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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 **674** reported terrorist incidents in **38** different countries in February 2012,

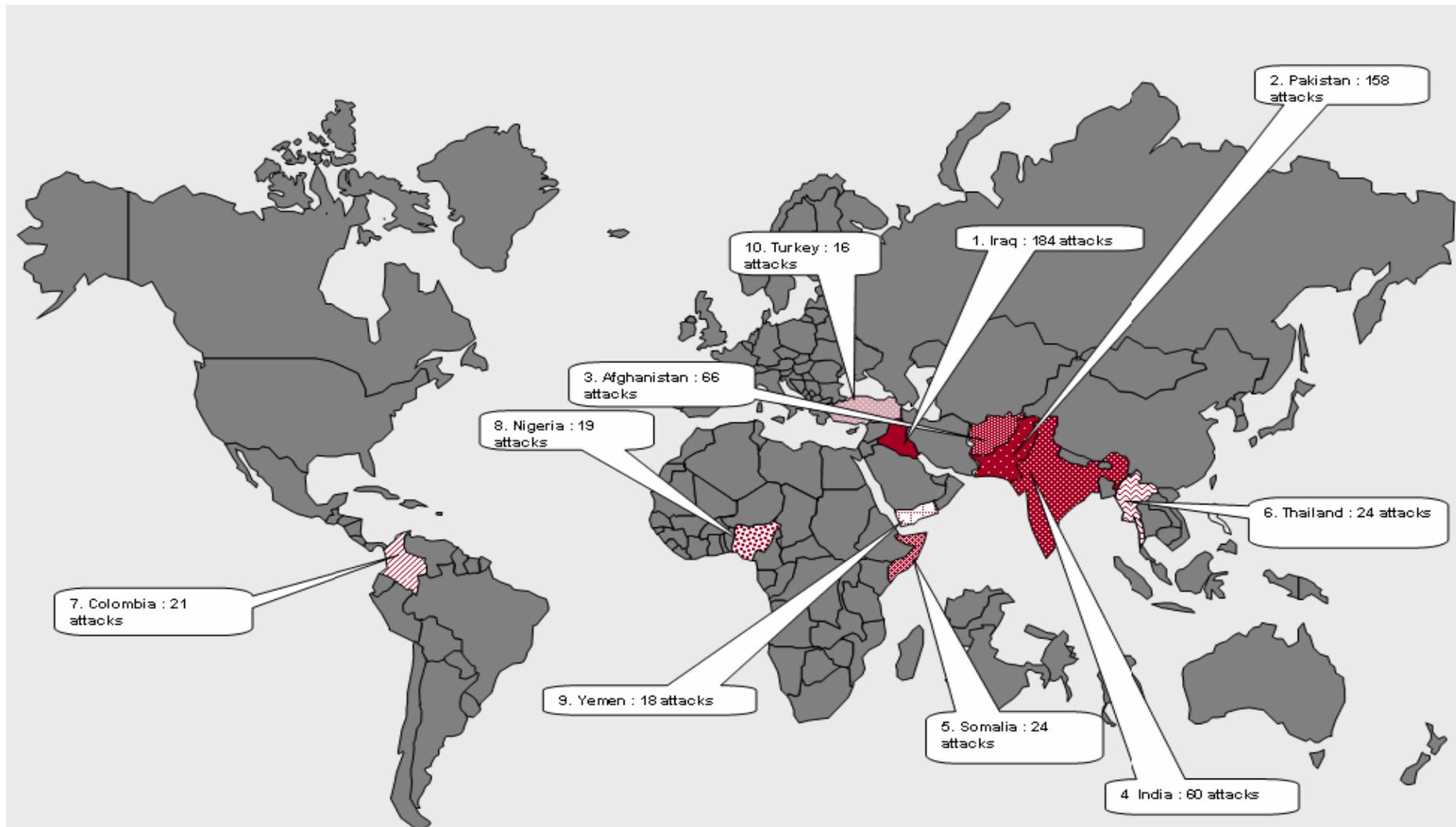
Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Yemen</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>
Mexico	15	62	20	0
Syria	15	49	240	0
Philippines	8	12	23	0
Russia	5	5	2	0
Sudan	4	7	7	0
Nepal	4	3	7	0
Bangladesh	4	2	7	0
Algeria	3	4	9	0
Kenya	3	2	0	0
Peru	3	1	2	0
Tunisia	2	0	2	0
USA	2	0	0	0
Ivory Coast	1	5	2	0
Senegal	1	3	6	0
Venezuela	1	2	0	0
El Salvador	1	1	2	0
Iran	1	1	0	0
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0
UK	1	0	0	0
Israel	1	0	0	0
Mali	1	0	0	0
Lebanon	1	0	0	0
Greece	1	0	0	0
Georgia	1	0	0	0
Egypt	1	0	0	0
Croatia	1	0	0	0
Brazil	1	0	0	0
Canada	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>55</b>

versus **808** in the preceding month. These incidents claimed **889<sup>1</sup>** lives, caused **1,667** injuries and included **55** abductions. The incidents decreased roughly 17% in the world compared to previous month. Incidents in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan consist of 74% of all total incidents in the world. Iraq also, was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the world in February 2012.

