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Suicide terrorism has increased manifold in the recent years, especially after the American occupation in Iraq. A particular group always managed to be in the limelight in a given period in terms of suicide attacks. There have been two exceptions; the LTTE has sustained its suicide attacks for more than a decade (with none of the other groups managing more than five years); the Palestinians are the only group of individuals to carry out attacks without any institutional or organizational structure. Where do the fidayeen attacks in Kashmir figure in this? Are there any similarities with other groups or attacks?

An analysis of the fidayeen attacks would reveal that there are more dissimilarities with other groups than any similarities. A post mortem of each attack reveals that these fidayeen attacks could not even be called as suicide attacks in the 'traditional' sense, rather as suicidal attacks, employing the traditional hit and run technique. The major difference between the fidayeen attacks and the other terrorist attacks relate to the risk involved. Fidayeen attacks are high risk attacks, where the possibility of escape is less; nevertheless there exist an option. These attacks could be called suicidal, certainly not suicide attacks.

Whether suicide or suicidal, these attacks are deadly, hence need to be studied; compared and contrasted with other attacks to learn further. First, unlike other suicide attacks, the fidayeen attacks are not acts of individuals. Most of the suicide attacks all over the world are carried out by individuals or individuals wrapping himself/herself with lethal explosives. This has been the most preferred attack all over the

world. Alternatively, the suicide attacks also include the person who is perpetrating the act, driving a vehicle, mostly a car or truck directly into the target, the most used technique in Iraq today. In J&K, neither of this method is employed by the fidayeens. In fact, of the total attacks, there were only two attacks which could be called as suicide attacks: the first one by Kashmiri boy and the second by a British national, in which both individuals carried the explosives along with them in a vehicle, hitting the Badamibagh cantonment gate in Srinagar. The fidayeen attacks, on the contrary, are group acts. Suicide, by nature is an individual phenomenon. Except for some cult groups, history has never witnessed group suicides.

The fidayeen attacks always have an escape route. If the target is overpowered or eliminated completely, the fidayeens escape the area. In most cases, the fidayeen attacks

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are primarily aimed at the security forces. The individuals — whether political leaders or dissidents — were rarely targeted. It is surprising that the fidayeen attacks were hardly carried out against a political target. Also the fidayeen attacks do not take place in common places, such as a pub, or a bus or a local market. Perhaps, the targets are carefully chosen not to incur any local wrath and lose public opinion. The fidayeen attacks then clearly are security forces specific.

The fidayeen attacks are primarily carried out by the Lashkar-e-Toiba and the Jaish-e-Mohammad cadres. The Hizbul Mujahideen does not carry out such attacks; most of the attacks were carried out by Pakistanis, especially from Punjab and not by Kashmiris.

Perhaps, J&K is the only area, where an alien population is carrying out suicide attacks for the cause of locals. There are reports stating that people who are carrying out in suicide attacks in Iraq are in fact non-Iraqis. In that case, it needs to be tested whether these attacks are carried out for a national or religious cause. In that case, is there a need for a new hypothesis - if the cause is religious, then the cadres of suicide terrorism need not necessarily be from the same region. In most of other cases, the suicide terrorist belongs to the political nation for which he is fighting for. Unless, the fidayeen in J&K is fighting for the cause of Ummah, it would be the case of a Punjabi giving his life for a Kashmiri cause.

Another interesting aspect that differentiates the fidayeen attacks from the rest of suicide attacks is the non-involvement of women. J&K is yet to witness a woman fidayeen. The only other area, where woman have played a non-role in suicide attacks is

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Iraq. The LTTE, the PKK and amongst the Palestinian suicide bombers, the role played by women is phenomenal. In fact amongst the LTTE and the PKK, women cadres have carried out most of the suicide attacks. Can the previous hypothesis then be extended further - that where the struggle is for the cause of Islam, it precludes the involvement of women as suicide cadres? Another interesting question need to be raised, if the attacks are for the cause of Islam - can there be suicide attacks in the name of religion, which condemns suicide. Are suicide attacks then Islamic? If they are not, aren't the fidayeens then also un-Islamic?

