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Few things grab a reader's attention more than a headline that reads "Woman suicide bomber blown to pieces". Whether it has something to do with our morbid fascination for all things violent or the sheer intrigue that draws us to question what motivates an individual to carry out such an act, suicide terrorism has always provoked our interest.

Unlike suicide terrorism in Iraq or other parts of the world, it is not always easy to differentiate between an act of terrorism and suicide terrorism or fidayeen in Kashmir. Terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir has often fallen into a grey area, not clearly defined as one or the other. While security forces are careful as to which acts of terrorism are labelled as fidayeen, groups such as Lashkar-e-Toiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed have been more loose in their categorization, defining several encounters as suicide attacks. Conflicting interests were evident in a recent strike on a BSF camp in Sopore, which militant outfits classified as fidayeen, while security forces thought otherwise.

The discrepancy over what is and what is not suicide terrorism is an important aspect to understanding their significance. There is no doubting the fact that an individual involved in suicide terrorism is highly motivated towards the cause, be it nationalistic or religious. From a security perspective, countering suicide terrorism has always been a challenge, with successful acts not only weakening a sense of well being for the public, but denting the morale of those fighting it. In that sense, an act successfully thwarted by security personnel is highly publicized by those countering it, while an act

successfully carried out is the pride of the militant groups involved.

It is ironic that the highest number of people involved in carrying out suicide attacks, belong to a religion that condemns suicide, labelling it as un-Islamic. Yet, those who speak on behalf of suicide terrorists promise a world of rewards and eternal bliss for the perpetrators of these crimes. A man who lays down his life is a martyr and a defender of his beliefs and religion - a notion often cited by terrorist leaders to rally their cadre. It is perhaps this glorified promise of rewards and fulfillment that draws individuals towards suicide terrorism, leading them to believe that suicide terrorism is an act far greater than any other act of terrorism. Acts successfully carried out are also a propaganda and morale boost for terrorists, giving them a feeling of invincibility and parity vis-à-vis the security forces.

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Suicide terrorism in Iraq and Kashmir are of a varying nature. In the former, terrorist acts are often crude and highly destructive, while in the latter, fidayeen strikes appear well planned with specific targets in mind. Having said that, it is interesting to note that a reason for the discrepancy in what denotes suicide terrorism could quite easily boil down to the failure to follow through with a plan successfully. A large number of attacks that militant groups in Kashmir label as fidayeen are often attempts at attacking security installations, which for one reason or the other do not succeed. Terming these encounters as fidayeen by militant groups, and notably not the security forces, could be an attempt to prop up the morale of the terrorists and to remind the people of Kashmir that the militant and

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Pakistani attempts at liberating Kashmir are alive.

As an outside observer, the media's impact on events surrounding suicide terrorism is significant. With suicide terrorism stepping outside the norm that we consider civilized, the act itself gains publicity no matter how small or large the strike. For the militant group that perpetrates the attack, the publicity that results is essential to be recognized as a legitimate group, to gain popular support, to replenish funds and in recruiting more fighters. The media is not only a freely available medium to communicate to the world, but with no news like bad news, few things

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read better than suicide terrorism.

Perhaps the most significant aspect to suicide terrorism is not the number of lives lost or the damage caused to property, but the psychological impact such an act has on the population, security forces and the militants. At a time when nations spend millions of dollars acquiring weapons, no amount of money seems to be enough to equip a soldier in combating this menace. At the end of the day, the most effective weapon we possess is ourselves - a weapon not only capable of causing death and destruction, but of waging a war within our minds, leading some to believe that there is glory to be had with suicide terrorism. Whether real or not, is debatable.

### ANALYSIS

#### Women Suicide Bombers *Un-chartered Territory*

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Last week marked another bloody chapter in the violence that has marred Iraq's new found 'liberation'. That there were a spate of suicide bombings which left more than 120 people dead came as no surprise for a country which has witnessed unrelenting violence since the US led invasion begun in 2003. However, the fact that a bombing that left five people dead was carried out by a female suicide bomber, has questioned what was believed to have been known about insurgency in Iraq.

