, known as a stronghold of the ultraconservative Wahhabi Muslim sect.

Police have raided the village several times in the past two years. Two Gornja Maoca residents are now standing trial for helping a gunman — also a member of the sect — who fired an automatic weapon at the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo last year, injuring a policeman.

Police announced the raid in a statement Wednesday.



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29. [Security, Potsdam] Ten Thousand Residents Evacuated After WWII Bomb Found In German City

Friday, October 12 2012

<http://www.thestar.com/news/world/article/1270310--10-000-residents-evacuated-after-wwii-bomb-found-in-german-city>

More than 10,000 people were evacuated from a residential neighbourhood in the German city of Potsdam after the discovery of an unexploded 250 kilogram bomb from World War II in the yard of a house.

The residents were able to return to their homes after being kept away for several hours Friday as experts successfully defused the bomb.

Even almost 70 years after the end of the war, there are still estimated to be tens of thousands of unexploded bombs lying underground in Germany.

In August, authorities in Munich were unable to defuse a 250 kg bomb and had to detonate it in place. The explosion blew out the windows of many nearby buildings and caused several fires.



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30. [Security, Dundee] Former Royal Marine Detonated Home-Made Bombs At Flats In Dundee

Friday, October 12 2012

<http://news.stv.tv/tayside/194599-former-royal-marine-detonated-home-made-bombs-at-flats-in-dundee/>

A former Royal Marine caused a blast at a block of flats using a hair gel tub stuffed with explosives, a court heard.

Allan Peach detonated the home-made bomb at a tenement in Dundee blowing a number of doors of their hinges.

Peach set off another device earlier that evening but no-one was hurt during either incident.

The 24 year-old appeared at the High Court in Glasgow on Friday where he admitted culpably and recklessly causing explosions to the risk of others.

First offender Peach believed latterly to have worked as an electrical contractor at RAF Leuchars was remanded in custody to be sentenced next month.

Police described his actions as "horrendous".

The court heard the blasts occurred in Dundee on June 7 this year.

Prosecutor Paul Kearney told how Peach had earlier bought several 1kg bags of explosive substances online.

These were potassium nitrate as well as aluminium and sulphur powders.

Mr Kearney added: "It had been established that he was actively seeking information on how to manufacture explosive devices."

Around 9pm that evening, Peach randomly threw the first of his bombs into the garden area of a block of flats in Cullen Place, Dundee.

Witnesses described hearing "a loud bang", but no-one in the vicinity.

Mr Kearney said Peach then constructed another improvised device after using a hair gel tub, which he cleaned out and filled with powder.

He drilled a hole into the lid and placed a fuse wire into the contents.

The court heard Peach, wearing a green boiler suit, then went to another tenement in Cullen Place and was allowed entry by a resident.

A man was later heading home when he heard an explosion followed by the sound of smashing glass.

Mr Kearney said: "The force blew open the front doors of the properties on the ground and upper floor of the block. As a result, all the residents left their homes."



A number of people dialled 999 and fire crews later discovered a plastic container wrapped in brown tape within the scorch marked building.

A large-scale police probe into the blasts lead detectives to Peach after being alerted he had knowledge of the incidents.

His van was searched and a hard-drive as well as a mobile phone were seized.

The court heard these revealed "evidence of bomb making activities" and "tutorials" in how to construct devices.

Peach's lawyer Matthew Jackson, said the offence was "unusual".

Judge Lady Stacey remanded Peach in custody and deferred sentencing until next month for reports.



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31. [Law Enforcement, Imphal] Police `Recover` Arms Five Days After Encounter

Saturday, October 6 2012

<http://kanglaonline.com/2012/10/police-recover-arms-five-days-after-encounter/>

A team of Imphal West Commandos and Lamphel Police seized several explosive materials and devices from a nullah concealed in a gunny bag at Sagolband Khamnam Leirak machine on October 5 evening.

Police said the explosives were hidden at the spot by the UG cadre Sapam Ranjan who was killed during an encounter with Imphal West cdo at Takyel Khongban road under Lamphel PS on October 1. The slain body has been identified as Sapam Ranjan, 18 son of Ratan Meitei of Sagolband Moirang Hanuba Leirak.

