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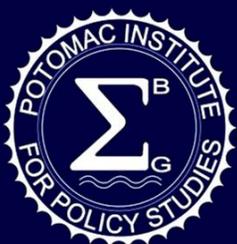
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Preface

Two major security and stability challenges are facing contemporary societies in Africa and elsewhere. The first stems from natural disasters such as earthquakes, famine, drought, and wildfires. The second is man-made threats, including crime, piracy, terrorism, ethnic and religious strife, and war.

Starting in the late 1960's and subsequent three decades, the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism (ISIT), initially administered by the State University of New York system, in collaboration with educational bodies in the US and abroad, conducted academic work dealing with Africa's security concerns and their global implications. For instance, in the early 1980's ISIT, in cooperation with the Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University, the Institute for Social and Behavioral Pathology at the University of Chicago, and the University of Abadan in Nigeria, was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation grant to scholars from around the world to conduct a cooperative study on exploring solutions to conflicts in Africa and elsewhere. This project resulted in a publication of the book *International Violence* co-edited by Tunde Adeniran and Yonah Alexander (Praeger 1983).

Since that early academic effort, numerous seminars, conferences, and publications have been undertaken by the Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies (IUCTS), a consortium of universities and think tanks in more than 40 countries. This entity was subsequently administered by the Terrorism Studies program at George Washington University, and for the past 15 years by the International Center for Terrorism Studies (ICTS) at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies in Arlington, Va. and the Inter-University Center for Legal Studies (IUCLS) at the International Law Institute (ILI) in Washington, D.C.

The current study, "Terrorism in North Africa and the Sahel in 2013," published in January 2014 by IUCTS, represents the Fifth Annual Report focusing on terrorist threats in the Maghreb—Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia—as well as adjacent areas of the Sahel—Chad, Mali, Niger—and their strategic security implications regionally and globally. The first Special Report in this series "Why the Maghreb Matters: Threats Opportunities & Options for Effective U.S. Engagement in North Africa" was published by the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and Conflict Management Program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies on March 31, 2009. This initial study was guided by a bipartisan panel of experts, including former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, General (ret.) Wesley Clark, Ambassador (ret.) Stuart Eizenstat, Professor William Zartman, and other distinguished former officials and academics. The panel recommended more effective engagement in the region to prevent the brewing security crisis from erupting in the region and beyond.

This fundamental recommendation was also underscored in subsequent annual reports published in 2010, 2011, and 2012, which contained alarming statistics on the growing "arc of stability" in the region. The 2013 study hopefully provides data and analysis required for policymakers to unilaterally and collectively develop coherent and realistic strategies to combat the global expansion of terrorism.

Special appreciation is due to many colleagues in the United States, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and elsewhere who provided valuable data and insights for our study. In particular, mention should be made of the academic opportunity to participate at NATO's Centre of Excellence—Defence Against Terrorism's advance workshop on "Terrorist Threats in North Africa From NATO Perspective," held in Ankara, Turkey, November 19-20, 2013. My colleagues Michael S. Swetnam, CEO & Chairman, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and Professor Don Wallace, Jr., Chairman, International Law Institute, also deserve appreciation for their encouragement and support of our academic work. Our current Spring 2014 team at IUCTS, coordinated by Sharon Layani and with the support of James Nusse, has provided useful data. Bill Mays, Herbert Levine, and Mary Ann Culver have also contributed editorial guidance.

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NEW TERRORISM HOT SPOT: AFRICA'S 'ARC OF INSTABILITY'



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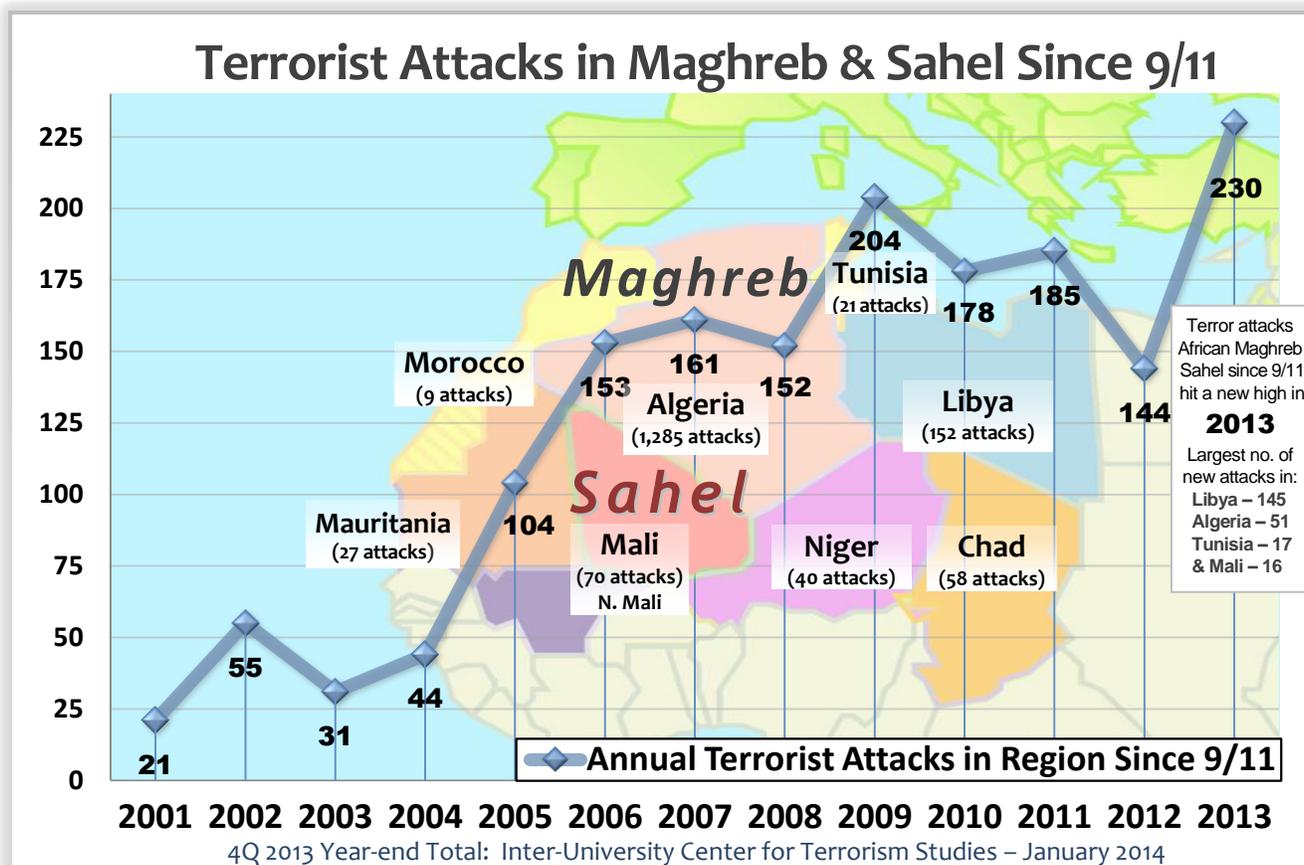
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Regional Threat Assessment

Since 9/11, a disturbing trend of security challenges with global reach is emerging in the Maghreb, Sahel, and other territories in Africa. It is brutally demonstrated by the escalation in violent attacks mounted by a broad range of lawless subnational groups from Mali to Somalia and beyond. These perpetrators, motivated by ethnic, racial, religious, tribal, and national ideologies, include an expanding array of Al-Qaida-affiliated and like-minded extremist groups and their associates, such as Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), Boko Haram, Ansaru, Ansar Dine, Ansar Al-Sharia, the Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa (MUJAO), al-Mourabitoun, the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MLNA), Al-Shabaab, and militant recruits from the Polisario-run refugee camps and other displaced persons.

It is of particular ominous concern to the region as well as to global interests that these political and social entities constitute formally or informally a “holy alliance” of “like-minded” movements as well as “strange bedfellows,” operating in an “arc of instability” from the Atlantic to the Red Sea and elsewhere. The strategic map of the “new terrorism hot spots” included in this study provides visual evidence of activities in North, Central, West, and East Africa as well as the spillover to and from other continents.

More specifically, the statistical record of 2013 indicates that terrorist attacks in the Maghreb and Sahel increased an alarming 60 percent from the previous year, totaling 230 incidents region wide, the highest annual total in the region over the past twelve years.



Regional Threat Assessment



Since 9/11, terrorist attacks by AQIM and other extremists have increased more than 600 percent from their low point. Countries most affected by new attacks in 2013 were Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, and Mali. These four countries are dealt with in a brief security survey later in this report.

It is in this context of increasing violence that the U.N. Security Council convened a special session in March 2013 and warned that an “arc of instability” was stretching across the Sahara and Sahel regions, and, “if left unchecked, it could transform the continent into a breeding ground for extremists and a launch pad for larger-scale terrorist attacks around the world.” And this spread of instability is no more evident than in those countries bordering the Sahara and Sahel regions that have come under increasing attacks and terrorist incidents.

Across the broader region, existing and emerging threats grew apace in 2013.

On May 23, 2013, Mokhtar Belmokhtar, who directed the deadly January 16, 2013 attack at In Amenas in Algeria, teamed up with the Mali-based MUJAO to conduct two attacks in Niger that killed 20 people at a military base and uranium-mine site supplying France’s nuclear power plants.

In Nigeria, the continent’s most populous nation, Boko Haram (meaning “Western education is sacrilege” in the Hausa language), continues to mount terrorist attacks and seeks to impose its version of strict Islamic law in the country. Additionally, Boko Haram operatives have been involved in hostilities in Mali and cooperate with AQIM and Al-Shabaab. Reportedly, links also have been established with Hizballah, allowing the Lebanese terrorist group to run a weapons armory in northern Nigeria.

Other African countries of concern bordering the Maghreb and Sahel in 2013 were Somalia, Kenya, the Central African Republic, and South Sudan. Al-Shabaab terrorists attacked the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya in September, killing some 59 civilians and injuring 125 more. The casualties included individuals from Kenya, Britain, France, China, Ghana, and Canada. And in December, fighting between rival ethnic groups in northern Kenya resulted in thousands of people fleeing into Ethiopia.

