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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
SA	: Suicide Attack
AA	: Armed Attack
CA	: Cyber Attack
K	: Killed
W	: Wounded
A	: Abducted

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

There were **808** reported terrorist incidents in **33** different countries in January 2012,

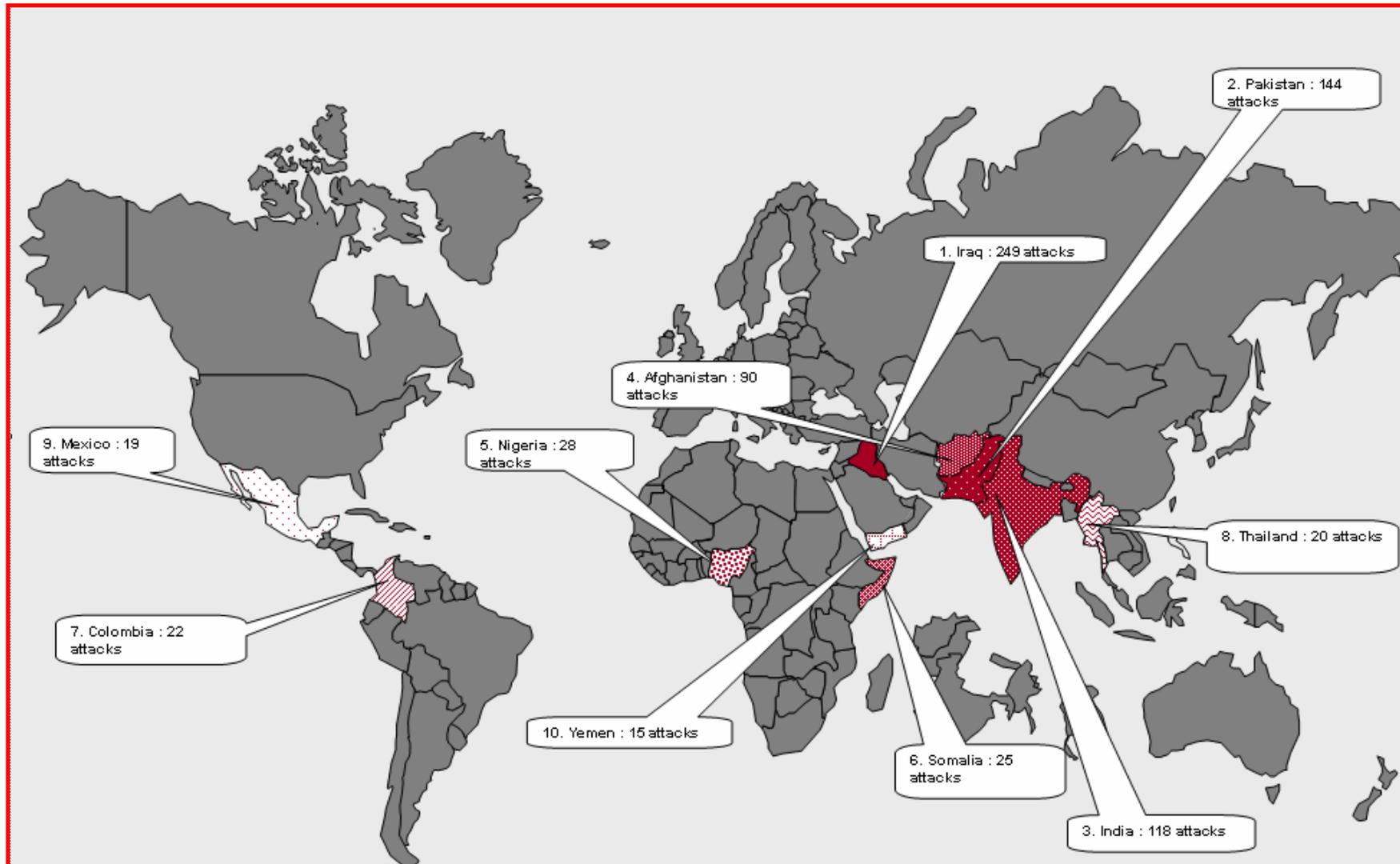
Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	249	414	911	5
Pakistan	144	215	292	21
India	118	64	42	13
Afghanistan	90	122	227	7
Nigeria	28	269	76	2
Somalia	25	50	22	2
Colombia	22	28	23	0
Thailand	20	21	19	0
Mexico	19	68	22	4
Yemen	15	19	20	7
Syria	13	65	144	0
Nepal	9	0	0	3
Russia	8	9	18	0
Philippines	7	18	12	0
Turkey	6	3	28	0
Bangladesh	3	2	21	0
Kenya	4	13	7	3
Algeria	4	0	3	2
UK	4	0	0	0
Rwanda	3	2	48	0
Mali	3	2	0	0
Iran	2	2	0	0
Sudan	2	1	3	0
DRC	1	26	0	0
Ethiopia	1	5	2	0
Peru	1	5	0	0
El Salvador	1	3	0	0
Guatemala	1	2	0	0
Argentina	1	1	0	0
Malaysia	1	0	2	0
Italy	1	0	0	0
USA	1	0	0	0
Israel	1	0	0	0
Total	808	1429	1942	69

