

Global Terrorism 2010

Below is a chronicle of major acts of terrorism that occurred during 2010.

January

- January 1 Lakki Marwat, Pakistan: A suicide car bomber drove his explosive-laden vehicle into a volleyball pitch as people gathered to watch a match.
- January 2 Aarhus, Denmark: In an incident said to be terror-related, a Somali man broke into Danish cartoonist Kurt Westergaard's home threatening to kill the man with an axe. Westergaard escaped harm when he entered a panic room and called for police, who shot the man. According to the Danish intelligence agency PET, the Somali man is affiliated with al-Shaabab, a radical Islamic militia currently in Somalia.
- January 7 Nag Hammadi, Egypt: Muslim gunmen shot at a number of Coptic Christians leaving church after celebrating the midnight Christmas mass according to the Coptic calendar (see Nag Hammadi massacre)
- January 7 Srinagar, India: Three people, including a policeman, were killed when Lashkar-e-Taiba members took in Lal Chowk. Two of the assailants and a bank official died in the ensuing siege by security forces.
- January 8 Randalstown, Northern Ireland: A Police Service of Northern Ireland officer was wounded when a bomb exploded underneath his car in Randalstown, County Antrim.
- January 9 Athens, Greece: A bomb damaged the Greek parliament building in Athens. No one was killed or injured in the bomb blast.
- January 21 Zamboanga City, Philippines: Suspected Abu Sayyaf militants detonated a bomb near the house of a Basilan province mayor. One teenager was injured

February

- February 1 Mediterranean coastal plain, Israel: The Popular Resistance Committees (PRC), a Palestinian militant group in the Gaza Strip with close ties to Hamas, tried to carry out an attack on Israel by means of bombs placed in barrels and sent into the Mediterranean Sea from the Gaza coast.
- February 3 Lower Dir, Pakistan: A suicide bomber attacked a Pakistani Frontier Corps convoy. The US embassy said its military personnel had been training Pakistan's Frontier Corps in counter-insurgency.
- February 7 Peshawar, Pakistan: Pakistani forces captured a stronghold of al Qaeda-backed militants near the Afghan border after days of clashes in which 60 militants were killed.
- February 10 Kfar Tapuach, West Bank: A Palestinian Authority police officer stabbed to death a Druze Arab IDF soldier while he was sitting in a jeep stopped at a traffic light at the Tapuach junction.

- February 13 Pune, India: A bomb exploded at the German Bakery in Pune, a famous and touristic eatery.
- February 14 Bujanovac, Serbia: An ethnic Albanian policeman was injured by an explosion in Bujanovac, Serbia.
- February 14 Austin, Texas: United States Andrew Joseph Stack III crashes his plane into an IRS building in Austin, Texas killing himself and a person inside the building and injuring 13 others. The crash caused a serious fire and significant damage to the building.
- February 26 Kabul, Afghanistan: A suicide bomber detonated in an area including a shopping centre, guest house and hotel in the Afghan capital, with gunfire heard after at least two blasts.

March

- March 1 Kfar Hashiloah, Jerusalem: An Israeli security guard was lightly injured in his leg when gunshots were fired at a jeep in which he was travelling near Beit Yehonatan in Kfar Shiloah, a village in southeastern Jerusalem.
- March 4 Baghdad, Iraq: Three attacks occurred in Baghdad. The first incident involved a mortar attack on a crowded market. Two suicide bombers then detonated in different areas of the city. It is known that polling stations were the target in both of these suicide attacks. These attacks come as voting occurs on the first day of voting in Iraq's parliamentary elections.
- March 5 Kigali, Rwanda: Two near-simultaneous grenade explosions at a car-washing yard and at a bus station injured 16 people. Hutu militia was blamed.
- March 8 - March 12 Lahore, Pakistan: Three suicide bombings occurred on two separate days, in which a car bomb struck a Federal Investigation Agency's office, and the other two suicide bombers detonated simultaneously whilst targeting a passing military convoy within the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore, which is located in eastern Pakistan.
- March 16 Indian-administered Kashmir, India: Suspected militants conducted two attacks on markets in Indian-administered Kashmir. The first attack occurred in Srinagar, whereas the second assault however took place within the northern town of Sopore.
- March 16 Dammarie-lès-Lys, France: Ten ETA members shot dead a French gendarme, Jean Serge Nerin, 53 years old, in Dammarie-lès-Lys, near Paris. Spanish government confirmed the shooting took place after a patrol of the local police found several people robbing a garage of vehicles. One suspect was arrested on the spot and identified himself as a member of ETA. This is the first time that ETA, which had always targeted Spanish officials and policemen, kills a French national policeman.
- March 18 Netiv Ha'asara area, Israel: A Thai greenhouse worker was killed when a Kassam rocket fired by Gaza militants exploded in the moshav where he was working. An al-Qaida-inspired small Islamist faction called Ansar al-Sunna claimed responsibility for the attack.
- March 24 Buenaventura, Colombia: A car bomb detonated in the centre of the Colombian pacific port of Buenaventura, near the mayor's office and the local public prosecutor's building. No group has claimed responsibility for this attack although left-wing FARC rebels are suspected.
- March 26 Israel-Gaza border, Gaza Strip: Two Israelis were killed and three were wounded when a team of soldiers from Golani's Battalion entered Gaza after several men were seen placing explosive devices near the Israeli border fence. Then the soldiers were ambushed and attacked

