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(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
VOIED	: Victim - Operated Improvised Explosive Device
SVBIED	: Suicide Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device
SA	: Suicide Attack
AA	: Armed Attack
CA	: Cyber Attack
K	: Killed
W	: Wounded
A	: Abducted

## GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

There were **853** reported terrorist incidents in **40** different countries in December 2011,

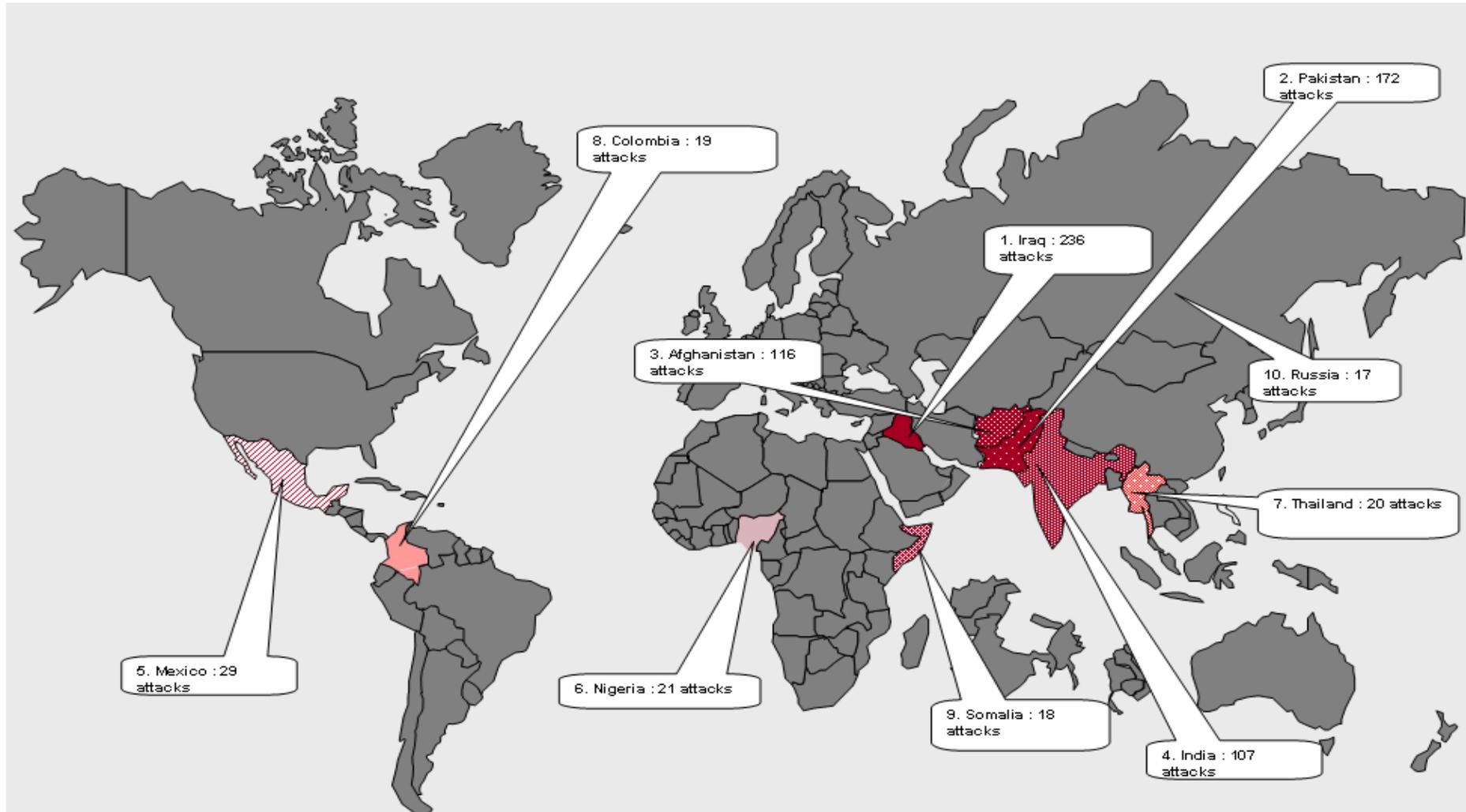
Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Russia</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Nepal	17	0	20	1
Yemen	12	26	20	0
Philippines	9	13	13	1
Syria	7	44	166	5
Bangladesh	7	6	16	0
Kenya	6	3	22	0
Algeria	5	2	3	2
Turkey	5	1	1	0
Myanmar	4	2	7	0
UK	3	0	0	0
Italy	2	0	1	0
Bahrain	2	0	0	0
Mauritania	2	0	0	2
Senegal	1	7	0	0
Ivory Coast	1	3	3	0
Kazakhstan	1	2	0	0
Iran	1	2	0	0
Peru	1	1	5	0
Burma	1	1	1	0
Honduras	1	1	0	0
Oman	1	0	0	18
Lebanon	1	0	6	0
Guatemala	1	0	1	0
France	1	0	0	0
Georgia	1	0	0	0
Germany	1	0	0	0
Egypt	1	0	0	0
Malaysia	1	0	0	0
USA	1	0	0	0
Sudan	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>1112</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>99</b>