On September 28 2005, Iraq's first female suicide bomber blew herself up outside a US military office in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar, killing five people and wounding 53 others. The bomber, dressed as a man, detonated an explosives belt

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outside the military facility, which operated as a recruitment center for volunteers. The Al Qaeda group in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack in an internet posting, stating that a "sister" affiliated with the Malik Suicidal Brigade had "carried out a heroic attack defending her faith."

While Saddam Hussein's security forces had utilized female bombers at least once before, the tactics employed have been more commonly associated with the LTTE in Sri Lanka and Chechen rebels in Russia. These tactics are creating a new and more complicated aspect to counter-insurgency in Iraq.

Suicide bombings, as a method of waging an attack, provide the assailant with the deadly, advantageous combination of

surprise and devastation. The anonymity and virtual invisibility that comes with carrying out a suicide attack, gives the bomber a sense of parity against the forces he fights. While identifying male suicide bombers is a challenge in itself, dealing with female suicide bombers involves additional cultural and social sensitivities. Though men in Iraq are subject to frequent and random searches, this is a practice often overlooked for women. As a result of the recent bombing however, it has been suggested that women and children be searched in the same manner as men. This is a proposition that not only poses problems for security forces, but is one that will surely incur resistance from religious scholars and the local population. Keeping religious and social traditions aside, there is a shortage of women officers to conduct body searches, creating a logistical nightmare for those upholding the peace. The fear psychosis for security personnel having to deal with suicide bombers is multiplied when women and children are added to the equation, with every person being a potential threat.

The suicide attack in Iraq highlighted the ease with which a woman bomber could carry out a

pre-meditated act of violence. In addition, it has challenged the prevalent view that women are not capable of terrorist attacks, a notion that was challenged at the time of Rajiv Gandhi's assassination and more recently, the attack in Tal Afar. Security forces and law enforcement agencies would do well to increase their vigilance over all spheres of society, not limiting their anti-terror campaigns to certain segments of the population.

It is still too early to speculate if the attack on the US military facility represents new tactics by the insurgents, or whether it is just an anomaly. However, one factor remains certain. Security forces in Iraq could be faced with the possibility of having to deal with a group of young, educated, middle class women, fighting for a nationalistic cause, against forces they believe are illegally occupying their territory. In essence, there is a sense of delving into un-chartered territory when one is faced the prospect of dealing with women suicide bombers. However, it is important to note that women bombers come with the 'societal baggage' of family and responsibility, both are aspects they would be hard pressed to move away from.

## ANALYSIS

### Al-Muhajiroun

Al Muhajiroun is a radical Islamic fifth column organisation formed in England on 16 February 1996 by Syrian born Omar Bakri Mohammed after splitting with Hizb ut-Tahrir (HuT – the Islamic Liberation Party) another extremist Islamic group also founded by Bakri. Al-Muhajiroun's political agenda differs from British HuT branch as it supports and condones violence to promote its Islamic based ideology. A fringe radical Muslim group based in Britain, while heavily criticised and condemned by Muslim Council of Britain, the largest UK Islamic organization. Sheikh Omar Bakri Muhammad is the self-proclaimed spiritual leader with a long history of terrorist activities from Lebanon to Saudi

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Arabia before claiming British asylum in 1986. Believed to be in association with bin Laden and Al-Qaeda His outspoken views



Sheikh Omar Bakri Muhammad

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praising the suicide bombers involved in 9/11 and 7/7 terrorist attacks as 'Magnificent 19' and the 'fantastic four' respectively. The media has contrived Bakri as a hate figure and scapegoat for London bombings through his extreme and violent philosophy. After the London July 2005 bombings Bakri was considered for trial on treason charges. However he fled to Lebanon on 6 August then subsequently arrested in Beirut and barred from returning to Britain after introduction of new terrorism laws implemented after 7/7 London bombings.<sup>1</sup>