Meanwhile in Somalia, Al-Shabaab escalated its nearly routine attacks in different parts of the country. It is noteworthy that members of the group include not only Somali nationals but also citizens of Kenya, Syria, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Russia, Finland, and Sweden. The security situation in the country has apparently deteriorated to such an extent that the United States military secretly deployed advisors in Somalia last year for the first time since 1993 when 18 soldiers were killed in the “Black Hawk Down” disaster.

The anarchy and expanding sectarian violence between Muslims and Christian militias in the Central African Republic has drawn attention from regional political leaders and the UN to quell growing instability. By the end of 2013, the U.N. Security Council approved a resolution for joint military action by African and French forces to intervene in the country in order to restore stability and peace in the Republic, which is currently on the brink of religious warfare.

Regional Threat Assessment



Another security challenge is the escalation of long-standing conflicts involving terrorism and other forms of violence in the Republic of South Sudan that have tribal overtones. The government of democratically elected President Salva Kiir is battling against an alleged coup initiated by a rival leader Riek Machar, a former Vice President.

This mutiny threatens to plunge the newest country in Africa into a costly civil war ultimately affecting the interests of other regional nations (e.g., Uganda) and the international community at large (e.g., United Nations Peacekeeping Forces in Africa).

To be sure, the “arc of instability,” involving terrorists, insurgents, and militant forces has also affected quite dramatically the North African nation of Egypt. After the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi in July 2013 by General Abdel Fatah El Sisi, extremist groups initiated terrorist attacks within the country, including in the Sinai Peninsula.

For instance, on December 23, a car bomb destroyed the police headquarters in Mansura, killing 16 people and injuring 140. Two days later the military-backed interim government labeled the Muslim Brotherhood a “terrorist movement.” It is expected that this designation will encourage members of existing affiliated groups such as Ansar Jerusalem (also known as Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis) to escalate their operations against Egypt at home and abroad.

The “long-arm” of Jihadist terror is increasingly evident beyond the African continent. Most notable were the operations in 2013 planned and executed by Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) based in Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Moreover, an expanded involvement of Al-Qaida affiliated fighters, citizens of dozens of nations, are operating in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and elsewhere in Asia and the Pacific.

Thus, the developing vulnerable “underbelly” of these vast territories in 2013 and the first month of 2014 poses a significant threat to the interests of the United States, Europe, and their friends and allies everywhere.

While the statistical analysis in this report focuses on the Maghreb and Sahel states, the continuing challenges to stability in the broader reaches of Africa, driven by many terrorist and extremist groups, must be taken into account. Arms flowing from Gaddafi’s storehouses can be found in many areas of Africa and the Middle East.

Jihadis and Salafis across Africa through the Middle East to Malaysia and Indonesia exchange information, tactics, and operational priorities via the Internet. Humanitarian crises are exploited by militant groups to stock their gangs, expand criminal networks, and raise significant obstacles to reconciliation among warring groups and factions.

In many ways, 2013 is a milestone in the proliferation of the negative consequences of the breakdown in post-Cold War authoritarian regimes and conflict mismanagement by external and internal forces.

Terrorism's Growing Regional Profile:

Case Studies

Examination of terrorist threats in the Maghreb and Sahel in 2013 reveals a shifting geopolitical security threat environment. During 2012, jihadist and salafist attacks in Mali, Algeria, and Nigeria represented the gravest strategic challenges within the broader regional “arc of instability.”

Mali took its initial steps toward normalization, but growing security challenges due to the unfinished transitions borne in the Arab Spring saw Mali, Libya, Algeria, and Tunisia as the countries with the largest number of terrorist attacks in 2013.

Although these profiles represent the most troubling security challenges in the region, it would be foolish to ignore indicators of instability and conflict in the other countries of the region that had fewer or no reported incidents of terrorism in 2013—Chad, Mauritania, Morocco, and Niger.

In Chad, the security situation has steadily improved in the past few years, but the country has a long history of instability and is located in an increasingly dangerous neighborhood.

Mauritania continues to be threatened by AQIM and other terrorist groups operating in the region, who take advantage of porous borders to carry out attacks. The kidnapping threat likewise remains high.

While Morocco has been successful in combating terrorism – taking down a number of terrorist cells in 2013 – there is evidence of fighters from across the Maghreb are participating in jihadi activities in Syria.

As for Niger, it experienced one of the deadliest attacks of the year, when MUJAO detonated two car bombs simultaneously in a military camp and at a French-operated uranium mine.

The data tells an important story, but it is not the only story. Terrorist incidents are taking place in a broader environment of insecurity across the Maghreb and Sahel – and all countries of the region face varying, albeit serious threats.

The following brief assessments of the four countries with the highest incidents of terrorism nevertheless provide an important overview of the complex security challenges in these countries and might lead to better understanding of the regional and global implications in 2013 and beyond.

Case Studies

Libya



In 2012, numerous political, religious, and tribal militias emerged in the power vacuum contesting the new Libyan government. These militias are being enabled by small arms as well as sophisticated weapons such as portable surface to air anti-aircraft missiles looted from Gaddafi's armories during and after the revolution.

Clearly one of the most devastating terrorist attacks mounted by Al-Qaida affiliates against U.S. interests took place on September 11, 2012 when the American Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other State Department officials were brutally murdered in Benghazi at the U.S. diplomatic mission.

This single act of violence is emblematic of the lawlessness and fragmentation of the country. In 2013, a total of 145 major terrorist attacks were recorded, including kidnappings, assassinations, bombings, and direct assaults on government facilities and personnel.

Clashes also were reported among different armed groups. In addition, government officials, police, security officers, and the military were frequently targeted. Ordinary citizens were also victimized as well as foreign workers and diplomats.

The violence will continue in 2014 as the battle over the country's governance, balance of power among competing groups, and control of Libya's oil fields intensifies. For example, The Council of Cyrenaica has already mapped out an autonomy plan for the eastern region, thereby threatening further destabilization.

Meanwhile, militant groups such as Ansar Al-Sharia are continuing to infiltrate, destabilize, and organize, waiting in the wings to turn Libya into the "Land of Jihad" with dire consequences for neighboring countries.

Case Studies



Algeria

The number of terrorist incidents in Algeria fell to 51 in 2013 after reaching 132 attacks in 2012. This significant statistical shift can be accounted primarily to the lessons learned by the government from the most spectacular terrorist operation in the country's decades-long history of bloodshed, namely, the January 16, 2013 assault on the gas field of Tiguentourine, near In Amenas, a region close to the Libyan border, located some 1,300 km from Algiers.

The Islamic Katiba militia (Al-Mouthalimin) led by Mokhtar Belmokhtar, who split from AQIM in 2012, and consisting of some 32 assailants of different nationalities (e.g. Algerian, Tunisian, Malian, Nigerian, Egyptian, and Canadian), took over areas of the large facility operated by companies from Algeria, France, Japan, Norway, and the U.K. The terrorists, who reportedly trained for two months in Mali and were heavily armed, held some 700 Algerians and 134 foreign nationals hostage. The attackers demanded, *inter alia*, the withdrawal of French forces from Mali and offered to free US captives in exchange for the release of the Egyptian leader Omar Abdel-Rahman and Pakistan's top scientist Aafia Siddiqui.

Algeria ruled out negotiating with the terrorists and launched a military rescue mission on the day following the start of the siege. After some 50 hours of fierce fighting, Algeria announced that 685 Algerians and 101 foreigners had been freed by the operation, but the death toll was costly—11 Algerians and 37 foreign nationals (including three Americans, three Britons, and ten Japanese). Clearly, the strategic and tactical implications of the extraordinary international hostage crisis were fully assessed by Algeria. Its government has developed a series of security upgrades to improve its counterterrorism strategies. For instance, it has stationed 6,000 soldiers on the border with Tunisia to prevent terrorists from crossing the border, and is working with the International Oil Companies (IOCs) to train security forces for the energy installations that may combine government and private personnel.

Algeria nevertheless faces ongoing challenges in guarding its borders, particularly in the southwest, where AQIM and other criminal groups engage in cross-border terrorism and trafficking. AQIM and others have similarly sought to exploit the situation in the refugee camps run by the Polisario Front near Tindouf by actively recruiting there. There is thus growing danger of radicalization in the refugee camps run by the Polisario Front near Tindouf, which a report from UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon in April warned were a "ticking time bomb."

Despite the distractions of the upcoming presidential election, the Algerian military and security services are focusing a great deal of energy on securing its borders with Morocco, Libya, Mali, and Tunisia to reduce infiltration, the flow of arms and smuggled goods, and block access to the country.

Case Studies



Tunisia

Three years after the “Jasmine Revolution” overthrew the autocratic regime of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and inspired other countries to rise up in the Arab Spring, Tunisia is still vulnerable to both domestic and foreign terrorist threats.

Although the security situation in the country has been marked by the absence of the large-scale violence seen in Libya and Syria, the widespread dissatisfaction with social and economic opportunities and the government’s inability to respond effectively is potentially explosive.

In 2013, the total number of terrorist incidents reached 17, indicating a worrisome trend of insecurity in the country. Most of the attacks seem to have a political coloration rather than large-scale public disruptions.

For instance, on February 6 an “unknown” gunman killed a government critic and leader of the opposition Democratic Patriots Party, Chikri Belaid. In June, the Defense Ministry warned of major terrorist operations.

The Prime Minister in late August declared that the terrorist organization Ansar Al-Sharia was planning a series of assassinations to establish an Islamic emirate.

In the face of these potential terrorist threats the government’s state of emergency was extended until June 2014. And in November, both Tunisia and Algeria called for establishing joint-mechanisms to combat terrorism and the proliferation of arms trafficking in the region.

Case Studies



Mali

In the exposed Sahel, a new failed state the size of Texas, with ominous strategic implications, emerged in Mali in 2012. This strategic threat was created initially when the secular Tuareg rebels, who fought alongside Gaddafi in Libya, returned home and joined indigenous forces to establish the MNLA.

