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In the year 2006, four countries in the South Asian region witnessed more suicide attacks than anywhere in the world, next to Iraq. Compared to the previous year, the rate of suicide attacks significantly increased particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan. While incidents in India were relatively few, suicide bombings have once again resurged in Sri Lanka. The emerging trend has further threatened the security situation of this volatile region.



A suicide bombing in Kandahar
Source: www.spiegel.de

The current resurgence of violence, and the increasing number of suicide attacks in Afghanistan indicates that the Taliban and Al-Qaeda are staging a comeback with a grand design of destabilizing the security situation of the country. They believe that suicide attacks would thwart the attempts by the international mission in Afghanistan, and increase the level of insecurity among the Afghan population. According to NATO sources, over 90 suicide attacks have been reported in the country, mainly targeting international coalition forces and diplomats. The total number of such attacks and casualties has quadrupled since 2001; while one attack was reported in 2001 and 2002, two attacks in 2003, six in 2004, and 21 in 2005. It appears that the Taliban forces have been importing the modus

operandi of international Al-Qaeda jihadis from Iraq, which provides immense visibility and popularity for each attack in the national and international media.

The ongoing trend clearly represents a major shift in tactics by the Taliban – from fighting in the rugged hinterland to extending the violence to the urban areas, especially in the capital Kabul and the southern Afghan cities such as Kandahar, Uruzgan, Helmand, Khost, Paktia and Paktika. Unlike Iraqi terrorists, the Taliban have largely relied on the human-borne suicide improvised explosive devices (IEDs) rather than vehicle-borne suicide IEDs, because of the greater probability of inflicting casualties with minimal resources, and escape from strenuous security checks. Most of these suicide bombers have been reportedly recruited from madrassas increasingly inside Pakistan. Although the Pakistan government categorically refuted this contention, the empirical records of arrests of Pakistani nationals, and the coalition forces' intelligence sources, establish their involvement in suicide bombing incidents. The Taliban, who have vowed to overthrow the incumbent Karzai government and drive out the foreign troops that support it, have enormous sympathy among their Pashtun ethnic kinsfolk who straddle the rugged border areas between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In Pakistan, there were two suicide bombing incidents in sectarian clashes between the Shias and Sunnis on 9 February in Hangu town of NWFP, and on 11 April in Karachi. These resulted in the death of over 100 people, leaving numerous others injured. Furthermore, nine more attacks were carried out against the Pakistani and international security forces, and diplomats predominantly in North Waziristan and Karachi. Suicide car bombs were used in many of these attacks, which are again easier to hit the moving security forces convoy. However, India had suffered only four suicide attacks compared to 10 in 2005.

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Importantly, Kashmir alone has suffered in these attacks, though the terrorists did not use car bombs in any of the incidents. The suicide bombers targeted security forces in three incidents, and another was blasted in a Congress party rally which killed seven and injured over 30 civilians on 21 May. The Lashkar-e-Toiba and Al Mansoorian organizations have claimed joint responsibility for the rally bombing. In addition, the Al Mansoorian's was found to be involved in at least five suicide bombing incidents in 2005.

The deteriorating political situation and the collapse of peace talks have once again unleashed the suicide attacks by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Sri Lanka. The LTTE's Sea Tigers suicide squad carried out at least seven attacks out of the 11 attacks in 2006. Four attacks between September and November have caused severe damages in terms of casualties and materials on both sides. In four separate attacks, the suicide bombers killed the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, Major General Parami Kulathunge and injured the Army Commander Lt. Gen. Sarath Fonseka, the Pakistan High Commissioner, Bashir Wali Mohammad, and the Defence Secretary, Gotabhaya Rajapaksa in the capital Colombo. Ever since they signed the ceasefire agreement with the Sri Lankan Government in 2001, the LTTE had used suicide terror only once on 7 July 2004. The renewed suicide attack tactics in the country undoubtedly exterminates the positive means to end the three decade old bloody ethnic conflict. However, a continuous engagement with the LTTE in the peace talks could deter them using these dangerous methods.

While the Taliban is reportedly gearing up for a massive summer offensive, with more



A Pakistani soldier tries to secure the scene after a bomb exploded outside the Marriott hotel near the American consulate in Karachi on 2 March 2006. Source: Asif Hassan/AFP

than 2,000 suicide bomber ready for action, the situation in Afghanistan would be more challenging in 2007. Importantly, the Afghan government must enhance the capacity of its intelligence services to disrupt the suicide support network, where Pakistan's assistance is urgently required. This can be achieved only if both countries keep their self-interests and political differences separate from their strategic security affairs. Further, the Afghan national security guards should be provided specific training on threat assessment for suicide attacks in order to be able to handle the threat efficiently. Most importantly, the Afghan Ulema, or council of religious leaders, needs to continue playing a major role in countering the extremist ideology of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. Considering the difficulties and period for implementing these measures, Afghanistan will certainly not be free from violence for another couple of years.

ANALYSIS

Suicide Terrorism in Iraq

The suicide bombing campaign in Iraq became more lethal and frequent during 2006, as Sunni-lead insurgency and Al-Qaeda affiliated jihadist groups intensified their attacks on United States-led troops,

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Iraq's Shiite dominated government, oil installations, security forces and civilians. For a nation with no history of suicide attacks prior to the 2003 US-led coalition invasion, the intensification of the campaign since 2003

does more than establish the objective of suicide terrorism campaign in clear terms as nothing short of complete system collapse and sectarian violence. It reflects the intensity of frustration and anger in a people that, despite their turbulent history of fighting against occupation, have hitherto refrained from resorting to this extreme measure. In addition, it comes as a final blow to the US policy of regime change in Iraq through military invasion, and has further complicated the process of nation building.



Iraqi soldiers secure the scene of a suicide attack Friday on the Buratha mosque in Baghdad. At least two suicide attackers wearing women's cloaks blew themselves up, killing at least 52 people and wounding more than 160, police said.

Source: Khalid Mohammed, AP

The main target was undoubtedly the coalition military forces, particularly US troops. This clearly reinstates the prime objective of the suicide operation – to compel the coalition to withdraw its military forces from territory that the insurgents consider as their home, even as

the UN SC extended the mandate of the multi-national forces in Iraq for another year in November 2006. Further, a number of attacks on Iraqi forces, police officers, recruiting centres, and ministers in the Shiite dominated government indicates the use of suicide terrorism as a strategy to attack a government perceived to be under the control of the US. Some of the most ghastly attacks include an explosion of a powerful bomb next to a bus carrying Iraqi troops from Mosul to Baghdad killing 23 soldiers on August 1.

There were also a striking number of explosions in busy thoroughfares such as market areas, mosques, shrines and funeral processions. This is reflective of the increasing level of sectarian violence in Iraq with most attacks being perpetrated by Sunni Arab insurgents in a number of Shia enclaves, notably Najaf (housing the Shiites' holiest shrine), Sadr city (stronghold of Shia rebel cleric Moqtada Sadr's Mahdi Army militiamen), Kufa, Kerbala and Tal Afar districts of Baghdad. Major attacks include one by Sunni Arabs using three suicide car bombs and two mortar rounds on the capital's Shia Sadr City slum killing at least 160 people on 23 November; an attack on a Shiite mosque on December 29 killing 10; a suicide car bomber killing seven people in a crowded market in the holy Shiite city of Kerbala on December 9; and a double suicide attack killing 22 people at a market in a Shiite district in the northern city of Tal Afar.

