



**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 **525** reported terrorist incidents in **28** different countries in September 2012, versus **597** in the preceding month. These incidents claimed **844**<sup>1</sup> lives, caused **1826** injuries

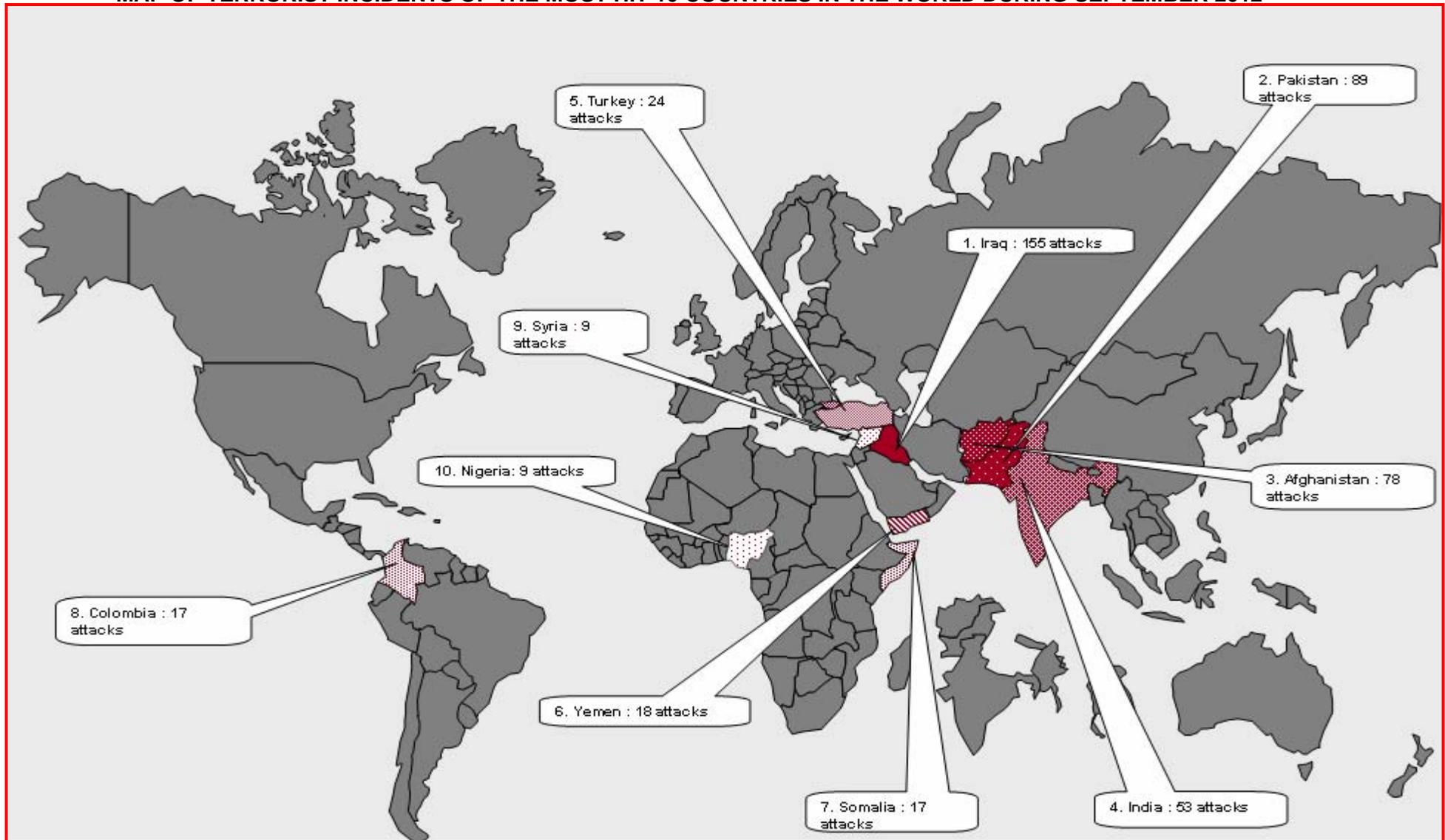
and included **50** abductions. The incidents decreased roughly 12% in the world compared to previous month. Incidents in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan consist of 61% of all total incidents in the world. Iraq was in the first place by the total number of casualties in the world in September 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Yemen</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Syria</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>22</b>
Russia	8	13	6	0
Thailand	8	11	29	0
Philippines	7	8	46	0
Sudan	5	35	6	0
Kenya	5	5	2	0
Mexico	3	17	0	0
Libya	3	6	1	0
Bangladesh	3	1	4	0
Algeria	3	0	0	1
Israel	2	1	1	0
US	2	0	0	0
Egypt	1	0	5	0
Bolivia	1	0	3	0
Cameroon	1	0	0	0
Denmark	1	0	0	0
Greece	1	0	0	0
Ivory Coast	1	0	0	0
Japan	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>1826</b>	<b>50</b>