The recovered explosives include 12 RDX slabs weighing about 500 grams each (total 6 kg), three remote controls, 15 electronic detonator wires and 12 electrical circuit boards and eight dry cell batteries.

Addressing a press conference at the Imphal Police Head Quarter conference room, SP Imphal West, L Jayentakumar said that

The recovery was made only after the establishment of the slain UG cadre's identity.

Police investigation on the case after the establishment of the militant's identity led to the information that he had joined the KYKL some eight years back.

It was also learnt that he was a well-trained bomb expert of the proscribed outfit and that he was assigned to carry out subversive activities in Imphal and its surrounding areas by laying IEDs at several areas targeting security forces and that he had brought into the state several explosive materials from the neighbouring country Myanmar for the said purpose.

Soon after getting this information, the police consulted with the slain cadres family members about anything unusual.

He continued that the family supported the police in tracking down the explosives.

The police officer further continued that the explosives could be triggered from a distance of 200 meter and that the explosives were assembled from before and that it could have been triggered by just attaching the detonator and the batteries.

He said the explosives which contain RDX explosives are quite powerful and of high density. It could have caused major damage, he said.

The SP further appealed to the general public to report immediately to the police in case they find anything unattended or suspicious items.





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32. [Trend, Hebei] Blast In China: One Killed, 34 Injured

Sunday, October 7 2012

<http://english.samaylive.com/world-news/676515001/china-blast-news.html>

One person was killed and 34 others were injured in an explosion at a residential building in north China, which police said was triggered by illegal manufacturing and storage of detonators.

Police found self-made detonator shells at the six-storey building in Dongwuyao Village in Hebei province, where the explosion took place yesterday.

Detonator shells and explosive materials were also discovered in the building's basement, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Police suspected illegal manufacturing and storage of detonators might have caused the blast.

The injured have been hospitalised and two of them are in critical condition. Part of the building collapsed after the blast rocked the Yaoheningyuan Residential Community in Baoding.

Witnesses said heavy smoke was seen following the explosion, which shattered window glass of buildings 200 meters away.



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33. [Security, Manipur] Explosives Recovered In Manipur

Tuesday, October 9 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date=10/9/2012&id=8#8

Kanglaonline reports that a team of Imphal West Commandos and Lamphel Police seized several explosive materials and devices from a nullah concealed in a gunny bag at Sagolband Khamnam Leirak on October 5. Police said the explosives were hidden at the spot by a militant, identified as Sapam Ranjan, who was killed during an encounter with Imphal West commandos at Takyel Khongban road under Lamphel Police station on October 1. The recovered explosives include 12 RDX slabs weighing about 500 grams each (total 6 kg), three remote controls, 15 electronic detonator wires and 12 electrical circuit boards and eight dry cell batteries. The recovery was made only after the establishment of the slain UG cadre's identity. Police investigation on the case after the establishment of the militant's identity led to the information that he had joined the Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) some eight years back.

In another incident, SFs arrested two People's Liberation Army (PLA) cadres on October 5 from a place near Naukhong Wakchinglok under Thoubal District. The arrested militants were identified as Laolinmol Vaiphei alias Momi alias Moi and Mangleanlal Vaiphei. Upon interrogation, they revealed that they were asked to plant an IED against security forces (SFs) in Thoubal District. A one .9 mm pistol with magazine, three live rounds, 2 kilograms of plastic explosives and two detonators were recovered from the arrested militants along with recoveries were handed over to Thoubal Police Station.

Further, troops of 28 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector along with Thoubal Police launched joint operation in Waithou of Imphal West District and arrested one United Peoples Party of Kangleipak (UPPK) cadre, identified as Md Basei Tomba alias Jia UI Rahman alias Keima, on October 6. One .9 mm Pistol with magazine, four live rounds, one electric detonators, 750 grams of explosive with pellets and one mobile phone were recovered from the him who along with recoveries was handed over to Lilong Police station.