A study of the attacks reveal that among the two essential weapons of suicide bombing, the use of a vehicle/car was dominant in attacks against civilians in crowded areas and patrolling convoys, whereas the use of an explosive belt directly attached to the human body was largely used in attacks on army bases and checkpoints. The reason behind this is simple: the scale of damage caused by car bombs exceeds that of human explosions, and therefore, their use in crowded areas. It is easier for human suicide bombers to penetrate through army checkpoints and bases, rather than through the use of car bombs. A cursory glance on the attacks substantiates this, for it clearly establishes that the attacks that proved to be most lethal were the ones carried out in open public areas like

markets through suicide car bombs. Attacks in a market in Kirkuk on 13 June killed 36 people; in a Shiite street market in Baghdad on 1 July killed 62 people; in Sadr slum city in Baghdad on 23 November killed 160 people; and an attack on Shiite laborers in Baghdad on 12 December killed 71 people. Significantly, this stands to contradict the trend noted in the suicide attacks in 2005, with the most lethal attacks being those carried out against security forces, such as an attack on a security force convoy on 5 January killing 21 people; an attack on a police and army recruitment centre on 28 February killing 125 people; an attack on a police recruiting centre on 4 May killing 60 people; and an attack on an army recruiting centre on 30 July killing 52 people.

It is clear that sectarian violence has resulted in the largest number of Iraqi civilian casualties in 2006. Such attacks are believed to be the work of remnants of the Ba'ath regime, which, in turn, stands to contradict widely held perception that suicide bombing is the main modus operandi of fundamentalist jihadis alone. The execution of Saddam Hussein is likely to further accelerate sectarian violence. This also establishes that conflict in Iraq is as much due to the struggle for power between minority radicals and majority moderates, as about opposition to western forces. These two facets, however, are not mutually exclusive and can be said to form two sides of the same coin – it is likely that Sunni insurgents are dragging the Shias into a

civil war in order to make Iraq ungovernable for the Americans, thereby driving them out of Iraq.

Baghdad remained the most severely hit, consistently facing the onslaught of all suicide attacks. Focus on the capital further illustrates the objective of insurgency to undermine confidence in the government. The remaining attacks were evenly spread across Kurdish north and Shia south.

It is worth noting that a striking factor of suicide bombing in Iraq is the lack of clarity on the origin and nationality of the suicide bombers. While members of the Iraq National Congress claim that Iraqis do not undertake suicide bombings due to their culture, insinuating thereby that the suicide bombings must be the work of foreign Jihadis that have infiltrated Iraq, the familiarity of the targets chosen by suicide bombers pose a doubt on this assertion.

The growth of suicide terrorism in Iraq is critical not only because of the formidable challenges it poses for the US led coalition and the Iraqi government in checking the spread of this phenomenon, but also because of its tremendous psychological impact in perpetuating an atmosphere of fear and mistrust. As this atmosphere threatens to shape people's psyche, the intensification of the campaign might have pushed the resolution of the Iraq conflict indefinitely.

PROFILE

Suicide Attacks in July – December 2006

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1 July 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A powerful suicide car bomb ripped through a bustling street market in a Shiite slum here on Saturday, killing at least 62 people and wounding nearly 120 in the deadliest insurgent assault since the new

Shiite-led government was installed in May, police officials and witnesses said.¹

3 July 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber blew himself up in Kandahar outside a government guesthouse at 9 p.m. Monday, killing one

¹ "Suicide Bombing," *The New York Times*, 1 July 2006.

policeman and wounding three other people.²

3 July 2006, Mosul, Iraq

In Mosul, a car bomb exploded in a neighborhood of butcher shops, killing 4 police officers and 3 civilians and wounding at least 33 civilians, according to police officials. The bomb appeared to have been meant for a passing police patrol, officials said, though as with many such attacks in Iraq, the civilian population ended up bearing the brunt of the casualties.³

5 July 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide car bomber detonated his charge near a police station in northeast Mosul on Wednesday, killing a police officer, the police said.⁴

6 July 2006, Kufa, Iraq

A suicide car bomber rammed his sedan into a Shiite shrine in the holy town of Kufa, killing at least 12 people, including five Iranians, and injuring dozens, Iraqi officials said. Iraqi and American forces have generally maintained tight security around the southern holy sites of Najaf and Kufa, to which Shiite pilgrims, including many Iranians, flock by the thousands. In Baghdad, two car bombs exploded near a high school, killing at least three people and injuring six.⁵

10 July 2006, Kirkuk, Iraq

In the northern city of Kirkuk, a suicide truck bomber attacked an office of President Jalal Talabani's political party, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, killing five people and wounding 12, police said.⁶

² "Suicide Bombing," *The New York Times*, 3 July 2006.

³ "Suicide Bombing," *The New York Times*, 4 July 2006.

⁴ "Wave of Bodies in Baghdad's Central Morgue signals a stepped-up pace of sectarian violence," *The New York Times*, 5 July 2006.

⁵ "Suicide Bombing," *The New York Times*, 6 July 2006.

⁶ "Bomber kills 5 in Kirkuk," *MSNBC*, 10 July 2006.

10 July 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

Deadly car bombs hit Shiite enclave in Baghdad- BAGHDAD, Iraq - Car bombs killed eight people in a Shiite slum and gunmen mounted a deadly ambush on a bus in a Sunni area of the capital Monday as Iraq's sectarian violence showed no sign of easing. The coordinated bombing attack in Baghdad's Sadr City began at midmorning when a car exploded near a repair shop. Minutes later, a suicide bomber blew up his vehicle in a crowd of curiosity-seekers who were milling around the first blast site, witnesses and police said. In addition to the dead, 41 people were wounded, most of them in the second blast, police said.⁷

11 July 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

More than 50 people were killed in Baghdad on Tuesday in violence that included a double suicide bombing near busy entrances to the fortified Green Zone, scattered shootings, mortar attacks, a series of car bombs and the ambush of a bus with Shiite mourners returning from a burial. Tuesday's killings, many of them apparently carried out with sectarian vengeance, raised the three-day death toll in the capital alone to well over 100, magnified the daunting challenges facing the new government and deepened a sense of dread among Iraqis. In Tuesday's most deadly attack, two pedestrians wearing vests made of explosives blew themselves up near a restaurant outside the walls of the Green Zone, within a few hundred yards of three busy entrances, Iraqi and American officials said.⁸

14 July 2006, Karachi, Pakistan

Sectarian terror struck the southern port city of Karachi today as a suicide bomber killed a prominent Shiite leader, his ten-year-old nephew and a security guard, according to officials and local media. Allama Hassan Turabi, a Shiite leader and scholar was attacked this afternoon near his house after leading a protest rally

⁷ "Deadly Car Bomb hits Shiite enclave in Baghdad," *MSNBC*, 10 July 2006.

⁸ "Wave of violence in Baghdad puts 3 day death toll past 100," *The New York Times*, 11 July 2006.

against Israel and United States following Friday prayers earlier.⁹

16 July 2006, Kirkuk/Mosul, Iraq

At least 23 people have been killed and 22 injured in a suicide attack in a crowded cafe in northern Iraq. The explosion happened in a coffee shop in Tuz Khurmatu, a town 75km (50 miles) from Kirkuk. Police chief Colonel Abbas Mohammed Amin said the bomber asked for a glass of water before detonating himself. Mr Amin said the cafe was close to a Shia mosque in an area populated by Turkmen, and warned that the number of people who had died could rise. Meanwhile, a suicide bomb attack on a joint US-Iraqi patrol in the northern city of Mosul killed three civilians, while a bomb in Baghdad's Karrada district killed at least three people.¹⁰

17 July 2006, Gardez, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber struck outside a government building in Afghanistan on Sunday, killing three civilians and an Afghan soldier, as the American-led coalition pushed on with a big offensive in the volatile south. The attacker, with explosives strapped to his body, blew himself up in front of the provincial government office in the southeast town of Gardez, wounding dozens, a local government official said.¹¹