These are crucial questions that need to be researched. The fidayeens are a different phenomenon in the suicide terrorism discourse and need to be addressed taking into account the various similarities and dissimilarities.

(From IPCS Archives, July 2003)

**ANALYSIS** **Suicide Terrorism in South Asia**  
*From Promised Land to Presumed Land*

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In South Asia, three countries have been the principal victims of suicide terrorism: Sri Lanka, India - in Jammu and Kashmir, and Pakistan. While Sri Lanka has been witnessing suicide attacks by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam ever since their first attack in 1987, attacks in Jammu and Kashmir have been post-Kargil, and in Pakistan, they are a post-September phenomenon. While these attacks have much in common, their dissimilarities, which is the focus of this article, are significant. (A disclaimer may be necessary at the outset. Though it might appear so, it is not the intent of this article either to justify or glorify the suicide attacks of the LTTE as a rational or secular endeavor.)

Firstly, the objective. While suicide attacks led by the LTTE are nationalistic and secular, the objectives behind attacks led by various jihadi organizations in Kashmir and Pakistan are religious and at times even sectarian. While the Black Tigers of the LTTE give up their life for Tamil Eelam, an independent Tamil homeland, the jihadis do likewise to establish an Islamic nation. Moreover, the jihadis fight for a particular stream of Islam, especially the Wahabi-Sunni faith.

The second dissimilarity is the targets of the suicide bombers. The LTTE's principal targets have always been political and military leaders; killing of innocents is perceived as collateral damage. The mandate for the Black Tiger is always a single person, a leader —

political or military — who was adversely associated with the LTTE. The list of LTTE suicide attacks reveals that it never used its Black Tigers against innocent bystanders. In other words, elimination of the target has a special focus and significance for the LTTE. Conversely, the victims of jihadi suicide attacks, whether in Kashmir or Pakistan, have not been specific leaders, but civilians who, to an extent, were in no way linked with the organization or actively involved against the perpetrators. Be it the attacks on the French engineers or those against the Shia and Christian communities, the targets were only symbolic.

The third major difference relates to the organizational cohesiveness of the suicide bombers. In the case of Sri Lanka, the suicide bombers belong to a single organization, the LTTE, and particularly a specialized unit called the Black Tigers. The suicide squad is part of the LTTE's military command and executes the orders of the leadership. Jihadi suicide terrorists, on the other hand, are not part of any single organization, much less part of any specialized squads, and are scattered among different outfits including the Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Mohammad and other sectarian organizations. Despite their common religious orientation, they lack cohesiveness because of their distinct and diverse interpretations of the religion.

A study into the composition of the suicide squad highlights the fourth dissimilarity. Women constitute a majority in the LTTE's suicide squad. In contrast, women participation in jihadi organizations is almost non-existent, although a couple of women jihadi organizations do exist on paper. Women participation also uncovers a corollary to the dissimilarity. The society these organizations wish to establish. The LTTE cadres, irrespective of their sex, dream of a Tamil homeland that is egalitarian with equal rights for women. This is manifest in the ferocity and determination with which the cadres, including the Black

Tigers, fight towards realization of their dream. On the other hand, exclusion of women from jihad, in effect, construes jihad as a male fight for a male dominated society.

Fifth, suicide attacks by the LTTE have been undertaken by Sri Lankans and limited to the geographical area of the conflict; the only exception was the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in Tamil Nadu, India. On the contrary, suicide attacks in Kashmir are carried out by non-Kashmiris; except for one instance in 2000 when a student from Srinagar drove a truck laden with explosives and crashed into the Badamibagh Cantonment gates, all suicide attacks have been carried out by jihadis from Pakistan belonging to either the Lashkar or the Jaish. Paradoxically, Hizbul Mujahideen,

considered 'indigenous' among other militant organizations, has publicly denounced suicide attacks! Hizbul's leader, Syed Salahudin, revealed in an interview that the outfit did not believe in such attacks. Kashmir is probably the only unique situation where suicide missions are executed by those not belonging to Kashmir but dying for a perceived Kashmiri cause. Arguably, suicide attacks in

Kashmir are religious and not national.