with mortar shells and gunfire from inside the Strip. Hamas and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack.

- March 29 Moscow, Russia: Two female Shahidka suicide bombers detonated their explosive-belts on the Moscow Metro system at the peak of the morning rush hour.
- March 31 Kizlyar, Russia: A suicide car bomber detonated outside the offices of the local interior ministry and the FSB intelligence agency. Another suicide bomber impersonating as a police officer then detonates 20 minutes later on the same street as a crowd gathered.
- March 31 Khyber, Pakistan: Militants attacked a Pakistani Frontier Corps camp in the tribal region of Khyber in north-western Pakistan. It has been reported that dozens of militants assaulted the camp after a suicide car bomber blew a hole in one of its walls.

April

- April 2 Kashmir, India: Rail service in the Pulwama district was attacked by Separatist militants, using a bomb which destroyed nearly two feet of track, disrupting service.
- April 4 Dagestan, Russia: A train was partially derailed by an explosion.[30] The train was on its way from the Azerbaijani capital of Baku to Moscow. No casualties were reported. The attack was carried out by the Caucasus Mujahideen.
- April 4 Baghdad, Iraq: Three suicide car bombers hit in the centre of Iraq's capital city, Baghdad. One explosion reportedly occurred near to the Iranian embassy whereas the other two explosions were detonated in the west-central Mansour district within the city. The Islamic State of Iraq claimed responsibility for the attacks. It has also been reported that at least one of these blasts struck near to the offices of a pro-Iranian politician, Ahmed Chalabi.
- April 9 Ingushetia, Russia: A female suicide bomber attacked police officers, killing the head of a district police department in the southern Russian republic of Ingushetia.
- April 10 Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province, Thailand: Three bomb were hidden at a high voltage electricity pole in Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province. Only two of the bombs exploded. No one was injured in the bombings and little damage was done by the bombs.
- April 13 Isabela, Philippines: Rebels from Abu Sayyaf were blamed for an attempted kidnapping in Isabela city in which 10 were killed and 13 injured, at least 3 of the dead were Marines and 5 were rebels. At least six people were killed in an first explosion near a sports field, while another explosion wounded 13 civilians near a Roman Catholic cathedral before a third bomb was detonated by soldiers. Lieutenant-General Ben Dolorfino said the attackers "were Abu Sayyaf members wearing army and police uniforms. Based on our initial assessments, these people were out to kidnap somebody and the explosions were part of the diversion, but our troops quickly responded to foil their plan." Major General, Juancho Sabban, head of the marines, said "I think (the attack) is meant to create havoc.... Definitely it falls under terrorism."
- April 15 Yangon, Burma: Three explosions went off at a park in the former capital of Yangon, Myanmar's commercial hub. These explosions happened as revellers gathered for a New Year water festival. Most of the pavilions on the U Htaungbo Road are run by companies said to be close to the governing authorities. Previous explosions were also blamed on dissident or ethnic rebels.
- April 17 Samsun, Turkey: Unidentified gunmen targeted a patrol car in the Ladik district of Samsun. Huseyin Koc was killed instantly in the crossfire, while his colleague, Malik Soysal, succumbed to injuries at a hospital. The Governor of Samsun, Hasan Basri Guzeloglu, said initial

findings indicate the attack was a "terrorist ambush." Adding that an operation had been launched by security forces to find the perpetrators.

