



**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
DEFENCE AGAINST TERRORISM
(COE-DAT)**

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ABOUT Center of Excellence Defence against Terrorism (COE-DAT)

Turkey declared her intention to establish COE-DAT on December 1, 2003. Following a process of 3 years, COE-DAT was accredited by NATO and gained International Military Organization status in 2006. Sponsoring Nations in COE-DAT are Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Romania, UK, and USA.

Our vision is;

- Overcoming terrorism, a serious threat to world peace, by establishing an internationally respected centre consisting of countries with common goals,
- Becoming NATO's transformation expert for defence against terrorism (DAT),
- Developing and maintaining an academic institution which coordinates with related agencies and allied countries,
- Fostering continual self-development by conducting results-oriented studies, giving direction and providing education and training as a complete concrete contribution to the fight against terrorism today, and in the future.

Our mission is;

- Provide subject matter expertise on the full spectrum of transformation of defence against terrorism by serving as a principal advisor to Supreme Allied Command Transformation (SACT)
- Provide defence against terrorism training and education at the strategic and operational level,
- Assist Allied Command Transformation (ACT) in testing and validating terrorism-related NATO concepts through experimentation,
- Assist in doctrine development by leveraging knowledge and lessons learned,
- Contribute to NATO standardization and improve capabilities/interoperability.

Core values of COE-DAT;

- Sense of service to humanity,
- Team spirit,
- Continuous development,
- Innovation,
- Academic claim,
- Efficient education and training.

ABOUT Information Collection and Management Center (ICMC)

ICMC is a branch established under Capabilities Department in COE-DAT. Its main duty is to monitor all terrorism related incidents throughout the world, catalogue them and prepare reports at daily and monthly basis.

ACRONYM USED IN THIS REPORT

IED	: Improvised Explosive Device
IDF	: Indirect Fire
VBIED	: Vehicle - Borne Improvised Explosive Device
K	: Killed
W	: Wounded
A	: Abducted

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

There were **565** reported terrorist incidents in **29** different countries in April 2012, versus **671** in the preceding month. These incidents claimed **759¹** lives, caused **1,404** injuries and