Table 1- Attacks in February 2012 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 FEBRUARY 2011<sup>2</sup>



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

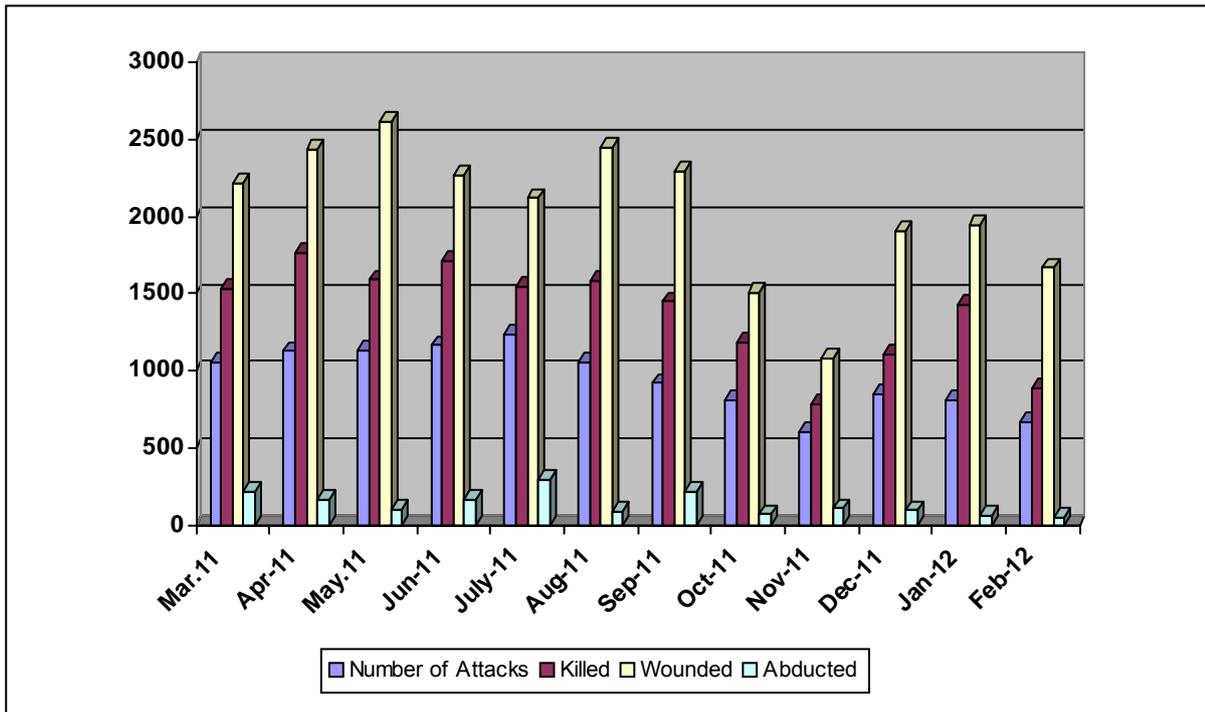


Chart 1 – Some World Security Trends

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	213	134	466	0
Armed Attack	160	267	139	0
Clash	102	106	126	0
VBIED	59	94	278	0
IDF	40	32	140	0
Execution	35	76	0	0
Abduction	21	0	0	53
Suicide Attack	16	161	502	0
Raid	13	19	15	0
Cyber attack	7	0	0	0
Arson	6	0	0	0
Piracy	1	0	1	2
Hoax	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>55</b>

Table 2- Types of Terrorist Attacks in February 2012

The attack types in the world in February are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 70% of the total attacks in the world in February. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest attack was a suicide attack in FATA, Pakistan on February 17 which claimed nearly 39 lives and 48 injuries. The incident happened when a suicide bomber blew himself up close to a mosque in tribal region of Kurram, Pakistan.”**

## THE MIDDLE EAST

Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Iran, Israel and Lebanon suffered from terrorist attacks in February 2012. Total 220 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 21% in Middle East compared to previous month. The number of incidents in the Middle East consists of 32% of the total number of incidents in the world in February. Iraq was the most hit country in the Middle East with 184 incidents. 84% 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 February 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	184	155	520	1
Yemen	18	67	82	0
Syria	15	49	240	0
Iran	1	1	0	0
Israel	1	0	0	0
Lebanon	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	88	32	278	0
Armed Attack	51	68	56	0
VBIED	45	54	167	0
Clash	11	25	30	0
IDF	9	3	13	0
Suicide Attack	6	76	297	0
Execution	5	12	0	0
Raid	3	2	1	0
Abduction	1	0	0	1
Cyber attack	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>1</b>