19 July 2006, Qaim, Iraq

A suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest at a U.S. checkpoint in the town of Qaim, western Baghdad, causing a number of U.S. casualties, police said. The U.S. military said it was unaware of the incident.¹²

21 July 2006, Fallujah, Iraq

A suicide bomber in a car killed six policemen and wounded 13 others near the former rebel stronghold of Fallujah 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, said police official Saad Farhan.¹³

23 July 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

Eight people were killed, including two Canadian soldiers, and dozens wounded in a pair of suicide attacks in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on Saturday, officials said. The attacks come just over a week before a NATO-led mission takes over security in the south, at a time of the bloodiest phase of an insurgency since coalition forces overthrew the Taliban in 2001.¹⁴

24 July 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A car bomb targeting a police patrol exploded in the city of Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, killing two civilians and wounding 17 others, seven of them policemen, medical sources said. Five Iraqi soldiers were killed and four wounded when a car driven by a suicide bomber exploded near their patrol in Mosul, police said.¹⁵

25 July 2006, Mosul, Iraq

Eleven people, including two policemen, were wounded when a car driven by a suicide bomber exploded near a U.S. military patrol in Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.¹⁶

30 July 2006, Mosul, Iraq

Three Iraqi policemen were wounded as result of an explosion of a car bomb targeting a police patrol southeast of the Northern Iraqi city of Mosul, police said on Sunday. A source in the Iraqi police in Mosul told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that suicide bomber detonated his

⁹ "Suicide Bombing kills Pakistani Shiite leader," *The New York Times*, 14 July 2006.

¹⁰ "Suicide attack on north Iraq café," *BBC World Service*, 16 July 2006.

¹¹ "Bomber kills 4 in Afghanistan; Coalition forces clash with Taliban," *The New York Times*, 17 July 2006.

¹² "Developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 19 July 2006.

¹³ "Developments in Iraq," *Reuters: AlertNet*, 21 July 2006.

¹⁴ "8 killed by 2 suicide bombers in Afghanistan," *The New York Times*, 23 July 2006.

¹⁵ "Developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 24 July 2006.

¹⁶ "Developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 25 July 2006.

vehicle in the neighborhood of Sumar Southeast of the city of Mosul wounding the three policemen and causing material damage to the patrol.¹⁷

1 August 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomb ripped through the middle class Baghdad neighbourhood of Karrada, killing 10 soldiers and four civilians, according to defence ministry and hospital sources. The local hospital reported receiving 10 dead soldiers and dozens of wounded. An interior ministry official said the suicide bomber targeted a military patrol as it was passing a police checkpoint. Four civilians were also killed, a defence ministry official said.¹⁸

1 August 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

a suicide bomber drove a sedan packed with explosives toward a Baghdad bank where Iraqi troops were collecting their monthly pay, but the vehicle exploded before it reached its apparent target when soldiers opened fire on it, military officials said. The attack killed at least 10 people, including civilians, and wounded at least 22, according to an official at the Interior Ministry, who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak with the news media.¹⁹

3 August 2006, Panjwai, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber blew up his car in the center of a small-town bazaar in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing himself and 21 civilians and injuring 14 others, among them children.²⁰

4 August 2006, Hatra, Iraq

A suicide car bomber drove into a football field and blew up the vehicle and himself, killing three policemen who were among the players. The incident occurred in Hatra,

70 kilometer southeast of Mosul, police Col. Abdul Karim Ahmed Khalaf said.²¹

4 August 2006, Mosul, Iraq

South of Mosul, a suicide bomber in a pickup struck a police patrol near a sports field Thursday night, killing 10 people, according to a Mosul police official. Three police officers were among the dead, and 12 others, including seven police, were wounded in the attack in Hadhar, about 55 miles (88 kilometers) south of Mosul.²²

6 August 2006, Afghanistan

A British soldier was fatally shot Sunday as NATO-led troops went after Taliban insurgents in a southern mountain range, and a U.S. soldier suffered minor injuries in the suicide truck bombing of a military convoy in a neighboring province, officials said.²³

6 August 2006, Quetta, Pakistan

A suspected suicide bomber riding a bicycle was killed on Sunday in Hub, police said. The man, aged about 25, was blown to bits while he was riding through the main market in the town of Hub 600km south of Quetta, police official Mohammad Rafiq told AFP. No one else was injured in the blast, he said. Initial investigations revealed that the suspect had strapped explosives on his body and it appeared he was on a suicide missions somewhere, Rafiq said. The official said investigators were trying to establish the identity of the bomber and his possible links to any terrorist outfit in the region.²⁴

7 August 2006, Samarra, Iraq

At least nine people were killed and 10 wounded when a suicide bomber strapped with explosives blew himself up at a police

¹⁷ "Three policeman injured in car bomb explosion in Mosul," *Kuwait News Agency*, 30 July 2006.

¹⁸ "Car Bomb kills 14 in Baghdad," *Yahoo News*, 1 August 2006.

¹⁹ "44 die in attacks aimed at Iraqi Security forces," *The New York Times*, 1 August 2006.

²⁰ "21 killed by suicide bomber in Afghanistan," *The New York Times*, 3 August 2006.

²¹ "Developments in Iraq," *Associated Press*, 4 August 2006.

²² "Car bombings, clashes in Mosul," *CNN*, 4 August 2006.

²³ "Afghan car bomber wounds US soldier in Kandahar," *MSNBC*, 6 August 2006.

²⁴ "Suicide bomber killed in Hub," *Down*, 6 August 2006.

station in Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.²⁵

7 August 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

Fighting erupted early Monday in a Shiite militia stronghold of Baghdad, and a suicide bomber blew himself up among mourners at a funeral in Saddam Hussein's hometown, killing 10 people and injuring 22. The attack on the mourners occurred about 8:15 p.m. in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad. The bomber mingled among the crowd in a funeral hall and detonated an explosive belt, police said. Also Sunday [August 6th] several U.S. Marines were wounded and a few vehicles were destroyed by a suicide car bombing in Anbar province, the U.S. military said without further details. Iraqi police said the attack was in Fallujah, a heavily guarded city 40 miles west of Baghdad.²⁶

10 August 2006, Najaf, Iraq

A suicide bomber has detonated his explosive vest in a market in the ancient Iraqi city of Najaf, killing at least 33 people a short distance from Shiite Islam's holiest shrine. The blast was triggered Thursday at the entrance to a market in the old city, 150 metres (yards) from the Imam Ali mausoleum and close to the offices of Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, police said. "The total casualties are 33 killed and 94 wounded, including four Iranian visitors. One of them is in serious condition," said Doctor Munther al-Athari, head of the Najaf health directorate.²⁷

11 August 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

Three American soldiers and a Canadian were killed Friday in two separate attacks, as operations continued against the Taliban and other militants, military officials said. The other attack, a suicide bombing that took the life of a Canadian soldier serving with the NATO force now in southern

Afghanistan, happened in the Kandahar Province, where suicide bombers have staged many of their attacks in the last 10 months. A white Toyota exploded as it drove toward a NATO convoy headed from the border town of Spinbaldak to Kandahar, said a statement from the NATO International Security Assistance Force.²⁸

14 August 2006, Tal Afar, Iraq

Five killed by car bomb on a bridge over the Diyala river in the southern outskirts of Baghdad, police and Iraqi state television said. Nine Iraqi soldiers were wounded on Sunday night by a suicide car bomb near their checkpoint in Tal Afar, about 420 km (260 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.²⁹

15 August 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide bomber detonated a truck rigged with explosives outside the offices of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan in the northern city of Mosul, killing nine people and wounding 36, police said. Five Kurdish peshmerga militias were among the dead, police said.³⁰

17 August 2006, Mosul, Iraq

At least three people were killed and 28 wounded when a car bomb exploded at a market in Sadr City, a stronghold of radical Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr in northeastern Baghdad, police sources said. Nine people were wounded, including four civilians, when a suicide car bomber targeting Kurdish security forces blew himself up on a road in Sinjar, northwest of Mosul, said police Colonel Kareem Khalaf.³¹

29 August 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber rammed a car packed with explosives into the Interior Ministry in

²⁵ "Developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 7 August 2006.