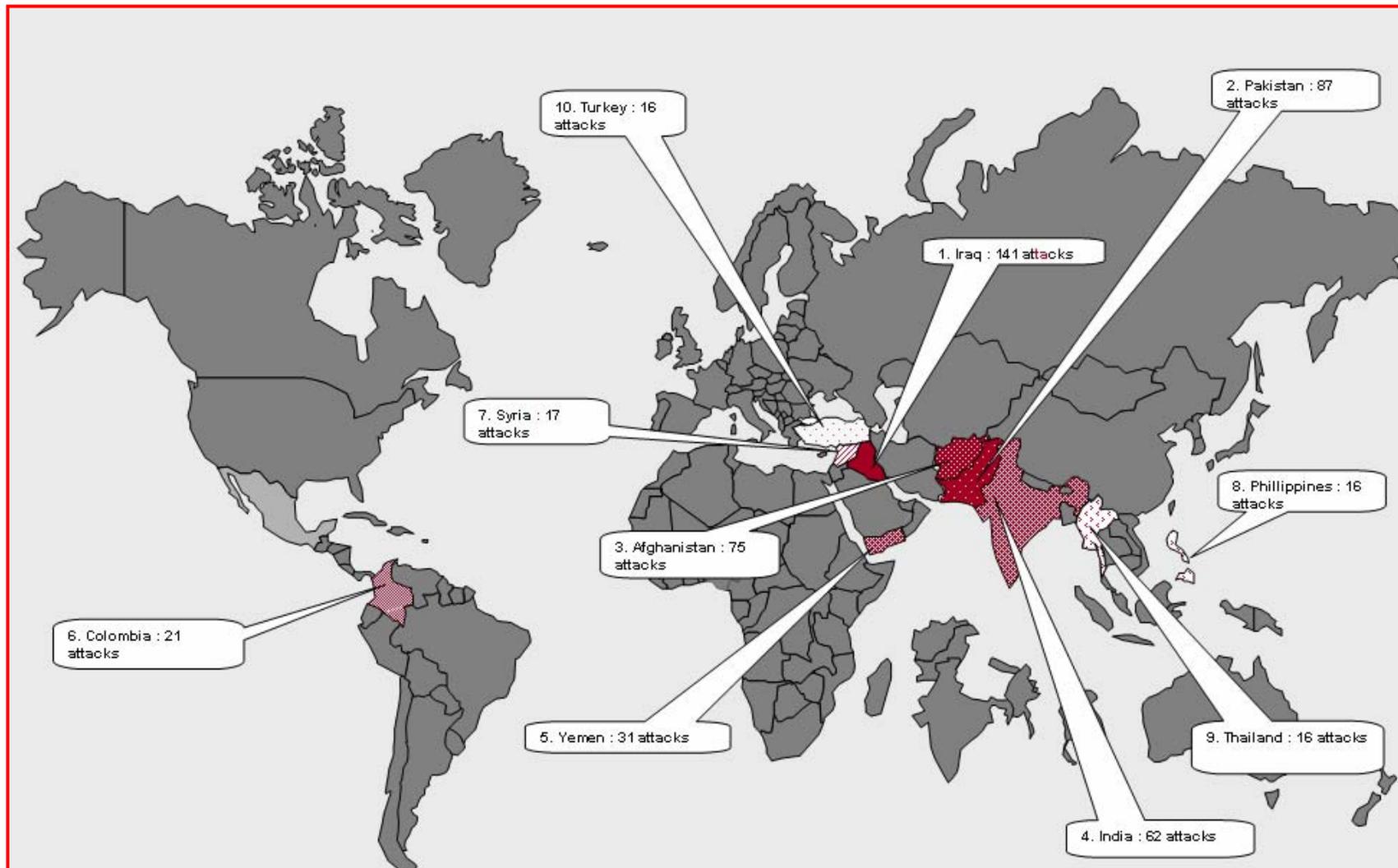
included **64** abductions. The incidents decreased roughly 16% in the world compared to previous month. Incidents in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan consist of 54 % of all total incidents in the world. Iraq was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the world in April 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	141	117	352	0
Pakistan	87	105	165	13
Afghanistan	75	115	318	22
India	62	22	26	13
Yemen	31	92	43	3
Colombia	21	20	29	1
Syria	17	39	145	0
Philippines	16	23	62	1
Thailand	16	11	14	0
Turkey	16	10	15	0
Nigeria	14	116	85	0
Russia	12	8	11	0
Mexico	10	28	0	0
Somalia	9	32	10	0
Bahrain	6	0	19	0
Nepal	5	4	11	0
UK	4	0	0	0
Egypt	3	6	23	0
Myanmar	3	4	2	3
Algeria	3	2	3	0
Bangladesh	3	0	3	0
Peru	2	3	2	7
Lebanon	2	1	20	0
Ukraine	2	0	30	0
Kenya	1	1	16	0
Venezuela	1	0	0	1
Chile	1	0	0	0
Iran	1	0	0	0
El Salvador	1	0	0	0
Total	565	759	1404	64

Table 1 – Attacks in April 2012 throughout the World

¹ All figures mentioned in the report come from publicly available sources, and any discrepancy in figures cited in similar works is the result of varying consultation of these sources. Neither NATO nor COE-DAT is responsible for such discrepancies.