Finsbury Park Mosque in London

Organisations membership in the low hundreds recruiting mainly young Muslim men, from unemployed to professional's classes. Al-Muhajiroun encourages its members to live on state benefit and not contribute to British society financially. Bakri's weekly meetings preach violence on topics such as "The virtue of the self sacrifice operation." They aim to justify the employment of suicide terrorism for attacking political targets such as 10 Downing Street.<sup>2</sup>

The Ideology follows a radical interpretation of Islam based upon the revitalisation of an Ottoman Empire type caliphate, while expanding this vision to the whole world united under Shariah (Islamic law). Members are openly homophobic, anti-Jewish/Israel, hostile to many non-Islamic cultures and against universal suffrage. The group idolize

Osama Bin Laden are pro-Al-Qaeda and claim to financially support Hamas, Egyptian Jihad, Hizbollah and Taliban. Hostile to UK government and have often threatened violence as a means to achieving political aims.<sup>3</sup>

Links between suspected or accused terrorists and Al-Muhajiroun – Finsbury Park Mosque are extensive, with many involved in many high profile terrorist activities. The radical cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri, a preacher in the Mosque is also wanted on terrorism charges in Yemen and fought with the Mujahideen in Afghanistan against Soviets. They include Djamel Beghal accused of plotting attacks in France and Feroz Abbasi a Britain held in Guantanamo bay.<sup>4</sup> Richard Reid 'shoe bomber,' Germaine Lindsay (London Subway bomber), Zacarias Moussaoui '20th bomber' 9/11 and James Ujaama whom in 1999 attempted to set up Al-Qaeda militant training camp in Oregon, US. Also Omar Khan Sharif and Asif Mohammed the two British suicide bombers responsible for Mikes Bar in Israel in 2003 are believed to have attended the Mosque.<sup>5</sup>

London's Finsbury Park Mosque has been main venue for Al-Muhajiroun conferences. The most controversial, marking the first 9/11 anniversary discussed the 'positive outcomes' of Twin Tower attacks. The group also



Outside conference held at Finsbury Park Mosque

<sup>1</sup> 'Profile: Omar Bakri Muhammad' news.bbc.co.uk 21 July 2005

<sup>2</sup> 'Al-Muhajiroun,' news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/newsnight, 29 April, 2004

<sup>3</sup> www.homelandsecurity.com

<sup>4</sup> 'Mosque in the spotlight' news.bbc.co.uk, 23 January, 2002.

<sup>5</sup> www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1445361/posts

proclaimed Osama bin Laden a 'hero' and warned that Britain was endanger of 'suicide bombings everywhere.' These types of events attract hostile opposition from far-right groups such as BNP, national Front and also communist factions.<sup>6</sup>

Al-Muhajiroun also setup rallies some of which taking placed even though banded such as Trafalgar square which only attracted a few dozen members.<sup>7</sup> Others at Downing Street, the Israeli embassy in October 2000 and a Derby rally in support of 'brothers in Palestinian aggressive both verbally and physically.<sup>8</sup> Al-Muhajiroun call death threats world leaders such as Prime Minister Tony Blair former PM John Major, ex- Russia President Boris Yeltsin and Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf.<sup>9</sup>

While a previous overseas office Hassan Butt branch in Lahore Pakistan assistance Britons wishing to join and fight with Taliban in Afghanistan where three were killed in October 2001.<sup>10</sup>

