

# List of terrorist incidents in 2012

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This is a list of terrorist incidents which took place in 2012, including attacks by violent non-state actors for political motives. Note that terrorism related to drug wars and cartel violence is not included in these lists. Ongoing military conflicts are listed separately.

- To be included, entries must be notable (have a stand-alone article) and described by a consensus of reliable sources as "terrorism".
- List entries must comply with the guidelines outlined in the manual of style under MOS:TERRORIST.
- Casualty figures in this list are the total casualties of the incident including immediate casualties and later casualties (such as people who succumbed to their wounds long after the attacks occurred).
- Casualties listed are the victims. Perpetrator casualties are listed separately (e.g. x (+y) indicate that x victims and y perpetrators were killed/injured).
- Casualty totals may be underestimated or unavailable due to a lack of information. A figure with a plus (+) sign indicates that at least that many people have died (e.g. 10+ indicates that at least 10 people have died) – the actual toll could be considerably higher. A figure with a plus (+) sign may also indicate that over that number of people are victims.
- If casualty figures are 20 or more, they will be shown in **bold**. In addition, figures for casualties more than 50 will also be underlined.
- Incidents are limited to one per location per day. If multiple attacks occur in the same place on the same day, they will be merged into a single incident.

Date	Type	Dead	Injured	Location	Article	Details	Perpetrator
5 January	Suicide bombings, bombings	73+	149	<u>Nasiriyah</u> and <u>Baghdad</u> , Iraq	<u>5 January 2012 Iraq bombings</u>	A <u>wave of bombings</u> targeting Shia Muslims across Iraq killed more than 70 and injured almost 150 others. A suicide bomber blew himself up in Nasiriyah, killing 44 and injuring 81. In Baghdad at least 4 bombs exploded in the northern districts of <u>Kadhimiya</u> and <u>Sadr City</u> , killing 29 and injuring 68. <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>Islamic State of Iraq</u> ( <i>suspected</i> )

6–7 January	Shootings, mortar attacks, IEDs	8	50	<a href="#">Baghdad, Mosul and Balad, Iraq</a>	<a href="#">5 January 2012 Iraq bombings</a>	A string of shootings and bombings followed the wave of bombings two days earlier. Most of the attacks appeared to target Shia Muslims and there was a mortar attack directed at the <a href="#">Green Zone</a> during a military parade. At least 8 were killed in two days of violence and dozens more were injured. <sup>[2][3]</sup>	
6 January	Suicide bombing	26+	63+	<a href="#">Damascus, Syria</a>	<a href="#">January 2012 al-Midan bombing</a>	A suicide bomber blew his explosive vest in the <a href="#">Al-Midan</a> district of the Syrian capital. State TV showed images of chaos after the attack near a police station and a bus full of recruits, while senior officials vowed to strike back with an "iron fist". The <a href="#">Syrian National Council</a> , the <a href="#">Muslim Brotherhood</a> and the <a href="#">Free Syrian Army</a> , accused the government of orchestrating this to reduce attention on its crackdown and to justify its alleged brutality.	<a href="#">Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant</a>

10 January	Car bombing	29	50	<u>Jamrud, Khyber Agency, Pakistan</u>	<u>2012 Khyber Agency bombing</u>	A suspected car bombing near a fueling station in Jamrud killed at least 29 and left 50 injured. The city, which lies 25 km west of <u>Peshawar</u> , is considered the gateway to the <u>Khyber Pass</u> used by <u>NATO</u> fuel convoys to bring supplies into <u>Afghanistan</u> . This is the first major attack in the country in almost four months, an unusually quiet period in recent years. <sup>[5][6]</sup>
14 January	Suicide bombing, IEDs, car bombing	55	141	<u>Basra, Iraq</u>	<u>14 January 2012 Basra bombing</u>	A suicide bomber dressed as a policeman attacked a crowd of Shiite pilgrims and security forces at a checkpoint in the southern city of Basra, killing at least 53. At least 130 others were injured in the blast, which coincided with several other small attacks in Tikrit, Mosul and Baqubah. At least two were killed and 11 injured in these incidents. <sup>[7][8]</sup>