MAP OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS OF THE MOST HIT 10 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD DURING APRIL 2012²



² This map shown here is taken from www.presentationmagazine.com

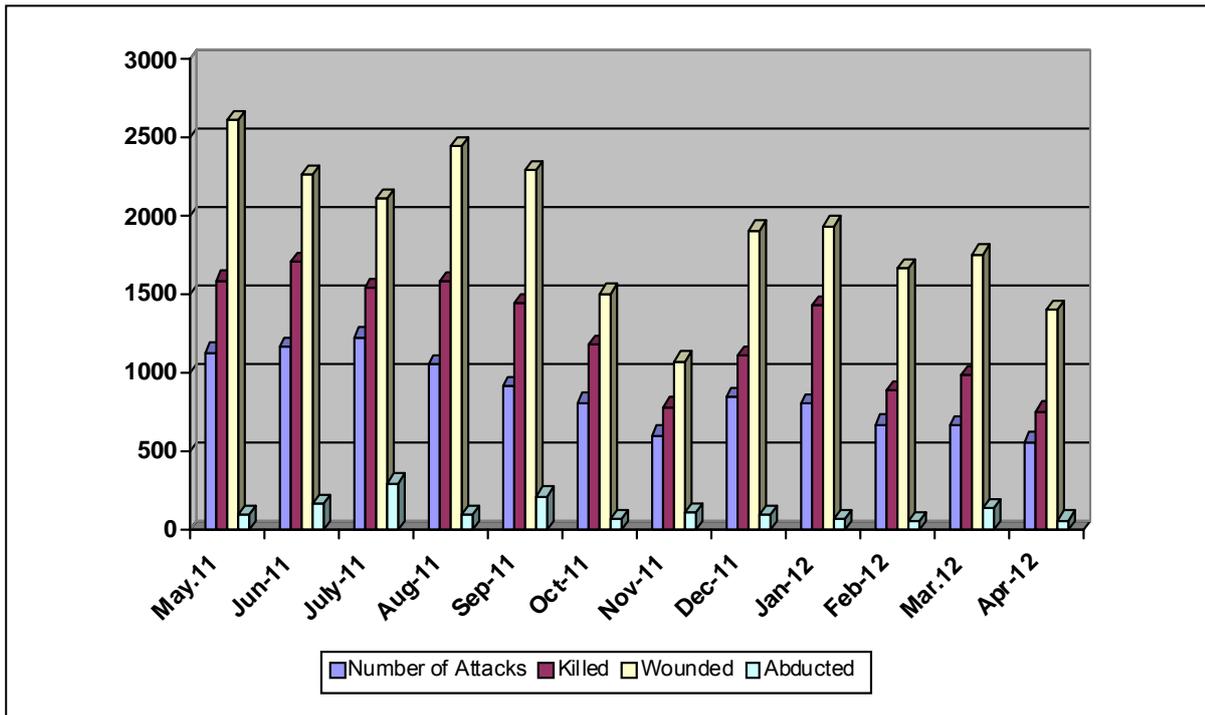


Chart 1 – Some World Security Trends

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	212	178	530	0
Armed Attack	129	195	130	0
Clash	88	136	136	0
VBIED	34	32	162	0
IDF	29	30	115	0
Suicide Attack	25	130	177	0
Abduction	14	0	0	38
Execution	11	32	150	0
Arson	12	0	2	0
Raid	9	26	2	26
Hoax	1	0	0	0
Cyber attack	1	0	0	0
Total	565	759	1404	64

Table 2 – Incident types in the world in April 2012

The attack types in the world in April are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 76% of the total attacks in the world in April. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack was 8 April suicide car bomb attack that killed 30 civilians and 35 others. It exploded when officials stopped the vehicle as it was approaching a church in Nigerian city of Kaduna.”