Table 1 – Attacks in September 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 SEPTEMBER 2012<sup>2</sup>



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

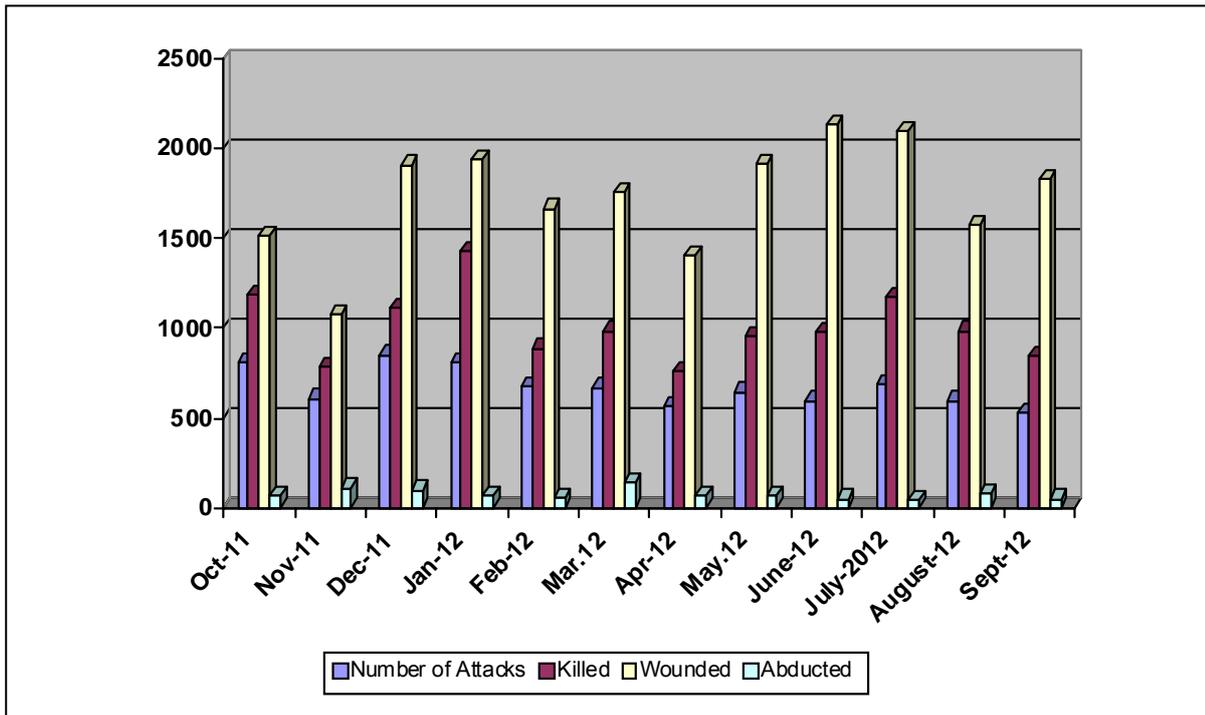


Chart 1 – World Security Trends

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	176	168	462	0
Armed Attack	115	151	75	0
Clash	97	78	103	0
VBIED	48	162	633	0
Suicide Attack	34	159	398	0
IDF	21	32	126	0
Abduction	10	0	0	28
Arson	7	0	0	0
Raid	6	47	29	0
Execution	4	47	0	0
Hoax	4	0	0	0
Cyber Attack	2	0	0	0
Piracy	1	0	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>1826</b>	<b>50</b>