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17 January	Shooting, kidnapping	5	3 <u>Afar Region,</u> Ethiopia	<u>2012 Afar</u> <u>region tourist</u> <u>attack</u>	Unidentified attackers shot and killed at least 5 foreign tourists and kidnapped 4 people near the <u>Erta Ale</u> volcano in Ethiopia's northern Afar Region. At least three other tourists were injured and two Germans were among the kidnapped together with 2 Ethiopians. The dead included two Germans, two Hungarians and one Austrian. The government placed the blame on "members of a group that was trained and armed by the <u>Eritrean</u> <u>government</u> . A number of insurgent groups from Ethiopia, Eritrea and <u>Djibouti</u> operate in the area. <sup>[9][10]</sup>
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10 February	Suicide car bombings	28	235	<u>Aleppo</u> , Syria	<u>February 2012</u> <u>Aleppo</u> <u>bombings</u>	Two huge bombings shook the city of Aleppo, targeting the security and military headquarters in the Syrian city. Government sources and state media said the blasts were caused by two suicide car bombs. Among the 28 victims were 24 members of the security forces and 4 civilians, and at least 235 others were wounded. At first, deputy commander of the FSA Malik al-Kurdi claimed the bombings. <sup>[11]</sup> The <u>Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant</u> later claimed responsibility for this and other <u>attacks</u> in Syria.	<u>Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant</u> or <u>Free Syrian Army</u> .
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13 February	Car bomb	0	4	New Delhi, India	<u>2012 attacks on Israeli diplomats</u>	An <u>Israeli</u> diplomat's car exploded near the Indian prime minister's residence in New Delhi on Monday, injuring the wife of an embassy staff member and at least three other people, in what appeared to be a coordinated, two-pronged terror attack against Israeli missions in India and <u>Georgia</u> . Israeli Prime Minister <u>Benjamin Netanyahu</u> immediately blamed the strikes on <u>Iran</u> and Lebanon-based <u>Hezbollah</u> . <sup>[13]</sup> In an investigation report, <u>Delhi Police</u> concluded that the perpetrators were members of <u>Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps</u> . <sup>[14]</sup>	<u>Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps</u>
19 February	Suicide bombing	19	26	<u>Baghdad, Iraq</u>	<u>2012 Baghdad police academy bombing</u>	A suicide car bomber killed 19 police officers and cadets in front of a Baghdad academy in the deadliest attack in the country since 27 January. At least 26 others were injured in the blast, most of them new recruits for the <u>security forces</u> .	

27 February	Stabbings	24	18	<u>Yecheng, China</u>	<u>2012 Yecheng attack</u>	At around 6 p.m. on February 28, 2012, a group of eight Uyghur men led by religious extremist Abudukeremu Mamuti attacked pedestrians with axes and knives on a crowded street. Local police fought with Mamuti's group, ultimately killing all and capturing Mamuti. One police officer died and four police were injured, while 15 pedestrians died from Mamuti's assault and 14 more civilians were injured. <sup>[16]</sup>	<u>East Turkestan Islamic Movement</u> (suspected)
11–22 March	Shootings	7 (+1)	5	<u>Toulouse and Montauban, France</u>	<u>Toulouse and Montauban shootings</u>	<u>Mohammed Merah</u> shot and killed three French paratroopers in two separate incidents in and around the city of Toulouse in the south of the country. On March 10 a lone paratrooper was killed in Toulouse and five days later three other soldiers were attacked near a cash machine in <u>Montauban</u> , 50 kilometers south of Toulouse. Merah, who drove a black motorbike, managed to kill two of them and critically injure the third. In all cases the soldiers were from immigrant families. <sup>[17]</sup>	Mohammed Merah