Exploiting a March 2012 political coup in the capital of Bamako and capturing important towns in the north, including the historic city of Timbuktu, the Tuareg fighters, together with Islamic fundamentalist groups such as Ansar Dine, declared their independent Azawad state. This development sparked security concerns and outrage from neighboring countries, particularly Algeria and Niger, and international bodies including the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the United Nations.

By summer 2012, northern Mali had fallen under the control of various Salafi jihadist organizations including AQIM, MUJAO, Ansar Dine, Al-Qaida's El Moulethemine Brigade, and the Libyan extremists of Ansar Al-Sharia. It was reported that AQIM was provided training, financial assistance, and weapons to its affiliates and had attracted an influx of recruits from the region including militants from the Polisario camps in Algeria, displaced refugees, and radicals from Western countries.

In January 2013, an international donor conference on Mali pledged over \$450 million to help cover expenses of the Africa-led International Support Mission to Mali (AFISMA) and to begin development projects in the country. Interim President Traore ruled out any negotiations with the Islamists, although he did indicate a willingness to hold talks with secular Tuareg rebels.

Meanwhile in 2013 a total of 16 terrorist incidents were counted. They included kidnappings, suicide bombings, car-bomb blasts, rocket attacks, and direct assaults on police and military forces, including U.N. peacekeepers.

It is noteworthy that as an element of a counterterrorism strategy both Mali and Morocco agreed in November 2013 to create religious projects to help prevent the spread of extremism.

Similarly, in 2013 France agreed to train the Malian police force and supply it with the needed equipment to combat terrorism in the country. Moreover, Germany, along with the other European Union members, offered to train the Malian army to support their military mission in fighting terrorism.

Conclusion

To say anything with certainty about prospects for reducing terrorism in North Africa, the Sahel, and adjoining regions in Africa is purely speculative and beyond the intention of this report.

Watching the trends leads one to be quite pessimistic about the short-term future. We are definitely engaged in a generational and socio-cultural conflict that is afflicting the global community and has consequences beyond any country's borders.

It is hope that this report, with its emphasis on North Africa and the Sahel, will encourage greater strategic attention and focused policy initiatives on the region to enable the seeds of conflict resolution, political accommodation, economic and social development, and national reconciliation to emerge and reduce the forces of instability and chaos.

These solutions, to be sustainable and effective, require an integration of international and local resolve and resources.

Without an effective menu of responses to the challenges of terrorism and instability highlighted in this report, the impact will only continue to grow as a threat to the global community.

Selected Recommendations

Due to the growing political uncertainty and instability in the Maghreb, Sahel, and bordering areas during 2013, many of the recommendations made in the previous four reports are still relevant. The Sahel and bordering countries continue to have large areas of ungoverned space where terrorists and other radicals move with alacrity along well-traveled smuggling and supply routes that defy ongoing interdiction efforts.

The manifold security threats emanating from the Maghreb and Sahel have now been reinforced by unrest in Egypt, Somalia, the Central African Republic, and South Sudan, in addition to the spillover of jihadists returning from the fighting in Syria and Iraq.

With so much uncertainty and such diverse challenges, it is imperative that the international community, particularly the West, work diligently with regional authorities to implement and expand security capabilities, as well as political, social, and economic development programs to generate antidotes to the poisons that are a growing threat to the stability, peace, and prosperity of the region.

Indeed, the stakes are too high for America to disengage from the Maghreb and the Sahel. The more than 600 percent rise in regional terrorism since 9/11 is being fed by the increasing instability in weak and transitioning states. This report does not recommend that the US reconfigure itself as the arbiter of regional security issues. Rather, it is a reminder that America's vital interests in the region and those of our friends and allies are under assault by extremists and radicals who are doing us harm and want to inflict more damage in their wake.

As outlined in previous reports, there are no "silver bullets" in combating terrorism, instability, and insecurity. The scope of what must be done is quite broad, and these recommendations cover both hard and soft solutions, including a range of tactical and strategic steps that need to be taken to bring more security and stability to the region by reducing the presence and impact of terrorism and other forms of violence while enlarging capacity for transparent, effective local leadership. The following recommendations are not fully inclusive but hopefully provide a useful framework for continued discussion and action.

I. Take proactive steps with regional and global leaders to prevent further instability.

1. US and NATO intelligence assets must be strengthened by broadening cooperation through AFRICOM, Partnerships for Peace, and other modalities that supply and support training, equipment, and monitoring resources throughout the region.
2. Work towards the diplomatic resolution of the Western Sahara conflict and other outstanding disputes that inhibit both security and economic cooperation in the Maghreb and Sahel.
3. Cooperate with international monitors to conduct a census in the Polisario-controlled camps near Tindouf, Algeria, which pose a threat to regional security as a recruiting ground for terrorists and traffickers. The current Polisario military units should be disbanded and the refugees who have lived in those camps should be given an opportunity to migrate elsewhere in the region.

II. Reinforce the security capabilities of local and regional partners with hard and soft power.

1. Continue to expand US counterterrorism technical assistance to internal security personnel.
2. Host programs to provide assistance over the longer term in support of inclusive political dialogue and the robust empowerment of civil society to advance consensus building and development of conflict resolution mechanisms.
3. Continue to support regional and country-specific reforms that promote human rights, economic development, independent judiciaries, transparency, and the rule of law.

III. Invest in human and economic development to enhance regional and national security

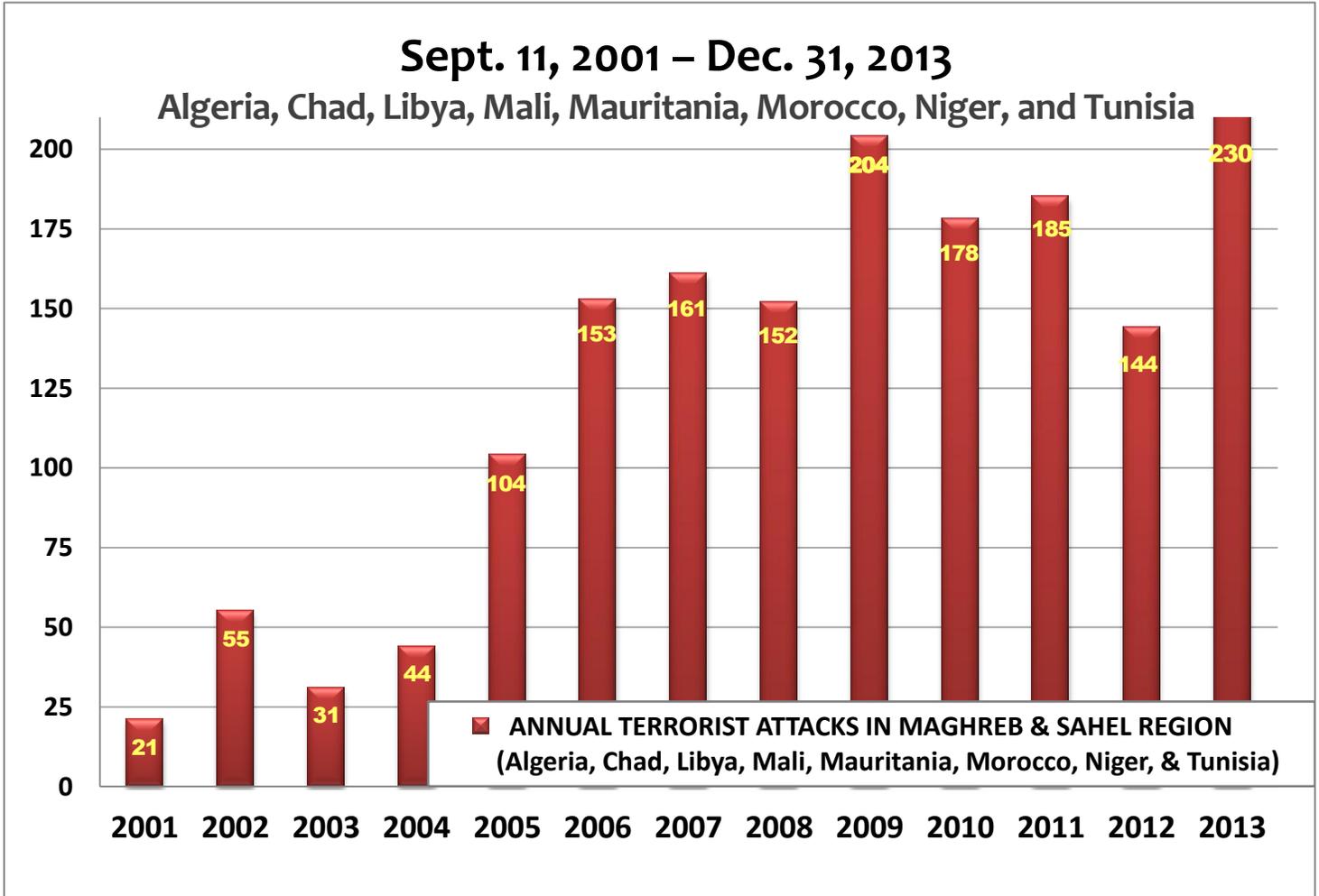
1. Support critical infrastructure programs such as Power Africa and the Trans-Africa Highway through foreign assistance and investments from the US private sector in public private partnerships.
2. Working with international donor agencies, support “triangular aid” projects in areas of health, water, sanitation, power, primary education, and related necessities. Initiate and advance indigenous solutions whenever possible.
3. Promote regional trade and investment by expanding the US-Morocco Free Trade Agreement provisions to include products from North, West, and Central Africa.
4. Expand foreign assistance programs through U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) to build platforms for developing young leaders in the public and private sectors.

Big stakes, big risks can be managed by small significant steps

In sum, these recommendations indicate that the security requirements in the region will only be fulfilled by accepting the need for consistent and well-defined steps. To be sure, this approach is not solely the responsibility of the US. America’s mission will be accomplished provided it can partner with its friends and allies in Europe and elsewhere to work on these measures that, over time and with strong local participation, will greatly reduce security threats emanating from the regions in turmoil stretching across Africa and beyond.