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34. [Security,] North Korea Says Its Missiles Can Reach U.S. Mainland

Tuesday, October 9 2012

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/10/world/asia/north-korea-says-its-missiles-can-reach-us-mainland.html?_r=0

North Korea claimed on Tuesday to have missiles that can reach the American mainland, and it said that the recent agreement between Washington and the South Korean government to extend the range of South Korean ballistic missiles was increasing the risk of war on the Korean Peninsula.

North Korea has often threatened to strike the “heart” of the United States, and a popular propaganda poster there shows a North Korean missile hitting what looks unmistakably like Capitol Hill. But the warning issued Tuesday was more detailed.

The North Koreans “do not hide” that their armed forces, “including the strategic rocket forces, are keeping within the scope of strike not only the bases of the puppet forces and the U.S. imperialist aggression forces’ bases in the inviolable land of Korea but also Japan, Guam and the U.S. mainland,” a spokesman at the North’s National Defense Commission said in a statement. North Korea often refers to the South Korean military as “puppet forces,” a reference to the alliance with the United States.

The North’s “strategic rocket forces” are a unit believed to be in charge of the country’s missiles. The North’s leader, Kim Jong-un, visited the unit’s headquarters in March and mentioned it by name during his first public speech in April.

Estimating the missile capabilities of a country as secretive as North Korea is notoriously difficult, according to military experts and South Korean government officials. But they have said that the North has already deployed ballistic missiles capable of reaching targets as far away as Guam, the American territory in the Pacific.

In addition, North Korea has repeatedly launched rockets, that American and South Korean officials, as well as the United Nations Security Council, have condemned as a cover for developing and testing intercontinental ballistic missile technology. The North has insisted that the launches were intended to put satellites into orbit.

In 1998, a rocket called the Taepodong-1 flew over Japan and crashed into the Pacific. In 2006, the North launched the Taepodong-2, which exploded seconds after liftoff. It launched yet another long-range rocket, the Unha-2, in 2009; its first two stages appeared to work, but according to American and South Korean officials, the third stage never separated.

In April of this year, North Korea’s Unha-3 rocket disintegrated in midair shortly after takeoff, a failure that the government in Pyongyang publicly acknowledged.

But the North claimed to have successfully placed satellites into orbit in 1998 and 2009. The country has also conducted two nuclear tests, the first in 2006 and the second in 2009, although it remains unclear whether it can make a nuclear warhead small enough to fit atop a missile. Robert M. Gates said in early 2011, while he was the American defense secretary, that North Korea was within five years of being able to strike the continental United States with an intercontinental ballistic missile.

“Even if they failed to put the satellites into orbit, these rocket tests mean that the North Koreans may have already acquired the missile range” that the North claimed to have Tuesday, said Jeung Young-tae, a military analyst at the government-run Korea Institute for National Unification in Seoul.

Mr. Jeung said the North’s strident statement on Tuesday was driven in part by a domestic political need to highlight the purported threat from the United States and its allies. On Sunday, South Korea announced that it had reached a deal with Washington that would allow it to nearly triple the range of its ballistic missiles to 800 kilometers, or 500 miles, to better cope with the North’s growing missile and nuclear capabilities.

On Tuesday, North Korea called the agreement “a product of another conspiracy of the master and the stooge to push the situation on the Korean Peninsula to the extreme pitch of tension and ignite a war.”



“We should not forget even a moment that wolf never subsists on grass as long as it breathes,” it said, adding that the missile agreement disproved Washington’s insistence that it had no intention to invade the North.



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35. [Security, Chhattisgarh] Ten Kilogram Tiffin Bomb Recovered In Chhattisgarh

Tuesday, October 9 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=10/9/2012&id=7#7

The Security Forces (SFs) foiled a major bid of the Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI -Maoist) by recovering a 10-kilogram tiffin bomb hidden beneath the soil on a road near Dornapal in Sukma District of Chhattisgarh, reports daijiworld.com quoting IANS. A joint team of District Police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) spotted some fuse wire near Murliguda on Konta-Banda Road and immediately pressed bomb disposal squad into action which dug up the road and recovered the 10 kilogram crude tiffin bomb, Superintendent of Police (SP) Abhishek Shandilya said. Fuse wire and detonators were also recovered from the site.