²⁶ "Bomber attacks Iraqi funeral killing 10," *ABC News International*, 7 August 2006.

²⁷ "Suicide bomber kills 33 near Iraqi Shiite shrine," *Turkish Press*, 10 August 2006.

²⁸ "4 die in attacks by insurgents in Afghanistan," *The New York Times*, 11 August 2006.

²⁹ "Security incidents in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 14 August 2006.

³⁰ "Security incidents in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 15 August 2006.

³¹ "Security incidents in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 17 August 2006.

Baghdad during the midmorning rush hour, killing 16 people, including 13 policemen, and wounding up to 62.³²

8 September 2006, Kabul, Afghanistan

A massive suicide car bomb struck a convoy of US military vehicles in the Afghan capital today, killing at least 18 people, including two American soldiers, and injuring more than 30 others.³³

10 September 2006, Paktia, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber killed the governor of Afghanistan's southeastern Paktia province Sunday afternoon as he was leaving his office, an Interior Ministry spokesman said. Gov. Abdul Hakim Taniwal's bodyguard and his nephew were also killed when the suicide bomber detonated explosives strapped to his body while standing next to the governor's car. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the assassination of the Paktia governor.³⁴

11 September 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

At least 10 Iraqi army recruits were killed and three civilians wounded when a suicide bomber wearing an explosives vest detonated on board a minibus Monday morning, Iraqi police said. The attack took place around 10 a.m., just outside the army's Al-Muthana recruiting center in northern Baghdad. The bomber boarded the minibus that is commonly used by recruits going to and from the center.³⁵

15 September 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide truck bomb hit a U.S. Army outpost Thursday in Baghdad, killing two American soldiers and leaving 25 wounded, the U.S. military said.³⁶

17 September 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

Three Afghans and three soldiers with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were wounded on Sunday when a suicide bomber attacked a military convoy west of Kandahar, an ISAF spokesman said. The incident occurred on a highway in the Zhare district, ISAF spokesman Maj. Luke Knittig added in a statement.³⁷

18 September 2006, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber on a bicycle attacked Canadian troops handing out sweets to children in southern Afghanistan today, killing four Nato soldiers and wounding many others, officials said. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast.³⁸

26 September 2006, Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan

At least 18 people were killed today when a suicide bomber struck outside the compound of a southern Afghan provincial governor. The dead included several Muslim pilgrims seeking paperwork to travel to Mecca. Nine Afghan soldiers and nine civilians were killed, said Rahmatullah Mohammdi, director of the hospital in Lashkar Gah. Seventeen people were wounded, he said.³⁹

30 September 2006,

A suicide bomber blew himself up in front of the interior ministry in the Afghan capital on Saturday, killing 12 people and wounding more than 50. The Taliban said it had carried out the morning rush-hour attack with a remote-controlled bomb, but police insisted it was a suicide attack.⁴⁰

4 October 2006, Srinagar, India

Al-Mansoorien militants broke the Ramzan calm in Srinagar on Wednesday by mounting a suicide attack on a CRPF

³² "At least 100 die as militia force Iraqi troops out of town," *The Independent*, 29 August 2006.

³³ "18 killed in Kabul blast near US embassy," *The Independent*, 8 September 2006.

³⁴ "Suicide bomb kills Afghan governor," *CNN*, 10 September 2006.

³⁵ "Suicide bomber kills 10 Iraqi recruits," *CNN*, 11 September 2006.

³⁶ "Iraq suicide blast kills 2 US soldiers at Army outposts," *CNN*, 15 September 2006.

³⁷ "6 wounded in suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan," *CNN*, 17 September 2006.

³⁸ "Suicide bomber kills 4 NATO troops," *The Independent*, 18 September 2006.

³⁹ "18 killed in Afghanistan suicide attack," *The Independent*, 26 September 2006.

⁴⁰ "12 killed in Afghan suicide blast," *Dawn*, 30 September 2006.

formation at Akhara Building in Budshah Chowk. The CRPF, however, foiled the militants' attempt to storm the camp, barricaded them inside a hotel opposite the Akhara Building and engaged them in a gunfight.⁴¹

6 October 2006, Khost, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber on foot blew himself up outside a regional police headquarters in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, killing himself and one officer, police said. Three other people were wounded in the blast in the city of Khost, said Mohammed Ayub, police chief of Khost province.⁴²

7 October 2006, Tal Afar, Iraq

A suicide bomber rammed a police checkpoint in northern Iraq with an explosives-laden vehicle Saturday, killing 14 people, including some who died when their homes collapsed in the blast. The suicide bombing in Tal Afar, a city cited by President Bush earlier this year as an example of improving security in Iraq, was the deadliest attack on a day when more than two dozen people died in violence around the country. Four policemen and 10 civilians were killed when the vehicle detonated after speeding into the checkpoint, police Brig. Sabah al-Maamari said.⁴³

13 October 2006, Southern Afghanistan

Eight civilians and a NATO soldier were killed on Friday in a suicide car bomb attack on a NATO convoy in southern Afghanistan, NATO's International Security Assistance Force said. Two ISAF soldiers and "an unspecified number" of Afghan civilians had been wounded. One of the soldiers wounded later died. The

nationalities of the ISAF troops were not immediately available.⁴⁴

17 October 2006, Digampathana, Sri Lanka

Nearly one hundred sailors were killed and 116 including civilians were injured in a barbaric suicide attack by the LTTE by driving an explosives-laden truck targeting hundreds of unarmed Naval personnel at Digampathana on the Trincomalee-Habarana road. "It was a transit point for changing over sailors going on leave and those reporting to camps after leave. The sailors were resting before boarding the buses when the suicide cadres drove in," a Navy official describing the brutal attack said...There were around 15 buses in the convoy. The blast occurred around 1.30 p.m. when the suicide cadres in the Mitsubishi Canter blew up their deadly cargo. Navy sources said the transit point is changed frequently as a security measure and Digampathana was chosen as yesterday's meeting point of the convoys heading to and from Trincomalee.⁴⁵

19 October 2006, Helmand, Afghanistan

Two children were killed and three British soldiers were wounded in a suicide attack in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province on Thursday, police and military officials said. According to NATO International Security Assistance Force spokesman Maj. Luke Knittig, a trio of British soldiers suffered injuries in the bombing of an ISAF convoy that took place around 11 a.m. in Lashkar Gah.⁴⁶

19 October 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide bomber blew up a fuel truck outside a police centre in the Iraqi city of Mosul on Thursday, killing 11 people, and rebels fired mortar rounds at another station in coordinated attacks, police and doctors said. The blast, heard across Mosul, a flashpoint of insurgents north of

⁴¹ "Suicide strike by militants foiled," *The Hindustan Times*, 4 October 2006.

⁴² "Afghan Suicide Bombing kills 1, wounds 3," *ABC News International*, 6 October 2006.

⁴³ "At least 25 killed in Iraq violence," *ABC News International*, 7 October 2006.

⁴⁴ "Afghan car bomb kills 9," *CNN*, 13 October 2006.

⁴⁵ "Nearly 100 sailors killed in LTTE suicide attack," *Daily News*, 17 October 2006.

⁴⁶ "Children die as UK troops attacked," *CNN*, 19 October 2006.

