



**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

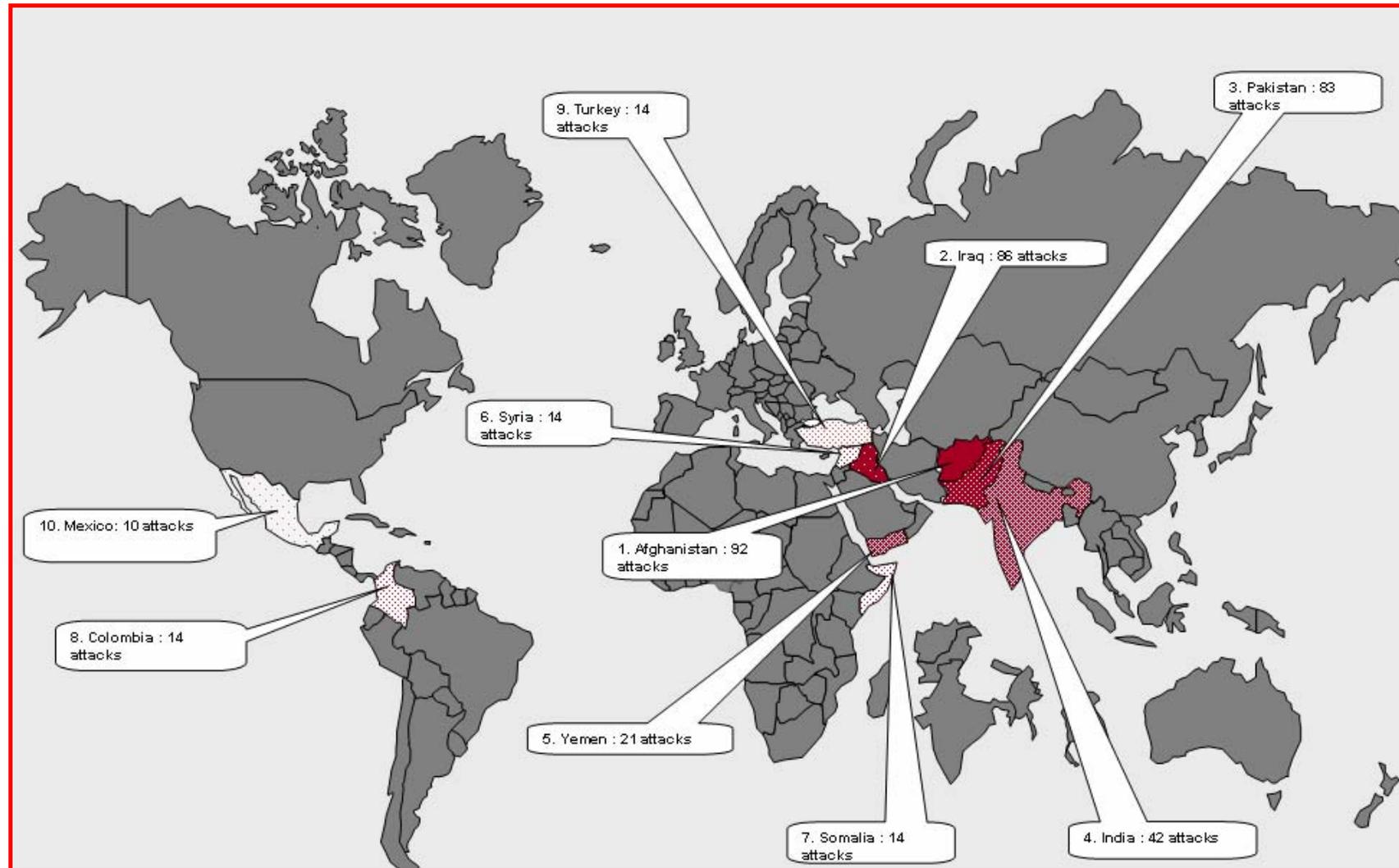
There were **462** reported terrorist incidents in **31** different countries in May 2012, versus **565** in the preceding month. These incidents claimed **951¹** lives, caused **1,920** injuries and included **64** abductions. The incidents decreased roughly 18% in the world compared to previous month. Incidents in Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan consist of 56 % of all total incidents in the world. Afghanistan was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the world in May 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Afghanistan	92	166	124	20
Iraq	86	97	261	0
Pakistan	83	139	318	4
India	42	23	27	2
Yemen	21	193	252	0
Syria	14	81	511	16
Somalia	14	27	23	0
Colombia	14	29	84	0
Turkey	14	10	21	16
Mexico	10	63	9	0
Philippines	10	12	31	0
Russia	9	18	118	0
Thailand	9	10	12	0
Nigeria	7	40	31	5
Kenya	7	6	12	0
Nepal	6	1	0	0
Algeria	3	4	1	0
Myanmar	3	2	2	0
Italy	3	1	10	0
Bangladesh	2	1	0	0
Argentina	2	0	0	0
UK	2	0	0	0
DRC	1	27	60	0
Honduras	1	1	0	0
Lebanon	1	0	4	0
Bahrain	1	0	4	0
Ukraine	1	0	3	0
US	1	0	2	0
Benin	1	0	0	1
Iran	1	0	0	0
Tunisia	1	0	0	0
Total	462	951	1920	64