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

The attack types in the Middle East in February are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and VBIED attacks consist of 83% of the total attacks in the Middle East in February. 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 on February 25 in which assailant himself up by using a vehicle. As a result of the attack there were nearly 32 dead and 25 wounded.”**



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

## AFRICA

Somalia, Nigeria, Sudan, Algeria, Kenya, Tunisia, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Egypt and Mali suffered from terrorist attacks in February 2012. Total 59 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 17% in Africa compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Africa consists of 9% of the total number of incidents in the world in February. Somalia was the most hit country in Africa with 24 incidents. 40% of the incidents of the Africa occurred in Somalia. Also, Somalia was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Africa in February 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Somalia	24	50	40	0
Nigeria	19	13	49	2
Sudan	4	7	7	0
Algeria	3	4	9	0
Kenya	3	2	0	0
Tunisia	2	0	2	0
Ivory Coast	1	5	2	0
Senegal	1	3	6	0
Egypt	1	0	0	0
Mali	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2</b>

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

<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
Clash	23	27	16	0
IED	14	10	18	0
Armed Attack	10	24	8	0
Suicide attack	3	17	62	0
Raid	3	1	0	0
VBIED	2	0	7	0
IDF	2	0	3	0
Execution	1	5	0	0
Piracy	1	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2</b>

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

The attack types in Africa in February are shown above in the table. Clashes, IED attacks and armed attacks consist of 80% of the total attacks in Africa in February. According to attack types, clash was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack was a suicide attack in Mogadishu, Somalia on February 8 which claimed 15 lives and 24 injuries. The incident happened when a car bomb went off near a hotel in Mogadishu.”



Map 2: Africa

# EUROPE

Turkey, Russia, Bulgaria, UK, Greece and Croatia suffered from terrorist attacks in February 2012. Total 25 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 31% 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 February. Turkey was the most hit country in Europe with 16 incidents. 64% of the incidents in Europe occurred in Turkey. Also, Turkey was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Europe in February 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Turkey	16	6	20	0
Russia	5	5	2	0
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0
UK	1	0	0	0
Greece	1	0	0	0
Croatia	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>

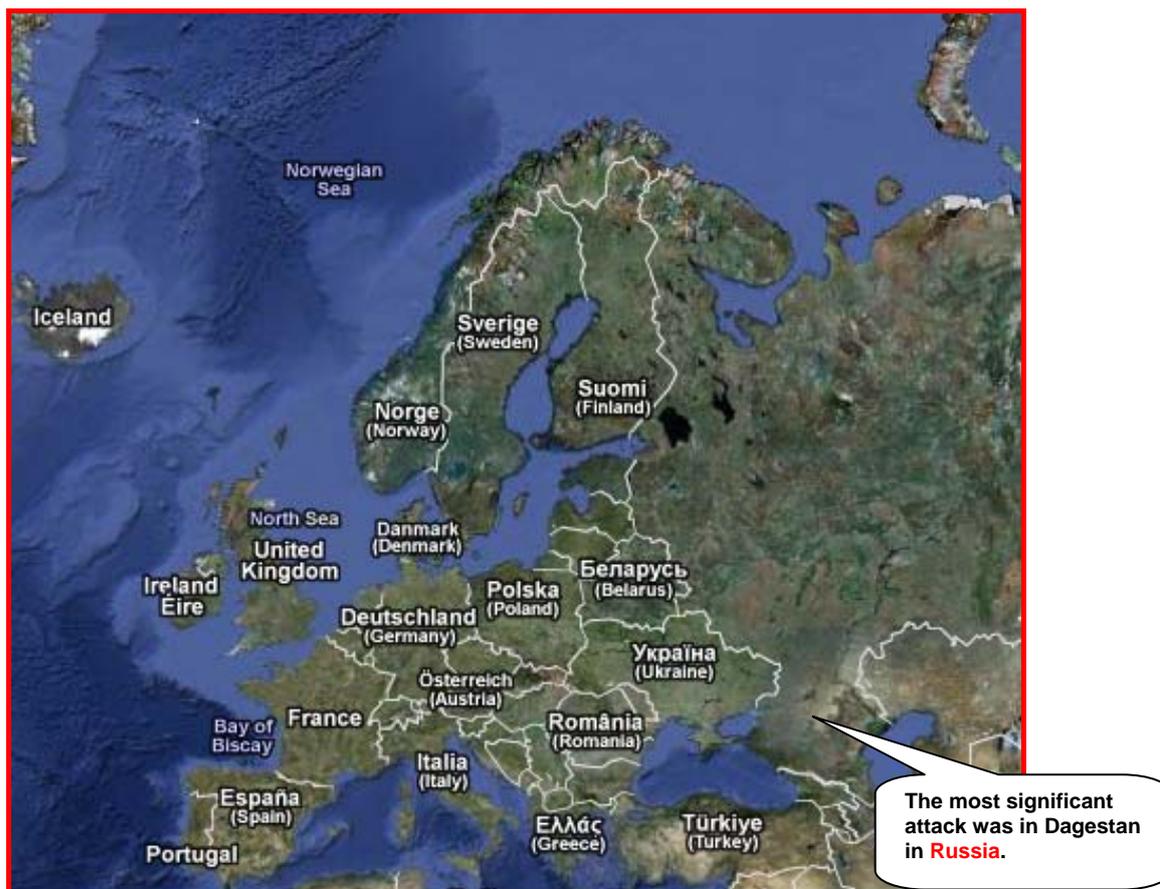
Table 7 - Incidents per Country in the Europe in February 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Clash	12	10	21	0
IED	5	0	0	0
Cyber attack	3	0	0	0
Armed Attack	2	1	0	0
VBIED	1	1	0	0
Raid	1	0	1	0
IDF	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>