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36. [Security, Manipur] IED Attack By PLA Reported In Manipur

Tuesday, October 9 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date=10/9/2012&id=6#6

The Sangai Express reports that People's Liberation Army (PLA) has launched another improvised explosive device (IED) attack on Assam Rifles (AR) personnel at around 6.30 am on October 8 at Khumbong-Moidangpok junction near Leirembi Lampak in Imphal West. A Police source said a high intensity explosive was triggered just when a convoy team of 28 AR stationed at 9 Sector Headquarters at New Keithelmanbi crossed the area in the morning. However, no casualty has been reported. The AR convoy team, consisting two Gypsies and a mini-truck, was heading towards Imphal.

Meanwhile, a team of 116 Border Security Force (BSF) personnel posted at Heirok Litan Makhong Chingdompok recovered bombs and a gun during a search operation at around 6.40 am on October 8. Two hand grenades and a .9mm carbine along with four live rounds were recovered by the team inside a water supply project, just around 500 metres away from the BSF Post.

Further, a hand grenade was found at Essar oil pump at Khabam Lamkhai along Imphal-Dimapur highway on October 8. The grenade has been retrieved by police.

Also, an IED was recovered from near a culvert in between Kairenphabi and Thangalawai under Moirang Police Station on October 8, reports Kanglaonline. The IED was later on safely diffuse by a team of the Moirang Police at around 7:30 am.



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37. [Attack, Hanoi] Bomb Blast Kills One, Injures Two In Vietnam Brick Factory

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://www.thanhniennews.com/index/pages/20121009-brick-factory-blast-kills-1-injures-2-in-northern-vietnam.aspx>

An explosion at a brick factory in Hanoi Monday killed a worker and seriously injured two others.

The Gia Lam District police suspect that a bomblet that had remained undetected in the clay went off inside a brick-making machine at Quyet Chien Joint-stock Company.

The blast killed Truong Phu Tung, 27, on the spot.

Nguyen Van Sau and Nguyen Van Tu, both 26, were rushed to a nearby hospital with critical injuries.

Police are investigating further.

Bomblets in clay are also thought to have caused an explosion at a brick factory in Soc Son District, Hanoi, last month, leaving two workers dead, news website VietNamNet reported.

Though the origin of the latest explosive is not known yet, bomblets, or small bombs in cluster bombs used by the US during the war, continue to pose a threat in Vietnam decades after the war ended.



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38. [Security, Bali] Indonesia Uncovers 'Credible' Terror Threat

Wednesday, October 10 2012

<http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=76481&pageid=20&pagename=Security>

Indonesian police say they have uncovered "credible evidence" of a planned terror attack on dignitaries attending a Friday ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the deadly Bali bombings. Bali police chief I Ketut Untung Yoga Ana said Wednesday that the country's security has been raised to its highest level ahead of the ceremony on the resort island.

"From the information we gathered, we have detected signs of an attack targeting dignitaries who will attend the event," he said. "Therefore, the police and army forces including the community have made sure of their readiness."

Yoga Ana said over 2,000 security personnel have been deployed, and all entry points to Bali, including airports and seaports, are being monitored. Among the world dignitaries expected at the ceremony is Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who said on Wednesday she is determined to attend despite the terror threat. The October 2002 attacks on two Bali nightclubs killed 202 people, including 88 Australians and seven Americans.

The attack was carried out by the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah group. All of the leading perpetrators of the attack are thought to have been executed, killed by police, or jailed during a crackdown on Islamist militant groups in the decade following the attack.



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39. [Law Enforcement, Manipur] Two Female PREPAK Militants Arrested With Explosives In Manipur

Thursday, October 11 2012

http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=10/11/2012&id=10#10

Kanglaonline reports that Commandos of Thoubal District Police arrested two female cadres of People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) along with four improvised explosive device (IED) weighing 10 kilograms, eight lethod bomb shells and a mobile handset during a search operation at Ushoipokpi Thongkhong area on October 10. The Police have identified the two arrested persons as Thiyam Sunibala alias Abem and Haobijam Naobi alias Nanao Devi.





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40. [Attack,] Bomb Blast Kills Two Near Hotel In Southern Philippine City; Two Police Officers Wounded

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://www.canada.com/news/Bomb+blast+kills+near+hotel+southern+Philippine+city+police+officers/7371615/story.html>

Police say a homemade bomb exploded near a hotel in a southern Philippine city, killing two people and wounding two officers.