versus **608** in the preceding month. These incidents claimed **1,112<sup>1</sup>** lives, caused **1,984** injuries and included **99** abductions. The incidents increased roughly 40% in the world compared to previous month. Incidents in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan consist of 61% of all total incidents in the world. Iraq also, was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the world in December 2011.

Table 1- Attacks in December 2011 throughout the World

<sup>1</sup> 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 DECEMBER 2011<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> This map shown here is taken from [www.presentationmagazine.com](http://www.presentationmagazine.com)

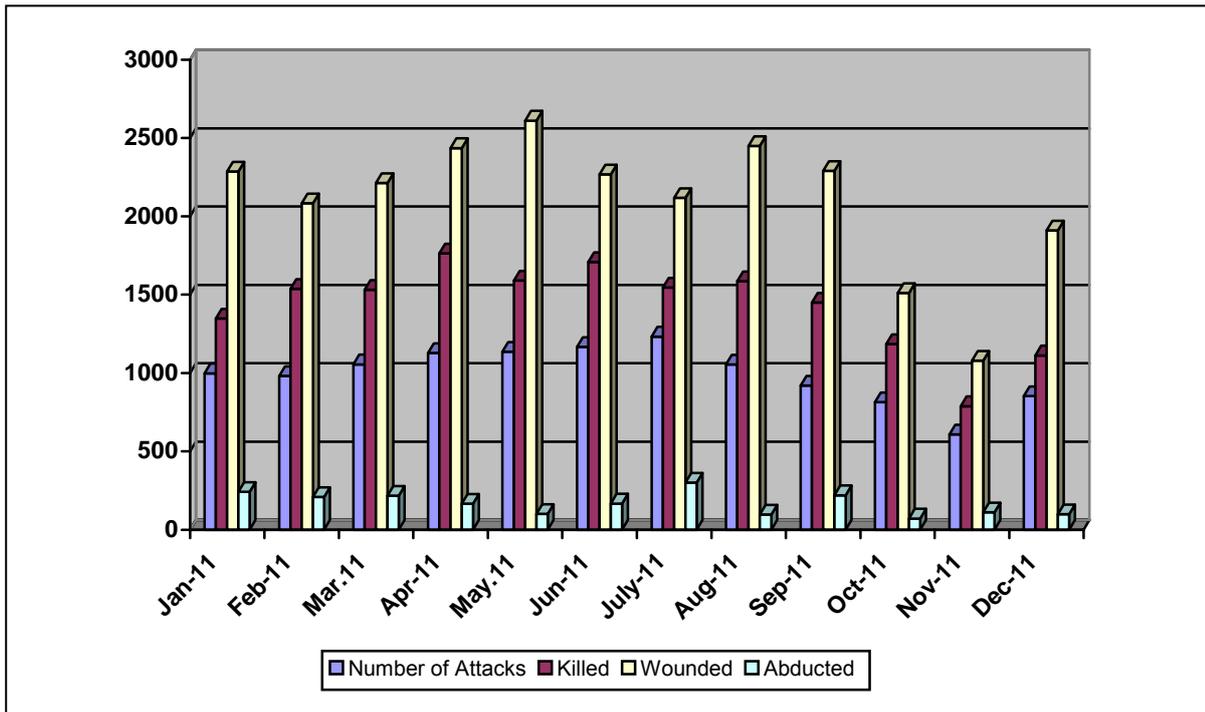


Chart 1 – Some World Security Trends

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	314	286	671	0
Armed Attack	205	258	150	0
Clash	98	124	140	0
IDF	52	35	152	0
VBIED	50	111	315	0
Execution	44	109	0	0
Abduction	31	0	0	80
Suicide Attack	21	165	549	0
Arson	21	0	0	0
Raid	9	24	7	1
Hoax	4	0	0	0
Cyber Attack	3	0	0	0
Piracy	1	0	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>1112</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>99</b>

Table 2- Types of Terrorist Attacks in December 2011

The attack types in the world in December are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 72% of the total attacks in the world in December. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest attack was a combination of organized multiple VBIED and IED attacks in Baghdad, Iraq on December 22 which claimed nearly 60 lives and 176 injuries. The incident happened when different bombs went off in different parts of the Baghdad Iraq.”**

## THE MIDDLE EAST

Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Bahrain, Iran, Lebanon and Oman suffered from terrorist attacks in December 2011. Total 260 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 66% in Middle East compared to previous month. The number of incidents in the Middle East consists of 30% of the total number of incidents in the world in December. Iraq was the most hit country in the Middle East with 236 incidents. 90% 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 December 2011.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	236	282	701	7
Yemen	12	26	20	0
Syria	7	44	166	5
Bahrain	2	0	0	0
Iran	1	2	0	0
Lebanon	1	0	6	0
Oman	1	0	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>30</b>

Table 3 - Incidents per Country in the Middle East in December 2011

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	107	89	336	0
