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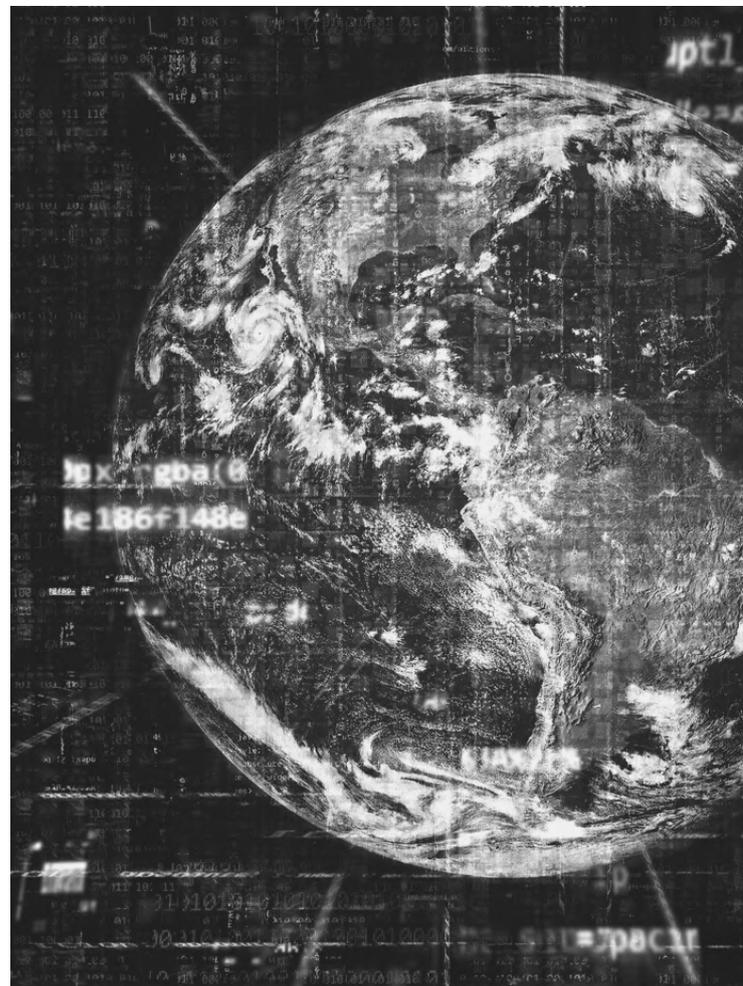
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OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As the most significant international biological threat in the past 100 years, this brief introductory section presents the June milestones of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The analysis is based on the consultation of various reliable international open sources (found and available on the International Maritime Organization - IMO, International Labour Organization - ILO, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - UNESCO, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund - UNICEF, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime - UNODC, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS - UNAIDS, and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - UNHCHR websites) and the meticulous statistical data processed by the World Health Organization - WHO.

Key international actions and procedures to fight the virus and better deal with the increasing concerns are also presented below.