THE MIDDLE EAST

Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Bahrain, Lebanon and Iran suffered from terrorist attacks in April 2012. Total 198 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 13% in Middle East compared to previous month. The number of incidents in the Middle East consists of 35% of the total number of incidents in the world in April. Iraq was the most hit country in the Middle East with 141 incidents. 71% of the incidents in the Middle East occurred in Iraq. Also, Iraq was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the Middle East in April 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	141	117	352	0
Yemen	31	92	43	3
Syria	17	39	145	0
Bahrain	6	0	19	0
Lebanon	2	1	20	0
Iran	1	0	0	0
Total	198	249	579	3

Table 3 - Incidents per Country in the Middle East in April 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	82	47	220	0
Armed Attack	41	52	60	0
VBIED	30	31	142	0
Clash	18	56	38	0
Suicide Attack	11	36	109	0
IDF	7	0	10	0
Execution	1	1	0	0
Abduction	3	0	0	3
Raid	3	11	0	0
Cyber Attack	1	0	0	0
Total	198	249	579	3

Table 4 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in the Middle East in April 2012

The attack types in the Middle East in April are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and VBIED attacks consist of 77% of the total attacks in the Middle East in April. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The most important attack in the Middle East occurred in Yemen’s southern province of Abyan when Al-Qaeda militants attacked a military base leaving 11 government soldiers killed and 12 others wounded.”



Map 1³: The Middle East

AFRICA

Nigeria, Somalia, Egypt, Algeria and Kenya suffered from terrorist attacks in April 2012. Total 30 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 44% in Africa compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Africa consists of 5% of the total number of incidents in the world in April. Nigeria was the most hit country in Africa with 14 incidents. 46% of the incidents of the Africa occurred in Nigeria. Also, Nigeria was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Africa in April 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Nigeria	14	116	85	0
Somalia	9	32	10	0
Egypt	3	6	23	0
Algeria	3	2	3	0
Kenya	1	1	16	0
Total	30	157	137	0

Table 5 - Incidents per Country in the Africa in April 2012

³ All maps shown here are taken from www.maps.google.com

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	13	32	74	0
Clash	5	17	0	0
Suicide attack	5	71	47	0
Armed Attack	5	20	0	0
IDF	1	15	15	0
Raid	1	2	1	0
Total	30	157	137	0

Table 6 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in Africa in April 2012

The attack types in Africa in April are shown above in the table. IED attacks, clashes and suicide attacks consist of 77% of the total attacks in Africa in April. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack in Africa was in Nigeria where a suicide car bomb attack killed 30 civilians and 35 others.”



Map 2: Africa

EUROPE

Turkey, Russia, UK and Ukraine suffered from terrorist attacks in April 2012. Total 34 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 6% in Europe compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Europe consists of 6% of the total number of incidents in the world in April. Turkey was the most hit country in Europe with 16 incidents. 47% of the incidents in Europe occurred in Turkey. Also, Turkey was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Europe in April 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Turkey	16	10	15	0
Russia	12	8	11	0
UK	4	0	0	0
Ukraine	2	0	30	0
Total	34	18	56	0