versus **853** in the preceding month. These incidents claimed **1,429¹** lives, caused **1,942** injuries and included **69** abductions. The incidents decreased roughly 5% in the world compared to previous month. Incidents in Iraq, Pakistan and India consist of 63% of all total incidents in the world. Iraq also, was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the world in January 2012.

Table 1- Attacks in January 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 JANUARY 2012²



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

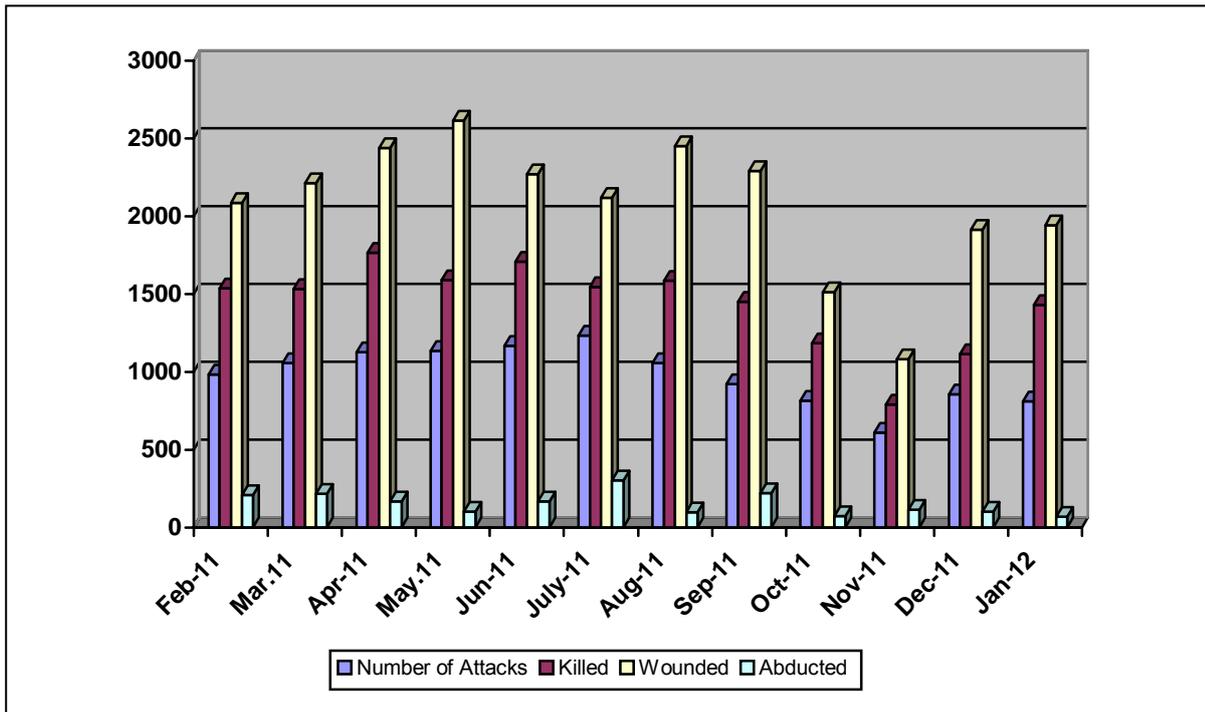


Chart 1 – Some World Security Trends

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	272	455	704	0
Armed Attack	200	420	157	0
Clash	112	148	171	0
IDF	61	25	175	0
VBIED	50	116	361	0
Execution	42	92	0	0
Abduction	31	0	0	65
Suicide Attack	22	157	369	0
Raid	8	16	5	4
Arson	7	0	0	0
Hoax	2	0	0	0
Piracy	1	0	0	0
Total	808	1429	1942	69

Table 2- Types of Terrorist Attacks in January 2012

The attack types in the world in January 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 January. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack in January in the world was a combination of IED and armed attacks mostly targeting police stations in Kano, Nigeria on January 20 which claimed 178 lives and 50 injuries.”