Finally, the opinion that outfits harbor towards western culture and ethos is yet another discerning factor that differentiates the Black Tigers from the jihadis. The LTTE holds nothing against western culture and in fact shares the secular and egalitarian values of the west. Its struggle is against the Sri Lankan state for a separate homeland and not against Sinhalese culture. To that extent, suicide attacks are not directed against the Sinhala community. The jihadi suicide attacks on churches and the French engineers in Pakistan, in contrast, reveal an inherent animosity towards western culture and ethos. Anti-west, particularly Anti-American, sentiments predominates the motives behind jihadi suicide attacks. Unfortunately, this trend is likely to continue

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**ANALYSIS****Female Suicide Bombers**  
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Early in July 2003, two young Chechen women carried out suicide bombings at an outdoor rock concert in Russia killing 14 people and injuring 53. Suicide bombings by women have tended to shock and often produce gendered opinions rather than cause reflection. Since several such incidents have in the recent past, been carried out by Muslim women, they have also led to criticisms of the "cultural barbarism" of Islam. But women terrorists have come from all parts of the globe; they have been part of Italy's Red Brigades, Germany's Baader-Meinhof faction, Lebanon's Hizbollah, the Kurdistan Worker's Party, Sri Lanka's LTTE and the Japanese Red Army, and often as leaders in their own right.

Dalal Mughrabi, a young Palestinian woman in a refugee camp in Lebanon was the first female to participate in a PLO mission that could be considered a suicide mission. She led the group that hijacked a civilian bus near Tel Aviv in 1978, in which 36 Israelis lost their lives, and was killed after Israeli troops stormed the bus. The Hezbollah, however, pioneered the use of suicide bombings during Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war and the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon. It used women suicide bombers also, though the practice was later stopped. In the current spate of suicide bombings carried out by Palestinians, four have been by women.

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The first, carried out last year, by Wafa Idris from the al-Amari refugee camp near Ramallah, is considered to be accidental, but the second by Darin Abu Aisheh from Nablus leaves no room for doubt. After failing to obtain explosives for her task from the Hamas, she obtained them from the Fatah's al-Aqsa Brigade. At least 20 women have attempted to blow themselves up in the present intifada, some of whom are in Israeli custody.

Some would try to pin the blame on the structure of Muslim societies and thus onto Islam itself rather than focus on a bomber's personal situation or the political context. Young Palestinian women, have become increasingly radicalized over the years and especially during the current intifada, particularly those who have lost relatives in the violence. What must be understood is the desperation and anger that motivates anybody, whether male or female, to carry out a suicide mission. And, in the case of the Palestinians, they do so knowing full well that the Israeli Army will demolish the homes of their families once their identities are

established.

While Hiba Daraghme, who killed herself and three Israelis at a mall in the Israeli town of Afula, in May 2003, was the first female bomber dispatched by the Islamic Jihad, the reasons need not necessarily be religious. Black September member, Leila Khaled, involved in the hijacking of two planes in

1969 and in 1970, has said that the struggle is in the cause of the nation and Islam's only role has been in determining the choice of how the struggle is to be waged. At least one Palestinian female bomber, Ayat al-Akhras, was a bright student, not noticeably religious or alienated from either her family or friends, nor openly linked to any extremist group.

Indeed, for the "Black Widows" Chechen Muslim women terrorists and suicide bombers, the reasons are often personal rather than religious or political: avenging their loved ones killed in Chechnya's decade-long war with Russia. Most of them are the wives or

relatives of Chechen rebels and have caused as much if not more destruction than their Palestinian counterparts. Some like Khava Barayeva, the first Chechen woman suicide bomber, continue to inspire Chechen guerillas. And now US-occupied Iraq seems set to follow suit with at least one report of women suicide bombers being used.