Armed Attack	62	61	50	0
VBIED	43	90	238	0
Clash	12	20	21	0
IDF	11	4	19	0
Execution	10	20	0	0
Suicide Attack	5	49	222	0
Raid	5	21	7	0
Abduction	4	0	0	12
Piracy	1	0	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>30</b>

Table 4 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in the Middle East in December 2011

The attack types in the Middle East in December are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and VBIED attacks consist of 81% of the total attacks in the Middle East in December. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The most important attack in the Middle East occurred in Baghdad, Iraq on December 22 in which assailants blew bombs and VBIED’s in different places in the capital. As a result of the attack there were nearly 60 dead and 176 wounded.”**



Map 1<sup>3</sup>: The Middle East

## AFRICA

Nigeria, Somalia, Kenya, Algeria, Mauritania, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Sudan and Egypt suffered from terrorist attacks in December 2011. Total 56 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 24% in Africa compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Africa consists of 7% of the total number of incidents in the world in December. Nigeria was the most hit country in Africa with 21 incidents. 37% 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 December 2011.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Nigeria	21	105	101	0
Somalia	18	31	23	0
Kenya	6	3	22	0
Algeria	5	2	3	2
Mauritania	2	0	0	2
Senegal	1	7	0	0
Ivory Coast	1	3	3	0
Sudan	1	0	0	0
Egypt	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>4</b>

Table 5 - Incidents per Country in Africa in December 2011

<sup>3</sup> All maps shown here are taken from [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com)

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	21	48	105	0
Armed Attack	16	33	6	0
Clash	6	56	10	0
IDF	4	6	17	0
Suicide attack	3	6	14	0
Abduction	3	0	0	3
Execution	1	2	0	0
Raid	1	0	0	1
VBIED	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>4</b>

Table 6 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in Africa in December 2011

The attack types in Africa in December are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 76% of the total attacks in Africa in December. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack was a triple IED attack in Abuja, Jos and Yobe State in Nigeria on December 25 which claimed 32 lives and 74 injuries. The incident happened when assailants blew bombs in few churches during Christmas Day celebration in Nigeria.”