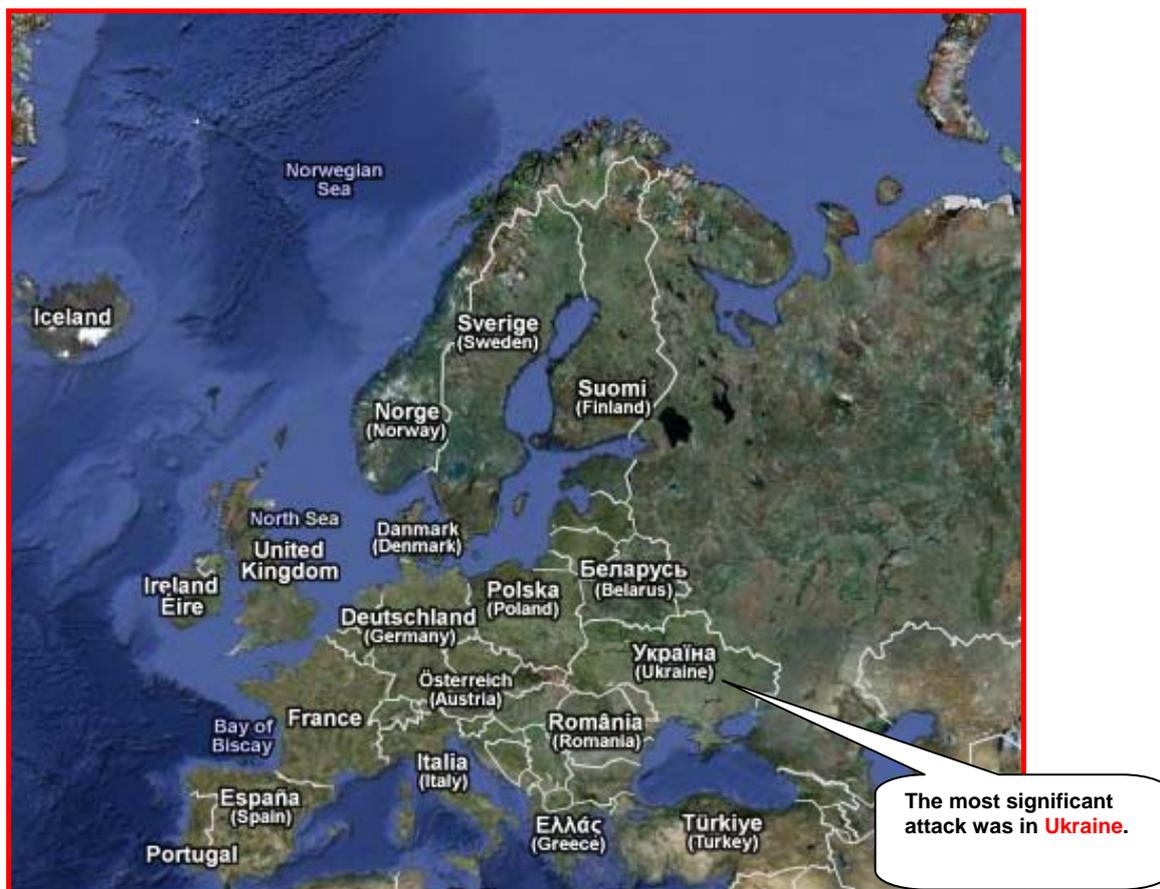
Table 7 - Incidents per Country in the Europe in April 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	18	4	46	0
Clash	10	11	7	0
Armed Attack	4	3	2	0
IDF	1	0	0	0
VBIED	1	0	1	0
Total	34	18	56	0

Table 8 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in Europe in March 2012

The attack types in Europe in April are shown above in the table. Clashes, IED attacks and armed attacks consist of 94% of the total attacks in Europe in April. According to attack types, clash was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack in April in Europe was a series of IED attacks in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine on 27 April as a result of four explosions 30 people were wounded.”



Map 3: Europe

ASIA

Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Thailand, Philippines, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar suffered from terrorist attacks in April 2012. Total 267 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 27% in Asia compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Asia consists of 47% of the total number of incidents in the world in April. Pakistan was the most hit country in Asia with 87 incidents. 33% of the incidents in Asia occurred in Pakistan. Also, Pakistan was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Asia in April 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Pakistan	87	105	165	13
Afghanistan	75	115	318	22
India	62	22	26	13
Philippines	16	23	62	1
Thailand	16	11	14	0
Nepal	5	4	11	0
Bangladesh	3	0	3	0
Myanmar	3	4	2	3
Total	267	284	601	52

Table 9 - Incidents per Country in the Asia in April 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	84	88	169	0
Armed Attack	68	88	59	0
Clash	49	41	90	0
IDF	20	15	90	0
Arson	12	0	2	0
Suicide attack	9	23	21	0
Execution	8	15	150	0
Abduction	8	0	0	26
Raid	5	13	1	26
VBIED	3	1	19	0
Hoax	1	0	0	0
Total	267	284	601	52

Table 10 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in Asia in April 2012

The attack types in Asia in April are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 72% of the total attacks in Asia in April. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack in Asia was a suicide attack in Faryab province that killed 12 people, including four US troops on 4 April.”