Al-Muhajiroun websites displayed their messages however these have been closed down presumably by British government although HuT website is currently operational. Long term leaflet and poster campaigns distributed in streets and university campuses which are primarily anti-Jewish, promote inter Semitic violence "the final hour will not come until Muslims fight the Jews and kill them."<sup>11</sup> One protested outside London Jewish

community conference on Israeli Independence Day chanting racist slogans. While Bakri openly denies the holocaust and the group have publicly burnt the Israeli and Union Jack flags. They highly opposed to the 2003 British military invasion of Iraq as Amer Mirza a member through a petrol bombed at a London army base in protest.<sup>12</sup> While opposition to British democracy and 'man-made laws' inspired violent protest against George Galloway's anti-war Respect party during 2005 general election<sup>13</sup> Scotland Yard Anti- terrorism police raided London headquarters, and top leaders homes in July 2003 to find evidence of link with terrorist activities.<sup>14</sup> Al -Muhajiroun was formally disbanded on 13 October 2004, however successors The Saviour Sect. and Abu Ghurabaa continue their political work.<sup>15</sup> British Prime Minister reacting to London bombers banned Al-Muhajiroun on August 5 2005 as part of a 12-point plan designed to curb additional terrorist attacks.<sup>16</sup> With Bakri's exile Anjem Choudary, spokesman and



Sheikh Abu Hamza speaking at rally

leader will fill the void and work may continue abet under tight surveillance by British intelligence.

<sup>6</sup> Hard liners call Bin Laden 'hero,' news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\_news/england/2252361.stm 12 September 2002

<sup>7</sup> 'Dozens attend radical Muslim rally,' news.bbc.co.uk, 25 August, 2002

<sup>8</sup> 'Bombing claims a surprise to Derby,' news.bbc.co.uk, 1 may 2003

<sup>9</sup> 'Police investigate Blair 'death threat'' news.bbc.co.uk, 10 October 2001

<sup>10</sup> 'UK Muslims 'killed' in Afghanistan news.bbc.co.uk 29 October, 2001

<sup>11</sup> 'Muslim guilty of stirring anti-Semitic hate', Jewish Chronicle, 19 April 2002

<sup>12</sup> www.ict.org.il/articles/articledet.cfm?article id =484

<sup>13</sup> 'Radical cleric leaves, but his legacy remains,' www.guardian.co.uk, 10 August 2005

<sup>14</sup> 'Police raid Islamic group' news.bbc.co.uk 30 July 2003

<sup>15</sup> www.answers.com/topic/al-muhajiroun

<sup>16</sup> Blair announces plans to deport extremists,' politics.guardian.co.uk, 5 August 2005

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### 2 July 2005, Ankara, Turkey

A suspected suicide bomber was shot dead by police outside Turkey's Justice Ministry. The man tried to enter the ministry, triggering off security sensors which alerted the police. Police shot the man after he set off a detonator, but failed to explode his main device. The suspect is believed to be associated with a far left organization.

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'Bomber shot dead at Turkish Ministry'  
<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/02/int3.htm>

### 2 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomb exploded outside Iraq's Islamic Dawa Party in Western Baghdad, killing one person and wounding one other. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

#### *Related Links*

'Sistani's aide, 19 others killed in Iraq'  
<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/02/int2.htm>

### 2 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide bomber killed at least 20 people outside an elite police recruiting station in central Baghdad. The attacker is believed to have worn an explosives laden belt to carry out the attack in the Yarmouk neighbourhood. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, in yet another act of violence targeting Iraqi security forces.

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'Iraq bomber kills police recruits'  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/4643535.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4643535.stm)

'At least 20 killed in Baghdad suicide bombing'

[http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/focusoniraq/2005/July/focusoniraq\\_July8.xml&section=focusoniraq](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/focusoniraq/2005/July/focusoniraq_July8.xml&section=focusoniraq)

'Suicide bomber kills 20 in Baghdad'

[http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20050702/ap\\_on\\_re\\_mi\\_ea/iraq\\_suicide\\_attack](http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20050702/ap_on_re_mi_ea/iraq_suicide_attack)

'Two suicide bombers kill 25 in Iraq'  
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story\\_3-7-2005\\_pg7\\_7](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_3-7-2005_pg7_7)

### 10 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

Three suicide bombings targeting an army recruitment center, a police convoy and civilians, left at least 33 people dead and wounded several others. In the deadliest attack, a man strapped with explosives blew himself up outside an army recruitment center, killing 25 people and wounding 47 others. In a separate attack, a suicide bomber rammed his car into a police convoy near the town of Mosul, killing four policemen and injuring three. In a third attack, a suicide car bomb exploded in Kirkuk, killing four civilians and wounding 15 others. The attack on the army recruitment center was claimed by Al-Zarqawi group. No group has claimed responsibility for the other attacks.