THE MIDDLE EAST

Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Iran, and Israel suffered from terrorist attacks in January 2012. Total 280 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 8% 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 January. Iraq was the most hit country in the Middle East with 249 incidents. 89% 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 January 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	249	414	911	5
Yemen	15	19	20	7
Syria	13	65	144	0
Iran	2	2	0	0
Israel	1	0	0	0
Total	280	500	1075	12

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	118	128	366	0
Armed Attack	64	87	54	0
VBIED	38	99	291	0
Clash	22	32	20	0
IDF	16	10	53	0
Suicide Attack	7	131	288	0
Execution	7	8	0	0
Abduction	5	0	0	12
Raid	3	5	3	0
Total	280	500	1075	12

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

The attack types in the Middle East in January are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and VBIED attacks consist of 79% of the total attacks in the Middle East in January. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The most important attack in the Middle East was a suicide attack in Basra, Iraq on January 14. As a result of the attack there were nearly 64 dead and 134 wounded.”



Map 1³: The Middle East

AFRICA

Nigeria, Somalia, Kenya, Algeria, Rwanda, Mali, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia suffered from terrorist attacks in January 2012. Total 71 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 21% 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 January. Nigeria was the most hit country in Africa with 28 incidents. 39% 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 January 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Nigeria	28	269	76	2
Somalia	25	50	22	2
Kenya	4	13	7	3
Algeria	4	0	3	2
Rwanda	3	2	48	0
Mali	3	2	0	0
Sudan	2	1	3	0
DRC	1	26	0	0
Ethiopia	1	5	2	0
Total	71	368	161	9

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

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Armed Attack	25	130	30	0
Clash	18	42	13	0
IED	10	182	70	0
IDF	6	4	48	0
Abduction	4	0	0	5
Raid	3	7	0	4
VBIED	2	0	0	0
Suicide attack	1	2	0	0
Execution	1	1	0	0
Piracy	1	0	0	0
Total	71	368	161	9

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

The attack types in Africa in January are shown above in the table. Armed attacks, clashes and IED attacks consist of 75% of the total attacks in Africa in January. According to attack types, armed attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack was an IED attack in Nigeria. It is also the most significant attack of the world in January 2012 as mentioned before.”



Map 2: Africa

EUROPE

Russia, Turkey, UK and Italy suffered from terrorist attacks in January 2012. Total 19 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 37% in Europe compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Europe consists of 2% of the total number of incidents in the world in January. Russia was the most hit country in Europe with 8 incidents. 42% of the incidents in Europe occurred in Russia. Also, Russia was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Europe in January 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Russia	8	9	18	0
Turkey	6	3	28	0
UK	4	0	0	0
Italy	1	0	0	0
Total	19	12	46	0

