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Highlights

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Turkey

On 12 May in Adana, two bombs exploded at a café and a sports complex, injuring three persons and causing minor damage. No one claimed responsibility

Latin America

Colombia

On 1 May in Sucre Department, suspected *Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)* guerillas killed eight farmers. No one claimed responsibility.

In La Cumbre on 2 May suspected *FARC* rebels shot and killed two evangelical pastors in their residences. No one claimed responsibility

On 7 May in Savanette unidentified gunmen killed a political party candidate and his son. No one claimed responsibility

Middle East

Algeria

On 2 May in Chenayene, armed militants killed two shepherds, according to press reports. The *Armed Islamic Group* is probably responsible

Yemen

On 27 April in Habil Jabar, a bomb exploded, damaging a courthouse and the private residence of the leader of the Women's Section at the General People's Congress, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility

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The Terrorism Diary for July-August 2000

Below is a compendium of July and August dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Inclusion of a date or event does not suggest that we anticipate a commemorative terrorist event

1 July 1867	***Canada.*** Dominion Day.
3 July 1988	***Iran.*** USS Vincennes shoots down Iran Air Flight 655 in Persian Gulf.
3 July 1976	***Uganda.*** Israeli forces conduct a successful hostage rescue operation in Entebbe.
4 July 1776	***United States.*** Independence Day.
4 July 1946	***Philippines.*** Republic Day (date on which the Philippines became an independent republic).
4 July 1994	***Greece.*** Greek terrorist group 17 November assassinates Turkish DCM in Athens.
5 July 1962	***Algeria.*** Independence Day.
9 July 1929	***Morocco.*** Birthday of King Hassan II.
10 July 1978	***Mauritania.*** Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup).
12 July 1690	***Northern Ireland.*** Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne).
14 July 1789	***France.*** Bastille Day.
14 July 1958	***Iraq.*** Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic).
15 July 1946	***Brunei.*** Sultan's birthday.
17 July 1968	***Iraq.*** Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup).
18 July 1988	***Greece.*** Abu Nidal organization carried out attack on the cruise ship "City of Poros," killing nine people and injuring 98.
18 July 1994	***Argentina.*** Hizballah bombs AMIA cultural center in Buenos Aires.
20 July 1974	***Cyprus.*** Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces).

Chronology of International Terrorism—April-May 2000

The following incidents have met the criteria for the Intelligence Community's Incident Review Panel since publication of the previous issue of the Terrorism Review. *These incidents are the basis for the State Department's* Patterns of Global Terrorism, *published annually as the US Government's official record of international terrorism*

Eurasia

Russia

On 12 May in Dzhaglarbi, press accounts reported a remote controlled explosive device exploded on a city bus, killing three persons and wounding 18 others. No one claimed responsibility

In Moscow on 12 May, according to press accounts, unidentified assailants attacked and gravely injured a local journalist at his residence. No one claimed responsibility

Serbia

On 13 May in Novi Sad, unidentified gunmen killed the head of the provincial government of Vojvodina. No one claimed responsibility.

Europe

France

On 3 May near Cannes, a bomb exploded at a casino, causing major damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility

Germany

In Hamburg on 29 April a grenade exploded inside a discotheque, injuring eight persons and causing minor damage. No one claimed responsibility

Greece

On 8 May in Athens, a group of unidentified individuals firebombed a political party office, causing significant material damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility

Northern Ireland

On 30 April in Dublin, press accounts reported unidentified gunmen killed a man in an apparent "punishment" attack. The attack bears the hallmark of an Irish paramilitary group

On 2 May in Dungannon, County Tyrone, press accounts reported suspected *Irish Republican Army* members entered a private residence and beat and shot a man four times in an apparent "punishment" attack. Another family member was wounded in the attack. No one claimed responsibility

Spain

On 6 May in Hendaye, suspected *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* members firebombed a bank, destroying the building but causing no injuries. No one claimed responsibility