Table 1 – Attacks in May 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 MAY 2012²



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

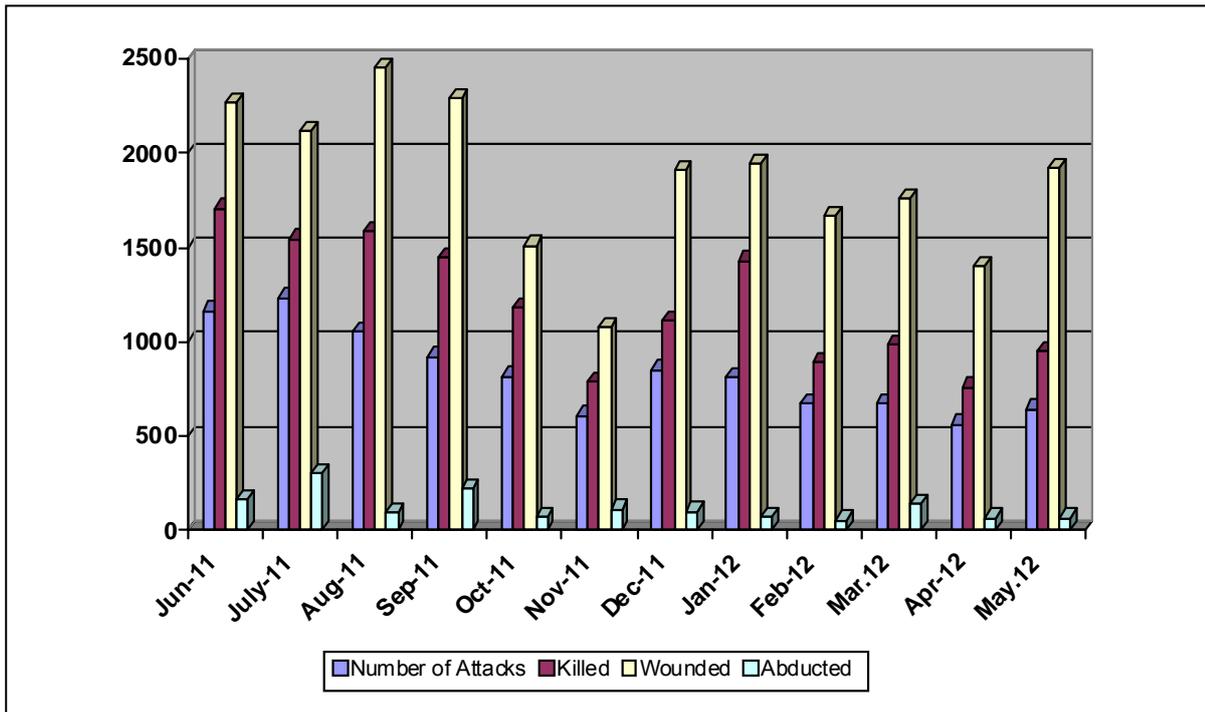


Chart 1 – Some World Security Trends

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	170	196	468	0
Armed Attack	93	182	208	0
Clash	67	140	87	0
IDF	36	60	159	0
VBIED	26	32	138	0
Execution	22	103	0	0
Suicide Attack	21	228	854	0
Abduction	12	0	0	64
Arson	6	0	0	0
Raid	4	10	6	0
Hoax	3	0	0	0
Cyber attack	2	0	0	0
Total	462	951	1920	64

Table 2 – Incident types in the world in May 2012

The attack types in the world in May are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 71% of the total attacks in the world in May. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The most important attack in the world occurred on the 21st of May when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a military parade rehearsal in Yemen’s capital city of Sanaa leaving 90 government soldiers killed and 200 others wounded.”

