

# Global Terrorism 2012

Below is a chronicle of major acts of terrorism that occurred during 2011.

## January

- January 1 Suspected Al-Shabab militants fired on New Year's revellers in two bars in northeastern Kenya on Sunday, killing 5 people and injuring at least 28. In a separate attack at the Dadaab refugee camp, unidentified gunmen shot dead a member of the local security committee.
- January 2 Seven people, including a police officer, were killed after gunmen on motorcycles opened fire in the town of Gujrat.
- January 3 A suicide bomber on a motorcycle detonated his explosives at a checkpoint in the city of Kandahar. Four children and a police officer were killed and 16 more were wounded in the bombing. Later in the day there were two more blasts in the Chawk Madad market, killing 6 and injuring 19 more, including 7 police officers.
- January 3 A bicycle bomb exploded outside an internet cafe in the city of Peshawar. Two people were killed and 24 more wounded in the bombing. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.
- January 3 A grenade explosion at a busy market in Rwanda's capital Kigali killed 2 and injured at least 16 in the latest in a string of similar attacks. Since 2010 the city has been hit by numerous grenade bombings, which the government blames on two high-ranking army officers in exile.
- January 3 Shootings and sticky bomb attacks across the north of the country and the capital killed 2 and injured 12 more. Suspected militants shot dead a member of the Sons of Iraq and injured his wife in an attack in the city of Muqdadiya northeast of Baghdad.
- January 4 A number of shootings across Baghdad and Mosul left 5 people dead, including 3 off-duty soldiers and a member of the Sons of Iraq and his wife. In the city of Samarra militants armed with hand grenades attacked a police checkpoint, killing one officer and injuring three others. At least 12 bombs exploded in Baqubah, including a booby trapped mobile phone. Two children were killed and 12 people were injured in these bombings.
- January 5 A wave of bombings targeting Shia Muslims across Iraq killed more than 70 and injured almost 150 others. A suicide bomber blew himself up in Nasiriyah, killing 44 and injuring 81. In Baghdad at least 4 bombs exploded in the northern districts of Kadhimiya and Sadr City, killing 29 and injuring 68.
- January 5-6 A series of shootings took place in northeastern Nigeria after a three-day deadline by Boko Haram for all Christians to leave expired. The radical group claimed responsibility for the attacks against churches in Mubi, Gombi and Yola, as well as the shooting of a Christian couple in the insurgent stronghold of Maiduguri. Hundreds of terrified residents started fleeing the affected areas shortly after the attacks, fearing further violence.
- January 6-7 A string of shootings and bombings followed the wave of bombings two days earlier. Most of the attacks appeared to target Shia Muslims and there was a mortar attack directed at the

Green Zone during a military parade. At least 8 were killed in two days of violence and dozens more were injured.

- January 8 A suicide bomber blew his explosive vest in the Al-Midan district of the Syrian capital. State TV showed images of chaos after the attack near a police station and a bus full of recruits, while senior officials vowed to strike back with an "iron fist". The Syrian National Council, the Muslim Brotherhood and the Free Syrian Army accused the government of orchestrating this to reduce attention on its crackdown and to justify its alleged brutality.
- January 8 Four members of the Russian Army and four suspected militants were killed after an intense firefight in the southeastern Vedensky District of the Chechen Republic. Sixteen soldiers were wounded during the clash, while Interior Ministry[which?] officials said they suspected several senior figures were in the group of 10 to 15 militants that encountered them. Additional personnel and hardware were being brought to the area and the officials told staff they believe the insurgents are "blocked."
- January 9 In Baghdad two car bombs killed at least 16 people, most of them Shia Muslims. More than 50 others were injured. In Hilla, a sticky bomb blew up under a bus of Afghan pilgrims, injuring 15. A bombing in Fallujah killed an Iraqi soldier and left 3 wounded, while gunmen shot dead a Baghdad bank director and her husband in the city's Karrada district. Militants also shot and killed 2 policemen and injured 2 more in Kirkuk.
- January 10 Three suicide bombers attacked a government building in the eastern city of Sharan, sparking a six hour firefight that left four government employees and three policemen killed. Three other people were injured in the attack, which the Taliban later claimed responsibility for.
- January 10 A suspected car bombing near a fueling station in Jamrud killed at least 29 and left 50 injured. The city, which lies 25 km west of Peshawar, is considered the gateway to the Khyber Pass used by NATO fuel convoys to bring supplies into Afghanistan. This is the first major attack in the country in almost four months, an unusually quiet period in recent years.
- January 10 Suspected members of Boko Haram opened fire on a bar in the northeastern Yobe State, shooting eight people to death, including four policemen. Boko Haram has a long history of attacks against such establishments, which it views as a sin.
- January 12 A suicide bomber on a motorcycle blew himself up close to the parliament building in the capital Kabul, killing two and injuring 36 others. An additional suicide attack in the country's southern parts killed the governor of Panjwai District, two of his bodyguards and his two young sons. A roadside bombing in the western Farah Province killed two civilians.
- January 12 Suspected members of the Somali militant group Al Shabaab attacked a police camp in the city of Gerille in Wajir District, about 7 km from the border with Somalia. Around 100 attackers swarmed the village and the camp, throwing grenades into bars and a church and killing at least 7 people, including four policemen. They abducted three others, two of which are reported to be members of the police. After the raid the group confirmed it was behind the attacks which were in retaliation of the "aggressive Kenyan invasion". The rebels planned to identify the prisoners later.
- January 14 A suicide bomber dressed as a policemen attacked a crowd of Shiite pilgrims and security forces at a checkpoint in the southern city of Basra, killing at least 53. At least 130 others were injured in the blast, which coincided with several other small attacks in Tikrit, Mosul and Baqubah. At least two were killed and 11 injured in these incidents.

- January 15 A series of coordinated attacks took place in Ramadi as at least six suicide bombers stormed a counter terrorism unit building in an attempt to free several senior prisoners. Several car bombings and roadside bombs exploded before and during the suicide attack, which is the latest in a series of incidents during January.
- January 15 A roadside bombing hit a Shia Muslim religious procession, killing 18 people and injuring at least 20 others.
- January 16 A powerful car bomb struck a Shabak refugee camp in Bartella near the northern city of Mosul, killing 11 and injuring at least six others. A car bomb detonated prematurely in Hilla, leaving 3 dead and 18 wounded. Roadside and sticky bomb attacks elsewhere left 1 person dead and two injured.
- January 17 Gunmen attacked a police checkpoint in the city of Rutba, 360 km west of Baghdad, killing five policemen. A bomb attack at another security post in Mosul left 3 police officers dead and 3 others injured. A drive-by shooting and roadside bombings in Fallujah and the area north of the capital left two other people dead and two Iraqi soldiers injured.
- January 17 Unidentified attackers shot and killed at least 5 foreign tourists and kidnapped 4 people near the Erta Ale volcano in Ethiopia's northern Afar Region. At least three other tourists were injured and two Germans were among the kidnapped together with 2 Ethiopians. The dead included two Germans, two Hungarians and one Austrian. The government placed the blame on "members of a group that was trained and armed by the Eritrean government. A number of insurgent groups from Ethiopia, Eritrea and Djibouti operate in the area.
- January 18 A suicide bomber on a motorcycle tried to target an ISAF patrol passing through a market in Kajaki District in the southern Helmand Province. At least 13 people were killed in the blast, including 3 police officers, and 22 were injured. Hours later a mine blew up in Nad Ali District while a convoy carrying Wali Mohammad, the district head of the National Directorate of Security was passing by. The explosion killed him and a local shura member, as well as a security agent and a civilian that were travelling in the vehicle.
- January 19 A suicide bomber driving an ambulance attacked a police training center in the city of Baquba, killing at least 15 and injuring more than 50.
- January 19 A suicide bomber attacked the main gate of the Kandahar International Airport, killing seven civilians and injuring at least eight more. Insurgents attacked a police post in Nawzad District, sparking a firefight that killed two police officers and left two others injured. More than 10 militants were believed killed in this attack, including a local commander.
- January 19 A bomb exploded close to a camp for displaced people in the Somalian capital, killing four refugees and two local policemen. A second device was found nearby but it had failed to detonate properly. A military base belonging to the Burundi peacekeeping mission is close to the blast site, as well as a police checkpoint.
- January 20 A rogue Afghan soldier opened fire on French military personnel serving as part of ISAF forces, killing at least four and injuring 17 more. The incident took place in the Tagab Valley in the northeastern Kapisa district. French President Nicolas Sarkozy threatened to pull out the country's troops early and military operations were temporarily suspended. The Afghan Taliban praised the attack, but could not confirm whether the attacker was a member of the movement.
- January 20 Militants belonging to Boko Haram attacked Nigeria's biggest northern city Kano, freeing prisoners from police stations and bombing at least 8 government security buildings as well as churches and others in a heavily coordinated assault. The assault continued throughout the day as insurgents battled with local police and military units. The day-long siege killed at least

185 and left many more injured, although the true extent of the damage will likely take days to assess. A 24 hour curfew was imposed in the sprawling city of 9 million after the deadliest strike yet by the radical Islamic group.

