

# Global Terrorism 2005

Below is a chronicle of major acts of terrorism that occurred during 2005.

## January

- January 7 Thailand: Explosion at a railroad crossing - no casualties. One Buddhist shot dead in southern Thailand.
- January 9 Indonesia: Blast in Sulawesi inside a church. Four killed and injuring over 30.
- January 16 Thailand: One person dead, over 50 others injured in an explosion in a commercial area in southern Thailand.

## February

- February 14 Lebanon: A car bomb kills former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri and 20 others in Beirut.
- February 17 Thailand: Seven people dead, 40 injured by a car bomb outside a hotel in southern Thailand.
- February 22 Columbia: A car bomb explodes in front of the offices of RCN TV, injuring two.
- February 25 Israel: A suicide bomber in Tel Aviv kills five Israelis and undermines a weeks-old truce between the two sides.

## March

- March 6 Thailand: A Buddhist monk was killed by gunmen in southern Thailand.
- March 7 Thailand: Two policemen and three unknown attackers were killed in a shootout with five gunmen disguised as veiled Muslim women at a police station in southern Thailand.
- March 15 Thailand: One policeman was killed, three injured by bomb in southern Thailand.
- March 19 Qatar: Car bomb attack on theatre in Doha kills one Briton and wounds twelve others.
- March 19 Thailand: 15 people, ten of them policemen, injured in two explosions. One of the bombs was detonated via a cell phone.
- March 26 Thailand: One Buddhist dead, two injured, in two attacks by gunmen in southern Thailand.
- March 27 Thailand: Two bombs used to stop an armored train patrolling in southern Thailand, terrorists then fired on the policemen on the train. Approximately 20 policemen and some other passengers were wounded.

## April

- April 3 Thailand: Songkhla bombings: Two people killed (possibly five), 54 injured, by three explosions in Hat Yai -one at the airport, one at a hotel, and another at a department store.
- April 7 Egypt: A suicide bomber blows himself up in Cairo's Khan al Khalili market, killing three foreign tourists and wounding 17 others. In two further attacks on April 30, suspected accomplices detonate a bomb and spray a tourist coach with gunfire.

## May

- May 7 Afghanistan: A suicide bomber attacks an Internet cafe at a guesthouse in Kabul, killing a UN engineer and an Afghan national and injuring five others.
- May 7 Myanmar: Multiple bomb explosions across Myanmar's former capital Yangon kill 19 and injures 160.

## June

- June 1 Afghanistan: A suicide bomber blows up in a mosque in Kandahar, killing 20 people.
- June 12 Iran: Bombs explode in the cities of Ahvaz and Tehran, leaving ten dead and 80 wounded days before the Iranian presidential election.

## July

- July 5 India: Terrorist attack on Ayodhya – Six terrorists belonging to Lashkar-e-Toiba storm the Ayodhya Ram Janmbhomi complex. Before the terrorists could reach the main disputed site, they were shot down by Indian security forces. One devotee and two policemen were injured.
- July 7 United Kingdom: Suicide bombers attack one double-decker bus and three London Underground trains, killing 52 people and injuring over 700, occurring on the first day of the 31st G8 Conference. The attacks are the first suicide bombings in Western Europe.
- July 12 Israel: Islamic Jihad takes responsibility for a suicide bombing in Netanya, which kills five people at a shopping mall.
- July 21 United Kingdom: Attempted London bombings - Small explosions in three London Underground stations and one double-decker bus. This was pronounced as a "major incident" rather than an attack, and only minor injuries were reported. These four bombs were designed to cause as much damage as the 7 July 2005 London bombings, but the explosives had deteriorated and failed to detonate.
- July 23 Egypt: Sharm el-Sheikh bombings – Car bombs explode at tourist sites in Sharm el-Sheikh, killing at least 88 and wounding more than 100.
- July 28 India: Jaunpur train bombing: 13 are killed when militants detonate a bomb on a commuter train.

## August

- August 4 Israel: Jewish settler in an IDF uniform opens fire on a bus in Shfaram, killing four Israeli Arabs and wounding five.
- August 17 Bangladesh: Total 493 homemade bombs exploded in 288 different locations in all districts of the country except Munshiganj; 2 were killed instantly with above 100 more wounded.

## October

- October 1 United States: Joel Henry Hinrichs III detonated a bomb near the packed football stadium at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma killing himself in the process.
- October 1 Indonesia: A series of explosions occurs in resort areas of Jimabaran Beach and Kuta in Bali, as three suicide bombers kill 20 people and injure 129.
- October 10 Colombia: A car bomb injures nine people in Bogotá.
- October 15 Iran: Two bombs exploded at a shopping mall in Ahvaz, Khuzestan. Six people died and over 100 were injured.
- October 24 Iraq: Multiple car bombs explode outside the Green Zone in Baghdad, killing at least 20. It is thought that the attacks were targeting journalists inside the Palestine Hotel and the Sheraton Ishtar.
- October 26 Israel: A Palestinian suicide bomber detonates a bomb near a falafel stand in Hadera that kills himself and six others. Twenty-six people were also wounded.
- October 29 India: Multiple bomb blasts hit markets in Delhi, India, leaving at least 61 dead and more than 200 injured.
- October 29 Indonesia: In Poso, Central Sulawesi, four Christian schoolgirls aged 15 to 17 years on their way home from school were assaulted by six masked Muslim men who beheaded three of them, Theresia Morangke, Alfita Poliwo, and Yarni Sambue, with machetes and placed their severed heads in front of a church and a police station. The fourth girl, Noviana Malewa, survived but suffered serious machete wounds. The terrorists belong to the group Tanah Runtuh whose leader Hasanuddin confessed at his trial that the well-planned assault was inspired and financed by Guru Sanusi, a former Muslim rebel (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) from Mindanao.[7][8] Central Jakarta District Court sentenced two of the killers to 14 years in prison and mastermind Hasanuddin to 20 years.

## November

- November 8 Australia: Several suspected terrorist were arrested in Sydney and Melbourne after police say they foiled an attack on the country.
- November 9 Jordan: Three explosions at hotels in Amman, leave at least 60 dead and 120 wounded.
- November 14 Afghanistan: Twin suicide attacks in Kabul target NATO-led peacekeepers, killing a German soldier and eight Afghans and marking the first attack in a wave of suicide bombings that will continue into 2006.

## December

- December 5 Israel: A suicide bomb attack kills at least five people in Netanya in north-western Israel.
- December 11 Afghanistan: A suicide bomb attack injures three civilians in the southern Kandahar Province.
- December 14 Afghanistan: A suicide attack rocks the famous blue mosque of Afghanistan's northern Balkh Province but did not cause serious injuries.
- December 20 Afghanistan: A suicide bomber detonates in the western Herat Province, injuring three International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) soldiers.
- December 28 Afghanistan: Two or more unidentified gunmen open fire at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, killing a retired professor of mathematics and wounding four others.