- April 19 Peshawar, Pakistan: A suicide bomber detonated his explosives at a marketplace during a public protest in the Pakistani city of Peshawar, which is located in north-western Pakistan.
- April 23 Anbar, Baghdad, Iraq: A wave of bomb attacks occurred across the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. Most of these attacks were near Shia mosques during prayers, it was affirmed that one bomb went off near the offices of a prominent Shia cleric. Another attack outside the capital involved a series of co-ordinated bombs being detonated in Khaldiya in Anbar province. Reports claimed the attacks were retaliation for the killings of three senior Al-Qaeda leaders by Iraqi security forces.
- April 26 Sana'a, Yemen: A suicide bomber disguised as a schoolboy attempted to kill the British ambassador to Yemen, Tim Torlot, when he threw himself into the path of the convoy Tim was travelling in.

May

- May 1 Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkaria, Russia: A bomb exploded in the VIP lodge of a hippodrome during horse races within the city of Nalchik.
- May 1 New York City, New York, United States: New York's Times Square was evacuated after the discovery of a car bomb. US government believes radical Islamists in the Pakistani Taliban directed the plot, and may have financed it
- May 8 Hakkari Province, Sirnak Province, Turkey: Two separate bomb explosions killed two Turkish soldiers, whilst they were on patrol in the border districts of both the Hakkari and Sirnak provinces within the country.
- May 9 Dagestan, North Caucasus, Russia: Two suicide bombers in a car attempted to target a military base in the city of Dagestan, but detonated when they were stopped by a policeman 100 meters away from the base.
- May 10 Jacksonville, Florida, United States: A man used a pipe bomb to attack a mosque. The bomb exploded while about 60 Muslims were praying in the mosque. The attack caused no injuries.
- May 12 Žač, Serbia: Serbian refugees who returned to the village of Žač near Istok and KFOR soldiers were fired at during the night.
- May 14 Thessaloniki, Greece A bomb exploded inside court house in Thessaloniki. One person was injured in the blast and there was some damage to the building.
- May 14 Hyderabad, India: Two man on a motorcycle opened fire at a group of police in Hyderabad, India. One officer was killed and two others wounded in the shooting.
- May 18 Ottawa, Ontario, Canada: A firebombing occurred around 3:30 a.m. in The Glebe neighbourhood at a Royal Bank of Canada branch. The anarchist[56] group responsible cited the sponsorship of the 2010 Winter Olympics as its motive and warned of further attacks against the upcoming G8 and G20 meetings. Police are confident of containing the threat and some officers called the attack "domestic terrorism."

- May 23 Chechnya, Russia: Two terrorist militants are found disillusioned in a Woods near Serzhen-Yurt, in the Shali district of Chechnya. The militants refused to surrender and put up armed resistance, opening fire on law enforcement officers.
- May 26 Stavropol, Russia: A bomb explosion occurred inside a cafeteria, in the center of the city of Stavropol within southern Russia.
- May 27 Malgobek, Ingushetia, Russia: This terrorist attack took place on May 27, near the cafe on the edge of town. No one injured.
- May 28 Lahore, Pakistan: This terrorist attack took place on May 28, on two Ahmadi mosques simultaneously.
- May 30 Şırnak Province, Siirt Province, Antakya, Turkey PKK rebels launched a series of attacks against security forces and village guardsmen within three Turkish provinces.
- May 31 Khost Province, Afghanistan A suicide car bomber struck an Afghan military building in Khost Province killing 19 and wounded 23.

June

- June 2 Hakkari Province, Turkey: PKK militants clashed with Turkish soldiers near the town of Cukurca, within the Hakkari Province, in the south-east of the country.
- June 8 Istanbul, Turkey: A bomb attack injured 15 policemen. The attack was claimed by TAK.
- June 9 Diyala, Iraq A suicide bomber on a motorcycle blew himself up near a U.S military vehicle, in the central Iraqi province of Diyala.
- June 11 Jerusalem: A Palestinian militant attempted to run over two border policemen in the Wadi Joz neighborhood, close to the Old City Walls. Other members of the border police force that were at the scene shot and critically wounded the driver as he tried to escape. The two policemen were lightly injured and received medical treatment on the spot.
- June 11 Lakhdaria, Algeria: A truck bomb exploded next to a police roadblock in city of Lakhdaria. The bombing killed four and wounded 20 people and police.
- June 14 Al Fawar Junction, south of Hebron, West Bank: Command Sgt.Maj. Yehoshua (Shuki) Sofer 39, of Beersheba, was killed and three policemen wounded when Palestinian militants opened fire on their vehicle on route 60.
- June 15 Sirnak Province, Turkey: A bomb explosion targeting Turkish military personnel, occurred within the Sirnak Province of eastern Turkey.
- June 17 Aughnacloy, Northern Ireland: Dissident republicans were believed to be responsible for a 300 lb van bomb that was left outside a police station in the town of Aughnacloy. The bomb was defused.
- June 19 Aden, Yemen: Gunmen opened fire at the Yemeni security service HQ and stormed into the complex, releasing several prisoners in the city of Aden, as well as killing thirteen people and wounded a dozen others in the process.
- June 19 Semdinli, Turkey PKK rebels killed ten Turkish soldiers in an attack in the city of Semdinli.