Table 2- Types of Terrorist Attacks in September 2012

The attack types in the world in September are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks, armed attacks and clashes consist of 65% of the total attacks in the world in September. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The most important attack in the world occurred in Afghanistan. A suicide bomber detonated his explosive belt during a mourning ceremony which was attended by several government officials in Nangarhar that killed 30 people and wounded 50 others on 4 September 2012.”**

## THE MIDDLE EAST

Iraq, Yemen, Syria and Israel suffered from terrorist attacks in September 2012. Total 184 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 4% 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 September. Iraq was the most hit country in the Middle East with 155 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 September 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Iraq	155	204	674	0
Yemen	18	23	28	1
Syria	9	52	117	0
Israel	2	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	63	41	141	0
Armed Attack	54	65	23	0
VBIED	39	133	559	0
Suicide Attack	11	20	59	0
Clash	10	13	13	0
IDF	5	3	8	0
Raid	1	5	17	0
Abduction	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>1</b>

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

The attack types in the Middle East in September are shown above in the table. Improvised explosive device (IED), armed attacks and vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) consist of 85% of the total attacks in the Middle East in September. According to attack types, IED attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The most important attack in the Middle East was car bomb attacks in Iraq’s Maysan province that killed 17 people and wounded 110 others on 9 September.”**



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

## AFRICA

Somalia, Nigeria, Sudan, Kenya, Libya, Algeria, Egypt, Ivory Coast and Cameroon suffered from terrorist attacks in September 2012. Total 45 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 15% 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 September. Somalia was the most hit country in Africa with 17 incidents. 38% 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 September 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Somalia	17	30	47	0
Nigeria	9	4	51	22
Sudan	5	35	6	0
Kenya	5	5	2	0
Libya	3	6	1	0
Algeria	3	0	0	1
Egypt	1	0	5	0
Ivory Coast	1	0	0	0
Cameroon	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>23</b>

Table 5 - Incidents per Country in the Africa in September 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	16	4	13	0
Armed Attack	8	12	10	0
IED	8	1	10	0
Suicide attack	4	21	69	0
IDF	3	6	3	0
Raid	2	35	6	0
VBIED	1	1	1	0
Piracy	1	0	0	22
Abduction	1	0	0	1
Clash	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>23</b>

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

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

“The deadliest attack in Africa occurred in Somalia. Two suicide attacks at a restaurant in Mogadishu killed 15 people and wounded at least 20 others on 20 September 2012.”



Map 2: Africa

## EUROPE

Turkey, Russia, Denmark and Greece suffered from terrorist attacks in September 2012. Total 34 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 32% 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 September.

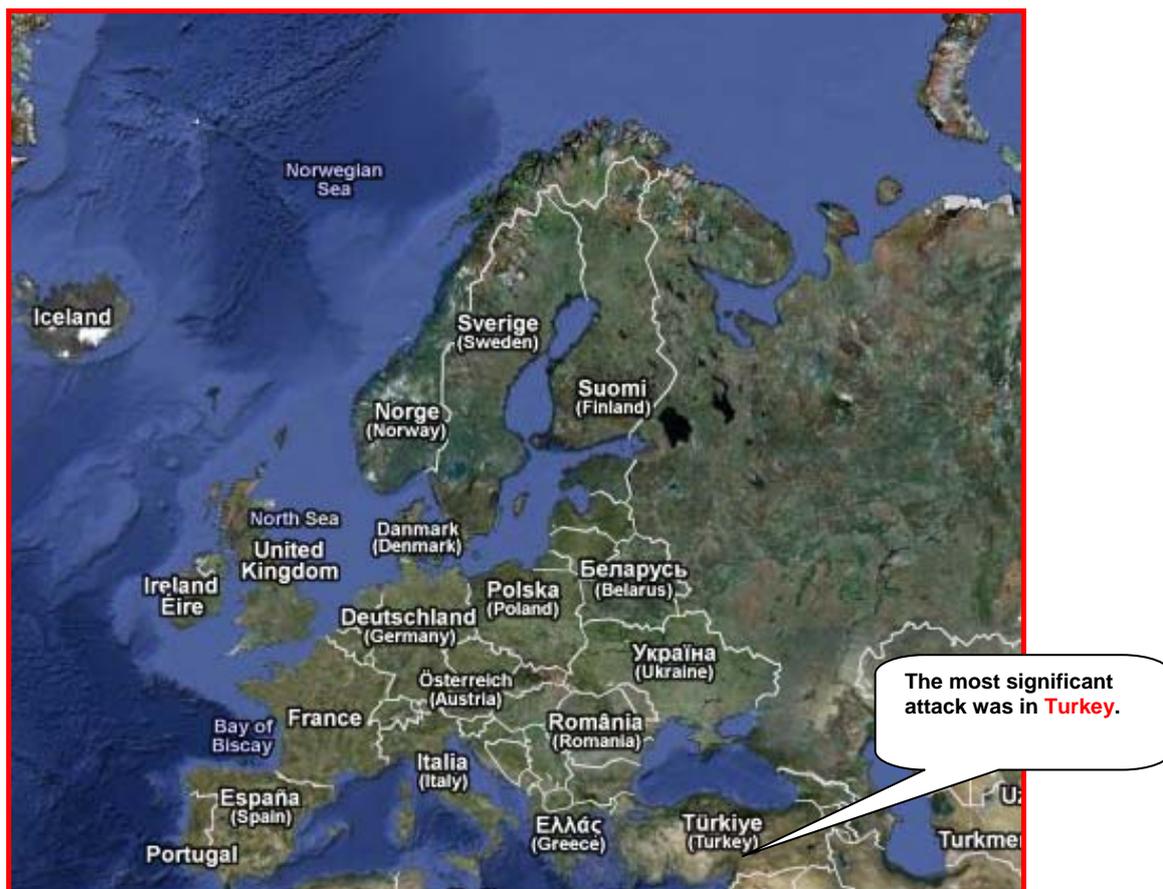
Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Turkey	24	50	116	6
Russia	8	13	6	0
Denmark	1	0	0	0
Greece	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>6</b>