- January 22 Suspected Islamic militants attempted to rob a bank in the city of Tafawa Balewa in Nigeria's Bauchi State, starting a firefight that left 10 people dead at a police checkpoint and a nearby hotel. Eight civilians, a police officer and an army colonel were among the casualties on a day that also saw bomb blast hit two churches in the area, destroying one of them completely.
- January 24 A series of car bombs struck the Iraqi capital, killing at least 14 and injuring 75. A number of roadside bomb, sticky bomb and shooting attacks took place in the northern city of Mosul, as well as Baqubah, Kirkuk and several smaller towns. At least 6 people were killed in these incidents with 12 others injured.
- January 24 A grenade explosion at a taxi rank in the southern city of Muhanga injured at least 10 in the latest in a string of similar attacks. Since 2010 the country has been hit by numerous grenade bombings, which the government blames on two high-ranking army officers in exile.
- January 26 At least 26 people were killed in a series of attacks across northern and central Iraq, including a policemen and 9 of his relatives who died when their house got bombed in the city of Musayyib. Shootings and bombings in Kirkuk left 7 killed and 6 injured, including two off-duty policemen, while unidentified gunmen shot the son of a prominent Sunni leader in Mosul. Several shootings and bombings in the Baghdad area left 8 dead and 18 injured.
- January 27 A suicide bomber exploded his vehicle near a passing Shiite funeral procession at a market in the city's southern Al-Za'franiya district. At least 32 were killed and more than 70 injured in the huge blast that according to authorities originally targeted a nearby police station. A number of other attacks took place in the capital and in the northern city of Mosul, killing five people.
- January 28 The wave of deadly attacks in Iraq continued with a number of shootings and sticky bombs that left seven dead and ten others injured. January has seen one of the highest death tolls in Iraq in the last few years – the last time more than 300 Iraqi civilians and security forces lost their lives in a single month was in August 2010.
- January 30 A number of bombings and shootings across central and southern Iraq left at least 8 people dead and 11 more injured. In the day's deadliest single attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up close to a police checkpoint in Baqubah, killing three officers and wounding two others, as well as a civilian.
- January 30-31 Two suicide bombings rocked the city of Peshawar, both aimed at senior security officers. On 30 January a suspected suicide bomber destroyed the house of a leading tribal militia member, killing 3 and injuring 8 others. The next day another bombing targeted a high ranking police officer who was killed together with his driver and bodyguard. Over a dozen people were reported injured in this incident.
- January 31 A suicide bomber attempted to kill former military commander and powerful warlord Abdi Hasan Awale Qeybdiid in the town of Galkayo about 500 kilometers north of the capital Mogadishu. He first shot the driver of the car he was travelling in and proceeded to blow up his explosives when the other bodyguard jumped on him. The attack was claimed by Al-Shabaab whose spokesman Abdiasis Abu Musab said "He escaped today but we shall not stop targeting till we get rid of him."

## February

- February 1 A motorcycle packed with explosives was detonated in front of a police station in the Pacific port city of Tumaco, killing at least 5 people and injuring 20 others. Government officials placed the blame on FARC, although no group has so far claimed responsibility. Ten soldiers were killed in a mortar attack close to the same city in October 2011.
- February 8 A car bomb exploded next to a cafe in the center of the Somalian capital, killing 15 and injuring more than 20. Islamist group Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack and two days later officially joined al Qaeda.
- February 10 Two huge bombings shook the city of Aleppo, targeting the security and military headquarters in the Syrian city. Government sources and state media said the blasts were caused by two suicide car bombs. Among the 28 victims were 24 members of the security forces and 4 civilians, and at least 235 others were wounded. The Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant later claimed responsibility for this and other attacks in Syria.
- February 11 A homemade bomb exploded in a house on the outskirts of Peshawar, killing 7 and injuring 3 more.
- February 13 An Israeli diplomat's car exploded near the Indian prime minister's residence in New Delhi on Monday, injuring the wife of an embassy staff member and at least three other people, in what appeared to be a coordinated, two-pronged terror attack against Israeli missions in India and Georgia. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu immediately blamed the strikes on Iran and Lebanon-based Hezbollah.[59] In an investigation report, Delhi Police concluded that the perpetrators were members of Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps.
- February 17 A suicide bomber on a motorcycle blew himself up close to a crowded marketplace in the frontier town of Parachinar in the Kurram Valley close to the border with Afghanistan. At least 39 people were killed and almost 70 injured in the attack, with a significant number of casualties remaining in a dangerous condition.
- February 19 A bomb killed seven members of a pro-government militia and critically injured five others in northwestern Pakistan, near the Afghan border.
- February 19 A suicide car bomber killed 19 police officers and cadets in front of a Baghdad academy in the deadliest attack in the country since 27 January. At least 26 others were injured in the blast, most of them new recruits for the security forces.
- February 22 President Alexander Ankvab survived an assassination attempt on his way to work after a roadside bomb exploded and was followed by an ambush that included firing by a machine gun and grenade launchers. The presidential guard claimed one person died and another was seriously injured, though the media two people died and another was injured.
- February 23 At least 60 people were killed and scores more injured after a string of near-simultaneous attacks across Baghdad and several other cities in the north and south of the country. Witnesses reported more than 10 explosions within the capital that killed at least 32, mainly targeting police patrols and crowded shopping areas in Shiite neighborhoods. A number of car bombs and shootings were reported throughout Iraq, including Kirkuk, Baqubah, Tikrit, Hilla, Taji and Dujail. The Islamic State of Iraq took responsibility for the attacks two days later and promised to disrupt the upcoming Arab League Summit.
- February 23 A powerful bomb at a bus stand killed at least 12 people and injured dozens more, including 10 left in critical condition. Local officials were investigating whether the incident was a

suicide bombing or just a car equipped with a bomb. Initial reports suggest that at least 45 kg of explosive material was used together with mortar shells aimed at maximizing the damage.

- February 24 Unidentified gunmen set off bombs in an attempt to help inmates break out of a prison in the northeast city of Gombe. After a lengthy firefight the attackers bombed a local police station, killing two officers. At least 10 others were killed in the violence, most of them civilians. On 16 February attackers stormed a prison in the central Kogi State, killing the warden and releasing 119 inmates, most of them members of Boko Haram.
- February 25 A remote controlled mine exploded in the northwestern Badghis Province, killing six members of the Afghan Army and injuring 12 more.
- February 25 A car bomb exploded in the southern port city of Mukalla just hours after president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Al-Hadi was sworn in, killing at least 26 and injuring dozens more. The attack took place in front of the old presidential palace and most of the casualties were members of the Republican Guard. The Yemeni offshoot of Al-Qaeda has taken responsibility for the bombing and blamed it on the atrocities committed by the presidential guard during the last few months.
- February 26 A suicide bomber drove his explosive-packed car into a church on the outskirts of the city of Jos, killing two and injuring 38 in the ensuing blast. Christian youths from the area later set up roadblocks and killed two Muslims in retaliation for the attack. An additional blast at a church outside the capital Abuja left at least five people wounded.
- February 27 A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into the gates of Jalalabad Airport, killing at least nine people in the ensuing blast. Six of the victim were civilians, two were airport guards and one was a member of the Afghan Army. At least 23 others (including 4 NATO soldiers) were injured in the attack which was claimed by the Taliban in revenge for the burning of copies of the Quran at the Bagram Airfield.
- February 27 A powerful bomb exploded in front of the main offices of Nepal Oil in the capital Katmandu, killing at least three people and injuring six more in the first major attack in the city in three years. The building targeted is very close to the fortified Singhadurbar complex housing several key ministries. A little-known militant organisation called the Unified National Liberation Front (Samyukta Jatiya Mukti Morcha) claimed responsibility the attack, which it claimed happened because of the government's inability to curb corruption and rising fuel prices.
- February 27 Six people were killed and 14 wounded after a homemade bomb placed on a motorcycle exploded after a political rally in the northwestern town of Nowshera.
- February 27 At around 6 p.m. on February 28, 2012, a group of eight Uyghur men led by religious extremist Abudukeremu Mamuti attacked pedestrians with axes and knives on a crowded street. Local police fought with Mamuti's group, ultimately killing all and capturing Mamuti. One police officer died and four police were injured, while 15 pedestrians died from Mamuti's assault and 14 more civilians were injured.