- June 22 Istanbul, Turkey A bomb explosion occurred next to a military bus carrying Turkish soldiers and their relatives in Turkey's largest city of Istanbul. PKK militants are being suspected for carrying out this latest attack.
- June 22 Keady, Northern Ireland A bomb was found inside a beer keg in Keady. The Army made the bomb safe. It is believed that the bomb was planted there to ambush police on 18 June as a number of fires were started.
- June 24 Athens, Greece: A bomb explosion occurred near to the offices of Greece's public order ministry within the Greek capital city of Athens.
- June 25 Elazig Province, Turkey: PKK militants assaulted a group of villagers who were on their way home, killing and wounding both Turkish soldiers and civilians in the process.
- June 27 Bugojno, Bosnia and Herzegovina A police officer was killed and five officers injured after a car bomb exploded inside a police headquarters in Bugojno. At 05:00(CET) when over 25 police officer was inside the building when the bomb exploded.

July

- July 1 Lahore, Pakistan: Two suicide bombers blew themselves up in Lahore.
- July 2 Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo: A bomb exploded during a demonstration against the opening of a government office in the Serbian enclave in the North of Mitrovica. The dead man was a Bosniak who lived in the Bosnian Mahal.
- July 5 Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo: A Serbian politician, named Petar Miletic, who is an elected Mp for Serbs in Kosovo was shot 4 times on the leg outside his apartment in Northern Mitrovica. He may have been shot because he is one of the few Serbs who collaborate with Kosovan institutions.
- July 7 Baghdad, Iraq: A Suicide bombing killed more than 70 people and some 400 have been wounded in bomb attacks on Shia pilgrims converging on a shrine in northern Baghdad.
- July 9 Mohmand Agency, Pakistan: A suicide bomb attack at a tribal meeting killed at least 104 people and wounded more than 120. This was the deadliest attack in the country so far in 2010.
- July 10 Belleeks, Northern Ireland: A bomb exploded on a stone bridge in South Armagh. No one was injured or killed in the attack.
- July 12
- Bombing Kampala, Uganda: Several suicide bombings were carried out in Kampala around crowds watching the World Cup. July 2010 Kampala attacks.
- July 13 Cipolletti, Rio Negro Province: In an incident labelled as a "terrorist act" by Interior Ministry, a bomb exploded in a police academy school and killed a municipal employee. A second bomb was defused at the scene.
- July 15 Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchistan Province, Iran: Two suicide bombers at Shi'ite mosque by Sunni-Baloch group Jundullah, whose leader was executed in 2010 in Tehran.
- July 27 Strait of Hormuz, near Oman: A Japanese tanker was damaged in an explosion, one person was injured. Militant islamist Abdullah Azzam Brigades claimed one of its suicide bombers was responsible for the attack.

August

- August 3 Derry, Northern Ireland: A car bomb explodes outside PSNI station.
- August 4 Bangor, Northern Ireland: A bomb was found under a soldier's car in Bangor. The army carried out a controlled explosion. No one was killed or injured in the attack. It came a day after a car bomb exploded at a police station in Derry.
- August 10 Cookstown, Northern Ireland: A car-bomb partially exploded under a PSNI civilian worker's car. He escaped uninjured. Nearby residents, a creche and a supermarket were evacuated until the device was made safe.
- August 12 Bogota, Colombia: A suspected car bomb has exploded near the studios of a major radio station in the north of the Colombian capital, Bogota. Television pictures showed a bus with shattered windows and panicked residents in the streets following the explosion, which happened at around 0530 (1130 GMT), as the Caracol Radio morning show began.
- August 14 Lurgan, Northern Ireland: Three children are injured when a "no-warning" bomb exploded in a bin, in what the PSNI claim was an attempt to "kill police or injure police officers providing a service to this community as they responded to a neighbouring area following a very vague warning that a device had been left at a local school."
- August 17 Vladikavkaz, North Ossetia: Two policemen were killed and three others injured by a suicide bomber.
- August 17 Baghdad, Iraq: At least 69 people killed and more than 170 injured in a suicide attack on an army recruitment centre.
- August 25 Iraq: A series of suicide bombings, car bombings and IED attacks occurred across various cities and towns across the country of Iraq.
- August 31 Kiryat Arba, West Bank: August 2010 West Bank shooting, 4 Israeli civilians, including a pregnant woman, were killed by Hamas militants while driving on route 60. Witnesses say the victims were gunned down in their seats. Israeli sources described the incident as one of the "worst" acts of terror in recent years by Palestinian militants.