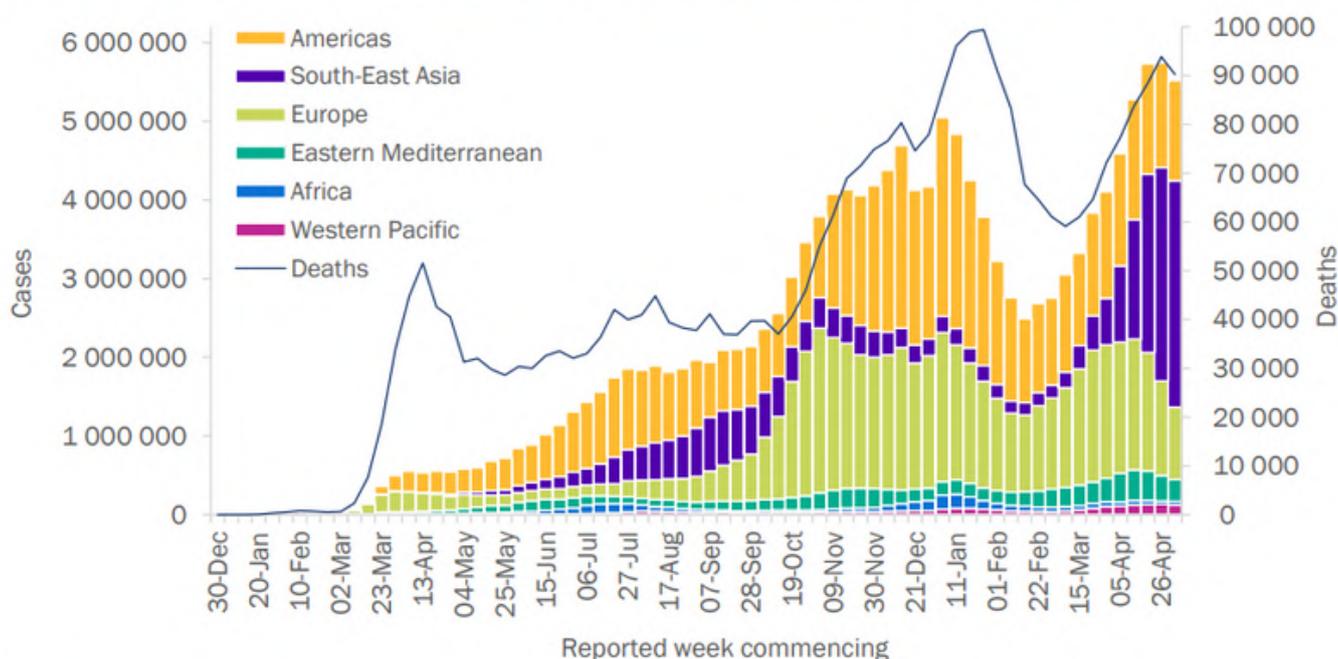
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OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC



- The number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths globally decreased slightly this week, with over 5.5 million cases and over 90 000 deaths.
- Case and death incidence, however, remains at the highest level since the beginning of the pandemic.
- New weekly cases decreased in the regions of Europe and Eastern Mediterranean, while the South-East Asia Region continued an upward trajectory for 9 weeks and reported a further 6% increase last week.
- Death incidence increased in the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions. While India continues to account for 95% of cases and 93% of deaths in the South-East Asia Region, as well as 50% of global cases and 30% of global deaths, worrying trends have been observed in neighbouring countries.
- In all WHO Regions there are countries which have been showing a sustained upward trend in cases and deaths over several weeks

Figure 1. COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 9 May 2021**



Source: COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update Data, as of 9 May 2021.

See: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/weekly-epidemiological-update-on-covid-19---11-may-2021>



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OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern:

- Variant VOC 202012/01 - 137 countries reported cases of this variant



- Variant 501Y.V2 - 84 countries reported the variant.



- Variant P.1 - This variant is reported in 47 countries.



Source: COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update Data.

See: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/weekly-epidemiological-update-on-covid-19---11-may-2021>

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OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Data summary and trends (May 2021 variations in cases and deaths)

Table 1. Newly reported and cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths, by WHO Region, as of 9 May 2021**

WHO Region	New cases in last 7 days (%)	Change in new cases in last 7 days *	Cumulative cases (%)	New deaths in last 7 days (%)	Change in new deaths in last 7 days *	Cumulative deaths (%)
Americas	1 272 491 (23%)	-4%	63 554 005 (40%)	33 879 (38%)	-8%	1 551 860 (47%)
Europe	919 119 (17%)	-23%	52 871 662 (34%)	19 056 (21%)	-18%	1 104 629 (34%)
South-East Asia	2 877 410 (52%)	6%	25 552 640 (16%)	28 977 (32%)	15%	309 197 (9%)
Eastern Mediterranean	280 853 (5%)	-13%	9 428 375 (6%)	5 605 (6%)	-13%	189 052 (6%)
Africa	40 656 (1%)	-5%	3 357 846 (2%)	1 034 (1%)	3%	83 904 (3%)
Western Pacific	127 073 (2%)	-4%	2 597 134 (2%)	1 691 (2%)	34%	39 179 (1%)
Global	5 517 602 (100%)	-4%	157 362 408 (100%)	90 242 (100%)	-4%	3 277 834 (100%)