Cagayan de Oro City police chief Gerardo Rosales says no motive or suspects have been identified in the blast Thursday morning.

One bystander was killed on the spot and another died in the hospital. No guest or hotel staff was hurt.

Rosales says two officers who responded to a call that several unidentified men were acting suspiciously saw a small metal container near the hotel and called a bomb squad.

The officers were wounded when the device, which was packed with nails, exploded as they backed away from it.

Criminal gangs as well as Muslim and communist rebels operate in the restive southern region.





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41. [Law Enforcement, Delhi] Pune Serial Blasts Case 'Cracked,' Three Held

Friday, October 12 2012

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/three-suspected-indian-mujahideen-terrorists-held-by-delhi-police/article3987241.ece>

The Delhi Police on Thursday claimed to have cracked the August 1 serial blasts in Pune by arresting three suspected militants of the Indian Mujahideen (IM). The police said they were planning to carry out a similar operation in the Capital during the coming festival season and another at a famous temple in Bihar. While raw materials for configuring improvised explosive devices (IED) were purportedly seized from them, the police are now on the lookout for some more members of the module.

At a press conference, Delhi Police Commissioner Neeraj Kumar said the Special Cell had smashed the IM module behind the Pune blasts, which were masterminded by alleged outfit founder-brothers Riyaz and Iqbal Bhatkal to avenge the killing of suspected IM member Qateel Siddique in Pune's Yerwada Jail by two other jail inmates on June 8.

The police chief said the vital lead came from Zabiuddin Ansari alias Abu Jundal, one of the alleged handlers of the 26/11 Mumbai attack terrorists deported from Saudi Arabia in June.

"Jundal disclosed that plans were afoot to target major Indian cities. He was in touch with the Lashkar-e-Taiba militant Fayyaz Qagzi from Beed in Maharashtra who is now in a west Asian country. Mr. Qagzi was coordinating with Riyaz and Iqbal of Indian Mujahideen, now in Pakistan, to carry out the strikes," said Mr. Kumar.

The police claim they identified the IM module hideout at Pul Prahladpur in South Delhi from where Asad Khan (33), a resident of Aurangabad, and Imran Khan (31), a resident of Nanded in Maharashtra, were arrested on September 26.

The accused disclosed that they had come here at the instance of Mr. Qagzi and the Bhatkal brothers, with the objective of triggering blasts at crowded places. The suspects were first received at the Nehru Place in South Delhi by a conduit codenamed Raju Bhai, who had taken the Pul Prahladpur house on rent and made arrangements for their "long stay".

"The accused disclosed that they, along with other members, were involved in the Pune blasts. One of them, identified as Sayed Feroz (38) from Pune, was then arrested at the Nizamuddin railway station on October 1," said Mr. Kumar.

The trio purportedly disclosed that the module first planned to plant a bomb at the Yerwada Jail or the city court premises or target relatives of the two jail inmates who had allegedly killed Mr. Siddique. Heavy police presence at the jail and court premises, coupled with their failure to identify the inmates' relatives, led them to weigh the possibility of carrying out a strike in Mumbai or Pune.

As instructed, the suspects met at Asad's tour and travel office in Aurangabad in July, following which Mr. Feroz took a flat on rent at Kasarwadi in Pune. Two other suspects joined them later.

"They brought explosives and electronic items for assembling IEDs from an electrical/electronic market in



Budhwarpeth, Pune. They also bought digital watches and circuit boards, while ball bearings were brought by Imran from Nanded. The accused conducted reconnaissance of certain places in Mumbai, but the Bhatkal brothers later fixed it for Pun.”

The module finally identified the city’s busy Junglee Maharaj Road, and on the fateful day, the accused bought three bicycles, parked them at a stand close to a bus-stand and in the evening, planted half-a-dozen IEDs along the road before vanishing from the scene.

Mr. Feroz owns a garment shop named “Options” in the busy Mominpura area of Pune, where he also stays with his family. While his house was found locked, neighbours refused to speak but confirmed that he stayed with his wife and four children.