The war the international community and particularly the West is waging is generational, institutional, and unavoidable. With America’s partners in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and elsewhere, there are solutions that can be achieved based on shared value and mutual interests. While the Maghreb and Sahel nations manage local crises, America’s leaders should place more emphasis on building public support for the hard and soft power solutions that will make a difference regionally and globally.

CHRONOLOGY: Incidents of Terrorism in the Maghreb & Sahel



Data Table: Terrorism Incidents in Maghreb & Sahel since Sept. 11, 2001

TIMELINE	YEAR	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
NORTH & WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA NATIONS	Totals: 1,662 attacks	21 attacks	55 attacks	31 attacks	44 attacks	104 attacks	153 attacks	161 attacks	152 attacks	204 attacks	178 attacks	185 attacks	144 attacks	230 attacks
ALGERIA	1,285 attacks	20	54	28	39	93	120	110	121	185	168	164	132	51
CHAD	58 attacks				3	6	28	14	6		1			
LIBYA	152 attack						1						6	145
MALI	70 attacks			1	1	2	3	10	11	9	4	8	5	16
MAURITANIA	27 attacks				1	3		4	4	6	2	7		
MOROCCO	9 attacks			2				5				2		
NIGER	40 attacks						1	18	9	4	3	3	1	1
TUNISIA	21 attacks	1	1						1			1		17

INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM IN MAGHREB & SAHEL:

Chronology from September 11, 2001 to December 31, 2013 (Updated with 2013 incidents below)

For full listing from 9/11/01 to 12/31/09, go to: http://www.potomac institute.org/attachments/524_Maghreb%20Terrorism%20report.pdf

For 2010: http://www.potomac institute.org/attachments/863_2011%20REPORT%20UPDATE%20Maghreb%20%20Sahel%20Terrorism.pdf

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And for 2012: http://www.potomac institute.org/attachments/article/1358/Terrorism_in_North_Africa_and_the_Sahel.pdf

Methodology — Compilation of this comprehensive listing of Maghreb/Sahel terrorism is based on monthly review of respected news and think tank websites, including international media and national press in the countries monitored—Algeria, Chad, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, and Tunisia. “Terrorist incidents” counted are those where a recognized terrorist group is reported or believed responsible, and results in death, injury, or kidnapping of civilians, government officials, or security services, or destruction of property, or threat to life and property where attacks are thwarted or bombs defused. Every incident includes the source cited.

Not included are acts of violence that occur in the context of explicit civil war or open armed conflict areas—as generally reported by the news media—and also terrorist losses in government counter-terror actions, or indigenous acts of religious extremism by ethnic and religious groups, including application of strict religious law. Lack of publicly available information likely results in undercounting in regions controlled by terrorists/extremists, with higher—though more accurate—relative counts where media outlets are more firmly established.

All eight countries have suffered terrorist incidents during the 13 years tracked since Sept. 11, 2001. The 2013 Chronology below includes those countries experiencing incidents during the past calendar year — Algeria, Libya, Mali, Tunisia and Niger. See table on preceding page and hyperlinks above for incidents experienced by Chad, Mauritania, and Morocco in other years.

2013

Algeria

November 27, 2013

An Algerian civilian was injured during a botched kidnapping near Tizi Ouzou.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/tizi-ouzou-un-citoyen-blesse-par-balle-lors-d-une-tentative-d-enlevement-27-11-2013-236563_109.php

November 26, 2013

An Algerian trader was kidnapped in Illoula Oumalou.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/tizi-ouzou-un-citoyen-blesse-par-balle-lors-d-une-tentative-d-enlevement-27-11-2013-236563_109.php

November 9, 2013

Terrorists killed an Algerian trader at a fake checkpoint in Larbaatache, 30 km west of Boumerdes.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-un-commercant-assassine-par-des-individus-armes-a-larbaatache-10-11-2013-234554_109.php

November 6, 2013

2 soldiers were seriously injured in a roadside bomb explosion near the town of Adekar in the Bejaia Province.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/11/06/newsbrief-03

October 15, 2013

A bomb exploded near the national police headquarters in El Mayen, Bordj Bou Arreridj wilaya. No casualties or damages were reported.
<http://www.tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/2348-bordj-bou-arreridj-attentat-a-proximite-du-siege-de-la-police-a-el-mayen>

October 7, 2013

Terrorists abducted an entrepreneur in Timdiouane, Jijel province.
<http://www.tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/2232-un-entrepreneur-kidnappe-par-des-terroristes-a-jijel>

October 3, 2013

A roadside bomb blast injured 3 civilians Thursday near Bouira. The explosion occurred as a minibus drove near a military barracks in Kadiria.
<http://www.tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/2176-trois-civils-blesses-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-bouira>

September 26, 2013

A roadside bomb blast killed 2 brothers and injured their friend in Tebessa.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/26/newsbrief-02

September 21, 2013

3 communal guards were injured in a blast near Bouira.
<http://www.tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/1880-terrorisme-trois-gardes-communales-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-pres-de-bouira>

September 8, 2013

2 soldiers were killed in a bomb explosion near Tizi Ouzou.
<http://tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/1849-deux-militaires-tues-dans-un-attentat-pres-de-tizi-ouzou>

September 7, 2013

2 workers were killed in a bomb explosion near Seddat.
http://elwatan.com/regions/est/jijel/hekfa-deux-travailleurs-blesses-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-07-09-2013-227081_130.php

August 20, 2013

A homemade bomb was found and disarmed in Dellys.
http://elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-une-bombe-desamorcee-a-dellys-20-08-2013-225252_109.php

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August 19, 2013

A bomb exploded near Algerian police headquarters in Lakhdaria. Police and terrorists exchanged heavy gunfire.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/20/newsbrief-03

August 11, 2013

4 Algerian policemen and a 23-year-old woman were injured when a roadside bomb exploded between Baghlia and Dellys, east of Boumerdes.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/12/newsbrief-02

July 28, 2013

2 police were wounded in a bomb explosion in Zemmoura, Biskra.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/biskra-deux-gendarmes-tues-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-29-07-2013-222848_109.php

July 28, 2013

A bomb targeting a police vehicle exploded in El Harrouche, Skikda. No casualties were reported.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/skikda-explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanale-a-el-harrouche-28-07-2013-222738_109.php

July 23, 2013

2 forest guards were killed and 2 others wounded by bomb in Sellala, Kadiria, Bouira.
<http://www.tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/1284-deux-gardes-forestiers-tues-a-bouira-un-terroriste-abattu-a-bordj-bou-arreridj>

July 19, 2013

2 guards at a pipeline were wounded in shootout between soldiers, terrorists in Khelifat, Sour El Ghozlane, Bouira.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/quatre-terroristes-elimines-et-deux-agents-de-la-sonatrach-blesses-a-dans-un-accrochage-sour-el-ghozlane-bouira-20-07-2013-221791_109.php

July 15, 2013

A roadside bomb targeted a police convoy with no reported casualties in Tizi Ouzou province, between Tadmaït and Draa Ben Khedda.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/16/newsbrief-01

July 13, 2013

A bomb targeting an ANP convoy exploded in Slala, Kadiria. No one was wounded in the attack.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/kadiria-bouira-une-patrouille-de-l-armee-visee-par-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-13-07-2013-220970_109.php

July 12, 2013

2 people were killed and 3 others injured in a bomb explosion in Lodhithé, Sia, Chechar, Khenchela.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/khenchela-deux-morts-et-trois-blesses-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-12-07-2013-220849_109.php

July 1, 2013

Police diffused a bomb on the road between Draâ Ben Khedda and Tadmaït, Tizi Ouzou. It was the second bomb found in the region that day.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/terrorisme-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-draa-ben-khedda-tizi-ouzou-01-07-2013-219501_109.php

July 1, 2013

A bomb exploded on the road between Draâ Ben Khedda and Draâ El Mizan, Tizi Ouzou. No one was wounded.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/terrorisme-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-draa-ben-khedda-tizi-ouzou-01-07-2013-219501_109.php

June 23, 2013

26-year-old woman was abducted in Ain El Hammam, Tizi Ouzou. Attackers force victim into car and drove off, mother said.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/24/newsbrief-04

June 18, 2013

Terrorists fired mortars at an Algerian army barracks in Lakhdaria, Bouira. ANP soldiers repelled the attack.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/19/newsbrief-03

May 30, 2013

An Algerian police officer was killed by Bouira terrorists.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/31/newsbrief-01

May 26, 2013

A bomb targeted a police patrol near Bouira. 2 police vehicles were damaged, but no one was injured.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/27/newsbrief-03

May 16, 2013

3 soldiers killed and 2 others injured in a clash with terrorists in Ahnif, Bouira.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/17/newsbrief-02

May 12, 2013

Security defused 2 home-made bombs in shopping centre in Fouka, Tipasa.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/13/newsbrief-03

May 7, 2013

A bomb attack near Boumerdes left 2 security guards dead and several others wounded. The device was planted inside the canteen of a Keddara quarry.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/08/newsbrief-02

April 29, 2013

Terrorists kidnapped a young boy in Beni Douala, Tizi Ouzou.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/01/newsbrief-01

April 28, 2013

Terrorists killed 3 communal guards near Bourkika, Tipasa province.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/29/newsbrief-03

April 25, 2013

A policeman was injured while disabling terrorist bomb in Chechar, Khenchela.
http://www.elwatan.com/regions/est/actu-est/khenchela-un-blesse-lors-du-desamorçage-d-une-bombe-artisanale-27-04-2013-211758_221.php

April 23, 2013

2 soldiers were seriously wounded in a bomb near village of Adrar, Tizi Ouzou.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/24/newsbrief-02

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April 20, 2103

3 police were wounded in a bomb explosion on the road between Theniet El Had and Youssoufia, Tissemslit.
<http://www.tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/163-trois-gendarmes-blesses-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-tissemsilt>