PANGO lineage Nextstrain clade GISAID clade	Alternate name	First detected in	Earliest samples	Characteristic spike mutations
Variants of Concern (VOCs)				
B.1.1.7 20I/501Y.V1 GR/501Y.V1	VOC 202012/01 [†]	United Kingdom	Sep 2020	69/70del, 144del, N501Y, A570D, D614G, P681H, T716I, S982A, D1118H
B.1.351 20H/501Y.V2 [†] GH/501Y.V2	VOC 202012/02	South Africa	May 2020	D80A, D215G, 241/243del, K417N, E484K, N501Y, D614G, A701V
B.1.1.28.1, alias P.1 [†] 20J/501Y.V3 GR/501Y.V3	VOC 202101/02	Brazil	Nov 2020	L18F, T20N, P26S, D138Y, R190S, K417T, E484K, N501Y, D614G H655Y, T1027I, V1176F
B.1.617 ^{**} - G/452R.V3	-	India	Oct 2020	L452R, D614G, P681R, ± (E484Q, Q107H, T19R, del157/158, T478K, D950N)
Variants of Interest (VOIs)				
B.1.525 20A/S.484K G/484K.V3	-	Multiple countries	Dec 2020	Q52R, A67V, 69/70del, 144del, E484K, D614G, Q677H, F888L
B.1.427/B.1.429 20C/S.452R GH/452R.V1	CAL.20C/L452R	United States of America	Mar 2020	S13I, W152C, L452R, D614G
B.1.1.28.2, alias P.2 20B/S.484K GR	-	Brazil	Apr 2020	E484K, D614G, V1176F
B.1.1.28.3, alias P.3 - -	PHL-B.1.1.28	Philippines	Jan 2021	141/143del, E484K, N501Y, D614G, P681H, E1092K, H1101Y, V1176F
B.1.526 (+E484K/S477N) 20C GH	-	United States of America	Nov 2020	L5F, T95I, D253G, D614G, A701V, + (E484K or S477N)
B.1.616 - GH	-	France	Feb 2021	H66D, G142V, 144del, D215G, V483A, D614G, H655Y, G669S, Q949R, N1187D

[†]While work is ongoing to establish standardized nomenclature for key variants, these are the names we will use in this publication.
^{**}B.1.617 is divided in three sublineages (B.1.617.1, B.1.617.2 and B.1.617.3), which differ in mutations and phenotypic characteristics. Current available data is too limited to make clear distinctions between sublineage at this time.

Note: data proposed in the tables below are collected through the Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS), a collaborative effort across public health organisations worldwide to facilitate the early detection of and response using publicly available information. Additional information about EIOS: <https://www.who.int/eios>