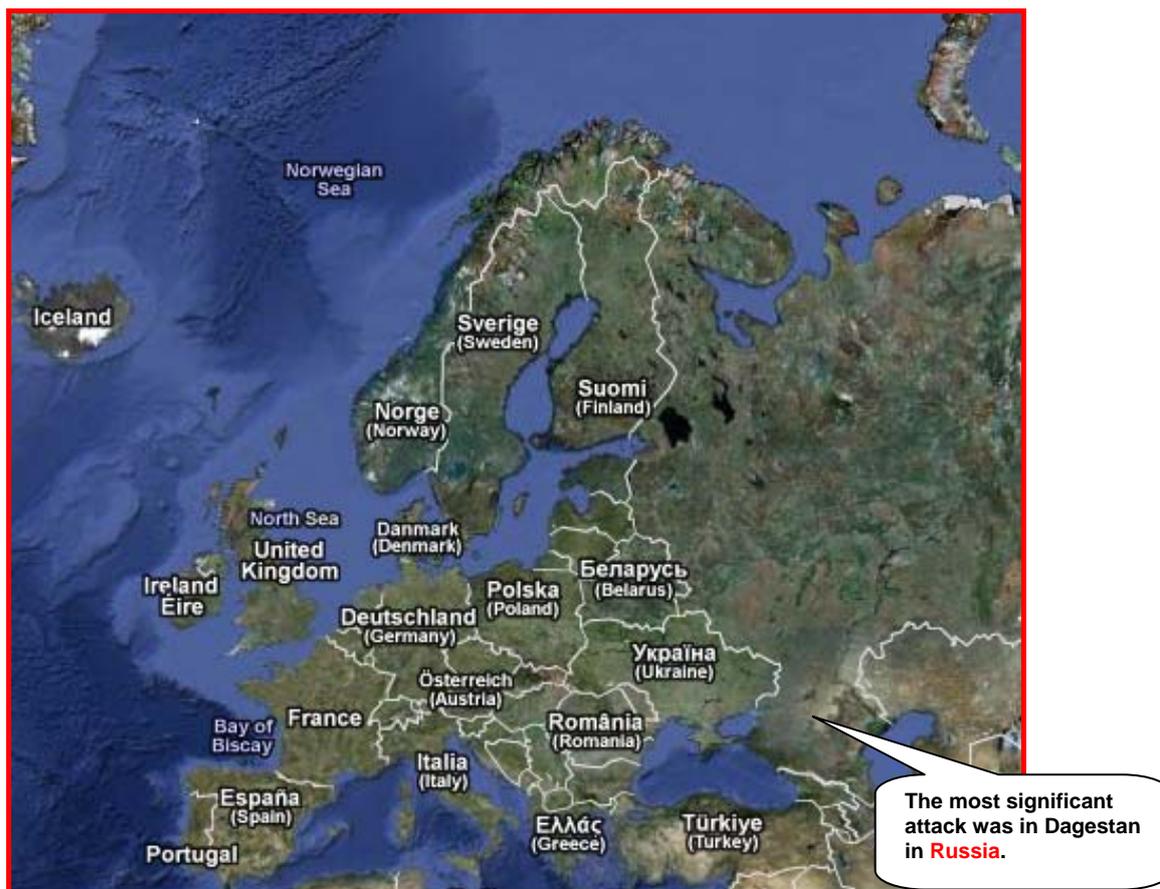
Table 7 - Incidents per Country in Europe in January 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	12	4	38	0
Armed Attack	3	0	3	0
Clash	3	8	5	0
VBIED	1	0	0	0
Total	19	12	46	0

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

The attack types in Europe in January are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 95% of the total attacks in Europe in January. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack in January in Europe was 28 January clash between security force and militants in Russia’s North Caucasus. As a result of the attack 4 service members were killed and 3 others wounded in Dagestan.”



Map 3: Europe

ASIA

Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Thailand, Nepal, Philippines, Bangladesh and Malaysia suffered from terrorist attacks in January 2012. Total 392 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 14% in Asia compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Asia consists of 49% of the total number of incidents in the world in January. Pakistan was the most hit country in Asia with 144 incidents. 37% of the incidents in Asia occurred in Pakistan. Also, Pakistan was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Asia in January 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Pakistan	144	215	292	21
India	118	64	42	13
Afghanistan	90	122	227	7
Thailand	20	21	19	0
Nepal	9	0	0	3
Philippines	7	18	12	0
Bangladesh	3	2	21	0
Malaysia	1	0	2	0
Total	392	442	615	44

Table 8 - Incidents per Country in Asia in January 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	128	136	227	0
Armed Attack	90	158	52	0
Clash	61	53	126	0
IDF	34	10	59	0
Abduction	21	0	0	44
Execution	26	45	0	0
Arson	7	0	0	0
Suicide attack	14	24	81	0
VBIED	8	16	68	0
Raid	1	0	2	0
Hoax	2	0	0	0
Total	392	442	615	44

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

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

“The deadliest attack in January in Asia was 10 January IED attack in Pakistan’s FATA province. 35 people were killed and 60 others were wounded in the attack.”