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Clash	14	20	25	0
IED	11	24	16	0
Armed Attack	3	1	3	0
Abduction	2	0	0	6
Suicide Attack	2	8	8	0
IDF	1	10	70	0
Hoax	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>6</b>

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

The attack types in Europe in September are shown above in the table. Clashes, IED attacks, and armed attacks consist of 82% of the total attacks in Europe in September. According to attack types, clash attack was the most prevalent methodology during the month.



Map 3: Europe

## ASIA

Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Thailand, Philippines, Bangladesh and Japan suffered from terrorist attacks in September 2012. Total 239 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incidents decreased roughly 31% in Asia compared to previous month. The number of incidents in Asia consists of 46% of the total number of incidents in the world in September. Pakistan was the most hit country in Asia with 89 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 September 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Pakistan	89	131	221	14
Afghanistan	78	229	323	5
India	53	21	80	1
Thailand	8	11	29	0
Philippines	7	8	46	0
Bangladesh	3	1	4	0
Japan	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>20</b>

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

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
IED	89	101	265	0
Armed Attack	48	73	32	0
Clash	46	39	47	0
Suicide attack	17	110	362	0
IDF	11	12	18	0
VBIED	8	28	73	0
Abduction	6	0	0	20
Arson	6	0	0	0
Execution	3	31	0	0
Raid	3	7	6	0
Cyber Attack	1	0	0	0
Hoax	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>20</b>

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

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

**“The deadliest attack in Asia was a suicide attack on 4 September in Nangarhar, Afghanistan that killed 30 people and wounded 50 others.”**



Map 4: Asia

## THE AMERICAS

Colombia, Mexico, US and Bolivia suffered from terrorist attacks in September 2012. Total 23 incidents were reported in the region during the period. The incident numbers decreased 36% in America compared to previous month. The number of incidents in America consists of 4% of the total number of incidents in the world in September. Colombia was the most hit country in America with 17 incidents and 74% of the incidents in America occurred in Colombia. Also, Colombia was in the first place by the total number of casualties in America in September 2012.