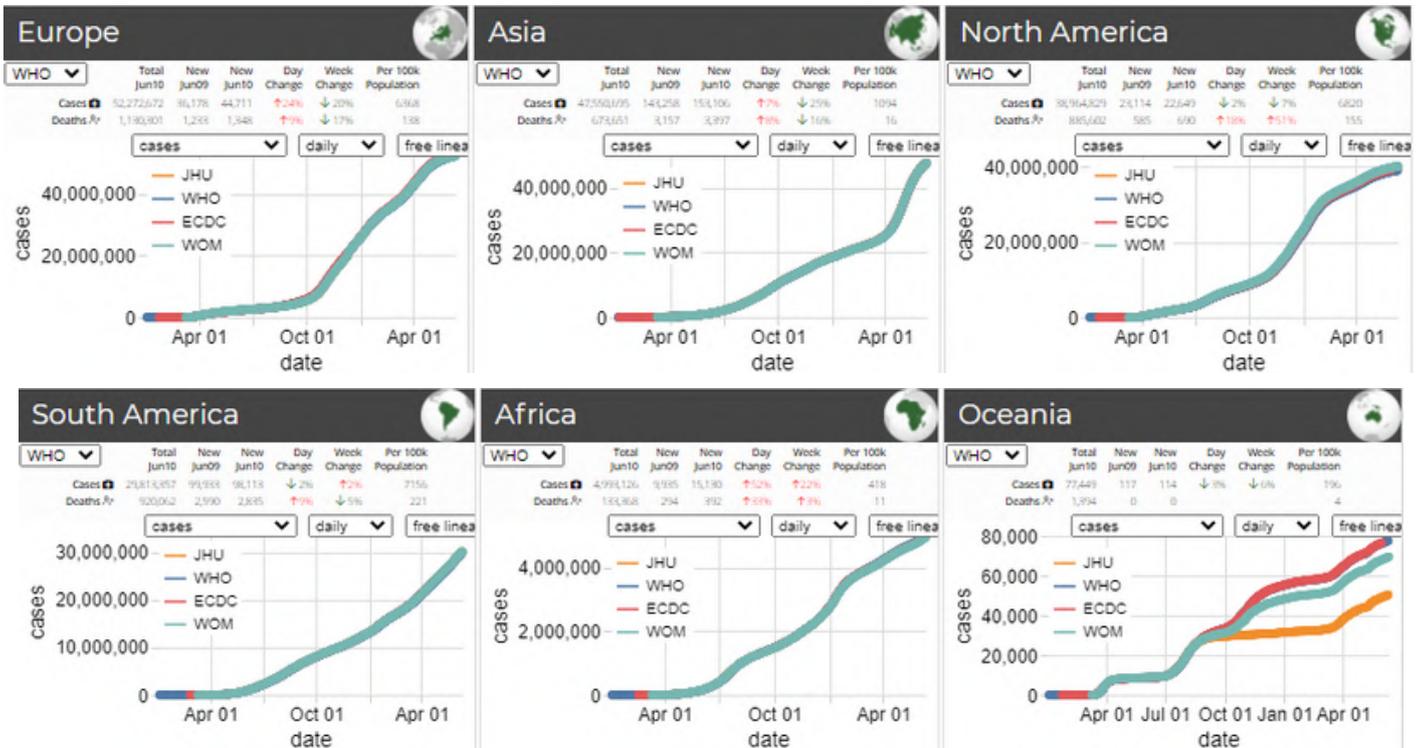


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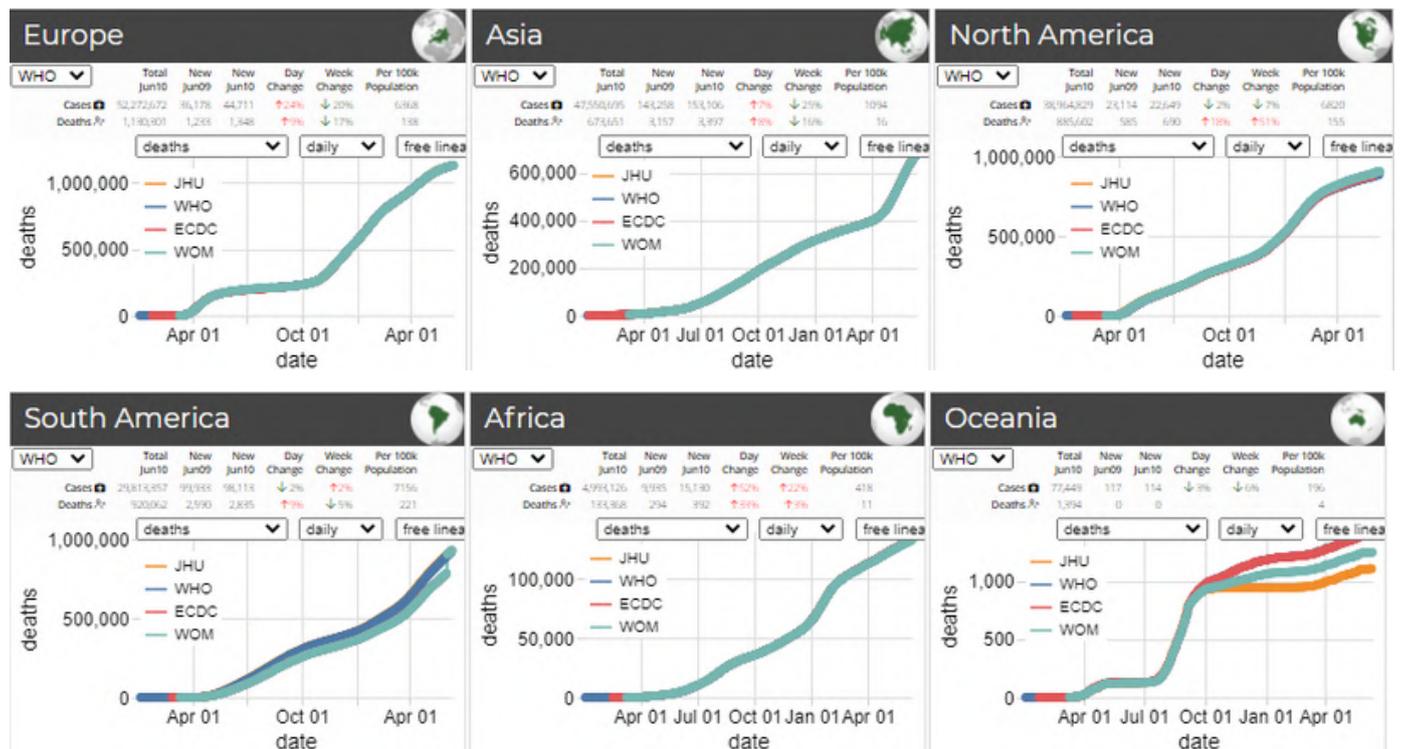
OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Worldwide cases compared trends



Worldwide deaths compared trends





AFRICA NEWS ON CBRNE EVENTS

This section gathers news collected from sources related to the African continent, including sub-saharian and southern regions. The section is organized in four areas:

- chemical
- biological
- radiological and nuclear
- explosives

News are proposed in chronological order.





CHEMICAL



Egypt

Petrochemical

Event – New refining petrochemical plan.

Summary – State-owned Red Sea Refining and Petrochemical Co. is moving forward with plans to build a grassroots integrated refining and petrochemicals complex on the Gulf of Suez at the Suez Canal Economic Zone in Ain Sokhna, Suez Province.

Source: <https://www.ogj.com/refining-processing/petrochemicals/article/14202796/egypt-advances-plan-for-new-refining-petrochemical-complex>

Reported: 05/05/21

Nigeria

Poliomyelitis

Event – Polio program implementation.

Summary – The World Health Organization's Country Representative Dr. Walter Kazadi Mulombo has taken his advocacy train on the implementation of the Polio Transition Plan to Mallam Muhammed Musa Bello, the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Source: <https://www.afro.who.int/news/nigerias-fct-minister-pledges-support-implementation-polio-transition-plan-sustain-legacy>

Reported: 12/05/21



BIOLOGICAL



Democratic Republic of Congo

Ebola Virus Disease

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – A total of 12 cases (11 confirmed and 1 probable) were reported, of which eight were known and followed contacts at the time of detection. All 12 cases were reported in four health zones of North Kivu Province.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341115/OEW18-2602052021.pdf>
Reported: 03/05/2021

Guinea

Ebola Virus Disease

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – A total of 23 new cases have been reported, including 16 confirmed cases, and 7 probable cases, of which 9 have recovered, and 12 have died (case fatality ratio 52.2%). The number of health workers infected remains five.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341115/OEW18-2602052021.pdf>
Reported: 03/05/2021

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ebola Virus Disease

Event – Ebola outbreak declared over.

Summary – The World Health Organization stated the end of 12th Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, three months after the first case was reported in North Kivu.