THE MIDDLE EAST

Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Bahrain, Lebanon, Tunisia and Iran suffered from terrorist attacks in May 2012. Total 125 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 37% in Middle East compared to previous month. The number of incidents in the Middle East consists of 27% of the total number of incidents in the world in May. Iraq was the most hit country in the Middle East with 86 incidents. 69% of the incidents in the Middle East occurred in Iraq. But, Yemen was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the Middle East in May 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	86	97	261	0
Yemen	21	193	252	0
Syria	14	81	511	16
Bahrain	1	0	4	0
Lebanon	1	0	4	0
Tunisia	1	0	0	0
Iran	1	0	0	0
Total	125	371	1032	16

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	52	41	165	0
VBIED	22	25	117	0
Armed Attack	22	26	33	0
Clash	14	90	34	0
Suicide Attack	8	172	672	0
IDF	3	3	11	0
Execution	2	14	0	0
Abduction	2	0	0	16
Total	125	371	1032	16

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

The attack types in the Middle East in May are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED), vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) and armed attacks consist of 77% of the total attacks in the Middle East in May. 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 Yemen that killed 90 soldiers and wounded 200 others.”



Map 1³: The Middle East

AFRICA

Somalia, Kenya, Nigeria, Algeria, DRC and Benin suffered from terrorist attacks in May 2012. Total 33 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents increased roughly 10% 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 May. Somalia was the most hit country in Africa with 14 incidents. 42% 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 May 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Somalia	14	27	23	0
Kenya	7	6	12	0
Nigeria	7	40	31	5
Algeria	3	4	1	0
DRC	1	27	60	0
Benin	1	0	0	1
Total	33	104	127	6

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

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	11	12	11	0
Armed Attack	6	68	89	0
IDF	6	14	13	0
Clash	4	3	2	0
Suicide attack	3	5	12	0
Abduction	2	0	0	6
Execution	1	2	0	0
Total	33	104	127	6

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

The attack types in Africa in May are shown above in the table. IED attacks, armed attacks and indirect fire (IDF) attacks consist of 70% of the total attacks in Africa in May. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack in Africa was in Yobe, Nigeria when a group of gunmen armed with explosives and assault rifles attacked a market, killed 34 people and wounded 29 others on 3 May 2012.”



Map 2: Africa

EUROPE

Turkey, Russia, Italy, UK and Ukraine suffered from terrorist attacks in May 2012. Total 29 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 15% 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 May. Turkey was the most hit country in Europe with 14 incidents. 48% of the incidents in Europe occurred in Turkey. But, Russia was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Europe in May 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Turkey	14	10	21	16
Russia	9	18	118	0
Italy	3	1	10	0
UK	2	0	0	0
Ukraine	1	0	3	0
Total	29	29	152	16