April 8, 2013

Soldiers defused a homemade bomb near the Lakhdaria railway station, north of Bouira. The device reportedly targeted the daily passenger train between Algiers and Bejaia.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/09/newsbrief-02

April 5, 2013

4 soldiers were wounded in a bomb explosion in Tikiouache, Mizrana.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/quatre-militaires-blesses-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-pres-de-tizi-ouzou_24258.html

April 3, 2013

The governor of Médéa province survived an assassination attempt by al-Qaeda terrorists in Mezghena. Terrorists opened fire on police officers who were securing the route for the governor's convoy. 1 police officer was killed and 2 others wounded. The operation was followed by a bomb blast targeting an army vehicle that responded to the scene. No one was wounded in the bomb attack.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/04/05/feature-01

April 2, 2013

A homemade bomb planted by Algerian terrorists left a shepherd with serious injuries. The victim stepped on the device while grazing his flock in Ammal, Boumerdès.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/03/newsbrief-03

March 24, 2013

16 soldiers were wounded in a bomb explosion in Kef Khoudir, Biskra. The soldiers were aboard a troop transport vehicle which was targeted by the bomb.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/biskra-17-militaires-blesses-par-des-bombes-artisanales-25-03-2013-207895_109.php

March 19, 2013

3 civilians were wounded in a bomb explosion in Ain Kechra, Skikda.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/ain-kechra-skikda-trois-blesses-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-19-03-2013-207222_109.php

March 13, 2013

A man was wounded in a bomb explosion in Djebel Labiod, Tébessa.
http://www.elwatan.com/regions/est/actu-est/nouvelles-de-tebessa-16-03-2013-206767_221.php

March 5, 2013

A bomb blast in Tizi Ouzou wounded an Algerian army officer. The explosive device went off while soldiers were conducting a search operation between Azazga and Yakourene.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/03/06/newsbrief-03

February 21, 2013

A soldier was wounded in a bomb explosion in Adekar, Béjaia.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/bejaia-un-militaire-blesse-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-adekar_23864.html

February 17, 2013

An Algerian woman was seriously wounded in a bomb explosion near Thénia, Boumerdès. The victim reportedly stepped on the explosive device, buried by terrorists in an olive grove.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/02/18/newsbrief-02

February 11, 2013

3 civilians were wounded in a bomb explosion in Zarif El Waâr, Négrine, Tébessa.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/tebessa-trois-blesses-graves-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanales-11-02-2013-202929_109.php

February 6, 2013

A group of 50 terrorists attacked an Algerian military barracks in Khenchela. The ANP troops were able to protect the facility and prevent any losses. The attack began with the kidnapping of 2 civilians, including a truck driver who supplied the barracks with food. During three hours of fighting, the army killed 2 attackers. 6 soldiers were wounded.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/02/07/newsbrief-01

January 27, 2013

Heavily armed terrorists targeted a gas pipeline in Ain Chriki, Djebahia, Bouira, attacking security officials responsible for site, killing 2 and wounding 7 others.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/les-terroristes-ciblent-un-gazoduc-a-bouira-29-01-2013-201317_109.php

January 16, 2013

4 police were wounded in a bomb attack on the road between Dellys and Baghlia, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/quat-re-gendarmes-blesses-dans-un-attentat-17-01-2013-199848_109.php

January 16, 2013

Islamist militants attacked a gas plant in In Amenas, near the border with Libya, sparking a four-day siege that resulted in the deaths of at least 48 foreigners. The militants first attacked two buses carrying foreign workers to the facility, killing 2, and then moved on to attack the gas facilities living quarters and main installation, taking over 100 foreign workers hostage and banning 700 Algerian workers from leaving the facility. The Algerian army subsequently launched a raid on the facility, killing all of the hostage-takers. In the aftermath of the raid, 20 hostages remain unaccounted for. Among the dead include foreign workers from the UK, the US, Colombia, Japan, the Philippines, Norway, Malaysia, and Romania. The Khaled Abu al-Abbas Brigade, led by Mokhtar Belmokhtar, claimed responsibility.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-21114512>

January 10, 2013

A civilian was wounded in a bomb explosion in Boulahdjar, Jijel.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/jijel-un-blesse-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanales-12-01-2013-199167_109.php

Libya

December 29, 2013

Security services found a decomposed headless body in the Hawari area. The corpse is believed to belong to Haji Attiya Al-Naaili, the father of a senior Saiqa brigade officer, who was kidnapped in November.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/12/30/feature-01

December 29, 2013

A retired senior security officer, Colonel Muftah Hamid Najam, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Benghazi.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/29/another-soldier-murdered-in-benghazi/#axzz2pAqm1Equ>

December 29, 2013

The head of security for Benghazi's main University was killed by gunfire in the Salam district.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/29/another-soldier-murdered-in-benghazi/#axzz2pAqm1Equ>

December 25, 2013

Special Forces officer was shot dead by unknown gunmen in Benghazi's Sabri district.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/26/newsbrief-02

December 25, 2013

A hand grenade was thrown at the Libya Al-Watania TV building in Sabha.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/27/newsbrief-01

December 25, 2013

The Sabha local council was attacked at their offices by unknown gunmen. There were no casualties.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/27/newsbrief-01

December 24, 2013

A car bomb blast left a 23-year-old civilian gravely injured. The victim was the son of a senior naval officer who had recently received threats.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/26/newsbrief-02

December 22, 2013

A suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden vehicle into a security checkpoint in Bersis, near Benghazi, killing at least 13 people. It was the first known post-revolution suicide bombing in Libya.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/12/23/feature-01

December 20, 2013

Colonel Fethallah al-Gaziri - the head of military intelligence in Benghazi - was shot dead Friday while in Derna for a family wedding.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/12/23/feature-01

December 19, 2013

A car bomb attack killed the head of the General Electric Company of Libya (GECOL) station for Jebel Akhdar.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/19/gecol-manager-assassinated-in-tobruk/#axzz2pAqm1Equ>

December 13, 2013

A bomb went off at a restaurant in Derna.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/14/bomb-blast-at-deerna-restaurant/#axzz2nekcwrVc>

December 12, 2013

A bomb went off outside the offices of the Justice and Construction Party (J&C) in Derna. No injuries.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/12/jc-offices-bombed-in-derna/#axzz2nekcwrVc>

December 10, 2013

A senior naval officer escaped an assassination attempt in Benghazi. Captain Khaled Bazama had just parked his car when it exploded in the city's Sidi Akhraibish neighbourhood.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/10/navy-captain-survives-car-bomb-assassination-in-benghazi/#axzz2nekcwrVc>

December 9, 2013

An official from the passports office in Sirte was killed when gunmen fired on his car.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/10/passports-official-in-sirte-shot-dead/#axzz2nekcwrVc>

December 8, 2013

1 person was killed and 5 wounded when a car blew up in a cemetery in Benghazi. The funeral was for a police colonel who was killed in a car bombing.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/09/newsbrief-01

December 5, 2013

An American teacher was shot dead while jogging in Benghazi.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/05/american-teacher-shot-dead-in-benghazi/#axzz2nekcwrVc>

December 5, 2013

Army cadet Salah al-Warfalli was shot in the Selmanhi district of Benghazi.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/05/newsbrief-01

December 5, 2013

Special Forces Ahmed Tarhouni was killed in the Al-Salam area of Benghazi.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/05/newsbrief-01

December 4, 2013

Libyan Navy diver was killed when he was shot outside his house in Benghazi.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/04/two-more-killings-in-benghazi/#axzz2mXHbKoPj>

December 4, 2013

An immigration official working in the Benghazi passport office killed by grenade was thrown into his vehicle.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/04/two-more-killings-in-benghazi/#axzz2mXHbKoPj>