17 March	Car bombings	27	140	<u>Damascus, Syria</u>	<u>March 2012 Damascus bombings</u>	Two large explosions shook the Syrian capital early in the day after car bombs were detonated in front of the aviation intelligence and criminal security departments. At least 27 people were confirmed killed and scores more injured. The government was again quick to place the blame on terrorists, while the opposition maintained that the attacks are orchestrated. The <u>Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant</u> later claimed responsibility for this and several other high-profile attacks. <sup>[18]</sup>	<u>Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant</u>
20 March	Suicide bombings, car bombs, shootings	52	~250	<u>Baghdad and 10 other cities, Iraq</u>	<u>20 March 2012 Iraq attacks</u>	A wave of attacks across the country took the lives of at least 50 people and left scores injured. Numerous car bombings and suicide attacks shook Baghdad, as well as <u>Karbala</u> in the south and <u>Kirkuk</u> in the north, among others. The <u>Islamic State of Iraq</u> claimed responsibility for the wave of bombings and promised to disrupt the upcoming <u>Arab League summit</u> .	<u>Islamic State of Iraq</u>



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31 March	Bombings	16	321	<u>Yala and Hat Yai, Thailand</u>	<u>2012 Southern Thailand bombings</u>	<p>Three large bombs went off in the business district of the southern city of Yala around lunchtime, killing at least eleven and injuring more than 110 others.</p> <p>Separately, a powerful blast took place in a high-rise hotel in the neighboring <u>Songkhla Province</u>. Authorities initially believed this to be a gas leak, but further investigation produced the burnt out shell of a car bomb inside the hotel's parking lot. This second attack killed at least five and left more than 220 wounded.<sup>[21]</sup></p>	<u>Patani United Liberation Organisation</u> suspected
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15 April	Suicide bombings, firefights, sieges	51	44	<u>Kabul</u> and <u>Nangarhar</u> , <u>Paktia</u> and <u>Logar</u> provinces, <u>Afghanistan</u>	<u>April 2012 Afghanistan attacks</u>	<p>Numerous groups of armed militants staged highly coordinated attacks in four Afghan provinces and the capital Kabul. Among the targets were the U.S., German, British and Russian <u>Embassies</u>, <u>NATO</u> bases, the Afghan Parliament, airports and a military academy. The siege in Kabul's heavily guarded diplomatic quarter started around 1 PM and went on for 18 hours, with at least 51 casualties confirmed. Among the dead were 8 Afghan soldiers and four civilians. The <u>Afghan Taliban</u> claimed responsibility for the assault in a statement, adding that the attacks were in revenge for the recent <u>burning of copies of the Quran</u> and the <u>Kandahar massacre</u>. Many senior officials, as well as the lone captured attacker, placed the blame on the <u>Haqqani Network</u>.<sup>[22]</sup></p>	<u>Afghan Taliban</u> , <u>Haqqani Network</u> suspected
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27 April	Bombings	0	27	<u>Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine</u>	<u>2012 Dnipropetrovsk explosions</u>	At least four explosions hit the Ukrainian city of <u>Dnipropetrovsk</u> , leaving 27 people injured, including at least 9 children. No group has claimed responsibility and authorities are still searching for a motive. The city is the birthplace of jailed opposition leader <u>Yulia Timoshenko</u> . <sup>[23]</sup>	
10 May	Suicide car bombings	55	~400	<u>Damascus, Syria</u>	<u>10 May 2012 Damascus bombings</u>	A pair of suicide bombers detonated two vehicles packed more than 1,000 kilograms of explosives in front of a military intelligence building in the Syrian capital Damascus. At least 55 people died in the attack and almost 400 others were injured, as the 10-story complex lost its complete facade. The Al-Nusra Front claimed responsibility for the bombing, which is the <u>deadliest terrorist attack</u> in the 16 month conflict and the fourth major attack in the capital. <sup>[24]</sup>	<u>Al-Nusra Front to Protect the Levant</u>

19 May	School Bombing	1	5	<u>Brindisi, Italy</u>	<u>Brindisi school bombing</u>	Giovanni Vantaggiato, a 68-year-old storekeeper, detonated three gas cylinder bombs hidden in a rubbish bin in front of the "Morvillo Falcone" vocational school. The attack killed one student and injured other 5 girls. Vantaggiato, arrested on June 8, justified his deed as a form of protest, giving generic answers.	
21 May	Suicide bombing	120+	350+	<u>Sana'a, Yemen</u>	<u>2012 Sanaa bombing</u>	A suicide bomber dressed as a soldier blew himself up during a rehearsal for the annual Unity Day parade in the Yemeni capital Sana'a. At least 120 people were killed and hundreds more were injured, as several high-ranking officials escaped unharmed. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for the attack. <sup>[27][28]</sup>	<u>Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula</u>