## March

- March 1 An explosion near the ruling party's headquarters in Istanbul wounded at least 16 people, most of them policemen that were passing by in a bus. No claim of responsibility has been received yet.

- March 1 Gunmen ambushed a police patrol in the Niger Delta, shooting 4 officers to death. Responsibility was claimed by the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta in a press release the next day.
- March 2 A suicide bomber detonated his explosives vest at a training camp belonging to the Lashkar-e-Islam terrorist group, killing 7 militants and injuring at least 5 more. The organization has been in frequent conflict with parts of the Pakistan Taliban and back and forth attacks have been common in recent years.
- March 2 A group of militants attacked a newly established Pakistan Army post in the Khyber Agency near the border with Afghanistan, killing at least 10 soldiers and sparking a firefight that ultimately left 23 militants dead. The region is home to several terrorist groups and no claim of responsibility has been received yet.
- March 3 At least 7 people were killed and 8 others injured after an explosion near a military checkpoint in the southern city of Deraa. Government officials blamed the attack on a suicide bomber, which the opposition quickly denied, though this time they did not directly accuse the ruling party of staging the bombing.
- March 3 A suicide bomber detonated his explosives filled vehicle at a paramilitary base in a southern oasis town nearly 2,000 km south of the capital Algiers. At least 23 people were injured in the attack, most of them members of the security forces.
- March 5 Gunmen dressed in police uniforms and driving security vehicles attacked several checkpoints in the city of Haditha, killing at least 27 police officers and left 3 more injured. The murder spree took place in the middle of the night and included a colonel and a lieutenant who were dragged out of their houses and executed. Flyers left in one of the vehicles belonged to the Islamic State of Iraq and warned security forces to quit or face death.
- March 7 At least 14 people were killed and 23 more injured after a car bombing and a subsequent suicide attack near a restaurant in the northern Iraqi city of Tal Afar.
- March 7 A female suicide bomber approached a group of police officers in the village of Karabudakhkent and detonated her explosive vest, killing at least 5 of them. Officials suspected this attack was in retaliation for the death of Ibragimkhalil Daudov, also known as "Saleh". The leader of Shariat Jamaat was killed in a special forces operation in the same district on February 17.
- March 7 At least 50 militants attacked an army base, kidnapping 2 soldiers and injuring twelve more. The missing officers were later discovered shot to death, with their hands bound and their weapons gone. The attack comes two days after a roadside bombing killed 4 soldiers and a civilian was shot dead.
- March 10 An unidentified gunman on a motorbike shot and killed three French paratroopers in two separate incidents in and around the city of Toulouse in the south of the country. On March 10 a lone paratrooper was killed in Toulouse and five days later three other soldiers were attacked near a cash machine in Montauban, 50 kilometers south of Toulouse. The attacker, who was again driving a black motorbike and had a helmet on, managed to kill two of them and critically injure the third. In all cases the soldiers were from immigrant families.
- March 10 At least four grenades were thrown at a bus station in the Kenyan capital by unidentified attackers, killing 6 people and injuring almost 70 more. Police sources confirmed 4 people were still missing after the blasts and several of the injured are in critical condition. The Somali Al-Shabaab group is suspected of being behind the attack, as well as other recent bombings inside Kenya in response to Operation Linda Nchi.

- March 11 At least 15 people were killed and 37 more injured after a suicide bomber blew up at a funeral in the northwestern Pakistani city. The target appears to be the local deputy council chief, who escaped unharmed.
- March 11 At least 4 people were killed and an unknown number were wounded after a car bomb exploded close to a church in the central city of Jos. Security officials appear to have stopped the bomber at the gates of the church before he could approach the building itself. In the aftermath of the attack Christian youths set up roadblocks and killed at least 10 people in reprisal attacks.
- March 12 A petrol bomb was thrown in a Shia mosque resulting in the death of the imam through smoke inhalation, according to the city's mayor. Police spokeswoman Marie Verbeke said that one person was reported to have "taken into custody at the scene." Interior Minister Joelle Milquet said that she was "very shocked by the events that have occurred."
- March 12 A group of unidentified gunmen attacked a government office and a police patrol in the city of Tarmiyah north of Baghdad, killing 5 policemen. Several hours later two carloads of militants armed with grenade launchers and automatic weapons attacked one of the main gold markets, robbing merchants of their valuables. At least 9 people were killed, including two policemen and two soldiers. Fourteen other were injured during the raid.
- March 13 Unknown gunmen attacked a public bus in the southwest of the country, killing 19 passengers and injuring eight more.
- March 14 A suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest near the gates of Villa Somalia, the country's presidential palace. Security officials reported at least 4 deaths and 10 injuries after the blast went off near a building used by the parliament speaker. The hardline Islamist group Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility and promised further attacks within the capital.
- March 14 A motorcycle bomb in the southern city of Kandahar killed an Afghan intelligence official and wounded 3 other people, two of whom were colleagues of his. Additionally, a powerful blast destroyed a minivan near Lashkar Gah, killing all 8 passengers inside.
- March 17 Two large explosions shook the Syrian capital early in the day after car bombs were detonated in front of the aviation intelligence and criminal security departments. At least 27 people were confirmed killed and scores more injured. The government was again quick to place the blame on terrorists, while the opposition maintained that the attacks are orchestrated. The Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant later claimed responsibility for this and several other high-profile attacks.
- March 17 Eleven members of the Colombian Army were killed and 2 injured in an ambush by FARC rebels in the eastern department of Arauca. The group claimed responsibility for this latest attack, even as they recently denounced civilian kidnappings and promised to release all remaining hostages.
- March 18 Two men on a motorcycle shot and killed an American English teacher working as the deputy director of a Swedish institute in the Yemeni city of Taiz. The attackers fled after the attack, although authorities believe them to be aligned with Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.
- March 18 An explosion caused by a car bomb rocked the Syrian city of Aleppo just a day after twin blasts in the capital killed almost 30 people. The blast took place near a state security office and left at least 3 people dead and 25 injured.
- March 19 An unidentified gunman on a motorbike opened fire at parents and children outside a Jewish school in the southern French city just as classes were about to begin. Witnesses described a man on a dark motorbike parking it and calmly proceeding to shoot at kids and

adults, even chasing some of them down to fire additional shots. The victims included a local rabbi and his two children, as well as a schoolgirl. Police authorities said at least 15 shots were fired towards the building and one of the two weapons used matched the profile of two shootings in the area in the week before that left 3 soldiers dead and one critically injured. French President Nicolas Sarkozy promised to catch the perpetrator and bring him to justice, saying that "Barbarity, savagery, cruelty cannot win".

- March 20 A wave of attacks across the country took the lives of at least 50 people and left scores injured. Numerous car bombings and suicide attacks shook Baghdad, as well as Karbala in the south and Kirkuk in the north, among others. The Islamic State of Iraq claimed responsibility for the wave of bombings and promised to disrupt the upcoming Arab League summit.
- March 26 Two people were killed and at least eight others wounded after a mortar attack aimed at the presidential palace missed its intended target and hit a nearby refugee camp. This is the third attack against the palace in the last two weeks, including a suicide bombing on March 14 which left four people dead.
- March 31 At least one person was killed and more than 20 injured after two explosion in and around the coastal city of Mombasa. The bombings targeted a Christian meeting and a bar and were the first attacks to hit the popular tourist destination. Most recent bombings in the country have occurred close to the border with Somalia and are the work of Al-Shabaab.
- March 31 A large group of militants attacked an Army checkpoint in the middle of the night, killing at least 20 soldiers before fleeing with heavy weapons and at least two tanks. Government forces called in airplanes that successfully destroyed one of the captured tanks. At least seven insurgents were killed during the attack.
- March 31 Three large bombs went off in the business district of the southern city of Yala around lunchtime, killing at least eleven and injuring more than 110 others. Separately, a powerful blast took place in a high-rise hotel in the neighboring Songkhla Province. Authorities initially believed this to be a gas leak, but further investigation produced the burnt out shell of a car bomb inside the hotel's parking lot. This second attack killed at least five and left more than 220 wounded.