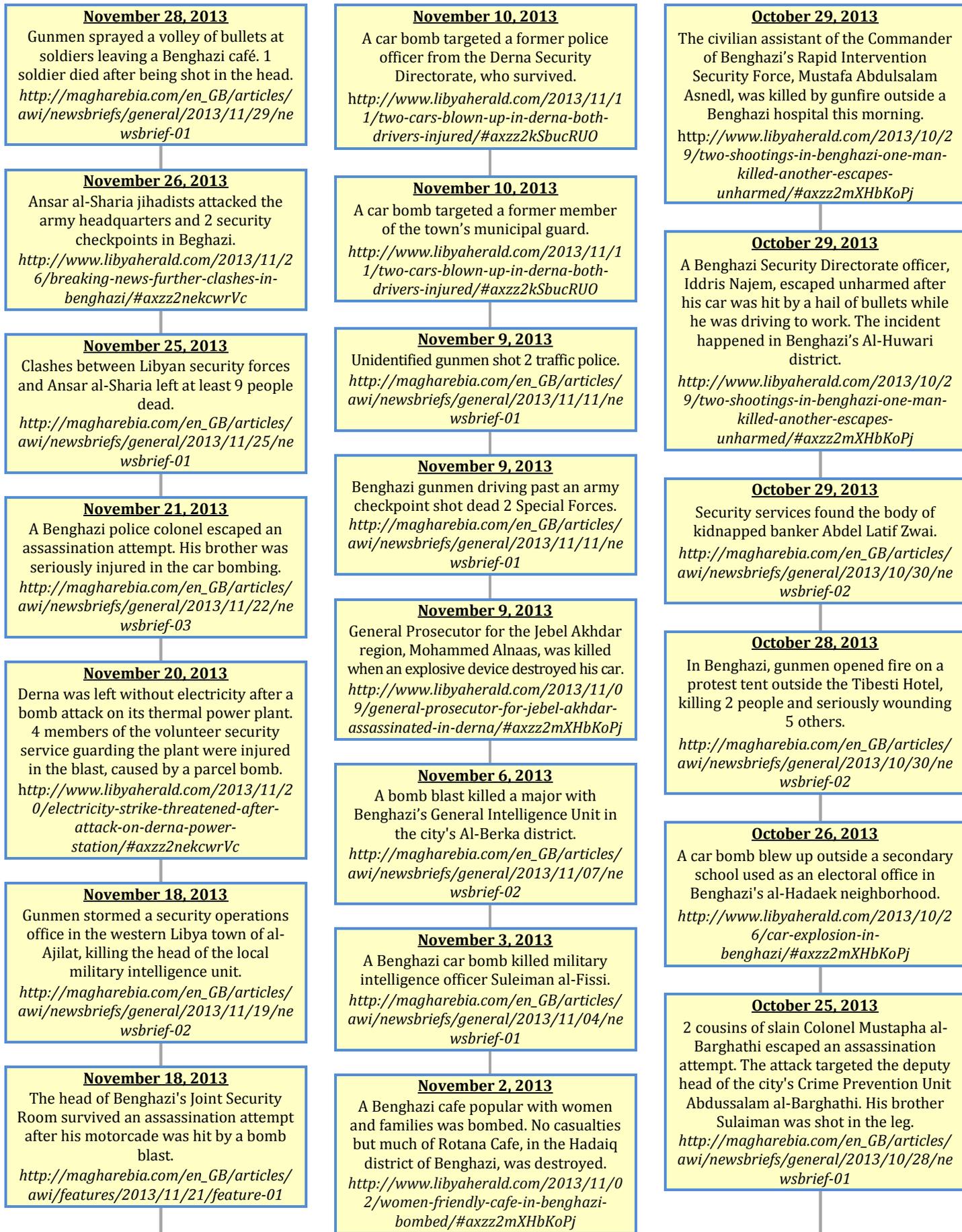
December 1, 2013

The head of a Libyan radio station was found dead after a drive-by shooting.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/12/03/feature-03

November 29, 2013

3 soldiers died in Benghazi in the Sidi Khalifa district in clashes between the army and an armed group that was trying to enter the city from the east.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/11/29/newsbrief-01

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October 25, 2013

A Benghazi immigration official kidnapped last week by unknown gunmen was found dead in the city's Kuwafiyah district.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/10/28/newsbrief-01

October 24, 2013

The head of Benghazi's Air Traffic Control, Colonel Adel Al-Towahni, was shot dead outside his home.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/10/24/senior-air-force-officer-assassinated-in-benghazi/#axzz2mXHbKoPj>

October 18, 2013

The Chief of Libya's Military Police, Colonel Ahmed Mustafa Al-Barghathi, was shot outside his house in the Greysh district of Benghazi this morning, when leaving for mosque.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/10/18/military-police-chief-assassinated-outside-benghazi-home/#axzz2mXHbKoPj>

October 15, 2013

A parcel bomb exploded at a flower stall next to the private Marwa Hospital, shattering all the glass frontage of the building. Remarkably, no one was hurt.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/10/15/eid-in-benghazi-marked-by-killings-and-violence/#axzz2hjocssD7>

October 15, 2013

2 army soldiers were murdered in Benghazi in an attack, reportedly by militants. The 2 had their throats slit while they were sleeping at the battalion's base at Ras Al-Mingar. They were members of the Mushaa Infantry Brigade. Others were wounded in the attack, but survived.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/10/15/eid-in-benghazi-marked-by-killings-and-violence/#axzz2hjocssD7>

October 14, 2013

Al-Ahly midfielder Mohamed Al-Maghrabi was shot by unknown gunmen in Tripoli.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/sports/2013/10/15/newsbrief-01

October 13, 2013

Unidentified assailants opened fire on and killed Libyan air force officer Abdelfattah al-Ryani in the Al-Hadaek region of Benghazi.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/10/14/newsbrief-01

October 13, 2013

Abdessalam al-Dursi, a colonel in a police anti-drugs unit, was gravely wounded in a car bomb explosion.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/10/14/newsbrief-01

October 12, 2013

3 men in a car opened fire on Al-Ahly coach Hossam al-Badri outside his Tripoli home. The coach escaped unhurt.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/sports/2013/10/15/newsbrief-01

October 12, 2013

Zliten Counter Crime Agency official Faraj Khashram was shot dead.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/10/14/newsbrief-01

October 11, 2013

A car bomb exploded outside the Swedish consulate in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi, damaging the front of the building and nearby houses. No immediate casualties were reported.
<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2013/10/11/Car-bomb-set-off-near-Swedish-consulate-in-Libya-s-Benghazi-.html>

October 5, 2013

Unknown gunmen killed 17 Libyan soldiers and wounded four others at the Tarhuna-Bani Walid checkpoint. Driving five vehicles with mounted machine guns, the assailants opened fire at the Al-Malti gate between the two towns.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/10/07/newsbrief-01

October 2, 2013

The Russian embassy building in Darna was attacked, looted, and burned by a crowd of less than 100 demonstrators.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/10/02/breaking-news-russian-embassy-building-sacked/#axzz2mXHbKoPj>

October 2, 2013

Libyan Navy Colonel Saleh Elhadiri was assassinated in Benghazi by unknown gunmen. Elhadiri's eight-year-old son Firas was seriously injured in the crash and later died in hospital.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/10/03/feature-02

September 29, 2013

Unknown assailants gunned down the associate director of intelligence in the eastern region. The son of Colonel Abdulkadir Mohamed Ahmed Al-Madani was also injured in the attack outside the family's home in the Laithi district.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/30/newsbrief-01

September 29, 2013

Najib Belhassan Al-Zway, a member of the Preventive Security Service, died in a car bomb attack, according to the Benghazi Joint Security Room.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/30/newsbrief-01

September 29, 2013

Helicopter pilot Ali Adam Aldgara died when a car bomb exploded in the Suq Zamzam neighbourhood.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/30/newsbrief-01

September 25, 2013

Janzour gunmen kidnapped Libyan Defence Minister Abdullah al-Thani's son.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/26/newsbrief-01

September 24, 2013

Tripoli gunmen kidnapped official from Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan's office.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/25/newsbrief-01

September 22, 2013

A prominent local Sufi cleric, Sheikh Mustafa Rajab Al-Mahjoubi, was murdered in Derna. He was shot by unknown assailants just as he was leaving his home early in the morning.
<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/09/22/derna-sufi-leader-murdered/#axzz2fjmCyxH3>

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September 21, 2013

The commander of Tripoli SSC's Support Unit No 2, Adnan Al-Shibani, was murdered as he left a barber shop in the western suburb of Gurji. A Tunisian barber was also injured in the shooting.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/09/22/43312/#axzz2g1hLPx9I>

September 16, 2013

Car bombs in Benghazi targeted a lawyer and a Libyan army patrol vehicle. No one was injured in the attack.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/16/newsbrief-01

September 11, 2013

A powerful blast struck a Libyan foreign ministry building in Benghazi that once housed the US Consulate.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/09/11/feature-01

September 9, 2013

2 soldiers killed and another injured when the military vehicle they were travelling in was ambushed by unknown armed men yesterday near Sirte.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/09/09/two-soldiers-killed-in-armed-ambush-near-sirte/#ixzz2gahZQYY5>

September 8, 2013

Gunmen shot dead 2 special forces soldiers in separate Benghazi attacks, and may have been responsible for the unsuccessful shooting of a third.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/09/08/same-benghazi-gunmen-kill-two-special-forces-in-drive-by-shootings/#ixzz2gahvz3XU>

September 2, 2013

A remote-controlled device was attached to a Libyan Special Forces soldier's car and exploded.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/02/newsbrief-02

August 31, 2013

A Libyan Special Forces officer had his leg blown off in a car bombing in Benghazi. He later died.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/02/newsbrief-02

August 29, 2013

A Libyan military prosecutor and his brother died in a daytime car bomb blast in Benghazi. The bomb went off as Youssef Al-Asayfer and his brother left a mosque in the Al-Laythi district.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/30/newsbrief-01

August 23, 2013

The head of the explosives unit of the Benghazi security directorate was shot and killed while on his way to the mosque with his young son.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/08/28/feature-02

August 20, 2013

Gunmen attacked a 3-car diplomatic convoy outside Tripoli's Corinthia Hotel. The armored car carrying European Union Ambassador Nataliya Apostolova fled the scene, but occupants of one of the escort vehicles were robbed at gunpoint.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/21/newsbrief-01

August 19, 2013

Retired Libyan judge Muftah Mohamed Ishqaim Khafayfi was shot dead in Benghazi, gunned down after leaving dawn prayers at Souda Bint Zaama Mosque.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/20/newsbrief-01

August 17, 2013

A bomb exploded outside the Egyptian Consulate in Benghazi's Fuwaihat. The front entrance and 4 cars parked near the building were damaged and a guard was slightly injured. The bomb was thrown by an unknown assailant.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/18/newsbrief-01

August 12, 2013

A bomb targeted the main power station in Sirte, leaving hundreds without power.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/12/newsbrief-01

August 11, 2013

One woman died and several people were injured when armed men started shooting at a fairground on Omar Mokhtar Street in Tripoli.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/12/newsbrief-01

August 9, 2013

A young presenter for the Libya's Al-Hurra television channel, Azzedine Qasad, was killed after gunmen fired at his car in the Sisdi Husain area of Benghazi.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/08/11/newsbrief-01

July 30, 2013

Security forces dismantled a car bomb near the al-Mahari Radisson Hotel in Tripoli.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/31/newsbrief-01

July 28, 2013

Twin bomb blasts rocked central Benghazi after Iftar. 2 suitcase bombs exploded between the Maydan Al-Tahrir courthouse and the former internal security building. At least 13 civilians and 3 courthouse guards were injured in the terror attack. The justice ministry building, the 7 October hospital, and the nearby National Oil Corporation offices suffered serious structural damage.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/29/newsbrief-01

July 26, 2013

A lawyer and political activist, Abdulsalam Musmari, who was one of the founders of the 17 February Coalition, was assassinated in Benghazi. Musmari was shot as he walked home from the Abu Ghoula mosque in Benghazi's Birkah district.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/07/26/founder-of-17-february-coalition-assassinated-in-benghazi/>

July 25, 2013

A rocket-propelled grenade struck the UAE ambassadorial residence in Tripoli. No casualties were reported.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/26/newsbrief-01