Map 4: Asia

THE AMERICAS

Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Chile and El Salvador suffered from terrorist attacks in April 2012. Total 36 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incident numbers decreased 20% in America compared to previous month. The number of incidents in America consists of 6% of the total number of incidents in the world in April. Colombia was the most hit country in America with 21 incidents and 58% of the incidents in America occurred in Colombia. Also, Colombia was in the first place by the total number of casualties in America in April 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Colombia	21	20	29	1
Mexico	10	28	0	0
Peru	2	3	2	7
Venezuela	1	0	0	1
Chile	1	0	0	0
El Salvador	1	0	0	0
Total	36	51	31	9

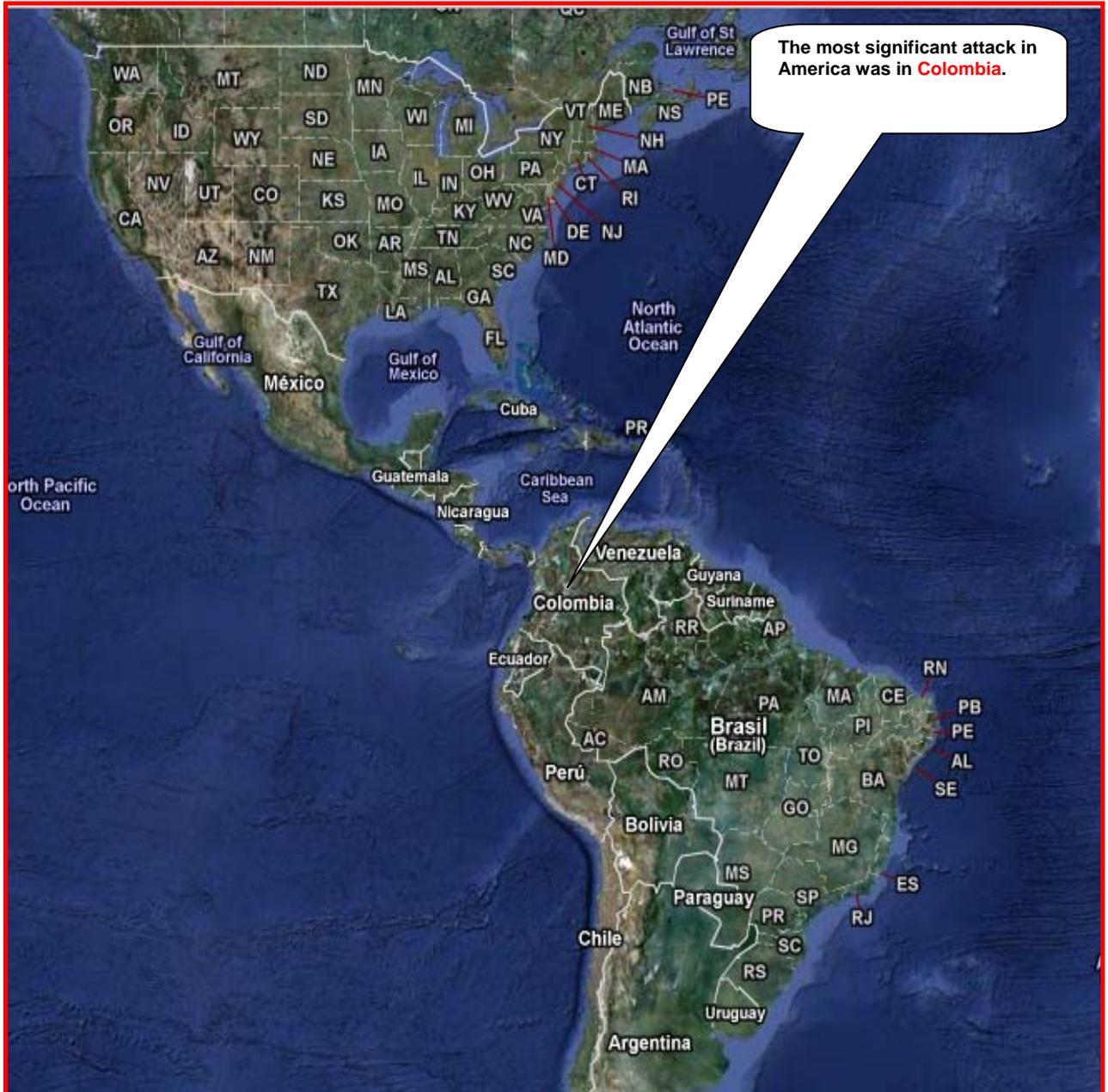
Table 11 – Incidents per Country in America in April 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	15	7	21	0
Armed Attack	11	32	9	0
Clash	6	11	1	0
Abduction	3	0	0	9
Execution	1	1	0	0
Total	36	51	31	9