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'Suicide bombers kill 40 in Iraq'  
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story\\_11-7-2005\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_11-7-2005_pg7_2)

'34 killed in Iraq suicide bombings'  
<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/11/top1.htm>

'Suicide bombers kill 27 Iraqis in new spate of attacks'  
<http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.a>

sp?xfile=data/focusoniraq/2005/July/focusoniraq\_July54.xml&section=focusoniraq&col=

### 13 July 2005, Netanya, Israel

A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up outside a busy shopping mall, killing two women and wounding more than 30 others. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, although Israeli police suspect the bomber was a member of the militant Islamic Jihad group. This was the first such attack, since the Mid-east truce was declared five months ago.

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'Suicide attack in Israel, two killed'  
<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/000200507130301.htm>

'Suicide bomber kills 3 Israelis'  
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story\\_13-7-2005\\_pg7\\_46](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_13-7-2005_pg7_46)

'2 Israelis killed in suicide attack'  
<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/13/int13.htm>

### 14 July 2005, Baghdad Iraq

A suicide car bombing in South-Eastern Baghdad killed at least 27 people and wounded 67 more. Most of the people killed were children who had gathered around a US patrol convoy handing out sweets. One US soldier was amongst those dead and three more were reported wounded. The attack was designed to target the US patrol, but detonated prematurely in a residential area. No group has claimed responsibility for the incident.

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'Children die in Baghdad car bomb'  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/4678207.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4678207.stm)

'Baghdad suicide bomb kills 27, mostly children'  
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'Iraq blast kills 32 youngsters'  
<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/14/top11.htm>

'Car bomb kills 32 children, injures 31 in Iraq'  
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story\\_14-7-2005\\_pg7\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_14-7-2005_pg7_1)

### 15 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomb and a man strapped with explosives detonated themselves near Iraq's heavily fortified Green Zone, close to the US embassy and Iraqi government offices. A third potential attacker was shot dead by police. Five policemen and four civilians were injured in the attacks.

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'Iraq suicide attacks wound at least nine in central Baghdad'  
<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/05july15/inter.htm#8>

'Suicide attacks outside Baghdad's Green Zone'  
<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/05july15/inter.htm#5>

'Suicide bombers strike near Green Zone, one would-be bomber is captured'  
[http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/focusoniraq/2005/July/focusoniraq\\_July74.xml&section=focusoniraq](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/focusoniraq/2005/July/focusoniraq_July74.xml&section=focusoniraq)

### 16 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A wave of 12 separate suicide bombings across Baghdad and northern Iraq left at least 28 people dead and wounded more than 100 others, including seven US soldiers. The bombers struck over a span of several hours, targeting Iraqi and American security forces. The attacks were carried out using a total of seven cars, two motorcycles and a human bomb, in a day which saw the most number of single bombings. No group has claimed responsibility for any of the attacks.