## April

- April 1 A group of militants attacked an Army checkpoint near the ancient city of Shibam in a pre-dawn raid and killed seven soldiers before escaping with weapons and ammunition.
- April 4 A suicide bomber attacked a group of people in a park in Afghanistan's northern Faryab Province, killing at least 10. Three of the victims were US troops who were taking pictures, despite previous warnings by Afghan forces not to wander around the city. Among the casualties were four civilians and two policemen, and at least twenty others were left injured.
- April 4 A female suicide bomber detonated her explosive vest during an official ceremony to mark the first year anniversary of the launch of the country's new satellite TV channel. Among the casualties inside the newly reopened Somali National Theater were the head of the Somali Olympic Committee and the president of the Somali Football Federation. At least two ministers and one member of parliament were injured, but Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali escaped unhurt. Responsibility was quickly claimed by al-Shabaab, who promised further attacks.
- April 8 A car bomb went off near a church in the northern town of Kaduna on Easter Sunday, killing at least 36 and injuring dozens more, including 10 people left in critical condition. The driver of the vehicle reportedly tried to enter the church grounds but was stopped by security, after which he turned around and detonated the charge next to a group of taxi drivers. A smaller

bombing took place in the city of Jos, where a number of people were injured. Some of the critically injured died in the days after the attack, raising the death toll to 41.

- April 9 A bomb exploded at a busy market in the southern city of Baidoa, killing twelve people. Most of the victims were women shopping for food, although the intended target was likely a military patrol.
- April 10 At least nine soldiers and five militants were killed after an insurgent attack against an army checkpoint in the central Ma'rib Province. Meanwhile members of AQAP announced they had captured a large cache of weapons and four tanks after yesterday's fierce battle on the outskirts of Lawdar. Fighting in the area was still ongoing and reports suggested more militants were on the way after leaving in a big convoy from Ja'ar. Yemeni airplanes bombed two positions later in the day, destroying one of the captured tanks.
- April 10 Suicide bombers struck two government offices in the west and south of the country, killing 15 and injuring at least 27. Four policemen died and five were wounded in the first attack, when three suicide bombers attacked a building in the Musa Qala district in the south. Hours earlier a truck bomb with three bombers inside it exploded in front of a government office in Guzara district near Herat. Three policemen and eight civilians died in this blast, while another 22 people were injured. The Afghan Taliban claimed responsibility for both incidents.
- April 13 Unidentified gunmen blocked two roads on the north and south of the capital, stopping buses with Shiite pilgrims and opening indiscriminate fire. At least seven people were killed in the twin attacks and another twelve were left injured.
- April 15 Numerous groups of armed militants staged highly-coordinated attacks in four Afghan provinces and the capital Kabul. Among the targets were the U.S., German, British and Russian Embassies, NATO bases, the Afghan Parliament, airports and a military academy. The siege in Kabul's heavily guarded diplomatic quarter started around 1 PM and went on for 18 hours, with at least 51 casualties confirmed. Among the dead were 8 Afghan soldiers and four civilians. The Afghan Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault in a statement, adding that the attacks were in revenge for the recent burning of copies of the Quran and the Kandahar massacre. Many senior officials, as well as the lone captured attacker, placed the blame on the Haqqani Network.
- April 19 More than 20 bombs exploded in cities around the country, killing 36 people and injuring nearly 150 others. Most of the attacks appeared to target security patrols and buildings. There were at least six attacks in the capital Baghdad, leaving 15 dead and more than 60 injured. Additional bombings took place in Kirkuk, Fallujah, Samarra, Baqubah, Mosul and Taji.
- April 25 Iranian media reported that four members of the elite Revolutionary Guards were killed and four others were wounded during an attack by suspected PJAK rebels near Paveh in Kermanshah province in western Iran. The attackers suffered casualties as well, though these are unknown.
- April 26 Suicide bombers attacked the offices Nigerian newspapers in Abuja and Kaduna, killing at least 9 and injuring dozens more. The first attack took place in Abuja, where a bomber exploded his car near the back entrance of the This Day building, one of the country's most prominent and influential media outlets. Later two similar blasts took place in the city of Kaduna near a building housing a number of newspapers. Government officials later ordered round-the-clock security for all media houses in the country, while Boko Haram claimed responsibility, blaming the attack on lack of objectivity in media reports.
- April 27 At least four explosions hit the Ukrainian city of Dnipropetrovsk, leaving 27 people injured, including at least 9 children. No group has claimed responsibility and authorities are still searching for a motive. The city is the birthplace of jailed opposition leader Yulia Timoshenko.

- April 27 Suspected FARC rebels shelled a police station in the country's south, but missed the target and hit a local house instead, killing two adults and an infant. Later an army patrol was ambushed in the southern Caquetá Department. At least five soldiers were killed in that attack.
- April 27 Three soldiers were killed and two others seriously injured after an attack by Shining Path in the country's south-central region. This latest attack follows the kidnapping of 36 oil workers two weeks ago. That incident sparked a large military operation, during which a helicopter was downed by the rebels and at least six soldiers were reported dead.
- April 27 A suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest near a mosque in central Damascus, killing at least 9 people including several security officers. More than 20 others were injured in the blast, which took place close to the site of an earlier bombing in January. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.
- April 29 Gunmen attacked religious services at a church and a university campus in two northern Nigerian cities, killing at least 21 people. The attackers reportedly used small explosive charges to draw out the worshippers before gunning them down.
- April 29 A bomb exploded near a church in the Kenyan capital, killing one and injuring at least ten others. The city has been hit by a series of similar attacks since late 2011, with the government blaming the Somali group al-Shabaab for orchestrating them.
- April 30 Nine people were killed and close to a hundred injured after two large explosions targeted buildings belonging to Syrian intelligence services. Unconfirmed reports put the death toll at 20, with a third blast occurring in the evening hours.

## May

- May 1 A suicide bomber entered a hotel in the central Somalian town of Dhusamareb and detonated his explosive vest near the cafe, killing at least six others, including two Somali MPs. The government officials were in town for a special meeting to promote reconciliation within the torn nation. At least a dozen other people were injured in the attack, including several members of parliament and a journalist covering the event. The radical Islamist group al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the incident, as well as an earlier car bombing in the capital Mogadishu that left three civilians dead.
- May 1 A roadside bombing in the south of the country killed three Thai rangers and left seven others wounded. Military officials suspected the attackers had inside information, as the route the patrol team took was confidential. The government has recently sent additional troops to the region to crush an insurgency that has flared up in the last decade.
- May 1 Four people were killed and eighteen others injured after a bomb went off near a political rally in the southeastern Nepalese city of Janakpur.
- May 3 A team of heavily-armed gunmen stormed a well guarded residential compound near Jalalabad Road in the Afghan capital. At least seven people were killed in the initial bombing and the ensuing firefight, and 17 others were wounded. The assault took place only a few hours after U.S. President Barack Obama had left the city. He was at Bagram Air Base earlier the same night to give a televised speech on the strategic agreement pact with Afghanistan and the war's progress. The Afghan Taliban claimed responsibility.
- May 3 Two suicide bombers detonated explosive-filled cars near a traffic police checkpoint in Dagestan's capital, killing at least 13 people. More than 130 others were injured in the huge blasts, at least 67 of them seriously. Government sources speculated that the bombers may have

been transporting the TNT to a downtown location in anticipation of the annual May Day parade on May 9.

- May 4 A suicide bomber detonated his explosives at a crowded market in the Bajaur Agency, killing at least 20 bystanders. Three of the dead were policemen, and dozens more were injured by the blast. The Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan claimed responsibility.
- May 10 A pair of suicide bombers detonated two vehicles packed more than 1,000 kilograms of explosives in front of a military intelligence building in the Syrian capital Damascus. At least 55 people died in the attack and almost 400 others were injured, as the 10-story complex lost its complete facade. The Al-Nusra Front claimed responsibility for the bombing, which is the deadliest terrorist attack in the 16 month conflict and the fourth major attack in the capital.
- May 15 In a rare attack in the Colombian capital Bogota, a bomb targeting former interior minister Fernando Londoño Hoyos killed his driver and a police officer and left him and almost 40 bystanders injured. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but leftist rebels belonging to FARC are the main suspects. The government announced a 500 million peso (\$277,000) award for any information regarding the attackers.
- May 15 Attacks across central and northern Iraq killed 12 people and injured more than 50 others in the first major violence in almost a month. The deadliest incidents occurred in Mosul, where a suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden tanker into an Iraqi Army base, killing six soldiers and injuring 28 others. In a separate attack, a member of the city's municipal council and his bodyguard were gunned down, and a booby-trapped car exploded near a police patrol, injuring nine people.
- May 16 A team of four attackers dressed in police uniforms attacked the compound of the newly appointed governor Mohammad Akram Khpalwak in Farah, capital of the southwestern Farah Province. At least six policemen and a civilian were killed in the ensuing hour-long firefight, as well as all the militants. The governor and his deputy escaped the assassination attempt unharmed.
- May 19 Giovanni Vantaggiato, a 68-year old storekeeper, detonated three gas cylinder bombs hidden in a rubbish bin in front of the "Morvillo Falcone" vocational school. The attack killed one student and injured other 5 girls. Vantaggiato, arrested on June 8, justified his deed as a form of protest, giving generic answers.
- May 21 A suicide bomber dressed as a soldier blew himself up during a rehearsal for the annual Unity Day parade in the Yemeni capital Sana'a. At least 120 people were killed and hundreds more were injured, as several high-ranking officials escaped unharmed. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for the attack.
- May 31 Three separate bombings took place in the capital of Iraq. A car bomb detonated next to a crowded restaurant in a northwestern Shiite district, leaving 13 dead and 37 wounded. Roadside bombs in nearby residential neighborhoods killed four and injured sixteen others. In the northern city of Mosul, a police major was killed in a drive-by shooting.