Table 12 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in America in April 2012

The attack types in America in April are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks, and clashes consist of 89% of the total attacks in America in April. According to attack types, IED attacks was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest incident in America occurred in Colombia. FARC killed an officer and four soldiers in the clash on 27 April 2012.”



Map 5: America

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SOURCES

The Sources from which ICMC benefits in collecting terrorism related news:

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2. <http://www.pajhwok.com>
3. <http://en.aswataliraq.info>
4. <http://www.xinhuanet.com>
5. <http://en.rian.ru>
6. <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk>
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9. <http://www.nationmultimedia.com>
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11. <http://www.tsk.tr>
12. <http://www.kuna.net>
13. <http://www.colombiareports.com/colombia-news.html>
14. http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World_News/
15. <http://www.sabanews.net>
16. <http://www.satp.org>
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18. <http://www.laht.com>
19. <http://www.iter-tass.com>
20. <http://www.bbc.co.uk>
21. <http://www.inseconline.org>
22. <http://www.dawn.com/latest-news/>
23. <http://english.aljazeera.net/>
24. <http://www.haberturk.com.tr>
25. <http://www.hurriyet.com.tr>
26. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr>
27. <http://www.gazeteler.com>

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2. <http://www.ict.org.il> : International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism
3. <http://www.iiss.org> : The International Institute for Strategic Studies
4. <http://www.idsa.in> : The Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
5. <http://www.satp.org> : The Institute for Conflict Management
6. <http://www.ipcs.org> : The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies
7. <http://www.irs.org.pk> : The Institute for Regional Studies
8. <http://www.orfonline.org> : The observer Research Foundation
9. <http://www.rcss.org> : The Regional Center Strategic Studies
10. <http://www.icescolombo.org> : The International Center of Ethnic Studies
11. <http://www.emergency.com/cntrterr.htm> : The Emergency Res. & Research Institute
12. <http://www.terrorism.com> : The Terrorism Research Center
13. <http://www.terrorism.net> : Terrorism Net
14. <http://www.state.gov/s/ct> : United State Department of Defence
15. <http://www.stimson.org> : The Stimson Center
16. <http://www.brookings.edu> : The Brookings Institution
17. <http://www.css.ethz.ch> : The Center of Security Studies and Conflict Research
18. <http://www.ccc.nps.navy.mil> : Center of Contemporary Conflict
19. <http://www.res.ethz.ch> : The Russian and Eurasian Security
20. <http://www.stategicstudies.army.mil> : Strategic Studies Institute
21. <http://www.rand.org> : Research and Development Site
22. <http://www.globalct.org> : Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation
23. <http://sipri.org> : Stockholm International Peace Reserach Institute
24. <http://www.nefafoundation.org> : Nine Eleven Finding Answer
25. <http://www.natochannel.tv> : NATO TV
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