Those who condemn suicide bombing as uncivilized and use it to foist labels on a particular religion or culture miss the point that the reasons are often political and personal. Suicide bombings are often part of an orchestrated political strategy, but they are also a response to the constant atmosphere of fear and oppression that afflicts young men and women in various parts of the world.

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## BOOK REVIEW

**The Martyrdom of Palestinian Female Suicide Bombers**  
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## Army of Roses

*Inside the World of Palestinian Women Suicide Bombers*

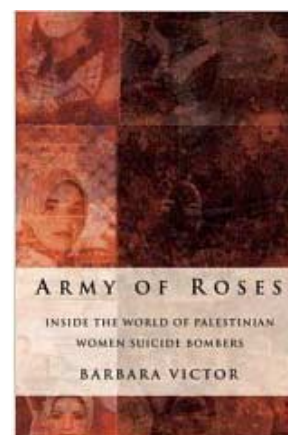
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When a patriarchal society breaks with tradition and produces female suicide bombers one ought to pause to reflect. Many could interpret this phenomenon as a sign of patriarchal structures breaking down, with women increasingly being accepted as equals in the roles traditionally reserved for men. Others would point to the degree of desperation attached to living under an oppressive occupation force which leads these women to take their own lives. In her book "Army of Roses", Barbara Victor examines such claims in respect of Palestinian female

suicide bombers. Her quest to understand "the social environment that pushes these young women over the edge of personal despair", however, leads her to uncover a deeper truth.

By weaving political analysis and the personal stories of five female suicide bombers together, she takes the reader beyond the surface, highlighting the relevant sociological structures that determine such behaviour. The outcome of such an investigation does not point to equality being achieved but actually reveals deeply embedded inequality in the



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Palestinian society which denies individual women the freedom to define their own future. And this is to blame for the rise of female suicide bombers.

This view is sustained through numerous interviews. Victor talks with the families and friends of the female suicide bombers who provide insights into their aspirations, character and motives. Her interviews with doctors, academics as well as psychologists serve as a framework which helps forge a bigger picture out of the personal stories. The experts place differing emphasis on factors like socio-economics, nationalism, and fundamentalism in their explanations of female suicide terrorism. Interviews with Yasser Arafat, Benjamin Netanyahu, Abdul Aziz Al-Rantisi, Sheik Ahmad Yassin and others provide insights into the thinking of the political actors who capitalize on or condemn such attacks, but who also define the political backdrop against which such attacks are undertaken.

Great care is taken in analysing the first female suicide attack carried out by a Palestinian woman called Wafa Idris on January 27 2002. Her death took the world by surprise including, apparently, the Palestinian leadership who according to evidence presented by Victor, initially tried to cover up their association with the attack. In an interview with a Fatah leader, Victor discovers that Idris' recruitment was made in connection with her brother's planned suicide attack and not hers. Her intended role was to carry a knapsack filled with explosives across a checkpoint, which her brother would later use in his attack. However, Idris crossed the boundaries of her intended role and detonated the device, killing her self and one Israeli man. Only after a positive reaction to the event in the Arab world and noticing that the people were seemingly ready to accept a woman suicide bomber as a 'sahida', a martyr, did the Al-Aqsa Martyr's Brigade claim responsibility for the attack. Idris' attack, with the seal of approval from the political leadership, then served as an example for other women to follow. Her story points to the haphazard genesis of Palestinian female suicide bomber.

However by seeking out personal motives that would lead this young woman to kill herself, Victor unravels the structural factors to discover that her story is not so unique. Similar factors determined the behavior of the subsequent female suicide bombers. Wafa Idris was a woman with no future. Her inability to give her husband children led to the husband and his family being put to shame. Her husband was pressurised to divorce her and to take another wife. She had to move back to her paternal home where she was perceived as nothing but a financial burden. As a 'barren' woman, she had no chance of remarrying. In a society where 'honour' is currency, for a very 'poor' woman with no future, a suicide attack is a quick way to get her family 'rich'. The stories of the subsequent *sahidas* are similar in the respect that they all shared an inability to control their own lives. For reasons of respectability, honour and societal pressure, they all undertook the attacks in hope of acquiring honour for their families.