## June

- June 4 At least 15 people were killed and more than 40 others injured in an attack against churchgoers in the north of Nigeria. A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-filled vehicle into crowds outside two churches in the northern city of Bauchi. Authorities suspected Boko Haram is behind this latest sectarian attack.

- June 4 A massive suicide car bombing at the offices of the Shi'ite Endowment in Baghdad killed 26 and injured 190 others. The semi-government organisation manages Shi'ite religious affairs and cultural sites across the country. Additional attacks in Baqubah, Fallujah and Dujail left eight people dead and ten injured.
- June 6 Three suicide bombings killed 22 civilians and left at least 50 others injured in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar. The explosions took place at a local market, not far from a major Afghan Army base.
- June 7 A motorcycle bomb exploded next to a madrassa in the southern city of Quetta, killing 14 people and injuring at least 40 others.
- June 8 A bus carrying government employees was blown up by a remote-controlled device on the outskirts of Peshawar. At least 21 people perished in the attack, and more than 40 others were reported injured. Among the dead were nine women and two children.
- June 8 Unidentified militiamen ambushed a UNOCI patrol in a remote southwestern province, killing seven UN peacekeepers and eight civilians. The Ivorian government promised a military operation to hunt down those responsible.
- June 10 At least six people were killed and 38 others injured when two mortar rounds struck a square filled with Shi'ite pilgrims in Iraq's capital.
- June 13 A wave of attacks across Iraq killed 93 people and injured scores more in the country's bloodiest day since coordinated attacks in January 2011 left more than 130 dead. At least 10 bombings took place across the capital, most of them aimed at Shi'ite pilgrims celebrating a religious holiday. In the central and southern parts of the country, attacks took place in Karbala, Balad, Taji and Hillah, where two car bombs killed at least 22 at a local restaurant frequented by policemen. Bombings shook Kirkuk as well, including an explosion at the headquarters for Kurdish President Massoud Barzani that killed a bystander and left several others injured. Separately, unidentified gunmen shot and killed at least three security officers in the capital Baghdad.
- June 16 In the third major attack on Shi'ite pilgrims in a week, twin car bombings killed at least 26 people in Iraq's capital. More than 60 others were injured in the attacks, which came on the last day of a major religious pilgrimage.
- June 16 A bomb in a pickup truck killed at least 26 people at a market in the northwestern Pakistani town of Landi Kotal. At least 65 others were injured in the attack, which apparently targeted a tribal leader allied with the government against the Pakistani Taliban.
- June 17 Three suicide bombers attacked churches in two northern Nigerian cities, killing at least 21 people and injuring more than a hundred others. The first two blasts occurred within minutes of each other and targeted two churches in the city of Zaria, according to Kaduna State police chief Mohammed Jinjiri. A third blast hit worshippers in the city of Kaduna about half an hour later.
- June 18 A suicide bomber killed the commander of military forces in the south of Yemen in the port city of Aden. The attack took place only days after government troops drove Islamist militants linked to al-Qaeda from their strongholds. The offensive was planned by the target of the bombing, Major General Salem Ali Qatan. Two soldiers were killed during the attack and at least 12 bystanders were injured, three of them being civilians.

- June 18 A suicide bomber killed 22 people at a Shi'ite gathering of mourners in central Baqubah, north of the capital Baghdad. Among the casualties were at least 11 members of the security forces.
- June 21-22 A team of heavily armed Taliban militants attacked a popular lakefront resort on Lake Qargha near Kabul shortly before midnight, shooting the guards dead and taking dozens of hostages. Some of the 300 guests at a wedding party jumped into the lake and spent hours hiding before the last of the militants was dealt with by a combined force of ANA and ISAF troops and air support. Hours later, the death toll stood at 21 - including 17 civilians inside the hotel, a policeman and three security guards. At least four or five militants took place in the brazen assault, which was claimed by the Afghan Taliban. Several Afghan and US officials expressed their belief that the Haqqani Network was behind this latest high-profile attack.
- June 22 Twin bombings at a market on the northeastern outskirts of Baghdad killed at least 14 people and injured at least 106 others. Also in the capital, insurgents shot dead three officers at a police checkpoint. In the country's south, a car bomb exploded near the gates of the Al-Askari Mosque in Samarra, killing one person and injuring 13 others. June has been particularly deadly in the country, with a spate of bombings and suicide attack leaving nearly 200 civilians dead and hundreds of others wounded.
- June 25 A minibus full of young players exploded next to a football field in the city of Hilla, killing 9 and injuring 26 others. In Baqubah, north of the capital Baghdad, a bomb outside a pet store killed five and injured three others.
- June 28 At least 21 people were killed and more than 100 injured in a series of car bomb attacks, roadside bombings and shootings across Iraq. A bomb concealed in a parked car exploded a marketplace in a Shi'ite neighborhood in the capital Baghdad, killing 8 and injuring 30 others. Later a similar bombing took place in Baqubah, killing 6 and leaving 51 wounded. Insurgents targeted a government building in the predominantly Sunni city of Taji, killing 4 and injuring 20. A roadside bomb in southern Baghdad killed a police officer and injured 5 bystanders. In the former militant stronghold of Fallujah a suicide bombing and an IED left 2 policemen dead and 7 injured.
- June 29 Three suicide bombers struck targets in the center of the Shi'ite city of Balad, north of the capital Baghdad. The explosions took place at a market, a post office, and a local police station. At least seven were killed and 45 others injured. In addition to this attack, four Awakening Council members were killed and four others were wounded Friday when gunmen attacked a checkpoint in Diyala province near Khan Bani Saad City.
- June 29 On Tianjin Airlines Flight GS7554 between Hotan and Urumqi, six ethnic Uyghur men, one of whom allegedly professed his motivation as jihad, announced their intent to violently hijacking. In the ensuing resistance by passengers, two hijackers were killed, and a second two hospitalized; 13 passengers and crew were injured by the aluminum crutch and explosive-armed hijackers, according to Chinese media.

## July

- July 1 Masked militants attacked worshipers with hand grenades and automatic gunfire at two churches in the northern Kenyan city of Garissa, killing at least 18 and injuring dozens more. Garissa has been the site of several attacks, most of which Kenyan authorities blame on groups allied to or sympathetic with the Somali organization Al-Shabaab.
- July 3 A powerful truck bomb exploded near a Shi'ite mosque in the southern Iraqi city of Diwaniyah, killing at least 26 and injuring 75 others. Earlier in the day, blasts in Karbala, Taji and

Tuz Khormato killed 10 and injured 47. Gunmen shot dead 4 people in Baqubah, including a soldier and a policeman.

- July 4 A car bomb in the central Iraqi city of Zubaidiyah killed at least 8 people and left 22 others injured. Unidentified gunmen assassinated two police officers and a parliament official in the capital Baghdad.
- July 6 Colombian leftist guerrillas ambushed a convoy belonging to state oil company Ecopetrol, killing 5 workers and injuring 3 others. The assault took place in a remote part of the southern Putumayo Department, near the border with Ecuador.
- July 6 A car bomb in the central Iraqi city of Ramadi killed at least 7 people and left 20 others injured.
- July 8 At least 35 people, including 7 NATO soldiers, were killed in a string of roadside bombs and shootings in one of the most violent days in the country for months. Six US troops were killed after an IED struck their patrol vehicle in eastern Afghanistan, while at least 22 civilians died in four similar bombings near Kandahar. Six police officers were killed during clashes in neighboring Helmand Province.
- July 9 Gunmen killed 6 soldiers and a policeman at a riverside encampment in eastern Pakistan, an area where attacks are rare compared to other parts of the country. The Tehrik-i-Taliban claimed responsibility for the incident.
- July 11 At least eight people were killed and fifteen others injured after a suicide attack at a police academy in the Yemeni capital Sana'a.
- July 13 A teenage suicide bomber killed 5 people and injured 6 others at the central mosque in the northern Nigerian city of Maiduguri. The bomber narrowly missed the deputy governor of Borno State, Zanna Umar Mustapha, as well as a local religious leader.
- July 14 At least 23 people were killed and 60 injured in a suicide attack at the wedding of MP Ahmad Khan Samangani's daughter in northern Afghanistan. In addition to the former militia commander and close friend of Abdul Rashid Dostum, the police and intelligence chiefs for Samangan Province, as well as a division commander for the ANA were among the victims.
- July 18 At least 7 people were killed after a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near a tourist bus at the Burgas Airport on the southern Bulgarian Black Sea coast. Among the victims were the Bulgarian driver and five Israeli tourists, as well as the bomber. More than 30 others were injured in the attack, for which no one has yet claimed responsibility.
- July 18 A remotely-operated bomb exploded in the National Security Building on Rawda Square in Damascus during a meeting of Cabinet ministers and senior security officials. Syrian state media reported that Minister of Defense Dawoud Rajiha was killed along with deputy vice president Hasan Turkmani and Assef Shawkat, Bashar al-Assad's brother-in-law and deputy defense minister. Several other senior officials were seriously injured, including interior minister Mohammad Ibrahim al-Shaar and the country's intelligence chief Hisham Bekhtyar, who died two days after the attack. The group Liwa al Islam ("The Brigade of Islam") and the Free Syrian Army both claimed responsibility for the bombing.
- July 19 The Mufti of Tatarstan, Ildus Fayzov, was injured after his car exploded as he was leaving a radio station, according to the Russian Investigative Committee. His deputy, Valiulla Yakupov, was shot dead outside his home at about the same time. Though there was no claim of responsibility, a spokesman for the Committee said that the two Muftis were known for