In Andoain on 7 May, suspected *ETA* members shot and killed a prominent journalist outside his residence. No one claimed responsibility

On 8 May in Galicia, press accounts reported unidentified assailants bombed an armored van, killing the two passengers and injuring four bystanders. After the explosion, the assailants opened fire on the van. Police suspect the *October 1 Anti-Fascist Resistance Group*. No one claimed responsibility

Africa

1 May

Sierra Leone: In Makeni, members of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) kidnapped 16 members of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), according to press reports. The militants surrounded the Makeni disarmament and mobilization center, demanding the return of 10 fighters who had turned in weapons. After UN troops refused, the militants fired into the air, killing five UN soldiers and seizing one UN military observer. Three other observers and soldiers were kidnapped when they tried to negotiate their colleagues' release. On 28 May, all hostages were freed unharmed

1 May

Sierra Leone: In Kailahun, RUF members kidnapped 27 members of the UNAMSIL peacekeeping force, according to press reports. On 28 May, all hostages were released unharmed

2 May

Sierra Leone: In Magburaka, unidentified militants kidnapped five Kenyan soldiers from the UNAMSIL peacekeeping force, according to press reports. *RUF* militants are probably responsible. On 10 May, the hostages escaped

3 May

Angola: Armed militants attacked a World Food Program humanitarian convoy carrying foodstuffs for war victims, killing one person, wounding one other, and setting the trucks on fire in Luanda. The *National Union for the Total Independence of Angola* is probably responsible

5 May

Sierra Leone: RUF militants kidnapped 300 UNAMSIL peacekeepers throughout the country, according to press reports. On 28 May, all hostages were released unharmed.

Asia

20 April

Pakistan: A bomb exploded near the Jamaat-E-Islami headquarters in Mansura, injuring two persons in a nearby residence, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.

24 April

Malaysia: In Kampong Pulau Tiga, press accounts reported armed militants kidnapped 21 persons—two French, three Germans, two South Africans, two Finns, two Filipinos, one Lebanese, and nine Malaysians. The militants are probably members of the *Abu Sayyaf Group*.

28 April

India: In Srinagar, a bomb exploded, killing one civilian and wounding four police officers and one civilian at a police checkpoint, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.

28 April

India: In Srinagar, militants threw a grenade at a security patrol but hit a bus stop, injuring two civilians, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.

Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—April-May 2000

The incidents listed below provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide.

Africa

Angola

On 17 May in Katchiungo, according to press reports, armed militants killed three persons—a local government official, a tribal chief, and a church leader. The *National Union for the Independence of Angola* may be responsible

Burundi

On 24 April in Bujumbura, militants set up a false roadblock and stopped several vehicles, killing seven persons and injuring 14 others, according to press reports. The Hutu rebels are probably responsible

Uganda

On 17 May in Gulu, armed militants killed three persons, according to press reports. The *Lord's Resistance Army* is probably responsible

Asia

Bangladesh

On 15 May in Bandarban, a bomb exploded on a passenger bus, injuring 35 persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility

Burma

On 13 May in Myawaddy, militants fired rockets on a village, killing one person and injuring one other, according to press reports. *Karen Insurgents* are probably responsible

Philippines

On 3 May in Korondal, according to press reports, armed members of the *Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)* ambushed a passenger bus, wounding two persons and kidnapping 50 others

On 3 May in General Santos, two bombs exploded, killing two persons, injuring ten others, and damaging several vehicles and equipment, according to press reports. The *MILF* is probably responsible

On 7 May in Surigao, a bomb exploded on a bus, killing two persons and wounding 12 others, according to press reports. The *MILF* is probably responsible

On 7 May in Surigao, a bomb exploded on a bus, killing four persons and injuring 27 others, according to press reports. The *MILF* is probably responsibl