Map 4: Asia

THE AMERICAS

Colombia, Mexico, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala, Argentina and USA suffered from terrorist attacks in January 2012. Total 46 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 13% 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 January. Colombia was the most hit country in America with 22 incidents and 55% of the incidents in America occurred in Colombia. But, Mexico was in the first place by the total number of casualties in America in January 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Colombia	22	28	23	0
Mexico	19	68	22	4
Peru	1	5	0	0
El Salvador	1	3	0	0
Guatemala	1	2	0	0
Argentina	1	1	0	0
USA	1	0	0	0
Total	46	107	45	4

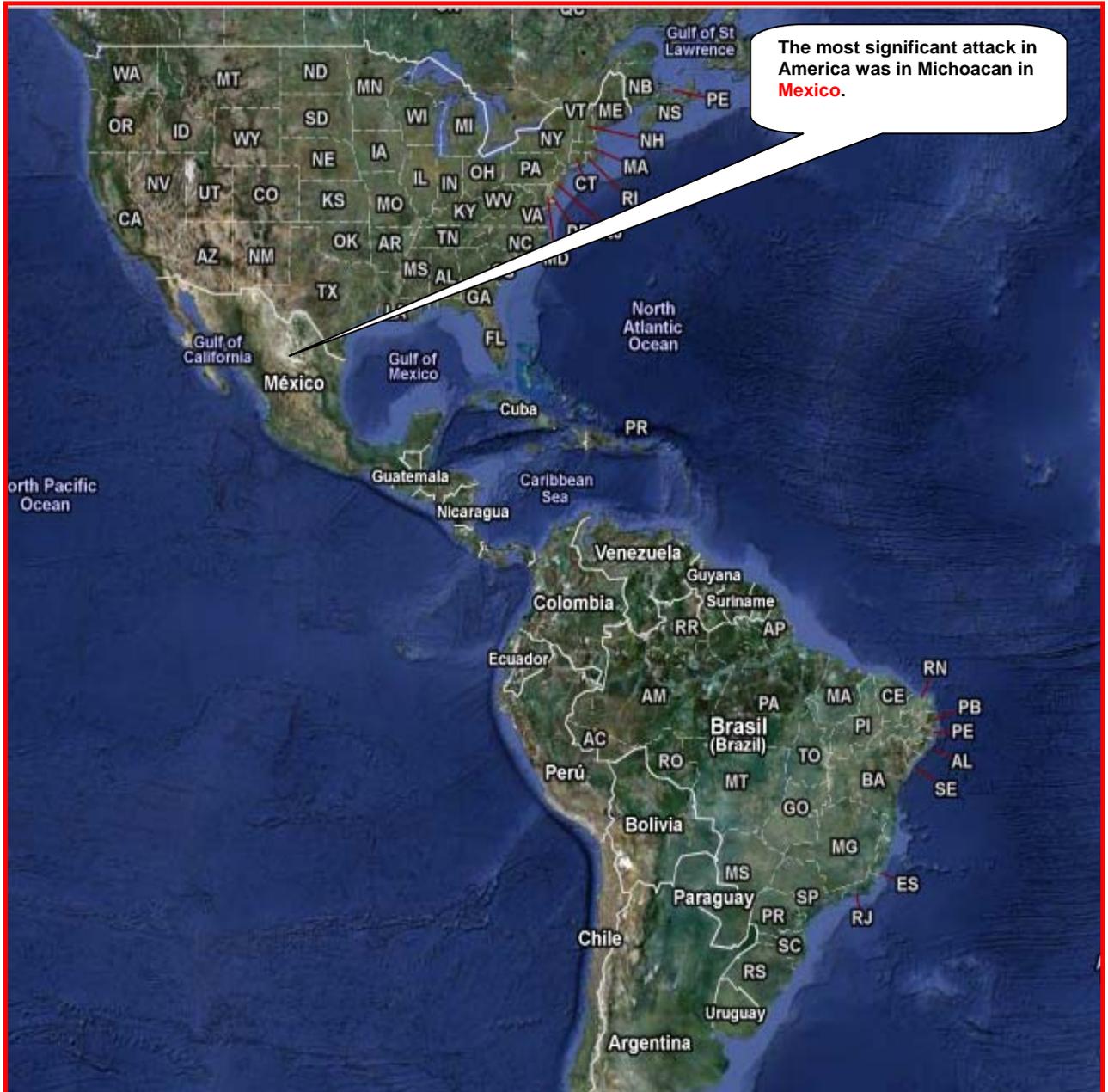
Table 11 –Incidents per Country in America in January 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Armed Attack	18	45	18	0
Execution	8	38	0	0
Clash	8	13	7	0
IDF	5	1	15	0
IED	4	5	3	0
Raid	1	4	0	0
VBIED	1	1	2	0
Abduction	1	0	0	4
Total	46	107	45	4

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

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

“The deadliest incident in January in America was an execution in which 13 people were killed on January 9 in Michoacan, Mexico.”



Map 5: America

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