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July 23, 2013

Benghazi's Birkah police station has been attacked for the fourth time this year, injuring 3 prisoners held in police custody. The building was targeted with an explosive device that destroyed the front of the building.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/07/24/fourth-bomb-attack-on-benghazi-police-station-three-injured/>

July 23, 2013

A rocket struck a residential area of Tripoli between the Corinthia hotel and a tower that houses the British, Canadian and Maltese embassies, as well as foreign companies.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/26/newsbrief-01

July 19, 2013

A senior Libyan Air Force officer was found dead in Benghazi's Quarsha district, a day after his abduction by masked gunmen. Colonel Aqila Mailoud al-Obaidi, head of the Search and Rescue division, was kidnapped after visiting the family of a fellow air force colonel murdered in Derna.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/21/newsbrief-02

July 16, 2013

4 vehicles belonging to members of the military police were blown up by IEDs in Tripoli.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/07/17/feature-02

July 16, 2013

Unknown assailants killed Libyan Air Force Colonel Fathi Ali al-Ammami in Derna. Gunmen fired at the victim, who headed the search and rescue division, as he opened his store.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/07/17/feature-02

July 11, 2013

A leading revolutionary fighter turned army commander, Said Amer Guji, was wounded in an assassination attempt as he was leaving the Bawabat Aljibs depot in Tripoli.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/07/11/37428/>

July 8, 2013

A former Libyan colonel died when his booby-trapped car exploded in Benghazi. Hamed Buruki was a member of Moamer Kadhafi's internal security services.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/09/newsbrief-01

July 5, 2013

France's honorary consul in Benghazi and his wife narrowly escaped assassination. Jean Dufrique was driving in Benghazi late Thursday night when gunmen pulled alongside his vehicle and fired at least 10 rounds into the car.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/07/newsbrief-01

July 5, 2013

A bomb exploded in the popular Benghazi shopping area Alhadk. No one was wounded in the attack.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/07/05/benghazi-shoppers-may-have-had-lucky-escape/>

July 4, 2013

Unknown assailants shot Colonel Hamed Al-Hassi, Cyrenaica Transitional Council military chief, as he left a television station, where he had just conducted an interview. 2 of his colleagues were killed in the attack.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/05/newsbrief-01

July 2, 2013

A police patrol on Dunai Sreet in Benghazi escaped injury when an explosive device was thrown at them from a vehicle with blacked-out windows.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/03/newsbrief-01

July 2, 2013

A BMW exploded at a police checkpoint overnight on Benghazi's Ashreen Street, leaving 4 policemen injured.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/03/newsbrief-01

June 29, 2013

A hand grenade exploded outside the Pakistani embassy in the Sharqia district of Tripoli. The device damaged the gates, but no other damages or casualties were reported.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/30/newsbrief-02

June 26, 2013

2 civilians were killed and 18 others wounded following 3 car bombings in Sabha. The blasts occurred outside the Mahmoud Khalil Café in the Agaid district, in front of the Fezzan Hotel and in a shopping area in the Qurtba neighborhood. The triple attack marked the first-ever car bombings in the southwestern city.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/27/newsbrief-01

June 26, 2013

A car bomb explosion in Benghazi's al-Majouri district killed a senior Libyan army intelligence officer. Colonel Jumaa Musrati worked in the Benghazi Joint Security Room, which was set up earlier this year to tighten security amid a series of assassinations in the city.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/27/newsbrief-01

June 25, 2013

6 soldiers were killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen on an army checkpoint south of the coastal city of Sirte.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/25/us-libya-army-idUSBRE9500JQ20130625>

June 25, 2013

The head of Al-Ruiymi prison in Ain Zara was assassinated outside his home near the prison.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/06/25/prison-chief-killed-in-tripoli/>

June 20, 2013

A German engineer and his driver were shot in eastern Libya. The attack occurred as the foreign workers drove between Ajdabiya and Zwitinah.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/21/newsbrief-01

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June 19, 2013

A bomb blast demolished a Benghazi police station. The al-Hadeiq police building was empty at the time of the attack.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/19/newsbrief-02

June 16, 2013

Unknown Libyan gunmen assassinated a judge in the eastern town of Derna.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/17/newsbrief-02

June 15, 2013

Clashes between elite Libyan forces and gunmen killed six soldiers in Benghazi. Explosions and heavy gunfire could be heard at about 4:00 am near the Special Forces headquarters and in Al-Lithi district, not far from the city center.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/16/newsbrief-01

June 14, 2013

A bomb exploded outside the Libya Hurra (Free Libya) internet TV station in Benghazi. No one was injured in the attack.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/06/14/bomb-at-libya-hurra-tv-station-in-benghazi/>

June 12, 2013

A senior Libyan army officer was wounded in an assassination attempt in Benghazi.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/13/newsbrief-02

June 11, 2013

An Italian embassy staff car exploded in Tripoli, minutes after alert observers warned that the vehicle had been rigged with a bomb. The white Toyota Previa with diplomatic tags was parked at the al-Ghola Centre, in Tripoli's Zawyat al-Dahmani neighbourhood. According to a security source in the area, the blast left two children slightly wounded and damaged several stores.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/06/12/feature-01

May 31, 2013

Foreign gunmen attacked a Libyan army unit in Kufra and kidnapped 10 soldiers. Dozens of armed men reportedly attacked the military barracks of al-Saraa, bordering Chad, and took 10 hostages following an hour-long gun battle. An army officer in Kufra told the news agency that the gunmen were suspected Chadian arms dealers or traffickers.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/02/newsbrief-02

May 29, 2013

3 members of a Benghazi brigade were killed when assailants threw a bomb at the checkpoint they were manning in the east of the city.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/05/29/three-die-in-benghazi-checkpoint-attack/>

May 26, 2013

Alashei Mahdi, the head of the "Qatrun's Martyrs' Brigade" was allegedly kidnapped in Tripoli.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/28/newsbrief-02

May 21, 2013

Armed gunmen abducted the AFP correspondent in Benghazi. Libyan national Ibrahim Hadiya and his brother were ambushed while driving in the al-Sabri neighborhood of Benghazi. The brother was immediately released, but the journalist remains missing.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/22/newsbrief-06

May 19, 2013

Militiamen attacked Mellitah Oil and Gas complex in Zwara, injuring 2 guards and stealing weapons and military vehicles.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/top-libyan-official-benghazi-explosion-accident-19212780#.UZvDS8oQPpU>

May 18, 2013

2 small explosives went off central Tripoli. No casualties or serious damages reported. The first device was planted under a car parked where the embassies of Greece, Saudi Arabia, and Algeria are situated. A second bomb was set off in a car park on al-Nasr Street.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/19/newsbrief-02

May 18, 2013

A soldier was wounded in a drive-by bomb attack at an army checkpoint at the Dubai crossroads in Benghazi.

http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/19/newsbrief-02

May 14, 2013

Car bomb killed at least 3 and injured 17 others outside a hospital in Benghazi.

<http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/Bomb-explodes-outside-Libyan-hospital-20130513>

May 12, 2013

A bomb exploded outside a Benghazi police station in the Gwarsha district. No one was wounded in the attack.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/05/12/another-police-station-attacked-in-benghazi/>

May 12, 2013

The office of the Ports Authority in Janzour was hit by two RPG missiles. No one was wounded in the attack.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/05/12/ports-authority-building-attacked/>

May 11, 2013

Twenty cars were destroyed when a bomb was thrown into a car sales ground in Benghazi's Al-Nahar Street.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/05/11/32831/>

May 10, 2013

A bomb exploded outside the Jamal Street police station in Benghazi. No one was wounded in the attack.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/05/12/another-police-station-attacked-in-benghazi/>

May 10, 2013

A bomb exploded outside the Ras Abeida police station in Benghazi. No one was wounded in the attack.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/05/12/another-police-station-attacked-in-benghazi/>

May 10, 2013

The Hamid Hudairi Sufi shrine in Sebha was extensively damaged in an RPG attack on the site. No one was wounded in the attack.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/05/10/sebha-sufi-shrine-attacked/>

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May 6, 2013

Unknown gunmen assassinated a navy officer in Benghazi. The shooting of Lieutenant Fadil Al-Kikli outside his home in the city's Sabri district latest in series of assassinations targeting Libyan security and military officials. Al-Kikli was a former revolutionary; he had little or no connection with Kadhafi regime. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/07/newsbrief-03

April 27, 2013

A bomb exploded outside Benghazi's Birkah police station, another in a series of attacks on government institutions. The improvised explosive device caused significant damage, but no policemen were hurt in the attack. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/04/29/feature-03

April 26, 2013

Unknown gunmen attacked the defense ministry's Uqba Ibn Nafi battalion in Derna, killing Faisal Omar Akrush, a battalion member. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/04/29/feature-03

April 23, 2013

An air force warrant officer was shot dead outside his Benghazi home. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/24/newsbrief-01

April 23, 2013

A car bomb exploded just outside the French Embassy in Tripoli, injuring 2 French security guards and Libyan girl. <http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/23/world/africa/libya-french-embassy-attack/index.html>

April 13, 2013

3 security officers were killed in an attack on the Sebha police station. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/14/newsbrief-02

April 10, 2013

A former Kadhafi regime official was gunned down in Derna. Ali Al-Sharie, the former head of the local legislative body, was killed in a drive-by shooting as he was leaving the Hamza mosque. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/11/newsbrief-01

April 5, 2013

A security guard was injured when a car bomb exploded in front of a government building in al-Bayda. The nearby buildings were damaged. The blast was followed by gunfire in the west of the town. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/07/newsbrief-02

March 28, 2013

Unknown assailants bombed a major Sufi shrine in Tajoura, Tripoli. No one was wounded in the attack. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/28/libya-shrine-bombing-sufi-mausoleum_n_2971902.html

March 31, 2013

The chief of staff for the Prime Minister, Ali Ghatus, was kidnapped as he was returning to Tripoli from Misrata. http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/04/04/feature-02