Map 2: Africa

## EUROPE

Russia, Turkey, Italy, UK, France, Georgia and Germany suffered from terrorist attacks in December 2011. Total 30 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 36% in Europe compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Europe consists of 3% of the total number of incidents in the world in December. Russia was the most hit country in Europe with 17 incidents. 56% of the incidents in Europe occurred in Russia. Also, Russia was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Europe in December 2011.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Russia	17	4	0	1
Turkey	5	1	1	0
UK	3	0	0	0
Italy	2	0	1	0
France	1	0	0	0
Georgia	1	0	0	0
Germany	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

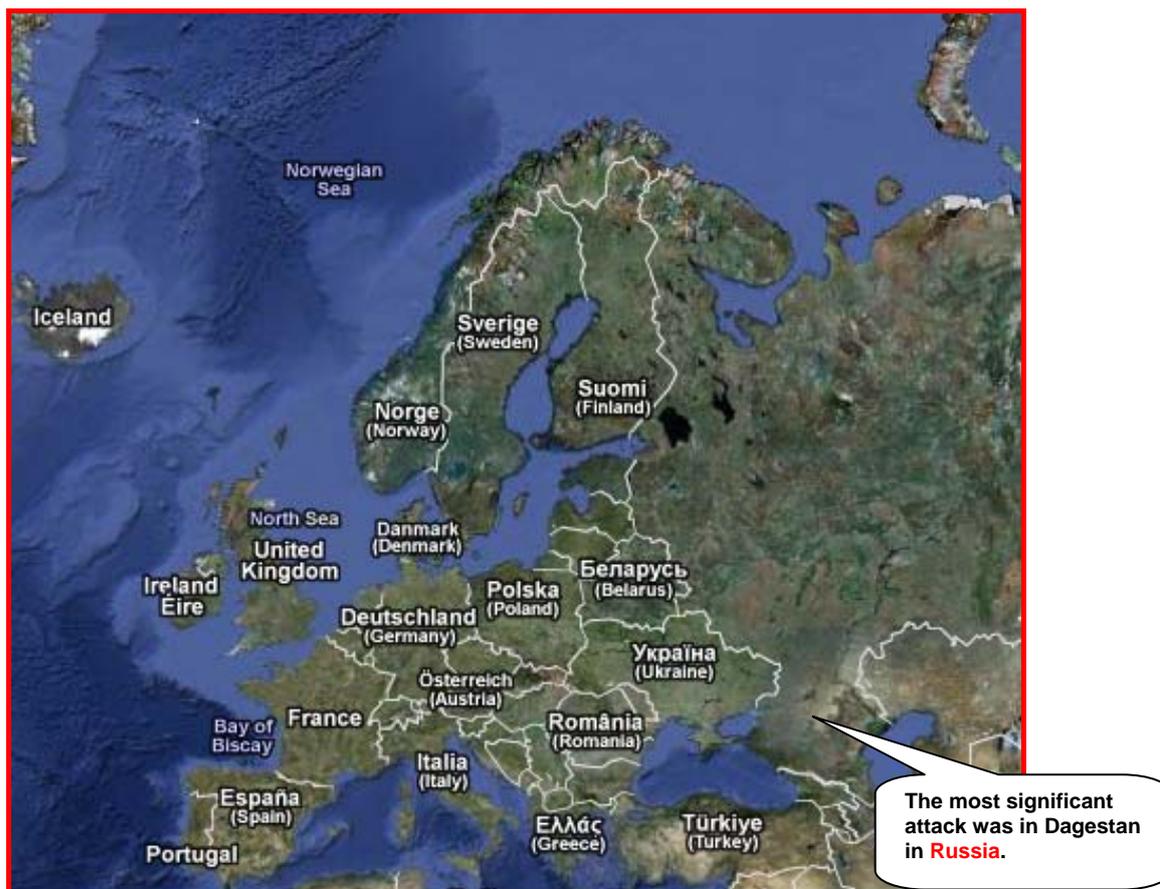
Table 7 - Incidents per Country in Europe in December 2011