The next layer that Victor adds to her analysis is that in a society which quickly adapts to incorporate female suicide bombers, male figures start to prey on unsuspecting women, and manipulate them to carry out attacks. There is the story Shireen Rabiya a fifteen year old, from a well-to-do family. She was recruited by her uncle who promised her an end to her teenage angst with a promise of entering paradise. Ultimately, she failed in her attempt to blow herself up. Therefore, even in this new role crafted for women, male manipulation continues to remain as the pivotal factor.

The message of this book is that this role enhancement is not an expression of equality. It warns of those who try to mislead us into believing that they are uncovering the structures of inequality. Actually they give rise to it and perpetuated it in the first place. The reader parts with the book with a deeper understanding of the motives that lead women to become suicide bombers. He is aware that such acts will continue to happen as long as prevailing societal structure remains in tact.

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### 1 April 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomb exploded at a checkpoint outside the town of Tuz Khurmatuat, near a Shia shrine, killing 5 people, including two Iraqi soldiers. The bombing coincided with another suicide attack in the town of Samarra, which targeted US forces. No one was injured in that attack, and no group has claimed responsibility for the bombings.

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### 4 April 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A string of suicide bombers attacked the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, injuring 44 US soldiers. Seven suicide bombers targeted the prison, in what was a coordinated attack on US forces. Al Qaeda's Iraqi wing, the notorious Abu Musab al-Zarqawi group claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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### 7 April 2005, Srinagar, India

Two fidayeen (suicide) militants, stormed the Tourist Reception Centre in Srinagar, injuring seven people, including a policeman, before they were killed by security forces. The four militant organisations, Al-Nasireen, Save Kashmir Movement, Al-Arifeen and Farzandan-e-Millat, have claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred on

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### 15 April 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

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civilian life. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### **20 April 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide car bombing in the Athamiya district of Baghdad, killed at least six Iraqis, including two soldiers and wounded more than 44. The attack occurred 18 meters from a recruitment center for Iraqi National guards. According to a statement released on the internet, the Al Zarqawi group claimed responsibility for the attack, which it claimed was carried out by its 'martyrs brigade'.

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### **30 April 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A string of suicide attacks in the Adhamiyah district of Baghdad, targeting Iraqi National forces and their U.S. allies, left several people dead. The attacks which included mortars and suicide bombings, left more than 50 people dead. The Al-Zarqawi group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, in what appears to be a new tactic adopted by the insurgents, to unleash a wave of bombings and deplete rescue efforts.

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A suicide attack targeting a Kurdish funeral procession left at least 25 people dead and injured 30 others. The attack occurred in the northern town of Talafar, near Mosul. In a separate incident, at least 5 policemen and 4 civilians were killed in two attacks in Baghdad. No group has claimed responsibility for the suicide attacks.

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### **2 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A series of suicide car bombings in two Iraqi cities left at least 16 people dead and injured 23 others. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks which came a day after a suicide attack on a funeral procession killed at least 25 people. In a separate incident, two suicide car bombings in Mosul left 4 people dead, including a woman and a child. Violence has increased since Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari announced the formation of a government.

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### **4 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide bomber detonated a massive explosion outside a police recruiting station in the Kurdish city of Irbil, killing at least 60 people. The man, dressed in a traditional Kurdish outfit, exploded the device in the early hours of the morning causing widespread chaos and devastation. The Army of Ansar al-Sunna, a militant group with ties to Al Qaeda, claimed responsibility for the

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**5 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide bombing outside an army recruiting station in Baghdad left 13 National guards and a policeman dead. The bomber is believed to have walked into the station and detonated the explosives strapped to his body. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack which occurred within close proximity of Baghdad's heavily fortified Green zone.