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'At least 28 die in 12 suicide bombings in Iraq'

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'22 die in Baghdad bombings'

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'12 suicide bombs claim 28 lives in Iraq'

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'Nine suicide bombs rock Baghdad'

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/4685841.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4685841.stm)

### **23 July 2005, Sharm-el-Sheik, Egypt**

Suicide car bombers wreaked havoc on Egypt's peaceful resort town of Sharm-el-Sheikh, killing at least 50 people and wounding more than 150 others. The attacks at the height of the tourist season, were the deadliest in more than 8 years. In the worst reported attack, a suicide car bomb rammed into the Ghazala hotel, causing widespread destruction. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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'At least 50 killed in Egypt Red Sea resort bombing spree'

[http://www.hindustantimes.com/news/181\\_2307053,0005.htm](http://www.hindustantimes.com/news/181_2307053,0005.htm)

'Multiple car bombs hit Egyptian resort of Sharm-el-Sheik, killing at least 49'

<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/000200507231101.htm>

'At least 62 killed in Egypt Red Sea resort bombing spree'

[http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2005/July/middleeast\\_July594.xml&section=middleeast](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2005/July/middleeast_July594.xml&section=middleeast)

### **24 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide bomber detonated a truck packed with more than 500lbs of explosives outside a Baghdad police station, killing up to 40 people according to US military sources. However, the figure is disputed by Iraqi police and Interior Ministry sources, who report that up to 22 people had been killed and a further 25 injured. No group has claimed responsibility for the deadly attack.

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'Suicide truck bomber kills 40 in Baghdad'

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'40 killed in Baghdad suicide attack'

<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/25/top10.htm>

'Baghdad truck bombing kills at least 25'

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### **25 July 2005, Quetta, Pakistan**

A suicide bomber exploded a powerful bomb in Chaman, a town close to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, killing four people. Officials believe that the bomber intended to target oil tankers which supply fuel to American forces in Afghanistan. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, although authorities did arrest a suspected second terrorist from the scene.

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'Bomber dies in Chaman blast'

<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/25/top3.htm>

### **25 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Two suicide car bombings in Baghdad left at least seven people dead and wounded more than six others. In the first attack five people were killed when a suicide bomber rammed a minibus into a hotel, formerly used to house US contractors. Shortly after, a second attack

occurred close to an entrance to Baghdad's government and diplomatic compound, killing two policemen. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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'Baghdad bombs kill seven people'  
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'Suicide attack in central Baghdad'  
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**28 July 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide bomber blew himself up outside the gate to Numaa hospital in Baghdad's Athamiya district killing five people and wounding 10 others. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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'Suicide bomber kills 5 in hospital'  
<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/28/int3.htm>

**30 July 2005, Mosul, Iraq**

A suicide bomber struck at an army recruitment office in northern Iraq, killing 25 people and wounding at least 35 more. In an internet statement, Iraq's Al Qaeda group led by Abu Al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for the bombing. Reports suggest that the perpetrator entered the station with explosives strapped to his body, shouting 'there is no God but Allah', before detonating the bombs. The attack signifies a recurrent pattern in the widespread violence plaguing Iraq, with army and police recruiting stations often bearing the brunt of terrorist bombings.

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'Suicide bomber kills 25 in Iraq'  
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'25 killed in bombing at Iraqi army recruiting center'

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'Al-Qaeda in Iraq says behind attack that killed 25: website'

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'Suicide attack kills 25 in Iraq'  
<http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/30/top11.htm>

**31 July 2005, Mosul, Iraq**

The death toll from a suicide attack at an Iraqi army recruiting station in Mosul, rose dramatically to 52, after several of the injured succumbed to injuries over night. The number of people wounded almost doubled to 92, after reports came in from different hospitals across the city.

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'Death toll from Iraq suicide bomb attack rises to 52'  
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**3 August 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