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	12	0	1	0
Armed Attack	6	5	1	0
Clash	4	0	0	0
Cyber Attack	3	0	0	0
Hoax	3	0	0	0
Abduction	1	0	0	1
IDF	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Table 8 - Types of Terrorist Attacks in Europe in December 2011

The attack types in Europe in December are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 73% of the total attacks in Europe in December. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest attack in December in Europe was 14 December armed attack in Russia’s North Caucasus republic of Dagestan. Unknown suspects killed an investigator in front of his house by opening fire from their car in Dagestan.”**



Map 3: Europe

## ASIA

Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Thailand, Nepal, Philippines, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, Burma and Malaysia suffered from terrorist attacks in December 2011. Total 455 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 30% in Asia compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Asia consists of 53% of the total number of incidents in the world in December. Pakistan was the most hit country in Asia with 172 incidents. 37% of the incidents in Asia occurred in Pakistan. But, Afghanistan was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Asia in December 2011.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Pakistan	172	160	300	34
Afghanistan	116	256	446	8
India	107	42	34	20
Thailand	20	13	10	0
Nepal	17	0	20	1
Philippines	9	13	13	1
Bangladesh	7	6	16	0
Myanmar	4	2	7	0
Kazakhstan	1	2	0	0
Burma	1	1	1	0
Malaysia	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>64</b>

Table 9 –Incidents per Country in Asia in December 2011

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	164	136	209	0
Armed Attack	109	127	85	0
Clash	64	43	84	0
IDF	32	23	97	0
Abduction	23	0	0	64
Execution	21	33	0	0
Arson	21	0	0	0
Suicide attack	13	110	313	0
VBIED	5	20	59	0
Raid	2	3	0	0
Hoax	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>64</b>

Table 10- Types of Terrorist Attacks in Asia in December 2011

The attack types in Asia in December are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 74% of the total attacks in Asia in December. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest attack in December in Asia was 6 December suicide attack in Afghanistan’s Kabul province. 60 civilians were killed and 160 others were wounded in a suicide attack against mourners around a shrine. The attack happened when mourners gathered to mark the martyrdom anniversary of Karbala incident.”**



Map 4: Asia

## THE AMERICAS

Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Honduras, Guatemala and USA suffered from terrorist attacks in December 2011. Total 52 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 49% 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 December. Mexico was the most hit country in America with 29 incidents and 55% of the incidents in America occurred in Mexico. Also, Mexico was in the first place by the total number of casualties in America in December 2011.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Mexico	29	81	23	0
Colombia	19	24	61	0
Peru	1	1	5	0
Honduras	1	1	0	0
Guatemala	1	0	1	0
USA	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>