September

- September 1: Three bombings kill 25 and injure 170 in Lahore, Pakistan.
- September 1 Kiryat Arba, West Bank: 2 Israeli civilians were wounded after their vehicle came under fire by Palestinian militants while driving between Kokhav Ya'akov and Rimonim Junction.
- September 3 Quetta, Pakistan: Two suicide bombings against a Shiite's Quds Day procession and an Ahmadi mosque kill several people.
- September 3 Dubai, UAE: A smoke bomb may have been responsible for the downing of a UPS Boeing Co. 747-400 Cargo Plane in Dubai. The plane was headed to Cologne, Germany. After numerous attempts to land in a government-owned landing facility, the plane crashed into the parking lot and bounced before it landed, leaving a crash site one kilometer long. There were no ground casualties, but the two pilots were killed. The two pilots were Americans. One from Florida and one from Kentucky.

- September 6 Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan Nineteen people died when a suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden truck into a police station when there were many school children passing by. The Pakistani Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack.
- September 10 Copenhagen, Denmark: In an incident suggested to be terror-related aimed at Danish newspaper Morgenavisen Jyllands-Posten's office in Aarhus, a man of Chechnyan origin allegedly caused an explosion in the basement of a Copenhagen hotel. After the unsuccessful attack, the perpetrator fled to the nearby H.C. Ørstedsparken, where he was caught by the Danish police. The police feared the that man had an undetonated bomb in his backpack and avoided coming near the man, until the detonation machine known as "Rullemarie", shot at the backpack to confirm that the content was harmless.
- September 1 Hakkâri Province, Turkey: The attack occurred when a remote-controlled device explodes, on a minibus in the Turkish village of Gecitli in southeastern Hakkari near the borders with Iraq and Iran. 12 people have died, and another 3 were injured.
- September 28: The 2010 European terror plot was an alleged Pakistan-based Al-Qaeda plot to launch "commando-style" terror attacks on France, Britain, and Germany.[108] The existence of the plot was revealed in late September 2010 after it was disrupted by intelligence agencies.

October

- October 1 Abuja, Nigeria: Two car bombings in the capital city occurred during celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the nation's independence.
- October 4 Derry, Northern Ireland: A carbomb left by the Real IRA explodes outside an Ulster Bank branch, injuring two police officers and causing extensive damage.
- October 7 Sanandaj, Iran: The gunmen connected to counter-revolutionary cells opened fire on a police petrol vehicle and pedestrians in the Azadi square of Sanandaj in Kurdistan province, said police official Ebrahim Kazeminejad on Thursday.
- October 19 Grozny, Chechnya, Russia: Three suicide militant commandos attacked and stormed into the Chechen Parliament, killing police officers and employees, before detonating their explosive-belts in the capital city of Grozny, which is located within the southern Russian republic of Chechnya, of southern Russia.
- October 29:Two packages, each containing a bomb consisting of 300 to 400 grams (11–14 oz) of plastic explosives and a detonating mechanism, were found on separate cargo planes. The bombs were discovered as a result of intelligence received from Saudi Arabia's security chief. They were bound from Yemen to the United States, and were discovered at en route stop-overs, in England and in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.
- October 29:The 2010 Istanbul bomb blast was a suicide bombing which took place on Taksim Square in Istanbul, Turkey on 31 October 2010 at 10:34.

November

- November 11: A truck laden with explosives was blasted at the CID building killing at least 18 and injuring more than 100 in one of the most sensitive locations of Karachi, Pakistan. The blast was preceded by a gunfight between the militants and law enforcement officials.

- November 18: Police discover a detonator, batteries and a ticking clock in Namibia's Windhoek Airport apparently due to be loaded on an aircraft bound for Munich, Germany.[119][120] It was assumed that its intention was to test airport security.
- November 26: Mohamed Osman Mohamud plans to detonate what he thought was a car bomb at a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Portland, Oregon, but was actually part of a FBI Sting operation. He was arrested and charged with attempted terrorism.

December

- December 11: Two explosions occurred in the capital city of Stockholm, one triggered by a car bomb and another suicide bomb which likely killed the assailant. The bombings have been linked to e-mail threats over Swedish involvement in the War in Afghanistan and the ongoing Muhammed cartoon controversy.
- December 25: A female suicide bomber blows herself up in the middle of a crowd at a United Nations food center in the Bajaur region.