denouncing extremism and, as a result, such activities were being considered as possible motives.

- July 21 A suicide bombing killed at least 9 people and injured 15 others in north-western Pakistan. The blast went off at the entrance to an anti-Taliban commander's compound in Kurram Agency, part of the tribal regions which border Afghanistan.
- July 22 Explosions in central and southern Iraq killed at least 23 people and wounded 74 others. The deadliest attacks took place in Mahmoudiyah and Al-Mada'in, where five bombings killed 11 and left 41 injured. Twin car bombs struck Najaf, leaving 5 dead and 14 wounded. Roadside attacks in Diyala Province killed 5 security personnel and injured three others. In Mosul, a bombing near a police patrol killed an officer and injured 16 others, while a sniper shot an Iraqi soldier dead in Fallujah.
- July 23 At least 116 people were killed in bombings and gun attacks across Iraq in a coordinated surge of violence against mostly Shi'ite Muslim targets. The deadliest attacks occurred north of Baghdad, where insurgents attacked an army post near Dhuluiya and set off at least seven car bombs in nearby Taji, killing a total of 48 and leaving scores injured. Explosions rocked the capital's Sadr City neighborhood, as well as Kirkuk, Mosul, Samarra, Dujail, Khan Bani Saad City, Tuz Khormato and Diwaniyah. Militants also attacked various army checkpoints in the eastern Diyala Province.
- July 26 Insurgents attacked an Iraqi Army checkpoint near the town of Hadid, 10 kilometers north of Baqubah. At least 11 policemen were killed during the fighting, and a helicopter brought as a reinforcement was shot down by militants, killing a soldier and injuring another.
- July 31 Twin car bombs struck a shopping district in the upscale Shi'ite Karradah neighborhood in the Iraqi capital, killing 21 and leaving more than 50 others injured. A lieutenant was killed and 2 soldiers wounded in a failed assault on a security building nearby, while north of Fallujah two people were killed and 3 injured by a car bomb.

## August

- August 1 An as yet unidentified entity orchestrated a series of four coordinated low intensity bombing attacks across Pune<sup>[27][28]</sup>, the ninth largest metropolis in India resulting in 1 injury.
- August 1 A group of around 20 militants attacked a police station in the former insurgent stronghold of Ja'ar in Yemen's Abyan Governorate, killing four officers and injuring another.
- August 4 A suicide bomber killed at least 45 people and injured more than 40 others during a funeral service in the former insurgent stronghold of Ja'ar in Abyan Governorate. Military officials and residents said the bomber targeted tribesmen who sided with the Yemeni army during an offensive against Islamist fighters that the government hailed as a major victory in June.
- August 5 A suicide bomber rammed his car into a military convoy in the Nigerian city of Damaturu, killing 6 soldiers and 2 civilians. At least 9 soldiers were injured in the attack, which authorities blamed on Boko Haram. The blast followed a failed attempt to assassinate the state's most senior Muslim cleric, the emir of Fika, two days earlier.
- August 5 At least 16 Egyptian police officers were killed and seven others wounded in an armed attack on a police station in north Sinai on the border between Egypt and Israel.
- August 6 A suspected suicide bomber attacked a Russian armored vehicle leaving a garrison in the Chechen capital Grozny, killing at least four soldiers and injuring three others.

- August 6,7 Three men entered a church near the central Nigerian city of Okene during evening Bible Study, turning off the electricity and shooting at the worshipers inside. At least 19 were killed in the assault and around 20 others injured. Hours later gunmen on a motorcycle attacked an army patrol, killing 2 soldiers and a civilian.
- August 7 A remote-controlled bomb hit a bus west of Kabul, killing 9 passengers and injuring 5 others. A suicide truck bomb outside a NATO base injured 11 civilians in Pul-i-Alam, and in central Ghor Province, a bomb on a donkey cart killed a district police chief and injured 3 others. A French soldier was killed and another injured in Kapisa Province, and a member of the ANA opened fire on US troops in Paktia Province, killing 1 and wounding 2 others.
- August 7 A car bomb exploded at a Shiite ceremony in Al-Tarmiyah, 50km south of Baghdad, killing 13 and injuring more than 30 others. Unidentified gunmen shot dead a lawyer, his judicial investigator son and 6 other family members in Baiji, north of the capital.
- August 10 A truck bomb exploded at a Shiite mosque near Mosul, killing 5 and injuring at least 70 others. Gunmen shot dead 4 Sunni tribal militia members near Dujail and killed a city council member in Haditha, injuring his 2 brothers. A roadside bomb north of Baghdad killed 3 policemen and injured 2 others.
- August 10 A person in an Afghan police commander uniform, along with several others, shot and killed three U.S. Marines and another three foreign soldiers were killed in a shooting attack in the south.[where?] A roadside blast killed seven civilians and injured three others.
- August 12 Nigerian troops killed at least 20 suspected Boko Haram militants during a raid in the northern city of Maiduguri. At least one soldier was killed and two others wounded during the operation. The Islamist group denied the reports, while accusing the military of murdering innocent civilians.
- August 14 Three suicide bombers struck in the city of Zaranj, near the border with Iran, killing 36 and injuring around 130 others. A motorcycle bomb in Kunduz Province killed 12 and left 30 wounded. A district governor and his four guards were killed in an ambush in Badakhshan Province and four children were killed in a blast in Paktika Province.
- August 16 At least 52 people were killed and 177 killed in attacks across Baghdad, with most casualties from two car bombings in the predominantly Shi'ite districts of Zaafaraniya and Sadr City. Numerous other attacks took place across the central and northern parts of the country, killing 76 and injuring 240 others.
- August 18 Militants attacked the central intelligence headquarters with a car bomb, grenades and automatic weapons, killing 20 security officers and injuring 13 others. Government authorities said they expected to find more bodies beneath the rubble.
- August 18 A suicide bomber detonated explosives in his car at a road checkpoint after he was stopped. The casualties were members of the paramilitary Frontier Corps.
- August 18 A U.S. drone fired two missiles at a compound in the village that reportedly led to the deaths of allies of the local militia commander Hafiz Gul Bahadur. Pakistan's foreign ministry condemned the attack.
- August 19 SAF troops, along with ANA soldiers, had seen a large group of "insurgents" in the area before a "precision air strike" was called, which was later confirmed by locals. According to local officials, the militants had arrived in dozens of vehicles to "possibly execute people." As a result of the strike, two reportedly senior Taliban commanders were killed. Though Kunar officials said 46 militants died in the attack, the Taliban said 13 were killed and 10 wounded.

- August 19 At least two car bombs exploded in the Libyan capital Tripoli, killing two and injuring two others. The blasts were situated close to the Interior Ministry and a former women's police academy, that has been converted to an interrogation center. A third unexploded car bomb was also found. This was the first such incident since the end of the Libyan civil war.
- August 19 At least seven people were killed and 15 injured after a suicide bomber blew himself up at a policeman funeral in Ingushetia.
- August 20 A remote-controlled car bomb exploded outside a police station close to the border with Syria. At least nine people were killed and more than 60 injured, most of them police officers. Security officials suspected the PKK was behind the attack, although the group later denied this.
- August 28 A female suicide bomber blew herself up at the home of Sufi leader Said Afandi in Chirkei, killing him and six others, including an 11 year-old boy. He was known for his criticism of Wahhabism.
- August 29 At least 12 people were killed and 48 others injured after a car bomb exploded at a funeral procession for two government supporters in the mainly Druze and Christian suburb of Jaramana.