His business partner Mohsin said Mr. Feroz was in the city till September-end. “We met him about 10-12 days ago. After that he has not been in town,” he said. Mohsin said he had known Mr. Feroz for the last three years, and had not suspected anything about him till date. “It is a shock for all of us to see that he has been arrested. Maybe, his wife and kids have left the house as journalists started coming in,” he said adding that Mr. Feroz usually travelled to source the material from other cities but this time he did not know why he went out of Pune.



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42. [Security, California] Homemade Explosive Device Found In San Mateo Park

Saturday, October 6 2012

http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_21715315/homemade-explosive-device-found-san-mateo-park

San Mateo police have cleared out a community park after a work crew found what a police spokesman is calling a "homemade explosive device."

Police say a park employee found three clear plastic bottles containing liquid with a strong chemical smell at Casanova Park Saturday morning.

A San Mateo County hazmat team and the bomb squad were called in to remove the bottles. The park and a nearby residential area of about 15 homes were also evacuated. Other neighborhood residents were urged to stay in their homes.

No additional details have been released, but Norris says the bottles will be sent to the county's crime lab for analysis.

Investigators believe the discovery of the materials is an isolated incident.

No arrests have been made and there were no injuries.



NORTHCOM

43. [Special Interest, Minnesota] Minn. Trial Reveals Details Of Life With Al-Shabab

Monday, October 8 2012

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/minn-trial-reveals-details-life-al-shabab-17426929#.UHQ5g1GZ95c>

A Minnesota man who left the United States to join a terror group in Somalia told others he wanted to return to Minneapolis because a friend was sick. Instead, he was somehow talked into staying and ended up killing himself in a suicide bombing months later.

Shirwa Ahmed was among more than 20 young men who left Minnesota since 2007 to join al-Shabab, a group linked to al-Qaida that's at the center of much of the violence in Somalia.

Details about his apparent desire to leave the group in 2008 — and the experiences of others who lived in fear and secrecy while under al-Shabab's thumb — have started to emerge in the trial of another man accused of helping direct men to the cause. Two men have already testified about their time in Somalia, saying they were told to give up their names and travel documents, and one was threatened with beheading if he tried to leave.

"We were scared to death," Salah Osman Ahmed told jurors in the trial of Mahamud Said Omar, who faces five terror-related counts.

Omar's attorneys say he is not guilty. They say the government witnesses, who are awaiting sentencing in their own terror cases, are lying about Omar's role in the pipeline that carried fighters from Minneapolis to Somalia. Eighteen men have been charged in the case, but Omar is the first to go to trial.

Testimony so far in Omar's trial has revealed details about how the network of recruiters worked in Minneapolis, including who might have taken lead roles in recruiting, who had contacts in Somalia, how they arranged travel, and how they kept the plan a secret.

Shirwa Ahmed is believed to be the first U.S. citizen to carry out a suicide bombing. He took part in one of five simultaneous suicide attacks in northern Somalia on Oct. 29, 2008, when he drove an explosive-laden truck into an office of the Puntland Intelligence Service in Bosasso. The five attacks killed at least 22 people, including the suicide bombers.

Another traveler, Abdifatah Yusuf Isse, testified Shirwa Ahmed was planning to return to the U.S. months earlier, but "when he went to get his passport from al-Shabab, I guess they talked him out of it."

Isse and Salah Ahmed told similar stories about the way they ended up in Somalia. After weeks of secret meetings in Minneapolis, the two men left Minnesota in December 2007, just days apart. Minnesota has the largest Somali population in the U.S., and at least six of the travelers have died, according to the FBI and relatives.

Once in Somalia, Ahmed said he was shown a video of men shooting guns, which ended with the beheading of one man.

"They said, 'This guy is a traitor. This is what happens to guys who leave the group,'" Ahmed testified.

Isse and Ahmed were taken to a safe house in Merca. Eventually, a total of seven Minnesota men would live in the house at the same time, including Shirwa Ahmed and Omar, who stayed there for about a week. Others lived there too, including a woman who ran the house and two of her sons.