March 7, 2013

Several hundred gunmen stormed Alassema TV in Tripoli's Gurgi district, vandalized the building, and kidnapped 5 members of the staff, including the channel's manager and its chief executive officer. <http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/03/07/tripoli-tv-station-attacked-officials-kidnapped/>

March 5, 2013

Armed men shot at GNC President Muhammad Magarief's vehicle as he tried to leave a meeting in southern Tripoli. His vehicle was armored and he was able to escape the assassination attempt unharmed. <http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/03/06/magariefs-vehicle-swap-at-gnc-backfired/>

February 12, 2013

The head of the Arab Contracting Union, Abdulrahman Abdullah Hussein, and his Sudanese driver were kidnapped by armed men on Airport Road in Tripoli. Hussein was released after several days, but the fate of his driver remains unknown. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/02/18/newsbrief-03

February 10, 2013

Colonel Mahmoud Al-Jaaber of the national fire service was kidnapped from his Tripoli office. He has not been found. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/02/13/newsbrief-02

February 3, 2013

Libyan gunmen kidnapped the head of the national identity card program. Naji Bazena was taken from his office in Ras Hassan district of Tripoli. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/02/04/newsbrief-03

January 31, 2013

A bomb exploded at a Benghazi police station. No casualties or major damage to the Al-Birkah facility were reported. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/01/31/newsbrief-01

January 29, 2013

An unused UN building in Benghazi's Ghut Shaal district was hit by two homemade bombs, but there are no reported injuries. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/01/30/newsbrief-01

January 26, 2013

A local councilman was shot and killed by armed men in a car as he left a mosque in the city center of Misrata. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/01/27/newsbrief-02

January 24, 2013

The nephew of Omar El-Hariri, a leading figure in the National Transition Council, was assassinated in Benghazi. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/01/27/newsbrief-02

January 15, 2013

Salah al-Wazri, the former head of a unit in oil facilities protection, was assassinated in the al-Liti area of Benghazi. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/features/2013/01/17/feature-03

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January 15, 2013

An RPG was fired at a commando forces vehicle in Benghazi, killing the driver.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/features/2013/01/17/feature-03

January 14, 2013

A policeman died Monday after a bomb hit his patrol car in the centre of Benghazi. According to witnesses in the Kish area near Fuwaihat, the device was tossed from a passing vehicle.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/01/15/newsbrief-02

January 12, 2013

Italian Consul-General Guido de Sanctis survived an armed attack in Benghazi. Unknown gunners shot at the consul's armoured car outside the Tibesti hotel. There has been no claim of responsibility for the attack.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/01/13/newsbrief-02

January 6, 2013

General National Congress (GNC) President Muhammad Magarief survived an assassination attempt unharmed at his home in Sabha. 3 of his guards were injured in the attempt.
<http://news.yahoo.com/head-libyas-parliament-survives-assassination-attempt-151132665.html>

January 2, 2013

The interim head of the criminal investigation office was kidnapped by armed men in Benghazi.
http://www.elwatan.com/international/un-responsible-de-la-brigade-criminelle-a-ete-enleve-a-benghazi-04-01-2013-198207_112.php

Mali

December 25, 2013

Several terrorists were involved in a rocket attack in the city of Gao.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/27/newsbrief-04

December 14, 2013

2 UN soldiers were killed in a car bomb attack near a bank in Kidal.
<http://www.franceinfo.fr/monde/nord-du-mali-au-moins-deux-soldats-de-l-onu-tues-dans-un-attentat-1248889-2013-12-14>

November 30, 2013

A suicide bomber blew himself up near troops from the UN mission in Mali (MINUSMA). No casualties were reported in the failed attack near Menaka.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/02/newsbrief-02

November 2, 2013

2 French journalists from Radio France were slain in N. Mali, just hours after being abducted by terrorists. They were found about 12 kilometers outside Kidal.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/11/04/feature-02

October 30, 2013

Mali jihadists shelled the Gao airport, but failed to injure Malian and French soldiers stationed at the site.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/10/31/newsbrief-04

October 23, 2013

A car bomb went off in Tessalit in Northern Mali, targeting Chadian UN peacekeepers. The blast resulted in both civilian and military casualties.
http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/5min/20131023-mali-attaque-jihadiste-tessalit-tchad-nord-pays?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

September 29, 2013

A suicide bombing left 4 civilians dead, as well as the 2 bombers, who blew up their vehicle in front of a Malian military base on the outskirts of Timbuktu.
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/30/timbuktu-suicide-bombing-mali_n_4018456.html

May 10, 2013

Suspected Islamists attacked a military camp in Menaka with a car bomb. No one was wounded in the attack, as the Nigerian soldiers stationed there destroyed the vehicle.
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/05/10/us-mali-attack-idUSBRE9490DT20130510>

May 10, 2013

3 suicide bombers attacked a checkpoint in Gossi, injuring 1 soldier. The 3 bombers were killed by soldiers at the checkpoint.
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/05/10/us-mali-attack-idUSBRE9490DT20130510>

May 4, 2013

5 Islamist suicide bombers targeted a military patrol near Gao, leaving 2 Malian soldiers and the attackers dead.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/05/05/newsbrief-05

April 12, 2013

A suicide bomber killed at least 3 Chadian soldiers in Kidal.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/04/14/newsbrief-05

February 27, 2013

6 government allies were killed in a suicide bombing at a checkpoint in Kidal.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/af-rica/militia-official-6-killed-in-suicide-bombing-in-kidal-in-northern-mali/2013/02/27/3cc133e8-80c2-11e2-a671-0307392de8de_story.html

February 22, 2013

3 civilians were killed in a twin suicide car bombing in Inhalil, near Tessalit. The "kamikaze vehicles" targeted civilians and members of Touareg rebel group MNLA.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/02/22/newsbrief-02

February 21, 2013

A car bomb blast injured 2 civilians in Kidal. The car exploded near a camp occupied by Chadian and French soldiers. MUJAO claimed responsibility for the attack.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/02/22/newsbrief-02

February 8, 2013

A suicide bomber attacked the Bourem checkpoint in Gao, killing himself and wounding a Malian soldier.
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/feb/08/mali-first-suicide-bombing>

January 7, 2013

Ansar al-Din, led by AQIM chiefs, launched an assault on the army in Savare, 600km southwest of Gao. The armed Islamists captured at least 12 government soldiers in the attack.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/01/08/newsbrief-01

Niger

May 23, 2013

Suicide bombers detonated 2 car bombs simultaneously, 1 inside a military camp in the city of Agadez and another in the remote town of Arlit at a French-operated uranium mine, killing a total of 26 people and injuring 30. A surviving attacker took a group of soldiers hostage, and authorities were attempting to negotiate their release. Both attacks were claimed by MUJAO.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/car-bomb-attacks-in-niger-target-french-uranium-mine-army-barracks/2013/05/23/abd8f69e-c384-11e2-9642-a56177f1cdf7_story.html

Tunisia

December 2, 2013

A mine blast killed a Tunisian army officer in Jebel Chaambi. The military engineer died while trying to defuse the device.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/12/03/newsbrief-01

November 22, 2013

Salafists attacked the imam at the Rahman mosque in Midoun, Medenine governorate.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/11/25/newsbrief-02

November 19, 2013

Assailants opened fire on the El Kef National Guard security patrol on the road to Sakliet Sidi Youssef. No casualties were reported. Two Salafists were later arrested.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/11/20/newsbrief-03

November 17, 2013

A land mine explosion injured a woman in Henchir Enhal, north of Jebel Chaambi. According to Tunisian security forces, the mine was "recently" planted.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/11/18/newsbrief-01

November 12, 2013

2 security agents were reported injured when a group of 7 Salafists, hiding in an abandoned house, opened fire on a security patrol with Tunisian National Guardsmen in Nagga, Kebili governorate.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/11/12/newsbrief-01

October 30, 2013

A suicide bomber blew himself up in the Tunisian tourist resort of Sousse.
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/30/us-tunisia-blast-idUSBRE99T0DV20131030?irpc=932>

October 16, 2013

2 Tunisian barracks were attacked by armed terrorist groups at the border with Algeria. Both barracks are part of a border surveillance system set up with the Algerians. No one was injured.
<http://www.tsa-algerie.com/actualite/item/2353-deux-attaques-terroristes-repoussees-a-la-frontiere-tunisienne>

September 23, 2013

Tunisian security services thwarted a bomb attack against Sousse-based radio station Jawhara FM.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/23/newsbrief-01

September 17, 2013

Libyan gunmen attempted to storm Tunisia's border post in Mkissem
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/09/17/newsbrief-02

July 31, 2013

A roadside bomb went off as a national guard patrol passed south of Tunis. The remote-controlled bomb exploded just after midnight near Mhamdia. The blast caused no casualties.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/07/31/newsbrief-02

July 29, 2013

A security patrol was struck by a landmine in Mount Chaambi, near the Algerian border. 3 soldiers were injured in the attack.
<http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/30/world/africa/tunis-violence>

July 29, 2013

8 soldiers were killed in ambush near the Algerian border. The attack took place on Mount Chaambi, some 300 kilometers south of Tunis.
<http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/30/world/africa/tunis-violence>

July 27, 2013

An improvised bomb went off in La Goulette, Tunis just hours before Mohamed Brahim's burial, damaging a National Guard vehicle. No one was injured in the explosion.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/07/28/feature-01

July 25, 2013

Opposition politician Mohamed Brahim was assassinated outside his home in Ariana. Authorities blamed the attack on radical Islamists with ties to al-Qaeda.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/features/2013/07/28/feature-01

June 6, 2013

2 Tunisian army officers were killed and 2 others wounded in a mine explosion in Dhogra, in the Jebel Chaambi region. The blast occurred during the army campaign to hunt down terrorists holed up in the mountain forests near Algeria.
http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/newsbriefs/general/2013/06/06/newsbrief-01

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A land mine explosion injured 2 members of the National Guard in the Kasserine region, near the Algerian border. A second detonation later that day wounded another soldier.
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Tunisian opposition leader Chokri Belaid of the Unified Democratic Nationalist party was assassinated outside his home in Tunis by a man who fled on a motorcycle.
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