## September

- September 1 A prison officer was shot dead by gunmen on the M1 motorway between Lurgan and Portadown. It was reported that another then car drove up beside him and fired a number of shots at him, causing the car to swerve into a ditch. Dissident republicans were blamed for the attack.
  - September 1 Twin suicide bombings near an ISAF base in Saydabad District killed 8 Afghan civilians and 4 policemen, while leaving more than 50 others injured. Two U.S. soldiers were killed in another incident in the eastern Ghazni Province.
  - September 2 Around 100 suspected PKK fighters simultaneously attacked four government and security buildings in the small town of Beytüssebap, near the border with Syria. At least 10 soldiers and 3 attackers were killed during the assault, while 7 soldiers were injured.
1. September 7 A motorcycle bomb exploded as worshippers were leaving a mosque in the north of Syria's capital, killing five soldiers and injuring several others. Two other blasts were reported, including a car bomb near the main courthouse in downtown Damascus. Neither of those blasts caused any casualties.
- September 8 A teenage suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed at least 6 civilians and injured 4 others near the main gate of the ISAF headquarters in the capital Kabul. The Afghan Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast, saying it was in retaliation for recent moves by US officials to designate the Haqqani Network as a terrorist group.
  - September 9 A wave of attacks across Iraq left more than 100 dead and hundreds injured. Car bombs and shootings erupted across numerous Iraqi cities, while insurgents assault a small Iraqi Army base near Dujail. Two early blasts in Baghdad killed four, before a late night series of car bombings shook the capital, killing 32 and leaving 102 injured just hours after fugitive Iraqi Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi was sentenced to death in absentia for his alleged involvement in "death squads".
  - September 9 A small truck, reportedly rigged with 1,000 kg of explosives, was detonated near two hospitals in Syria's largest city. According to state television, 30 people were killed and 64 injured,

most of them civilians. Local activists reported the hospitals were recently converted to barracks and treatment facilities for regime troops.

- September 10 A car bomb exploded at a market in Pakistan's tribal northwest, killing 14 and injuring 45 others. A previously unknown organisation, the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan Ghazi Group, claimed responsibility and said the blast was aimed at members of the country's Shi'ite minority.
- September 10 A suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest in the urban capital of Kunduz Province, killing 10 policemen and 6 civilians. At least 30 others were injured in the blast, which authorities believed specifically targeted security forces.
- September 11 Insurgents fired mortars at Bagram Airfield, destroying a NATO helicopter and killing 3 Afghan intelligence officers. Two other Afghans, as well as an unspecified number of ISAF troops, were injured in the attack. In the northwest Kushki Kuhna District, a teenage suicide bomber killed 5 people, including a local militia leader, and injured 6 others.
- September 11 A suicide bomber hurled a grenade at a police station, before detonating his vest in western Istanbul's Sultangazi neighborhood. One officer was killed and four injured, in addition to 3 civilians. The leftist group Dev Sol claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement published online.
- September 11 heavily armed Islamist militants stormed and burned the American Consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi, killing the United States ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, and three others: Sean Smith, a Foreign Service officer, and Tyrone S. Woods and Glen A. Doherty, both former members of the Navy SEALs who helped protect diplomatic personnel.
- September 11 A car bomb exploded near the convoy of Yemeni Defense Minister Gen. Mohammed Nasser Ahmed in the heart of the capital Sana'a, killing 7 bodyguards and 5 civilians and injuring 15 others. The blast came one day after the government announced the death of AQAP number-two operative Said al-Shihri in a US drone strike.
- September 12 At least two suicide bombers struck at the entrance to a building where newly-elected Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud and the Kenyan Foreign Minister Sam Ogeri were holding a press conference. Five people were killed in the attacks, including 3 soldiers. The militant group al-Shabaab claimed responsibility.
- September 15,16 A roadside bombing in Turkey's southeastern Bingol Province killed 8 soldiers and injured 9 others, less than a day after 4 officers were killed in an attack near the borders with Iran and Iraq.
- September 16 Fourteen people were killed and seven wounded when a van carrying villagers to a local market hit a roadside bomb in Pakistan's northwest.
- September 17 A suicide bombing near the entrance to Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone killed 8 and injured 31 others. Three security officers were among the dead, while 8 others were injured. A spokesman for the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council confirmed that MP Habib al-Turfi and his 2 bodyguards were wounded.
- September 18 A group of suspected PKK fighters attacked a Turkish Army convoy with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire in the country's southeast. At least one bus was completely destroyed, killing 10 soldiers and leaving more than 60 others injured. Witnesses later reported seeing military F-16 jets taking off from the air base in Diyarbakir.

- September 18 A female suicide bomber slammed an explosives-filled vehicle into a bus carrying foreign workers near Kabul International Airport, killing eight South Africans and four Afghans. Eleven civilians and 2 policemen were also injured in the blast. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and his Hezb-e-Islami group later claimed responsibility in a statement, saying the attack was in response to recent protests over a controversial US movie.
- September 18 Two separate bombings in Pakistan's commercial capital Karachi killed 7 and injured 20 others. In Quetta, a blast underneath a bus carrying Iranian pilgrims killed 3 and injured 9 others.
- September 19 At least 12 people were killed and 25 others injured when a car bomb targeting an Army patrol exploded on the outskirts of Peshawar in Pakistan's northwest.
- September 20 At least 15 people were killed and dozens injured in a twin suicide bombing at a well-known restaurant close to the Presidential Palace in Mogadishu. Among the victims were 3 prominent journalists, including the news director of the national television.
- September 21 At least six people were killed and 40 others injured by a bomb explosion near a market in southern Thailand's Pattani Province.
- September 25 An explosive device hidden in a car exploded as an Army patrol was passing by in the eastern Turkish city of Tunceli, killing 6 soldiers and a civilian. Several others were injured in the blast, which authorities blamed on the PKK.
- September 26 Two powerful bombs were detonated near the Damascus headquarters of the Syrian Army. Four guards were killed and 14 others injured, and at least 2 floors of the building were completely engulfed in flames.
- September 30 A suicide car bombing at a Syrian security service building in Qamishli killed at least 4 people and injured 15 others. The blast was the first such incident in the mainly Kurdish northern city since the beginning of the conflict.
- September 30 Two police officers were shot to death in the northern city of Garissa, hours after unknown assailants threw a grenade at a church during a Sunday school session. One child was killed and three others wounded in the first incident. Authorities suspected that the Somali group al-Shabaab was behind the attacks.
- September 30 A string of attacks across Iraq killed at least 37 and left 90 others injured, most of them civilians. The deadliest attacks were a series of five car bombings in Taji and Baghdad that killed 14 and left 55 wounded. Additional attacks took place in Kirkuk, Khan Bani Saad, Tuz Khormato, Madain, Kut and Tarmiyah.

## October

- October 1 A suicide bomber killed 3 US soldiers, 6 Afghan policemen and 10 civilians after he detonated his explosives vest in the eastern city of Khost. More than 50 others were injured in the attack, most of them civilians.
- October 2 Unknown assailants attacked a hostel near Federal Polytechnic campus in the northeastern Nigerian city of Mubi near the border with Cameroon. The gunmen went door-to-door for more than an hour, killing 22 students, a soldier and a security guard.
- October 3 Three suicide car bombings struck Aleppo's main Saadallah Al-Jabiri Square, killing 48 and leaving around 100 others injured. Two attacks took place near the officers' club and a

prominent hotel, destroying large parts of the buildings, while a third bomb exploded near one of the gates to the Old City. The Al-Nusra Front later claimed responsibility for the blasts in a written statement.