Baghdad, left nine charred bodies and wounded 26 people, police said.⁴⁷

20 October 2006, Khost, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber on foot killed an Afghan soldier and wounded seven more in Khost on Friday, the army said. The attack came hours after an operation by U.S.-led coalition forces and Afghan troops killed a militant and captured four in the same province. Meanwhile, Tajikistan border guards shot dead two Afghan drug smugglers on Friday and seized 200 kg of drugs, a spokesman said in Dushanbe.⁴⁸

1 November 2006, Anbar, Iraq

Two suicide car bomb attacks on police positions north of Ramadi killed five policemen and wounded three, police Colonel Abdul Jabaar al-Nimrawi said. Ramadi, capital of Anbar province, sees intense activity by Sunni Arab insurgents.⁴⁹

7 November 2006, Greyat district, Iraq

A suicide bomber walked into a cafe in the Shi'ite Greyat district and blew himself up after dark, killing 17 people and wounding 20, police and Interior Ministry sources said. In nearby Adhamiya, dominated by Sunnis, mortars killed five people and wounded 26.⁵⁰

8 November 2006, Dargai, Pakistan

A suicide bomber killed 35 Pakistani soldiers at an army training ground on Wednesday in an attack the military said was linked to a bloody army assault on a militant camp last week.⁵¹

9 November 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

In the Abu Ghraib district of Baghdad, a suicide car bomber killed five people and

wounded six near a mosque, an interior ministry source said.⁵²

10 November 2006, Nagarkovil, Sri Lanka

Naval troops yesterday foiled a major LTTE attack on the civilian passenger vessel 'Green Ocean I' with 300 Jaffna bound civilians from Trincomalee in the sea off Nagarkovil destroying a flotilla of Sea Tiger boats including three suicide boats. Navy Commander Vice Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda told the Daily News last night that the Navy escorted the 'Green Ocean I' to a safer area amidst the Sea Tiger attack without any harm to the civilian passengers.⁵³

10 November 2006, Tal Afar, Iraq

A suicide car bomber hit an army checkpoint, killing a colonel and four soldiers, and wounding 17 people including 10 soldiers in Tal Afar, about 240 km (260 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.⁵⁴

11 November 2006, Baquba, Iraq

A suicide car bomber attacked a police station, killing two people, including one woman, in the town of Zaghinya to the north of Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.⁵⁵

12 November 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber killed 35 Iraqi police recruits on Sunday, the bloodiest such attack in week. The deaths of three American soldiers were announced as well as four British troops on a patrol boat in the south, but the White House warned against fixing a withdrawal timetable. Al Qaeda claimed responsibility for killing 35 and wounding 58 in the blast.⁵⁶

⁴⁷ "Suicide Bomber, clashes kill 20 in Iraq," *The Hindustan Times*, 19 October 2006.

⁴⁸ "Bombers hit Afghanistan," *Dawn*, 20 October 2006.

⁴⁹ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 1 November 2006.

⁵⁰ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 7 November 2006.

⁵¹ "Suicide attack on army base: 40 troops dead; search on for bomber's aide," *Dawn*, 8 November 2006.

⁵² "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 9 November 2006.

⁵³ "Navy foils LTTE attack on civilian ship," *Daily News*, 10 November 2006.

⁵⁴ "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 10 November 2006.

⁵⁵ "Security Development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 11 November 2006.

⁵⁶ "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 12 November 2006.

13 November 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber wearing an explosives belt blew himself up inside a bus on Monday in northeastern Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding 17 others, emergency police said. Meanwhile, in a separate incident, two U.S. soldiers on patrol in Salaheddin province were killed and two others wounded when a suicide car bomb exploded near their vehicle, the military said.⁵⁷

14 November 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomb exploded near a funeral in south Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least three people and wounding 15, police and Interior Ministry sources said.⁵⁸

18 November 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide car bomber wounded seven Iraqi soldiers when he attacked an army checkpoint on the northern outskirts of Mosul, an ethnically mixed city in northern Iraq, an army major said.⁵⁹

19 November 2006, Kirkuk, Iraq

A suicide car bomb killed three people and wounded 22 when it exploded near a funeral procession in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on Sunday, police said. The attack occurred on the same day as a car bomb in Hilla, south of Baghdad, killed 22 people.⁶⁰

19 November 2006, Hilla, Iraq

A suicide car bomber blew himself up among a crowd of construction labourers on Sunday, killing at least 22 and wounding 44 in the city of Hilla, south of Baghdad, a doctor said. The bombing took place in the Bab al-Hussein area in the

centre of Hilla at around 7:00 am, a police officer said.⁶¹

20 November 2006, Mosul/Ramadi, Iraq

A suicide car bomber exploded his vehicle near a police checkpoint and killed two people, including a policeman, and wounded six others, including four policemen, in Ramadi, police and hospital sources said. Meanwhile, a suicide car bomber rammed his car into a joint Iraqi police-army patrol and killed three soldiers and wounded four others, including a policeman, on Sunday in a town west of Mosul, police said.⁶²

23 November 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

In the deadliest attack since the beginning of the Iraq war, suspected Sunni-Arab militants used three suicide car bombs and two mortar rounds on the capital's Shia Sadr City slum to kill at least 160 people and wound 238 on Thursday, police said. Shias responded almost immediately, firing 10 mortar rounds at the Abu Hanifa Sunni mosque, killing one person and wounding seven people in their attack on the holiest Sunni shrine in Baghdad.⁶³

24 November 2006, Tal Afar, Iraq

A double suicide attack killed 22 people and wounded 45 at a market in a Shi'ite district in the northern city of Tal Afar, near the Syrian border, police said.⁶⁴

26 November 2006, Khaldiya, Iraq

Two U.S. Marines died on Saturday from wounds suffered in combat in Iraq's western Anbar province, the U.S. military said. One of them was killed when a suicide car bomber attacked a checkpoint in Khaldiya, about 80 km (50 miles) west of Baghdad, killing three Iraqi civilians,

⁵⁷ "Suicide bomber kills 10 on Baghdad bus," CNN, 13 November 2006.

⁵⁸ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 14 November 2006.

⁵⁹ "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 18 November 2006.

⁶⁰ "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 19 November 2006.

⁶¹ "22 killed, 44 hurt in Baghdad suicide attack," *Hindustan Times*, 19 November 2006.

⁶² "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 20 November 2006.

⁶³ "Suicide attack kills 160 in Iraq," *Hindustan Times*, 23 November 2006.

⁶⁴ "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 24 November 2006

including two children. Nine civilians were also wounded.⁶⁵

28 November 2006, Kirkuk, Iraq

A man wearing an explosive vest blew himself up next to the convoy of the governor of a northern Iraqi province on Tuesday, killing a passerby and wounding 12 people, the governor and health officials said. "It was the third assassination attempt on my life, but it will not stop me doing my job," Kirkuk governor Abdul-Rahman Mustafa told Reuters after escaping the attack unharmed.⁶⁶

28 November 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

A Taliban suicide car bomber rammed a convoy of the NATO-led force near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, killing two Canadian soldiers in the latest of a spate of such attacks. The extremist Taliban rooted in Kandahar province said it had carried out the attack on NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).⁶⁷

29 November 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomber targeting a police patrol killed a policeman and wounded seven people, including three policemen, in southwestern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said. In a separate incident, a suicide car bomber exploded near a police patrol, killing a policeman and wounding five civilians in al-Nidhal street in central Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said. Meanwhile, in Mosul, a suicide car bomber targeting a police station killed one civilian and wounded 23 in the northern city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.⁶⁸

⁶⁵ "Security development in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 26 November 2006

⁶⁶ "Suicide bomber attacks Iraq Governor's convoy," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 28 November 2006.