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**7 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide car bomb exploded near a crowded market in the city of Swayra, killing at least 58 people and injuring 44 others. In a separate attack, a suicide car bomb exploded beside a minivan carrying policemen in Tikrit, killing nine officers and injuring several others. No group has claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks.

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**8 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Central Baghdad was rocked by two suicide car bombs that killed 22 people, including 2 Americans and wounded 35 others. The attack occurred in Tahrir Square, damaging cars and setting fire to property. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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**10 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide bomber rammed his car into two police vehicles at a roadside checkpoint in southwest Baghdad, killing 4 people, including 2 policemen and wounding 8 others. Baghdad has seen a spurt of violence in recent weeks, although no group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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**11 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Two suicide car bombs exploded on a busy street in central Baghdad, killing seven Iraqis and injuring 16 others. The bomb blew up near a US patrol, wounding women and children as well as 3 US service personnel. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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**12 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Four Suicide bombs struck Iraq, killing at least 76 people, in a growing wave of violence that has claimed more than 400 lives since the new Iraqi government was formed 2 weeks ago. In Tikrit, a suicide car bomb exploded amongst a group of mainly Shia migrant workers, killing 33 and wounding at least 80. In the town of Hawija, southwest of Kirkuk a suicide bomber detonated his explosives in an army recruitment center, killing at least 32 people and wounding 34 others. In the third attack, a suicide car bomb exploded near a

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Police shot and killed a potential suicide bomber outside the Israeli embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Guards posted at the embassy noticed a man with an explosives belt strapped around his waist and after a refusal by the suspect to desist advancing, they opened fire and killed him. The identity of the suspect is unknown.

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Two suicide bombers struck the convoy of the governor of Iraq's Diyala province, killing five people, three of whom were policemen and wounding more than 20 others. The governor was not injured, in what was described as a 'well coordinated' attack, whereby the convoy was first struck by a suicide car bomb and then by a suicide bomber on foot with explosives strapped around his body. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### **24 May 2005, Arbil, Iraq**

A double suicide attack in the northern Iraqi town of Tall Afar, left 35 people dead and wounded more than 25 others, in a day which saw more than 53 casualties in separate car bombings across the country. In the northern town of Tuz Khurmatu, 5 people were killed and 19 more wounded when a pickup truck laden with explosives, blew up outside the local town hall. In Samarra, three suicide bombers – two of them in cars and one on foot – attacked a US military compound injuring 4 soldiers. No group has claimed responsibility for any of the attacks.

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### **26 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

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A suicide bomber struck at an annual congregation of Shia Muslims at the Bari Imam shrine in Islamabad, killing 20 people and injuring more than 80 others. The blasts were widely condemned, although police were unable to ascertain the motive behind the bombing. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### **29 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Two suicide car bombs exploded near the northern town of Sinjar, close to the Syrian border, killing at least 5 Iraqi's and wounding several others. The car bombs targeted a military base, manned by American and Iraqi troops. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### **30 May 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Two suicide bombers strapped with explosives, blew themselves up among a crowd of Iraqi's in the town of Hilla, south of Baghdad. The attack, in the mainly Shiite town, left at least 20 people dead and wounded 35 others. The attacks targeted Iraqi service personnel, including recruits for the police, army and civil services.

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A suicide attack at a Shiite mosque in Karachi killed 5 people and wounded more than 20 others. The attack occurred at the Madinatul Ilim Imambargah, after three attackers stole an automatic weapon from a policeman, before shooting him dead. In an ensuing exchange of fire, one attacker was killed and

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### **1 June 2005, Kandahar, Afghanistan**

A suicide bombing at a mosque in the southern city of Kandahar, in Afghanistan, killed at least 20 people with several more injured. The Kabul police chief was amongst those killed, in an attack which was claimed by the Taliban. Afghanistan's interior ministry spokesman described the incident as a "... suicide attack by the enemies of Afghanistan and Islam".