- October 8 Suspected Islamic militants staged a number of attacks in three southern Thai provinces (Patani, Songkhla and Yala), killing at least 11 people. The victims included 3 paramilitary rangers, as well as 2 Muslims killed in a drive-by shooting.
- October 14 A car bombing at a market in Pakistan's northwest killed at least 15 people and left dozens injured. The attack was close to the offices of a local pro-government militia. A suicide bombing at a mosque in the same town killed more than 70 people in 2010.
- October 19 A car bomb exploded at Sassine Square in the Lebanese capital of Beirut, killing at least 8 people (including a top intelligence officer) and wounding 110 others. Lebanese officials said the target was Wissam al-Hassan, the head of the intelligence branch of the Lebanese Internal Security Forces and a prominent Sunni figure in the country. This was the first car bombing in Beirut since 2008.
- October 19 Suspected Islamic militants set off a car bomb at an army base in southern Yemen, sparking a heavy firefight with security forces. Sixteen soldiers and 8 militants were killed during the raid, while at least 29 soldiers were injured.
- October 19 A roadside bombing in Afghanistan's northern Balkh Province killed 19 civilians, most of them women and children heading to a wedding. At least fourteen others were injured in the blast, which locals blamed on the Taliban.
- October 21 A taxi rigged with explosives was detonated near a police station in Damascus' mainly Christian district of Bab Touma, killing at least 13 people and injuring 29 others.
- October 24 At least two suspected Islamic militants and a member of the security forces were killed in a shootout in Russia's eighth most populous city of Kazan.
- October 26 A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform detonated his explosive vest near the entrance of a mosque in Maymana, capital of Afghanistan's Faryab Province. At least 41 people were killed, including 19 members of the security forces. More than 50 others were injured.
- October 27 Insurgents launched a string of deadly attacks across central and northern Iraq during the Eid al-Adha holiday, killing 46 and leaving 123 injured. At least 31 were killed in four separate bombings in Baghdad, while 6 died in Taji in two other blasts. Shootings and attacks occurred in Mosul, Tuz Khormato and Muqdadiyah as well.
- October 27-28 At least 10 suspected Abu Sayyaf insurgents and four Marines from the Philippine Army were killed after a six-hour shootout. The attack took place as the Army is on the offensive against several armed groups.
- October 28 A suicide bomber drove his vehicle into a catholic church in northern Nigeria, killing 8 and injuring more than 100 others. Shortly after the blast, armed Christian youths killed two people in reprisal attacks.
- October 29 At least 10 people were killed and 41 others injured in a car bombing near a bakery in the Syrian capital Damascus. The attack took place in the predominantly Christian and Druze neighborhood of Jaramana.

## November

- November 2 Police said that gunmen opened fire on a bus carrying civilians while it was at a petrol pump, killing all 16 occupants and 2 by-standers. As a result of the firing the station caught fire. Among the dead were eight women and three children.
- November 2 Suspected NPA insurgents ambushed an army patrol in the south of the Philippines, killing 4 soldiers.
- November 5 At least five homemade bombs exploded in the nation's capital, killing 2 Asian workers and injuring another.
- November 6 A car bombing outside an army base in Taji killed 31 people and injured at least 50 others, most of them soldiers. The blast struck as troops were leaving the base and potential recruits were lining up for job interviews.
- November 8 A suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed 3 policemen and injured 3 others at a checkpoint near Kandahar. Five Afghan soldiers were killed after their convoy struck a landmine in Laghman Province, while a roadside blast in Helmand Province killed 10 civilians and injured 7 others.
- November 14 Insurgents staged a number of attacks on the eve of the Islamic New Year, killing 29 and injuring almost 200 others. The deadliest incidents took place in Kirkuk and Hilla, where at least seven bombings killed 19 and left 129 wounded. Other attacks took place in Baghdad, Mosul, Kut, Fallujah and Baqubah.
- November 16 A minivan full of civilians going to a wedding party struck a roadside bomb in Afghanistan's western Farah Province. The attack killed 17 people and injured 14 others. Local officials blamed Taliban insurgents for planting the explosives.
- November 21 Two police officers and a civilian were killed in successive terrorist bombings in a village in Dagestan. The second bomb detonated when officers arrived to investigate the scene of the first blast.
- November 21 An explosion on a passenger bus near the defense ministry in Tel Aviv injured 28 people, three of them seriously. The blast came hours before an Egyptian-brokered truce was called to halt the Israeli operation in the Gaza Strip. This was the first serious bombing in Israel's commercial capital since 2006.
- November 21 A suicide bomber killed at least 13 and injured 25 others during evening Shi'ite processions in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, where the national Army headquarters are stationed. Earlier, a blast in Quetta killed 3 soldiers and 2 civilians, while 16 others were wounded.
- November 25 A pair of suicide bombers killed at least 11 and injured more than 30 others at a military church inside Jaji Barracks in Nigeria's northern Kaduna State. An explosives-laden bus drove into the church during services, followed by a second blast as rescuers arrived at the scene. Authorities placed the blame on Islamist sect Boko Haram.
- November 27 A string of car bombings during the height of Ashoura processions struck several Iraqi cities, killing at least 33 and leaving 126 others injured. The deadliest attacks occurred in Baghdad, where three blasts left 23 dead and 72 injured. Other bombings in Kirkuk, Ramadi and Fallujah killed 10 and injured 54.

- November 28 Twin car bombings killed at least 54 and injured more than 120 others in the mainly Christian and Druze city of Jaramana, near the Syrian capital Damascus. The city has been the target of three similar attacks since August.
- November 29 A roadside bomb exploded under a passenger van in Afghanistan's southern Uruzgan Province, killing 10 civilians and injuring at least 8 others. Most of the victims were women and children.
- November 29 A series of bombings in Iraq killed at least 48 and left more than 200 others injured. The deadliest incident was in Hilla, where a suicide car bombing at a restaurant killed 32 and wounded 138 others. Other attacks took place in Karbala, Fallujah, Baghdad and Mosul.

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- December 2 A team of Taliban militants attacked Jalalabad Airport, setting off explosives at the main gate and sparking a 2-hour firefight. All 9 attackers were killed, in addition to 4 Afghan soldiers and 2 civilians.
- December 2 Suspected Islamic militants killed at least 10 people with guns and machetes in an attack at a remote village in Nigeria's northeastern Borno State. All of the victims were Christian, and reports said the attackers were setting houses on fire prior to the assault.
- December 7 At least 5 people were killed and 37 others injured after unknown attackers threw a grenade outside a mosque in Nairobi's predominantly-Somali Eastleigh neighborhood. Among the wounded was Kenyan MP Abdi Yusuf Hassan, the district's representative.
- December 8 Suspected AQAP militants ambushed a military patrol inspecting a damaged oil pipeline in central Yemen, killing 17 soldiers. Among the dead was Major-General Nasser Mahdi Farid, chief of staff for Yemen's central military region.
- December 13 At least 16 people were killed and 25 others injured after a car bombing in Qatana, about 25 kms southwest of the Syrian capital Damascus. The area had been the scene of fierce clashes between rebels and government forces in recent weeks.
- December 13 A suicide bomber detonated his car as an ISAF convoy was entering Kandahar Airfield, killing a US soldier and 2 Afghan civilians. At least 21 others were injured in the blast, including 3 US soldiers. US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta had been on a scheduled visit to the base earlier in the day.
- December 14 Members of al-Shabaab staged a suicide car bombing in Somalia's capital Mogadishu that left 2 civilians dead and 7 injured. The group said the target of the attack was an AMISOM convoy carrying a high-ranking US counter-terrorism official, who they claimed was injured in the blast. American diplomats refrained from comments.
- December 15 Four civilians were killed and 45 others injured after a team of Taliban attackers staged a night raid on Bacha Khan International Airport, launching rockets, as well as setting off a car bomb near a perimeter wall. All 5 attackers were killed after a 30-minute firefight, and reports indicate none got into the complex.
- December 16 A string of attacks across northern Iraq killed 19 civilians and left almost 80 others injured. Most of the casualties were from a series of blasts in Kirkuk, where at least 11 died and 65 others were injured. Other incidents took place in Mosul, Tarmiyah, Jalula and Diwaniyah.

- December 17 A second day of attacks rocked central and northern Iraq, killing at least 92 and injuring 227 others. Twin bombings north of Baghdad killed 12 and wounded 44, while other blasts in Tuz Khormato killed 11 and injured 45. Numerous other incidents took place in Mosul, Kirkuk, Dujail, Tikrit and Baqubah, among others. Most of the attacks appeared to target police officers and members of the Iraqi Army.
- December 17 A car bombing at a market in Pakistan's Khyber Agency killed 21 civilians and injured at least 80 others. The blast took place close to the offices of the local administration.
- December 22 A suicide bombing at a political rally killed 9 people and injured 30 others in Peshawar. Among the dead was Bashir Ahmad Bilour, a provincial minister in the regional assembly. Taliban spokesman Ihsanullah Ihsan claimed responsibility for the attack, adding the group would continue to target the Awami National Party.
- December 30 A suicide car bombing targeting a bus convoy near Quetta killed 20 Shi'ite pilgrims and left 24 wounded. Officials in Peshawar discovered the bodies of 21 local militia members kidnapped by insurgents a few days earlier. At least one of the soldiers has survived in critical condition, while another escaped earlier.
- December 31 A string of shootings and bombings killed 39 and injured more than 120 others in Iraq. Attacks took place in Kirkuk, Mosul and the capital Baghdad, as well as Fallujah, Baqubah and at least a dozen other towns. The targets appeared to be Shi'ite pilgrims preparing for a religious festival.