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A suicide car bomber struck a convoy of US military humvees in central Baghdad killing seven people, including one US soldier and wounding more than 90 others. The attack occurred when the convoy was stopped at a busy intersection and was rammed by an explosives laden truck. Authorities have been dismayed at the growing number of Iraqi civilians being killed in attacks targeting US military personnel. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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A suicide bomber on a motorcycle blew himself up outside a restaurant popular with Iraqi police officers in central Baghdad, wounding 11 people. The bomber, strapped with an explosives belt, detonated the device during the busy lunch hour in the bustling Karrada district. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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Triple bomb explosions shook the center of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, killing at least 40 people and wounding more than 80 others. The first two attacks occurred within 10 minutes of each other at the busy Nahda bus station, while the third happened on the road to a near by hospital 15 minutes later. In the first attack, a suicide bomber targeting policemen, detonated his vehicle at the crowded bus station, while the second saw a car explode in the parking lot soon after. The third attack occurred when a suicide bomber exploded his car near the al-Kindi hospital, as the wounded were being ferried for treatment. The apparent coordination between the attacks means that the casualties are sure to rise. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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A suicide attack on a joint coordination center in Baquba, a town 50km north-east of Baghdad, killed eight Iraqi policemen, a US soldier and an American contractor. The attack also left four Iraqi police officers, six civilians and nine US soldiers wounded. The attack which targeted a Provincial Joint coordination center in the restive Sunni town came shortly after three coordinated car bombings targeting US forces in Ramadi. Such attacks have raised fears that guerillas seeking to topple the government have infiltrated into the Iraqi military and security forces. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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Violence returned to the streets of Baghdad in the form of deadly and brazen daylight attacks, which saw two suicide bombers drive their explosive laden cars into police patrols in the Sunni neighbourhood of Ghazalia in western Baghdad. The attack which killed at

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A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up while attempting to board a bus in the southern Israeli town of Beersheba, seriously wounding two transport security guards and causing minor injuries to 50 others. Reports indicate that the vigilant security guards approached the man, forcing him to detonate the device outside the bus station, subsequently averting a potential catastrophe. The Palestinian militant groups Al-Aqsa Al-Martyrs brigades, linked to Fatah and Al-Quds Brigade of Islamic Jihad jointly claimed responsibility for the bombing. The attack was an act of revenge for Israel's killing of four Fatah activists and a local leader of Islamic Jihad during an operation in the West Bank town of Tulkarem.

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After a lull in violence for more than a week, three suicide bombers struck across Iraq, killing 13 and wounding more than 24. An attack on a coalition base in the western town of Hit, killed 11 and wounded 16 people. In a separate, but daring attack at a checkpoint outside the interior ministry in Baghdad, two policemen were killed and five others wounded. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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### **14 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Five suicide bombings rocked Baghdad during the morning rush hour, killing at least 87 people and wounding 167 others. The deadliest attack occurred in Uruba square, a predominantly Shiite district of the city, where day labourers had gathered waiting to be hired. Reports indicate that the suicide bomber lured the workers towards the car, before detonating the explosives. In a second attack, an Iraqi military convoy was rammed in the Al-Adel district of Baghdad, killing three soldiers. Shortly after, a third suicide bomber killed four civilians and wounded 22 in a residential neighbourhood of northwest Baghdad. Coinciding with the attack, a US military humvee was rammed by a suicide bomber in west Baghdad, killing two American soldiers. The last attack occurred when another US convoy was rammed south of the city. There were no reported casualties.

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The death toll from the multiple suicide attacks which shook Baghdad yesterday rose to over

150, making it the second deadliest terror attack since the US led invasion of March 2003. Police authorities believe that over 220kg of explosives were used in the attack on Baghdad's Uruba Square. Meanwhile in an internet statement, Al Qaeda in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was in response to the recent US backed operation in Tal Afar, where over 150 insurgents were killed.

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### **16 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

The toll from yesterday's suicide bombings rose to 24, all of whom were policemen. In the first attack a bomber rammed a car into a truck killing 15 police commandos of the elite guard. A few hours later, two suicide bombers struck another elite unit killing at least nine police commandos. The Al Qaeda group in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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### **17 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide car bomber killed 11 Shia worshippers and wounded 24, as they left an Iraqi mosque on the third day of continued violence in Baghdad. The attack came a day after Abu Musab Al Zarqawi declared a 'total war' against Shias in Iraq, sparking fears of deadly sectarian violence. The attack came as worshippers were leaving the mosque following afternoon prayers. Police arrested a second would be bomber in the vicinity of the mosque shortly after. The man arrested was a Saudi national, who had explosives strapped to his body.