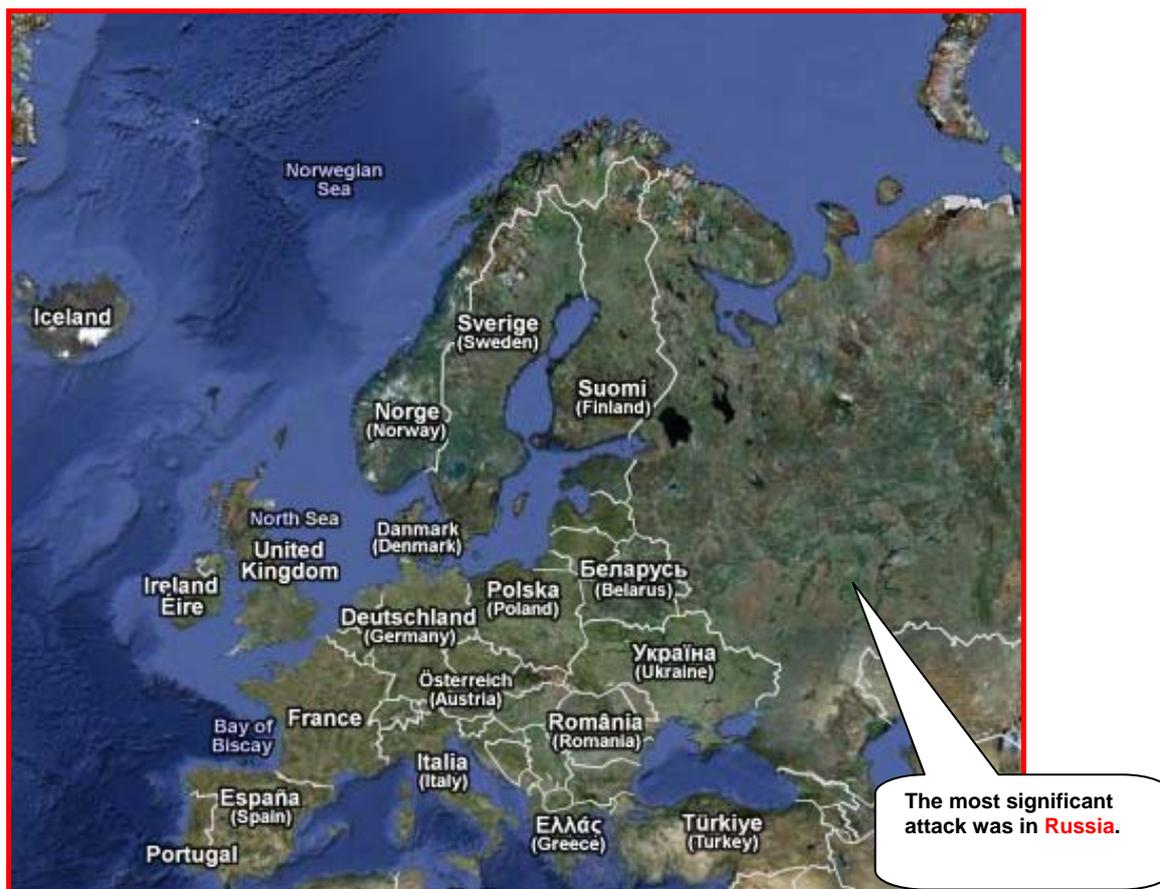
Table 7 - Incidents per Country in the Europe in May 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Clash	9	6	1	0
IED	9	6	31	0
Hoax	3	0	0	0
Suicide Attack	2	15	116	0
Armed Attack	2	1	1	0
Abduction	2	0	0	16
Raid	1	1	3	0
Cyber Attack	1	0	0	0
Total	29	29	152	16

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

The attack types in Europe in May are shown above in the table. Clashes, IED attacks and hoaxes consist of 72% of the total attacks in Europe in May. According to attack types, clash was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

“The deadliest attack in Europe was twin suicide attacks in the Republic of Dagestan, in the North Caucasus region on 4 May as a result of two explosions 13 police were killed and 100 others wounded.”



Map 3: Europe

ASIA

Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Philippines, Thailand, Nepal, Myanmar and Bangladesh suffered from terrorist attacks in May 2012. Total 247 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 11% 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 May. Afghanistan was the most hit country in Asia with 92 incidents. 37% of the incidents in Asia occurred in Afghanistan. Also, Afghanistan was in the first place by the total number of casualties in Asia in May 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Afghanistan	92	166	124	20
Pakistan	83	139	318	4
India	42	23	27	2
Philippines	10	12	31	0
Thailand	9	10	12	0
Nepal	6	1	0	0
Myanmar	3	2	2	0
Bangladesh	2	1	0	0
Total	247	354	514	26

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	85	127	195	0
Armed Attack	62	86	81	0
Clash	35	19	30	0
IDF	27	43	135	0
Execution	12	27	0	0
Suicide attack	8	36	54	0
Abduction	6	0	0	26
Arson	6	0	0	0
Raid	3	9	3	0
VBIED	2	7	16	0
Cyber Attack	1	0	0	0
Total	247	354	514	26

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

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

“The deadliest attack in Asia was a suicide attack in FATA, Pakistan that killed 20 people and wounded 45 others on May 4, 2012.”