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13 June	Car bombings, shootings	93	312 <a href="#">Baghdad</a> and six other cities, <a href="#">Iraq</a>	<a href="#">13 June 2012 Iraq attacks</a>	<p>A wave of attacks across Iraq killed 93 people and injured scores more in the country's bloodiest day since <a href="#">coordinated attacks in January 2011</a> left more than 130 dead. At least 10 bombings took place across the capital, most of them aimed at Shi'ite pilgrims celebrating a religious holiday. In the central and southern parts of the country, attacks took place in <a href="#">Karbala</a>, <a href="#">Balad</a>, <a href="#">Taji</a> and <a href="#">Hillah</a>, where two car bombs killed at least 22 at a local restaurant frequented by policemen. Bombings shook Kirkuk as well, including an explosion at the headquarters for <a href="#">Kurdish President Massoud Barzani</a> that killed a bystander and left several others injured. Separately, unidentified gunmen shot and killed at least three security officers in the capital Baghdad.<sup>[29][30]</sup></p>	<a href="#">Islamic State of Iraq</a>
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29 June	Airplane hijacking	2	13	<u>Hotan, Xinjiang, China</u>	<u>Tianjin Airlines Flight GS7554</u>	On a flight between <u>Hotan</u> and <u>Urumqi</u> , six <u>ethnic Uyghur</u> men, one of whom allegedly professed his motivation as <u>jihād</u> , announced their intent to <u>violently hijacking</u> . In the ensuing resistance by passengers, two hijackers were killed, and a second two hospitalized; 13 passengers and crew were injured by the aluminum crutch and explosive-armed hijackers, according to <u>Chinese</u> media.
18 July	Suicide bombing	6 (+1)	30+	<u>Burgas, Bulgaria</u>	<u>2012 Burgas bus bombing</u>	A suicide bomber onboard a bus in Bulgaria killed 5 Israeli tourists and the bus driver. <sup>[34]</sup> <u>Hezbollah</u> <sup>[35]</sup>

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18 July	Bombing	4	2 <u>Damascus, Syria</u>	<u>18 July 2012 Damascus bombing</u>	A remotely operated bomb exploded in the National Security Building on <u>Rawda Square</u> in <u>Damascus</u> during a meeting of Cabinet ministers and senior security officials. Syrian state media reported that <u>Minister of Defense Dawoud Rajiha</u> was killed along with deputy vice president <u>Hasan Turkmani</u> and <u>Assef Shawkat</u> , Bashar al-Assad's brother-in-law and deputy defense minister. Several other senior officials were seriously injured, including interior minister <u>Mohammad Ibrahim al-Shaar</u> and the country's intelligence chief <u>Hisham Bekhtyar</u> , who died two days after the attack. The group Liwa al Islam ("The Brigade of Islam") and the Free Syrian Army both claimed responsibility for the bombing. <sup>[36]</sup>	<u>Free Syrian Army.</u>
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23 July	Car bombings, suicide bombings, shootings	116	299	across <u>Iraq</u>	<u>23 July 2012 Iraq attacks</u>	At least 116 people were killed in bombings and gun attacks across Iraq in a coordinated surge of violence against mostly Shi'ite Muslim targets. The deadliest attacks occurred north of <u>Baghdad</u> , where insurgents attacked an army post near Dhuluiya and set off at least seven car bombs in nearby <u>Taji</u> , killing a total of 48 and leaving scores injured. Explosions rocked the capital's <u>Sadr City</u> neighborhood, as well as <u>Kirkuk</u> , <u>Mosul</u> , <u>Samarra</u> , <u>Dujail</u> , <u>Khan Bani Saad City</u> , <u>Tuz</u> , <u>Khormato</u> and <u>Diwaniyah</u> . Militants also attacked various army checkpoints in the eastern <u>Diyala Province</u> .	<u>Islamic State of Iraq</u>
1 August	Serial bomb blasts	0	1	<u>Pune, India</u>	<u>2012 Pune bombings</u>	An as yet unidentified entity orchestrated a series of four coordinated low intensity bombing attacks across <u>Pune</u> , <sup>[38]</sup> <sup>[39]</sup> the <u>ninth largest metropolis in India</u> resulting in 1 injury. <sup>[40]</sup>	<u>Indian Mujahideen</u> Suspected <sup>[41][42]</sup>