23 July 1952	***Egypt.*** National Day (commemorates military coup ousting King Farouk).
23 July 1970	***Oman.*** Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos.
25 July 1957	***Tunisia.*** Proclamation of republic.
25 July 1996	***France.*** Bomb kills seven people, wounds 117 on Paris commuter train. Algerian Armed Islamic Group responsible.
26 July 1956	***Egypt.*** Nationalization of Suez Canal.
28 July 1821	***Peru.*** Independence Day.
28 July 1989	***Lebanon.*** Abduction by Israel of Hizballah cleric Shaykh Ubayd.
31 July	***Spain/France.*** St. Ignatius' Day (patron saint of Basques).
31 July 1969	***Spain/France.*** Founding of Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA).
2 August 1990	***Iraq/Kuwait.*** Iraq invades Kuwait.
6 August 1825	***Bolivia.*** Independence Day.
6 August 1966	***United Arab Emirates.*** Accession Day of Shaykh Zayid bin Sultan al-Nuhayyan, Emir of Abu Dhabi.
7 August 1998	***Usama Bin Ladin/United States/Kenya/Tanzania.*** Terrorists associated with Usama Bin Ladin's al-Qa'ida organization bombed US Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killing 12 US citizens. Casualties from both blasts numbered more than 5000.
12 August 1689	***Northern Ireland.*** Protestant commemorative marches mark day apprentice boys locked gates of Derry against James II's forces.
13 August 1984	***Morocco/Libya.*** Union established.
14 August 1947	***Pakistan.*** Independence Day.
15 August 1947	***India.*** Independence Day.
15 August 1964	***Colombia.*** Pro-Castro guerrilla movement, the National Liberation Army (ELN), begins armed struggle.
15 August 1971	***Bahrain.*** Independence Day.
20 August 1953	***Morocco.*** King's and People's Revolution.

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10 May — ***India: In Kupwara, armed militants kidnapped a civilian from his residence and then killed him, according to press reports.*** No one claimed responsibility

11 May — ***India: In Bihar, armed militants killed 11 persons and injured four others, according to press reports.*** No one claimed responsibility

15 May — ***India: In Chabran, a landmine exploded, killing Kashmir's Power Minister and four other government employees and destroying their vehicle, according to press reports.*** No one claimed responsibility

Eurasia

16 April — ***Serbia: In Kosovska Mitrovica, according to press reports, three armed ethnic Albanians shot at two United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo police officers, but caused no injuries.*** Authorities made no arrests

24 April — ***Tajikistan: In Khatlon region, a group of armed Afghans broke into a residence and opened fire, killing one person, injuring another, and kidnapping one other.*** No one claimed responsibility

Europe

14 April — ***France: In Pornic, according press accounts, unidentified individuals bombed a McDonald's restaurant, causing minor damage but no injuries.*** On 30 April, the *Breton Liberation Army* claimed responsibility

Latin America

12 April — ***Colombia: In Cali, National Liberation Army rebels kidnapped a Mexican citizen, demanding $5 million ransom.*** On 16 April, police arrested three kidnappers and freed the hostage unharmed

14 May — ***Colombia: In Canito, according to press reports, unidentified individuals kidnapped an Australian missionary and three Colombians.*** The Colombian hostages were released unharmed several hours later. No one claimed responsibility.

Middle East

14 May — ***Iran: In Kermanshah, a bomb exploded in the cultural/sports centre injuring two civilians, according to press reports.*** The *Mujahedin-e Khalq* claimed responsibility.

20 August 1998	***Usama Bin Ladin/Afghanistan/ Sudan.*** US missile strikes against Shifa plant in Sudan and Usama Bin Ladin camps in Afghanistan.
25 August 1998	***South Africa.*** Explosion at the US-franchised Planet Hollywood restaurant in Cape Town killed one person and injured 24.
31 August 1978	***Libya/Shia World.*** Lebanese Shia cleric Imam Musa Sadr disappears in Libya.

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