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

The attack types in Europe in February are shown above in the table. Clashes, IED attacks and cyber attacks consist of 80% of the total attacks in Europe in February. According to attack types, clash was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest attack in February in Europe was 15 February clash in Russia’s North Caucasus republic of Dagestan. 4 people were killed as a result of the the clash in Dagestan.”**



Map 3: Europe

## ASIA

Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Thailand, Philippines, Nepal, Bangladesh and Georgia suffered from terrorist attacks in February 2012. Total 325 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 17% in Asia compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Asia consists of 48% of the total number of incidents in the world in February. Pakistan was the most hit country in Asia with 158 incidents. 49% of the incidents in Asia occurred in Pakistan. Also, Pakistan was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Asia in February 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Pakistan	158	254	323	16
Afghanistan	66	106	112	16
India	60	27	23	9
Thailand	24	13	43	0
Philippines	8	12	23	0
Nepal	4	3	7	0
Bangladesh	4	2	7	0
Georgia	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>41</b>

Table 9 –Incidents per Country in Asia in February 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	100	91	165	0
Armed Attack	85	131	56	0
Clash	45	37	32	0
IDF	26	25	102	0
Execution	23	32	0	0
Abduction	19	0	0	41
VBIED	10	34	98	0
Suicide attack	6	57	73	0
Raid	5	10	12	0
Arson	5	0	0	0
Hoax	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>41</b>

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

The attack types in Asia in February are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 71% of the total attacks in Asia in February. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest attack occurred in FATA province of Pakistan which was a suicide attack causing 39 lives and 48 injuries on February 17. A suicide bomber blew himself up in tribal region of Kurram, Pakistan.”**



Map 4: Asia

## THE AMERICAS

Colombia, Mexico, Peru, USA, Venezuela, El Salvador, Brazil and Canada suffered from terrorist attacks in February 2012. Total 45 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 2% in America compared to previous month. The number of incidents in America consists of 7% of the total number of incidents in the world in February. Colombia was the most hit country in America with 21 incidents and 47% of the incidents in America occurred in Colombia. Also, Colombia was in the first place by the total number of casualties in America in February 2011.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Colombia	21	38	126	11
Mexico	15	62	20	0
Peru	3	1	2	0
USA	2	0	0	0
Venezuela	1	2	0	0
El Salvador	1	1	2	0
Brazil	1	0	0	0
Canada	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>11</b>

Table 11 –Incidents per Country in Americas in February 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Armed Attack	12	43	19	0
Clash	11	7	27	0
Execution	6	27	0	0
IED	6	1	5	0
Cyber Attack	3	0	0	0
IDF	2	4	22	0
Suicide Attack	1	11	70	0
Raid	1	6	1	0
VBIED	1	5	6	0
Abduction	1	0	0	11
Arson	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>11</b>

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

The attack types in America in February are shown above in the table. Armed attacks, clashes and executions consist of 64% of the total attacks in America in February. According to attack types, armed attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest incident in February in America was a suicide attack in which 11 people were killed and 70 others wounded on February 1 in Tumaco, Colombia.”**



# **ATTENTION !**

**This is the last published version of Monthly Terrorism Report of Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism. From now on, it will be available only on the internet for those who wish to benefit our studies.**

This report is prepared by ICMC using open sources of media and internet. ICMC's aim is to present statistical data about terrorism incidents throughout the world. If you would like to comment on the report or contribute it please feel free to contact ICMC.

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9. <http://www.rcss.org> : The Regional Center Strategic Studies
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