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### **20 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

Two suicide bombers struck checkpoints south of Baghdad on a road used by thousands of Iraqi Shia pilgrims making their way to the holy city of Karbala killing 10 people, including seven policemen and a soldier. The

two bombers struck separate checkpoints, wounding 12 people, including several Shia pilgrims. The attack comes at a time when sectarian tensions have raised considerably in Iraq, following the call for an 'all out war' by Al Qaeda's front-man in the country, Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### **21 September 2005, Mosul, Iraq**

A suicide car bombing in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul killed an American embassy official and three security contractors, bringing the number of Americans killed in the last two days to nine. According to reports, the bomber rammed his vehicle into the US convoy, causing a huge explosion. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### 24 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide attack at a bus depot in the center of the capital killed seven people and wounded more than 20, as the October 15 deadline for the referendum drew closer. The attack which occurred at Tayaran square, was carried out when a man strapped with an explosives belt beneath his clothes detonated the device on board a bus which was heading for the predominantly Shia area of Sadr city. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### 24 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomber rammed his vehicle into an Iraqi army checkpoint killing three soldiers and a civilian. The attack which occurred in the commercial and residential district of Karada also wounded three soldiers and two civilians. Soldiers manning the checkpoint attempted to stop the car which approached at high speed, causing extensive damage to the surrounding area.

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### 25 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

A suicide car bomber drove alongside an Iraqi police convoy in Baghdad, before detonating the explosives, killing 13 commandos and wounding more than 10. The commandos from the anti-terrorist "Wolf Brigade" were on their way to work, when the attack occurred. The Al Qaeda group in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### 25 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

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**28 September 2005, Baghdad, Iraq**

A suicide car bomber penetrated Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, but was unable to detonate the explosives after being stopped and arrested by US marines at a checkpoint. The heavily secured compound houses the Iraqi government, and the US embassy, as well as being the official residence of thousands of foreign nationals.

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A suicide bomber dressed in an army uniform rammed his motorcycle into a convoy of buses ferrying Afghan soldiers during the evening rush hour period. The bomber struck the buses within the confines of the Kabul Military Training Center, killing at least twelve soldiers and wounding 28 others. The suicide attack, a rarity in Afghanistan and in particular Kabul, was the first such incident since the parliamentary elections on 18 September. Authorities believe the suspected bomber to be of Arab origin and revealed that the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. Intelligence sources in Afghanistan believe that this could be the first of several attacks, after having gathered credible evidence that Al Qaeda's suicide squad – Fedayini Islam was in the country.

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A suicide bomber blew herself up outside a US military office in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar, killing at least five people and wounding 53 others. The attack marked the first time since Sunni Arab insurgency begun in Iraq that a female suicide bomber has carried out an attack. Al Qaeda in Iraq issued a statement claiming that a bomber affiliated with the Malik Suicidal Brigade was responsible for the attack.

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Security officials in Pakistan arrested two would be suicide bombers hours before they had planned to carry out attacks. The first bombers target was the close relative of a leader of the main Shia party, while the second bomber was to detonate his explosives at a Shia congregation at the community's main religious school in Lahore. Authorities seized arms and ammunition as well as two suicide jackets from the premises. The men are believed to have been a part of the banned Lashkar-i-Jhangvi group.

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Death and destruction returned to Baghdad, with a string of suicide attacks claiming at least 60 lives and wounding more than 70. The first blast ripped through a crowded vegetable market just before sunset, while the second exploded at a bank just a few meters away. The third bomb exploded on a street of clothing shops, causing panic and chaos amongst distressed shoppers. The attacks, in what can only be described as a blatant show of defiance by Sunni Arabs opposed to the majority Shiite government ruling Iraq, targeted innocent Shia civilians. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, which could see the death toll rise to as high as 75, with more than 100 wounded.

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