5 August	Shooting	16	7	<u>Kerem Shalom, Egypt</u>	<u>August 2012 Sinai attack</u>	At least 16 Egyptian police officers were killed and seven others wounded in an armed attack on a police station in north Sinai on the border between Egypt and Israel. <sup>[43]</sup>
6–7 August	Shooting	22	~20	<u>Okene, Kogi State, Nigeria</u>	<u>Deeper Life Bible Church shooting</u>	Three men entered a church near the central Nigerian city of Okene during evening Bible Study, turning off the electricity and shooting at the worshipers inside. At least 19 were killed in the assault and around 20 others injured. Hours later gunmen on a motorcycle attacked an army patrol, killing 2 soldiers and a civilian. <sup>[44]</sup>
16 August	Suicide bombings, car bombs, shootings	128	417	across <u>Iraq</u>	<u>16 August 2012 Iraq attacks</u>	At least 52 people were killed and 177 killed in attacks across Baghdad, with most casualties from two car bombings in the predominantly Shi'ite districts of Zaafaraniya and Sadr City. Numerous other attacks took place across the central and northern parts of the country, killing 76 and injuring 240 others. <sup>[45][46][47]</sup>

20 August	Car bombing	9	69	<u>Gaziantep, Turkey.</u>	<u>2012 Gaziantep bombing</u>	A remote-controlled car bomb exploded outside a police station close to the border with Syria. At least nine people were killed and more than 60 injured, most of them police officers. Security officials suspected the PKK was behind the attack, although the group later denied this. <sup>[48][49]</sup>	
9 September	Bombings, shootings	108	371	across <u>Iraq</u>	<u>9 September 2012 Iraq attacks</u>	A wave of attacks across Iraq left more than 100 dead and hundreds injured. Car bombs and shootings erupted across numerous Iraqi cities, while insurgents assault a small <u>Iraqi Army</u> base near <u>Dujail</u> . Two early blasts in <u>Baghdad</u> killed four, before a late night series of car bombings shook the capital, killing 32 and leaving 102 injured just hours after fugitive Iraqi <u>Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi</u> was sentenced to death in absentia for his alleged involvement in "death squads". <sup>[50][51]</sup>	<u>Islamic State of Iraq</u>

11 September	Coordinated attack, armed assault, arson	4	-	<u>Benghazi, Libya</u>	<u>2012 Benghazi attack</u>	Heavily armed Islamist militants stormed and burned the American Consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi, killing the United States ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, and three others: Sean Smith, a Foreign Service Officer, and Tyrone S. Woods and Glen A. Doherty, both former members of the Navy SEALs who helped protect diplomatic personnel <sup>[53]</sup>	<u>Ansar al- Shariah</u>
19 October	Car bombing	8	110	<u>Beirut, Lebanon</u>	<u>October 2012 Beirut bombing</u>	A car bomb exploded at <u>Sassine Square</u> in the <u>Lebanese</u> capital of <u>Beirut</u> , killing at least 8 people (including a top intelligence officer) and wounding 110 others. Lebanese officials said the target was <u>Wissam al- Hassan</u> , the head of the intelligence branch of the Lebanese <u>Internal Security Forces</u> and a prominent Sunni figure in the country. This was the first car bombing in Beirut since 2008. <sup>[54]</sup>	

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21 November	Bombing	0	28	<u>Tel Aviv, Israel</u>	<u>2012 Tel Aviv bus bombing</u>	An explosion on a passenger bus near the defense ministry in <u>Tel Aviv</u> injured 28 people, three of them seriously. The blast came hours before an <u>Egyptian-brokered truce</u> was called to halt the <u>Israeli operation</u> in the <u>Gaza Strip</u> . This was the first serious bombing in Israel's commercial capital since 2006. <sup>[55]</sup> <sup>[56]</sup>
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