⁶⁷ "Afghanistan suicide attack kills two Canadian soldiers," *Hindustan Times*, 28 November 2006.

⁶⁸ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 29 November 2006.

30 November 2006, Mogadishu, Somalia

A suicide blast killed at least eight people near the Somali government seat of Baidoa on Thursday in an attack the administration blamed on Islamists backed by al Qaeda.⁶⁹

1 December 2006, Kirkuk, Iraq

A suicide car bomber targeted a U.S. patrol, killing two civilians and wounding four in the northern city of Kirkuk, police and hospital sources said.⁷⁰

1 December 2006, Colombo, Sri Lanka

A suicide bomber targeted a convoy of vehicles carrying Sri Lanka's defence secretary and other security officials in the capital Friday, wounding at least 14 people, the military and a hospital official said. Military spokesman Brig Prasad Samarasinghe said the bomber, whose identity was not immediately known, triggered the explosives as the 5-car convoy of vehicles was passing... The suicide bomber apparently came on a scooter rickshaw from the opposite direction and targeted the convoy, said Deputy Inspector General of Police, Jayantha Wickremeratne.⁷¹

3 December 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide car bomb exploded near a police patrol in Mosul, killing two and wounding four, police said.⁷²

4 December 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide car bomber blew himself up near a U.S. military convoy wounding five civilians in the northern city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.⁷³

⁶⁹ "Suicide attack kills 8 near Somali government seat," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 30 November 2006.

⁷⁰ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 1 December 2006.

⁷¹ "President's brother attacked in Lanka," *Hindustan Times*, 1 December 2006.

⁷² "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 3 December 2006.

⁷³ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 4 December 2006.

4 December 2006, Peshawar, Pakistan

A suicide bomber allegedly blew himself up by detonating explosives strapped to his body, while a policeman died of shrapnel injuries near Speen Tangi, 24km east of Bannu, on Sunday. The bomber is suspected to be of Uzbek origin.⁷⁴

5 December 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber ploughed his car into a convoy of NATO troops in Afghanistan's southern city of Kandahar on Tuesday, wounding nine civilians and two soldiers, witnesses and officials said. It was the second such attack in three days. Two NATO soldiers were wounded in the blast and two vehicles damaged, a spokesman for the organisation said.⁷⁵

6 December 2006, Sadr city, Iraq

A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a minibus in Shi'ite Sadr City, killing three people and wounding 16, Interior Ministry sources said.⁷⁶

6 December 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber on foot blew himself up outside a compound for security contractors in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing two Americans and five Afghans, officials and witnesses said. The area where the attack happened is located opposite the Canadian Provincial Reconstruction Team inside Kandahar city. The blast was the sixth suicide attack in Kandahar province in the last nine days.⁷⁷

8 December 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

A suicide car bomb targeting a NATO convoy in Afghanistan killed two civilians

Thursday, while elsewhere a district chief and a senior policemen were killed by Taliban gunmen. The bomber struck as NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) military vehicles drove through the southern city of Kandahar, the birthplace of the Taliban movement and scene of a rash of recent suicide attacks.⁷⁸

9 December Kerbala, Iraq

A suicide car bomber killed seven people and wounded 44 in a crowded market in the holy Shi'ite city of Kerbala, hospital sources said. Police put the death toll at six, with 44 hurt.⁷⁹

10 December Iraq

A suicide bomber rammed his vehicle into a fuel truck carpark, setting four trucks on fire, police said.⁸⁰

11 December 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomber blew himself up near a house used as a base by police commandos, killing a policeman and wounding five others in Doura district in southern Baghdad, police said.⁸¹

12 December Helmand, Afghanistan

A suicide bomber blew himself up inside the compound of the Afghan governor of southern Helmand province on Tuesday, killing eight people, provincial officials said. Four police, two soldiers and two civilians were killed in the attack in Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital of Helmand which is part of the Taliban's heartland and the main drug producing region of Afghanistan, the world's leading producer of heroin.⁸²

⁷⁴ "Suicide blast near Bannu; policeman killed," *Dawn*, 4 December 2006.

⁷⁵ "Suicide bomber hits foreign troops in Afghanistan," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 5 December 2006.

⁷⁶ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 6 December 2006.

⁷⁷ "Seven dead in Afghan suicide blast," *Hindustan Times*, 6 December 2006.

⁷⁸ "Suicide blast, shootings leave four more dead in Afghanistan," *Daily Times*, 8 December 2006.

⁷⁹ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 9 December 2006.

⁸⁰ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 10 December 2006.

⁸¹ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 11 December 2006.

⁸² "Suicide raid in Afghan Governor's compound kills 8," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 12 December 2006.

12 December 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber targeting laborers killed 71 people on Tuesday in Baghdad and wounded 220, Iraqi officials said. A pickup truck loaded with about 440 pounds of explosives pulled into central Baghdad's Tayaran Square as hundreds of unemployed Iraqis holding picks and shovels gathered seeking a day's work. Iraqi police Lt. Bilal Ali Majid told The Associated Press most of the victims were Shiites from poor areas of Baghdad such as Sadr City.⁸³

13 December 2006, Kirkuk/Riyadh, Iraq

Two suicide bombers struck an Iraqi army base in northern Iraq on Wednesday, killing seven soldiers and wounding 15, police said. General Torhan Abdul Rahman said the first bomber detonated his vehicle after ramming the gate of the base in the town of Riyadh, some 60 km (40 miles) south of the volatile oil city of Kirkuk. The second bomber managed to enter the base before blowing himself up, Abdul Rahman told Reuters.⁸⁴

15 December 2006, Qalat, Afghanistan

A suicide car attack killed at least five people in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, police and a hospital doctor said. The blast occurred soon after a convoy of presidential security guards passed through Qalat, the provincial capital of southern Zabul province, on their way back to Kabul from a visit to the south by President Hamid Karzai. Residents said they believed the guards were the intended target.⁸⁵

15 December 20056, Ramadi, Iraq

Two suicide car bombers exploded on Friday outside two U.S. bases in central Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's volatile Anbar province, Iraqi police said. Captain Ahmed Ali said he had no word on any injuries. Ali said one bomber, driving a truck, rammed

⁸³ "71 killed in Baghdad suicide truck bombing," *CNN*, 12 December 2006.

⁸⁴ "Suicide bombers kill 7 Iraqi soldiers in N. Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 13 December 2006.

⁸⁵ "Suicide bomber kills 5 in Afghanistan," *Daily Times*, 15 December 2006.

the gates of a former government building that now houses U.S. troops. A second, driving a car, attacked a U.S. base in a former football club.⁸⁶

15 December 2006, Afghanistan

Two suicide bombers, one dressed in an Islamic burqa, killed at least two Afghan soldiers and wounded a foreigner on Friday as hundreds of British-led troops launched a major operation in the Taliban's heartland. Another male suicide bomber dressed in a burqa wounded two more Afghan soldiers in neighbouring Paktika province.⁸⁷

20 December 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomber rammed his vehicle into a police checkpoint near Baghdad University in the southwestern Jadriya district, killing 11 people and wounding 31, including some students, an Interior Ministry source said.⁸⁸

22 December 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber killed 15 police officers and recruits in central Baghdad on Thursday as US Defence Secretary Robert Gates met Iraqi leaders in a bid to draw up a new plan to end the war.⁸⁹

24 December 2006, Diyala, Iraq

A suicide bomber walked into a police station in Muqdadiya, Iraq, on Sunday morning and blew himself up, killing at least seven police officers and wounding 30 more, according to a security official in the Diyala province.⁹⁰

25 December 2006, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber killed three people and wounded 20 others when he blew himself up aboard a crowded bus in the Shi'ite

⁸⁶ "Car bombs explode outside US bases in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 15 December 2006.