Country	Number of attacks	K	W	A
Colombia	17	3	66	0
Mexico	3	17	0	0
US	2	0	0	0
Bolivia	1	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>

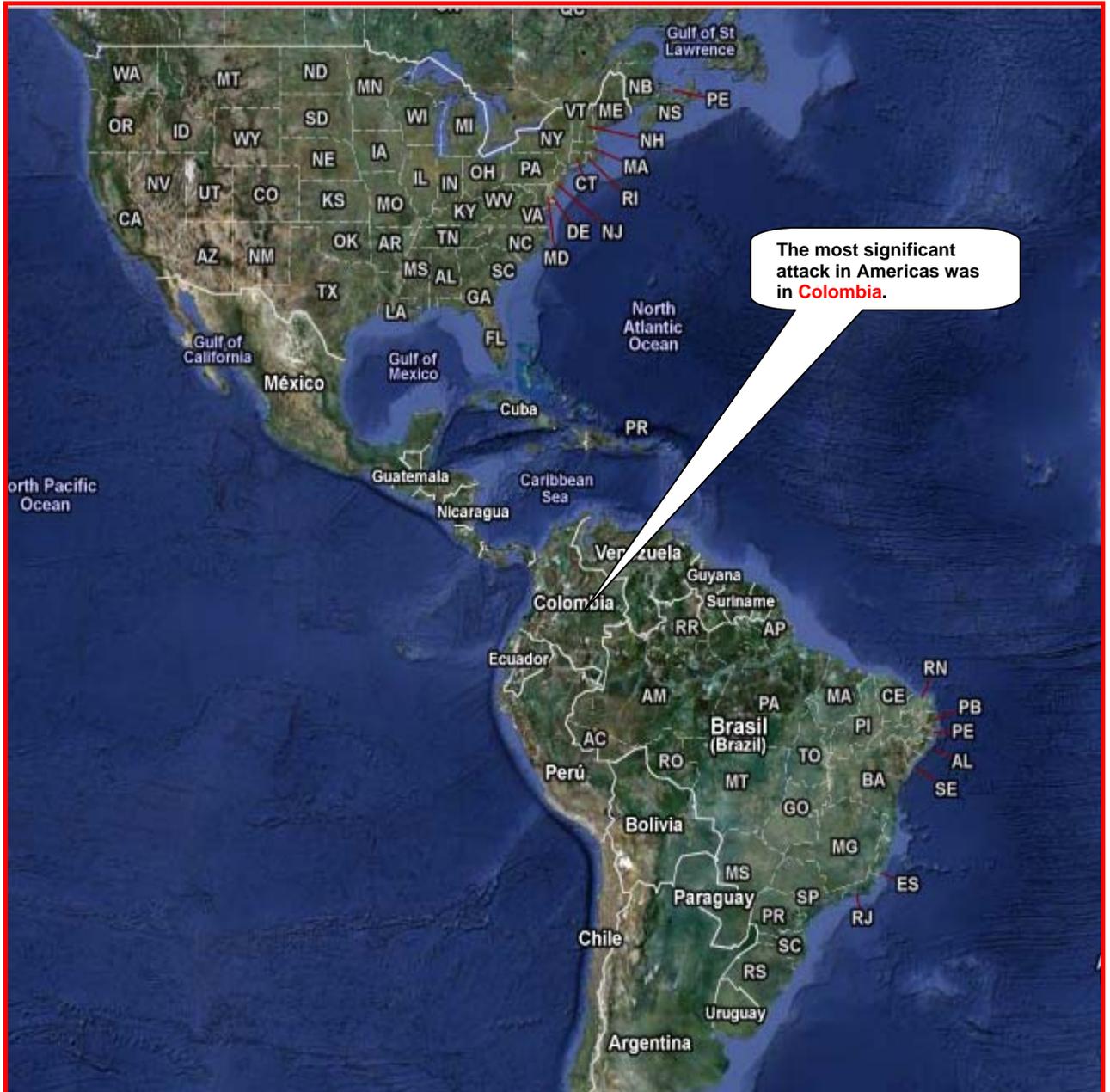
Table 11 – Incidents per Country in America in September 2012

Attack type	Number of Instances	K	W	A
Clash	11	2	5	0
IED	5	1	30	0
Armed Attack	2	0	7	0
Hoax	2	0	0	0
Execution	1	16	0	0
IDF	1	1	27	0
Arson	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>

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

The attack types in America in September are shown above in the table. Clashes, IED attacks and armed attacks consist of 78% of the total attacks in America in September. According to attack types, clash was the most prevalent methodology during the month.

**“The deadliest incident in America occurred Colombia. Two gunmen riding on a motorcycle threw a grenade at an entertainment center in Barrancabermeja city, Santander Department; as a result of the incident one person was killed and 27 others were wounded on 2 September 2012.”**



Map 5: America

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