Map 4: Asia

THE AMERICAS

Colombia, Mexico, Argentina, Honduras and US suffered from terrorist attacks in May 2012. Total 28 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incident numbers decreased 22% 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 May. Colombia was the most hit country in America with 14 incidents and 50% of the incidents in America occurred in Colombia. But, Mexico was in the first place by the total number of casualties in America in May 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Colombia	14	29	84	0
Mexico	10	63	9	0
Argentina	2	0	0	0
Honduras	1	1	0	0
US	1	0	2	0
Total	28	93	95	0

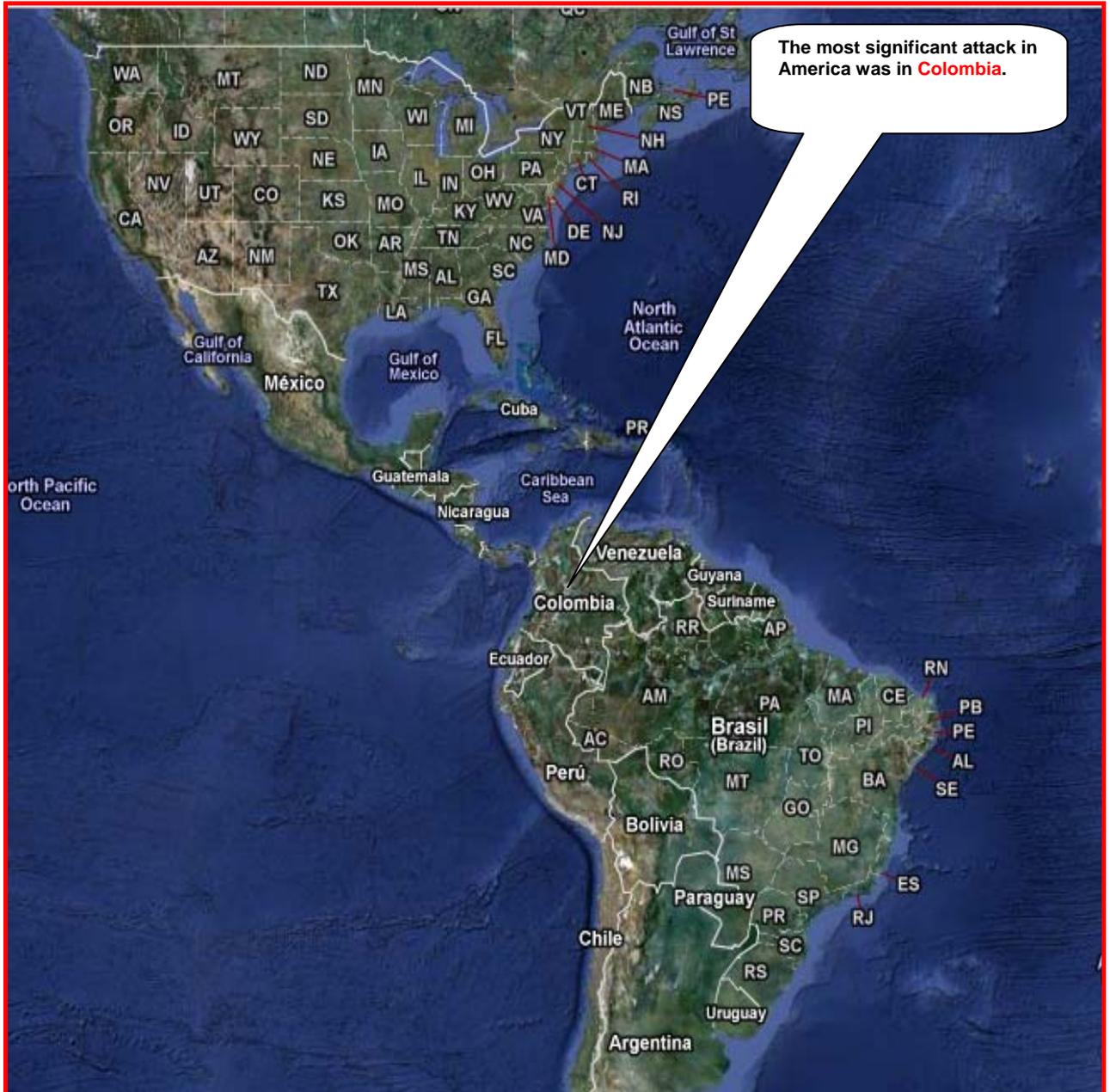
Table 11 – Incidents per Country in America in May 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	13	10	66	0
Execution	7	60	0	0
Clash	5	22	20	0
VBIED	2	0	5	0
Armed Attack	1	1	4	0
Total	28	93	95	0

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

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

“The deadliest incident in America occurred in Colombia. FARC killed 12 soldiers and wounded four others in a clash on 21 May 2012.”



Map 5: America

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SOURCES

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2. <http://www.pajhwok.com>
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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
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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
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