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### **2 June 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A series of suicide bombings struck northern Baghdad, killing at least 15 people and wounding more than 20. Four people, including a local council were killed in an attack on a convoy in Baquba. An attack at a restaurant, frequented by the Deputy PM's bodyguards, in Tuz Khurmatu, left 9 people dead. No group has claimed responsibility

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### **2 June 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide bomber attacked the main checkpoint to Baghdad's international airport, wounding 15 Iraqis. The bomb exploded as Iraqi workers were waiting to enter the airport grounds. The bombing was followed by a gun battle between insurgents and US forces. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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A suicide bomber rammed his explosives laden motorcycle into an Iraqi military convoy, killing one soldier and wounding three others. The attack occurred on a highway between Shorgat and Mosul, a predominantly Sunni area, which is frequently an area of assaults on Iraqi and US forces. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### 5 June 2005, Tikrit, Iraq

A suicide bomber blew up his vehicle outside a US base in the town of Tikrit killing five Iraqi soldiers and wounding seven others. The base is the headquarters of the US military operations in the northern part of the Sunni triangle and is frequently attacked. No group has claimed responsibility

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### 8 June 2005, Tikrit, Iraq

Three suicide bombs exploded within minutes of each other, near army checkpoints in and around Tikrit. The bombings appeared to be coordinated and left 18 people dead, while wounding 19 others. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks which targeted military personnel, and injured several civilians as well.

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### 11 June 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber dressed as a policeman blew himself up at the headquarters of Baghdad's feared commando unit, killing at least three people. In a separate attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the Slovakian embassy, injuring four people. No

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### 14 June 2005, Kirkuk, Iraq

A suicide bomber blew himself up amongst a crowd of people, outside a bank in the town of Kirkuk, killing at least 19 people and wounding 53 others. Police officials said that most of the casualties were civil servants lining up to receive their monthly pay cheques. No group has claimed responsibility for the bombing.

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### 16 June 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

Two suicide bombings in Baghdad left 31 people dead and wounded more than 30 others. In the worst attack, a man dressed in an Iraqi military uniform blew himself up at a base canteen, killing 23 people and wounding 29, most of whom were soldiers. In a separate incident, eight policemen were killed when a suicide car bomb struck their convoy in Southern Baghdad. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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### 20 June 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bombing outside a restaurant in Baghdad's government green zone killed at least 23 people and left 36 others wounded. The attack occurred during the restaurants busy lunch hour, with most of the casualties policemen or security guards. No group claimed responsibility for the attack which occurred in a heavily fortified area of the city.

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### 20 June 2005, Irbil, Iraq

A suicide bomber blew himself up outside the traffic police headquarters in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil, killing at least 20 and wounding 50 more. The attacker, disguised as a policeman detonated the explosives amongst the group of officers attending morning roll call. The rebel leader Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### 21 June 2005, Arbil, Iraq

A suicide car bomber drove his vehicle into a crowd of police recruits on a soccer field, killing 13 people and wounding 100 others. This was the second such attack in the short span of six weeks to hit the relatively peaceful northern region. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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A suicide car bombing in Karrada, killed 3 policemen and injured 7 others. The attack occurred when a bomber drove his vehicle into a police patrol car. Iraq's Al Qaeda group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### 26 June 2005, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide bomber drove an explosives laden car into the district police headquarters in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, killing at least six people, most of them policemen and wounding 14 others. The attack was claimed by Al Qaeda's Iraq wing, led by Abu Musab Al Zarqawi. Police and army personnel are frequent targets of insurgents in Iraq.

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### **26 June 2005, Mosul, Iraq**

A suicide bomber strapped with explosives  
blew himself up at an army post near Mosul,  
killing 15 people and wounding at least 15  
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A suicide bomber blew himself up at a police  
post in a hospital, damaging the emergency  
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were being treated. The attack injured six  
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### **29 June 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide car bomb killed Iraq's oldest Shia  
legislator, his son and three bodyguards close  
to Iraq's parliament. The bomber detonated  
the explosives laden car as the politician's  
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