⁸⁷ "Bombers hit Afghanistan as NATO launches operations," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 15 December 2006.

⁸⁸ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 20 December 2006.

⁸⁹ "Suicide bomber kills 15 Iraqi police cadets," *Daily Times*, 22 December 2006.

⁹⁰ "Iraqi suicide bomber kills 7 police officers," *CNN*, 24 December 2006.

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Talibiya district in northeastern Baghdad, Interior Ministry sources said. In a separate incident, a suicide bomber targeting a police checkpoint near the main entrance of Anbar University killed three policemen and wounded two students in the city of Ramadi, 110 km (70 miles) west of Baghdad, police Lieutenant Kareem al-Rishawi said.⁹¹

28 December 2006, Mosul, Iraq

A suicide bomber in a minibus attacked the offices of the Kurdistan Democratic Party in the northern city of Mosul, witnesses said. Police said two people were killed and 19 wounded in the blast.⁹²

29 December 2006, Khalis, Iraq

A suicide bomber killed 10 people and wounded 11 near a Shi'ite mosque in the town of Khalis, 80 km (50 miles) north of Baghdad, police said. They said the bomber targeted the Shi'ite mosque after Friday prayers in the town, which is in the religiously mixed province of Diyala, a hotbed of sectarian violence.⁹³

30 December Tal Afar, Iraq

A suicide bomber with explosives strapped to his body killed five people and wounded eight, including four policemen, in the northern city of Tal Afar, police said.⁹⁴

⁹¹ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 25 December 2006.

⁹² "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 28 December 2006.

⁹³ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 29 December 2006.

⁹⁴ "Security developments in Iraq," *Reuters Foundation: AlertNet*, 30 December 2006.

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Suicide Attacks in 2006

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Date	Month	Country	Place	Location	Casualties			Injured	Terrorist Group	Modus Operandi
					SFs	Civilians	Total			
1	January	Iraq	Tikrit	US Patrol			1	6		Car bomb
2	January	Afghanistan	Kandahar	US Army	5		5	3	Taliban	Car bomb
2	January	Iraq	Baquba	Iraqi Police	19		19	13		Bomber
2	January	Iraq	Kirkuk	Iraqi Police		1	2			Bomber
4	January	Iraq	Miqdadiya	Shia Muslims		36	36	40		Bomber
5	January	Afghanistan	Uruzgan	US Ambassador		10	10	50	Taliban	Bomber
5	January	Iraq	Kerbala	Shia Muslims		50	50	138		Bomber
5	January	Iraq	Ramadi	Iraqi Police	70		70	65		Bomber
9	January	Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi Interior Ministry	28		28	25		Bomber
15	January	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Canadian Diplomat	1	2	3	12	Taliban	Bomber
16	January	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Local Function		26	26	20	Taliban	Bomber

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					SFs	Civilians	Total			
19	January	Israel	Tel Aviv	Market				30		Bomber
19	January	Iraq	Baghdad	Market		16	16	21		Bomber
1	February	Iraq	Al Jadida	Market		3	3	61		Bomber
9	February	Pakistan	NWFP	Shia Muslims		37	37	100		Bomber
24	February	Dubai		Oil Refinery			1			Bomber
2	March	Pakistan	Karachi	US Consulate		4	4			Car bomb
3	March	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Canadian Troops				5	Taliban	Car bomb
12	March	Afghanistan	Kabul	Ex-PM Convoy		4	4			Bomber
15	March	Iraq	Baquba	Market		3	3	5		Bomber
19	March	Afghanistan	Kandahar	US Army			1			Bomber
23	March	Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi Interior Ministry		25	25			Bomber
25	March	Sri Lanka	Coast of Mannar	Naval Force	8		14			Boats
27	March	Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi Army	40		40		Al Qaeda (Iraq)	Bomber

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28	March	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Government Office			2			Bomber
30	March	Israel	West Bank	Public Place		3	3		Al-aqsa Martyrs Brigades	Bomber
7	April	Afghanistan	Helmand	US Army			1	5	Taliban	Bomber
7	April	Iraq	Baghdad	Shia Muslims		79	79	164		Bomber
9	April	Afghanistan	Paktika	Army Check Post	1		1	5		Bomber
11	April	Pakistan	Karachi	Sunni Muslims		57	57	100		Bomber
17	April	Israel	Tel Aviv	Market		9	9	70	Islamic Jihad	Bomber
22	April	India	Kashmir	Air Force Base			1		LeT & HM	Bomber
25	April	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Hospital	8		8	27	LTTE	Bomber
26	April	Egypt	Sinai	International Observer Force			2			Bomber
3	May	Iraq	Fallujah	Police HQ	15		15	30		Bomber
5	May	Sri Lanka	Kalpitiya	Naval Force						Vessel
7	May	Iraq	Kerbala	Shia Muslims		21	21	52		Bomber

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7	May	Iraq	Aadhamiya	Iraqi Army	8		8	15		Car bomb
9	May	Iraq	Tel Afar	Market		20	20	70		Bomber
14	May	Iraq	Baghdad	Airport		14	14	6		Bomber
17	May	Russia	Ingushetia	Police Convoy	7		7			Bomber
17	May	Afghanistan	Heart	Market		1	2			Bomber
17	May	Afghanistan	Ghazni	US Army		2	2			Bomber
20	May	Iraq	Qaim (near Syria)	Police Post	5		5	10		Bomber
21	May	Afghanistan	Kabul	US Army		2	2	8		Car bomb
21	May	India	Kashmir	Political Rally		7	7	25	LeT & Al Mansoorian	Bomber
21	May	Iraq	Karrada	Market		13	13	17		Bomber
23	May	India	Srinagar	BSF Convoy				25	HM	Bomber
28	May	Pakistan	North Waziristan	Police Post	3		3			Car bomb

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29	May	Iraq	Karrada	Police Post	2		2	8		Car bomb
30	May	Iraq	Mosul	Army Check Post			1			Car bomb
1	June	Iraq	Kirkuk	Oil Refinery		1	1	11		Car bomb
1	June	Iraq	Baquba	Public Place		4	4	5		Car bomb
1	June	Afghanistan	Farah	US Army			1			Car bomb
2	June	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Canadian Army		3	3			Car bomb
2	June	Pakistan	North Waziristan	Army	4		4	8		Car bomb
3	June	Iraq	Basra	Market		28	28	62		Car bomb
4	June	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Governor Convoy		4	4	8		Car bomb
11	June	Iraq	Baqouba	Army Check Post	8		8	4		Car bomb
13	June	Iraq	Kirkuk	Market		36	36	25		Car bomb
16	June	Iraq	Baghdad	Shia Muslims		11	11	25		Bomber
17	June	Iraq	Baghdad	Army Check Post	12		12	38		Car bomb

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					SFs	Civilians	Total			
17	June	Iraq	Baghdad	Market		6	6			Car bomb
17	June	Iraq	Mahmudiya	Army Check Post	7		7			Car bomb
19	June	Iraq	Baghdad	Army Check Post	4		4	10		Car bomb
26	June	Afghanistan	Kabul	US Army				2		Car bomb
26	June	Pakistan	North Waziristan	Army Check Post	6		6	2		Car bomb
26	June	Sri Lanka	Pannipitiya	Army Convoy	3		3			Bomber
27	June	Iraq	Kirkuk	Oil Refinery		3	3	10		Bomber
27	June	Afghanistan	Kunduz	German NATO force		2	2			Bomber
1	July	Iraq	Baghdad	Shiite street market		62	62	120		Car bomb
3	July	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Government guesthouse	1		1	3		Bomber
3	July	Iraq	Mosul	Butcher shops	4	3	7	33		Car bomb
5	July	Iraq	Mosul	Police station	1		1			Car bomb
6	July	Iraq	Kufa	Shiite shrine		12	12	12		Car bomb