Isse said for much of the time, the men just hung out — visiting the beach, going to shops in the city, and going for coffee or tea. They sent photos of their adventures to friends back in Minnesota.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Kovats said the safe house was used to vet new people and make sure they were committed to al-Shabab's radical ideology.

Isse said that in Merca, the men learned how to handle weapons, such as AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades, but did not shoot them because they had to keep their activities secret.

Sometime after Omar left, Isse and the others were moved to Baarawe. There, each man received an AK-47 labeled with his name. Since Omar was gone, his gun was given to a local Somali man, Isse said.



Later, the men were moved to a training camp outside Kismayo, where they slept under trees and received just two meals a day, of beans and rice. One man seemed to lead the camp, while another man who was missing part of a finger was an explosives trainer. A preacher also came to visit, Isse said.

After about a week at the camp, Salah Ahmed developed a skin rash and asked to go to Kismayo for treatment. Isse asked to accompany his friend. They walked about an hour, then took a van into the city. It was during that trip that the men decided not to return to the camp, and eventually managed to make their way back to the U.S.

In Kismayo, they ran into Shirwa Ahmed, who had received a phone call from Minneapolis that one of his friends was sick, Isse said.

"We gave him \$100 to take a bus to Mogadishu. Later on we heard that day they preached to him and he went back to the camp. ... The last time I spoke with him was when we met up in Kismayo. That was the last time."

Isse said Shirwa Ahmed was religious, and quiet. He was surprised to hear Shirwa Ahmed had killed himself and others. "I was with him for a while and he wasn't the type of guy to do such things," Isse said.

Court was not in session Monday. Salah Ahmed was expected to resume testifying on Tuesday.



NORTHCOM

44. [Law Enforcement, Washington] Pipe Bomb Found In Kennewick Apartment During Search For Drugs

Monday, October 8 2012

<http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/10/08/2128993/pipe-bomb-found-in-kennewick-apartment.html>

A late-night traffic stop landed a Kennewick man in jail after officers found marijuana in his car and a small bomb in his apartment, police said.

Richard Anthony Pourier, 27, was stopped Saturday by Kennewick police for a traffic infraction.

Officers smelled marijuana in the car, then went to his apartment nearby in the 1700 block of West Fourth Place and smelled marijuana there as well, said Kennewick police Sgt. Ken Lattin.

Detectives with the department's Criminal Apprehension Team then got a warrant to search Pourier's apartment, and that's when a small bomb was found inside a safe.

Officers left the apartment and called out Richland police's Bomb Squad.

Bomb squad technicians were able to disable the pipe bomb using mechanical means, said Richland police Capt. Mike Cobb.

Pourier was arrested and booked into the Benton County jail early Sunday on suspicion of possessing an explosive device, two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and possessing marijuana.



NORTHCOM

45. [Trend, Florida] Inactive Explosive Device Found In Bratt, Fla.

Monday, October 8 2012

http://www.fox10tv.com/dpp/news/local_news/pensacola/explosive-device-found-in-walnut-hill

Escambia County deputies said a man found what appears to be a possible mine, or explosive device, near his home.

Deputies responded on Sunday, October 7 to a residence on the 3800 block of Hall Road where they said the man found the device.

Gary Gibson, 44, moved into his home in Bratt, Florida years ago.

Recently, he's been trying to fix up the area, and he said he's no stranger to finding random objects nearby.

But what he found Sunday afternoon blew him away.

"It scared me. You have a cup of coffee in your hand and you find a bomb. It's the first thing you don't want to see in the morning," said Gibson.

Gibson says he was walking the edge of his property when he saw a strange box by his fence.

"I picked it up and found out it was an old Army ammo box. I was curious to see what was in there. I couldn't get the top open, so I took it inside my shop," Gibson said.

Inside the shop, Gibson said he used a hammer to break the box open.

That's when he found what authorities are calling a military explosive device.

"It was just like a little square box and it fit in the ammo box perfect. It was an Army green color and on the front it said, "Front toward enemy." So that was the first sign to get out of there," said Gibson.

Gibson said he immediately left his shed and went to his home. Once inside, he says he quickly called 911 and the Escambia County Sheriff's Office responded within minutes.