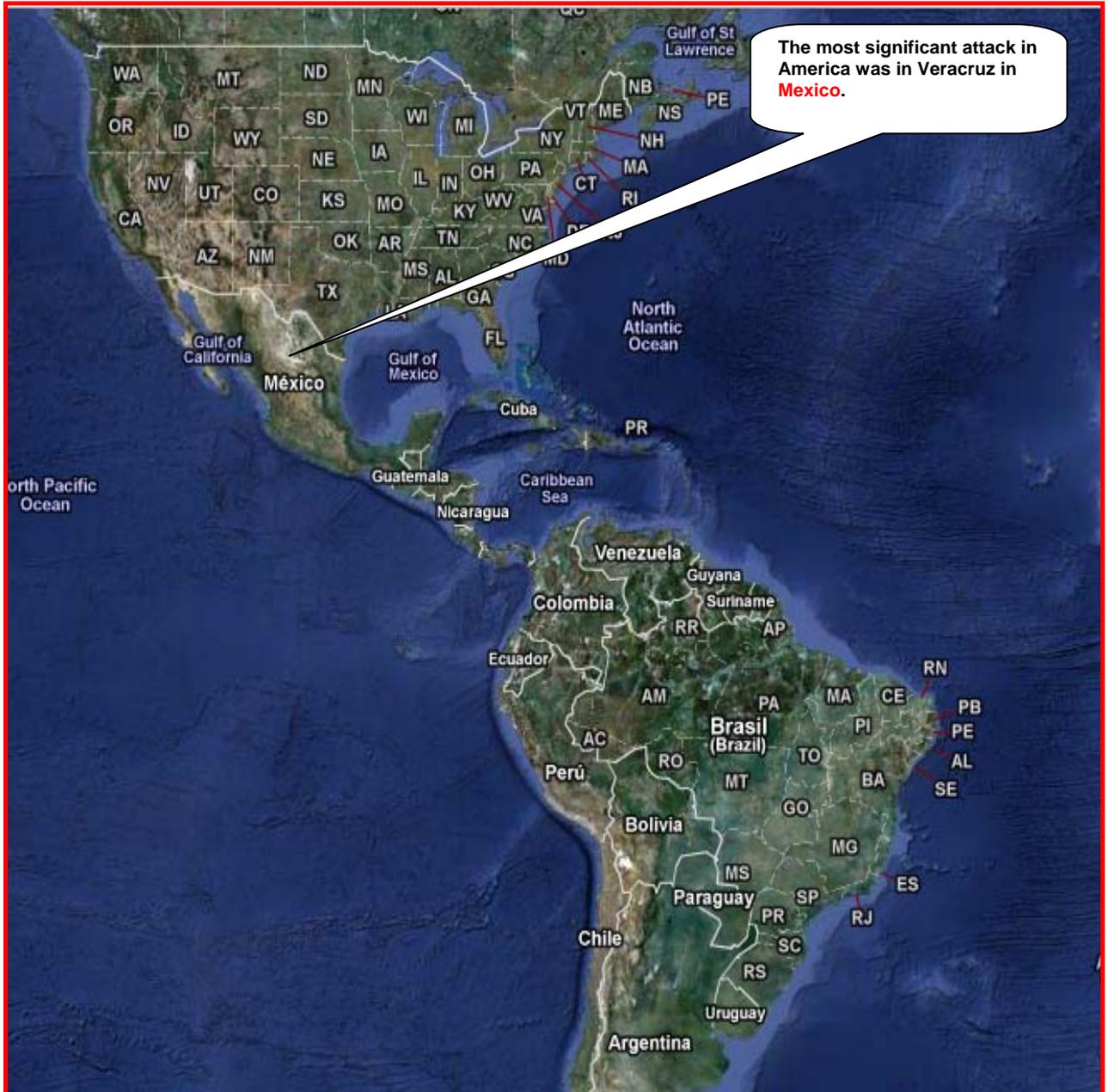
Table 11 –Incidents per Country in Americas in December 2011

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Execution	12	54	0	0
Armed Attack	12	32	8	0
Clash	12	5	25	0
IED	10	13	20	0
IDF	4	2	19	0
VBIED	1	1	18	0
Raid	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 12- Types of Terrorist Attacks in America in December 2011

The attack types in America in December are shown above in the table. Executions, armed attacks, and clashes consist of 69% of the total attacks in America in December. According to attack types, execution was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest incident in December in America was an armed attack in which 16 people were killed on December 22 in Veracruz, Mexico.”**



Map 5: America

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