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10	July	Iraq	Kirkuk	Office of pol party		5	5	12		Truck bomb
10	July	Iraq	Baghdad	Shiite slum	8			41		Car bomb
11	July	Iraq	Baghdad	Fortified green zones		50	50			Bomber
14	July	Pakistan	Karachi			1	1	2		Bomber
16	July	Iraq	Kirkuk	Coffee shop		23	23	22		Bomber
16	July	Iraq	Mosul	US-Iraqi patrol		3	3			Bomber
17	July	Afghanistan	Gardez	Government office	1	3	4			Bomber
19	July	Iraq	Qaim	US check point						Bomber
21	July	Iraq	Fallujah		6		6	13		Car bomb
23	July	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Security forces convoy	8	1	9			Car bomb
24	July	Iraq	Mosul	Police patrol	5		5	4		Bomber
25	July	Iraq	Mosul	US military patrol				11		Car bomb
30	July	Iraq	Mosul	Police patrol				3		Car bomb
1	August	Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi security forces		10		22		Car bomb

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					SFs	Civilians	Total			
1	August	Iraq	Karrada	Military patrol	10	4	14			Car bomb
3	August	Afghanistan	Panjwai	Bazaar		21	21	14		Bomber
4	August	Iraq	Hatra	Football field	3		3			Car bomb
4	August	Iraq	Mosul	Police patrol	3	7	10	12		Bomber
6	August	Pakistan	Hub, Quetta	Main market						Bomber
6	August	Afghanistan		Military convoy				1		Truck bomb
7	August	Iraq	Samarra	Police station			9	10		Bomber
7	August	Iraq	Baghdad	Funeral			10	22		Bomber
10	August	Iraq	Najaf	Market		33	33	94		Bomber
11	August	Afghanistan	Kandahar	NATO forces	1		1			Car bomb
14	August	Iraq	Tal Afar	Iraqi forces				9		Car bomb
15	August	Iraq	Mosul	Political Party Office		9	9	36		Bomber
17	August	Iraq	Mosul	Kurdish security forces				9		Car bomb
29	August	Iraq	Baghdad	Interior Ministry	13	3	16	62		Car bomb

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8	September	Afghanistan	Kabul	US military vehicles	2	16	18	30		Car bomb
10	September	Afghanistan	Paktia	Governor of Paktia			4			Bomber
11	September	Iraq	Baghdad	Minibus, Iraqi army recruits	10		10	3		Bomber
15	September	Iraq	Baghdad	US Army outpost	2		2	25		Truck Bomb
17	September	Afghanistan	Kandahar	ISAF military convoy				6		Bomber
18	September	Afghanistan		Canadian NATO troops	4		4			Bomber
26	September	Afghanistan	Lashkar Gah	Provincial governor	9	9	18			Bomber
30	September	Afghanistan	Kabul	Interior Ministry			12	50		Bomber
4	October	India	Srinagar	CRPF						attempt foiled
6	October	Afghanistan	Khost	Police headquarters	1		1	3		Bomber
7	October	Iraq	Tal Afar	Police checkpoint			14			Car bomb
13	October	Afghanistan	southern	NATO convoy	1	8	9			Car bomb
17	October	Sri Lanka	Digampathana	Navy personnel	100		100	116	LTTE	Boats

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18	October	Sri Lanka	Galle	Navy base			16			Boats
19	October	Afghanistan	Helmand	NATO ISAF force- British		2	2	3		
19	October	Iraq	Mosul	Police centre			11			Bomber
20	October	Afghanistan	Khost	Afghan soldier	1		1	7		Bomber
1	November	Iraq	Ramadi	Police post	5		5	3		Car bomb
7	November	Iraq	Greyat district	Café		17	17	20		Bomber
8	November	Pakistan	Dargai	Military base, Pak army	35		35			Bomber
9	November	Iraq	Baghdad	Mosque		5	5	6		Car bomb
10	November	Sri Lanka	Nagarkovil	Passenger Vessel						Suicide Tiger boats
10	November	Iraq	Tal Afar	Army checkpoint	5		5	17		Car bomb
11	November	Iraq	Baquba	Police station		2	2			Car bomb
12	November	Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi police recruits	35		35	58	Al-Qaeda (Iraq)	Bomber
13	November	Iraq	Baghdad	Bus		10	10	17		Bomber

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13	November	Iraq	Salaheddin	US patrol	2		2	2		Car bomb
14	November	Iraq	Baghdad	Funeral		3	3	15		Car bomb
18	November	Iraq	Mosul	Army checkpoint				7		Car bomb
19	November	Iraq	Kirkuk	Funeral procession		3	3	22		Car bomb
19	November	Iraq	Hilla	Construction labourers			22	44		Car bomb
20	November	Iraq	Ramadi	Police checkpoint	1	1	2	6		Car bomb
20	November	Iraq	Mosul	Iraqi police-army patrol	3		3	4		Car bomb
23	November	Iraq	Baghdad	Sadr city slum			160	238		Car bomb
24	November	Iraq	Tal Afar	Market			22	45		Bomber
26	November	Iraq	Khaldiya	US marines checkpoint	1	3	4	9		Car bomb
28	November	Iraq	Kirkuk	Governor's convoy		1	1	12		Bomber
28	November	Afghanistan	Kandahar	NATO ISAF force-Canada	2		2		Taliban	Car bomb
29	November	Iraq	Baghdad	Police patrol	1		1	7		Car bomb

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29	November	Iraq	Baghdad	Police patrol	1		1	5		Car bomb
29	November	Iraq	Mosul	Police station		1		23		Car bomb
30	November	Somalia	Baidoa	Government seat			8		Al-Qaeda (Iraq)	suicide blast
1	December	Iraq	Kirkuk	US patrol		2	2	4		Car bomb
1	December	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Defense Secretary				14		Bomber
3	December	Iraq	Mosul	Police patrol			2	4		Car bomb
4	December	Iraq	Mosul	US military convoy				5		Car bomb
4	December	Pakistan	Peshawar	Checkpoint	1		1			Bomber
5	December	Afghanistan	Kandahar	NATO troops convoy				11		Car bomb
6	December	Iraq	Sadr city	Minibus		3	3	16		Bomber
6	December	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Canadian PRT		7	7			Bomber
8	December	Afghanistan	Kandahar	NATO convoy		2	2			Car bomb
9	December	Iraq	Kerbala	Market			7	44		Car bomb
10	December	Iraq		Fuel car park						Car bomb

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11	December	Iraq	Baghdad	Police commando base	1		1	5		Car bomb
12	December	Afghanistan	Helmand	Governor's compound	6	2	8			Bomber
12	December	Iraq	Baghdad	Shiites labourers		71	71	220		Bomber
13	December	Iraq	Kirkuk+Riyadh	Army base	7		7	15		Bomber
15	December	Afghanistan	Kandahar	Afghan soldiers	2		2	3		Bomber
15	December	Iraq	Ramadi	US bases						Car bomb
15	December	Afghanistan	Qalat	President's security guards			5			Car bomb
20	December	Iraq	Baghdad	Police checkpoint		11	11	31		Car bomb
22	December	Iraq	Baghdad	Police officers	15		15			Bomber
24	December	Iraq	Diyala	Police station	7		7	30		Bomber
25	December	Iraq	Baghdad	Bus		3	3	20		Bomber
28	December	Iraq	Mosul	Kurdistan Democratic Party		2	2	19		Car bomb
29	December	Iraq	Khalis	Shiite mosque			10	11		Bomber
30	December	Iraq	Tal Afar			5	5	8		Bomber