Deputies as well as the Florida State Fire Marshal's Bomb Squad showed up on scene and seized the device.

Gibson says officials told him the device was inactive but still dangerous.

"From now on if I find something like that I'll be cautious when opening it up and I especially won't beat on it with a hammer," Gibson said.

The Escambia County Sheriff's Office and the State Fire Marshal's Office said they won't release any more information until the device is further investigated.



NORTHCOM

46. [Security, Oklahoma] Man Accused Of Plotting To Bomb Churches

Tuesday, October 9 2012

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/09/us/oklahoma-man-accused-of-plotting-to-bomb-churches.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

An Illinois man found with bomb-making supplies in an Oklahoma motel room planned to blow up dozens of churches with Molotov cocktails, according to police officials. Gregory A. Weiler II, 23, of Elk Grove Village, Ill., has been charged under a strict antiterrorism law the state put in place after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. Mr. Weiler was arrested on Thursday after a worker at a motel in Miami, Okla., spotted bottles and other suspicious items in a garbage bin and alerted the police. Officers found bomb-making materials in Mr. Weiler's room, the authorities said, along with torn bits of paper that contained directions for making Molotov cocktails, a list of 48 local churches, a hand-drawn map of the churches and an outline of a plan to plant bombs. Mr. Weiler was charged with threatening to use an explosive or incendiary device and violating the Oklahoma Antiterrorism Act.



NORTHCOM

47. [Security, Washington] Washington Woman Finds Bomb In Her Car's Fuel Tank Door

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://www.khou.com/news/national/173694611.html>

Police on Wednesday afternoon isolated a car parked at the gas pumps at Auburn's Fred Meyer store after the driver found an incendiary device inside her car's fuel door.

According to Auburn police, the driver made the discovery when she pulled into the store's gas station along Auburn Way North around 2:30 p.m. to fill up her tank. When she opened up her fuel door, police said she found something wrapped up with a fuse sticking out.

She immediately became alarmed and called police,

Auburn Fire said the Federal Way bomb squad arrived at the scene and found some kind of black powder inside the fuel door. They were able to neutralize the device and render it harmless at the scene.

The motorist was not harmed.

Police said they do not believe the device was planted randomly. They were following several leads and looking at potential suspects. No one has been arrested.

The Fred Meyer gas station was closed during police investigation; it has since reopened.



SOUTHCOM

48. [Attack, Arauca] Three Soldiers Wounded In ELN Rebel Attack

Monday, October 8 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/26406-3-soldiers-wounded-in-eln-rebel-attack.html>

Three Colombian soldiers have been wounded in an explosives attack by a group of ELN guerrilla rebels on Monday.

According to newspaper El Espectador, authorities reported that army troops were attacked by the ELN early Monday morning near the Venezuelan border while "developing military control operations in the area."

Three soldiers, Corporal Castañeda Hernandez Diego and regular soldiers Hernandez Castellanos Jesus and Jhon Alexander Medina Tijaca, were wounded as a result of the ELN detonated explosion. The wounded were immediately transported to a nearby hospital but their status has not been reported.

The attack occurred in the northern department of Arauca on a road leading from the town of Puerto Nariño Saravena.

The ELN stands for the National Liberation Army and is Colombia's second largest rebel group, after the FARC, that is still operating in the country.



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49. [Attack, Cauca] Western Colombia Attack On Police Van Injures Up To Six People

Thursday, October 11 2012

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/26453-western-colombia-attack-on-police-van-injures-5.html>

Up to six people were injured Wednesday by an explosive hurled at a police truck near the town of Tuluá in the western Colombian Valle del Cauca.

The strong explosion occurred in the early evening and according to reports was heard in many places around the town.

Some media reported that the casualties numbered four members of the police and a farmer, while others report the injured victims were two members of the police force and four civilians. A dog was also reportedly killed by the explosion.

The town authorities have attributed the attack to a column of the FARC operating in the mountainous area of Tuluá.

The Valle de Cauca region of the country has long been a hotbed of FARC and illegal armed criminal activity due to its importance as a drug production area. The FARC were deemed responsible for multiple attacks on power supplies during the summer which left thousands of people without electricity for days at a time.



Photo: El Pais