Source: <https://www.afro.who.int/news/ebola-outbreak-democratic-republic-congo-declared-over>
Reported: 03/05/21



BIOLOGICAL



Kenya

Dengue

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – A dengue outbreak has been reported in Mombasa County. It has affected 6 sub-counties (Changamwe, Jomvu, Kisauni, Likoni, Mvita, Nyali). From 1 January 2021 to the 8 May 2021, 356 cases have been reported of which 24 were confirmed by PCR.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341457/OEW21-1723052021.pdf>
Reported: 08/05/2021

Kenya

Measles

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – An outbreak of measles has been reported in five sub-counties spread across five counties namely West Pokot and Garissa, with a new outbreak in Pokot South sub-county. A total of 597 cases, 31 confirmed cases with one death (CFR 0.2 percent) have been reported. In West Pokot, the outbreak has been continuous from 2019. The County has reported a new outbreak from a new sub county, Pokot South. Garissa County has reported eight cases with five confirmed.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341457/OEW21-1723052021.pdf>
Reported: 08/05/2021

Ethiopia

Measles

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – The World Health Organization reported a total of 924 cases– 572 confirmed (401 epi-link, 152 Igm and 19 measles compatible) and 4 deaths recorded (CFR 0.4%).

Among the 924 suspected cases, 44 are 0–8 months old(4.8%), 66 are 9–11 months old(7.1%), 331 are 1–4 years old (35.8%), 321 are 5–14 years old (34.7%) and 162 are >= 15 years old (17.5%). On week 18, 5 districts were still having active outbreaks (East Belesa, Dejen, Ebinat, Finote Selam and Malie).

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341457/OEW21-1723052021.pdf>
Reported: 09/05/2021



BIOLOGICAL



Guinea

Ebola Virus Disease

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – According to WHO, a total of 23 cases have been reported, including 16 confirmed cases, and 7 probable cases, of which 9 have recovered, giving a recovery rate of 39.1%. Of the 23 cases, 12 have died (case fatality ratio 52.2%). The number of health workers infected remains five. No new confirmed Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases have been reported in Nzerekore prefecture.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341246/OEW19-0309052021.pdf>

Reported: 09/05/2021

Uganda

Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – In Kikuube district health officials report a second case epidemiologically linked to the case patient as a primary contact. Both patients are currently stable and showing signs of improvement.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341246/OEW19-0309052021.pdf>

Reported: 09/05/2021

Central African Republic

Measles

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – The World Health Organization reported a total of 34 805 suspected cases and 194 deaths, within 22 affected districts. A total of 45 new cases and 0 deaths were reported as of epi week 17. The majority of cases are under five years of age, followed by the 5 to under 15 year old age group. Response activities are ongoing in the affected health districts.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341457/OEW21-1723052021.pdf>

Reported: 10/05/2021



BIOLOGICAL



Sierra Leone

Ebola Virus Disease

Event – Ebola vaccination program.

Summary – The vaccination was launched in Kambia District, a primary international point of entry by road crossing, and of significant economic and commercial importance for Guinea and Sierra Leone. This preventive Ebola vaccination will continue over the coming days in eight other districts sharing borders with Guinea.

Source: <https://www.afro.who.int/news/ebola-vaccination-starts-sierra-leone-prevent-new-outbreak>

Reported: 11/05/21

Ethiopia

Measles

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – According to the World Health Organization, a total of 924 cases were reported of which 572 were confirmed (401 epi-link, 152 Igm and 19 measles compatible) and 4 deaths recorded (CFR 0.4%). Among the 924 suspected cases, 44 are 0-8 months old (4.8%), 66 are 9-11 months old (7.1%), 331 are 1-4 years old (35.8%), 321 are 5-14 years old (34.7%) and 162 are ≥ 15 years old (17.5%). There are 5 districts still active: East Belesa, Dejen, Ebinat, Finote Selam and Malie.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341343/OEW20-1016052021.pdf>

Reported: 12/05/2021

Madagascar

Rift Valley Fever

Event – Update.

Summary – According to the WHO Weekly bulletins on African outbreak, the Institut Pasteur de Madagascar confirmed Rift Valley Fever by PCR in animals following alerts of abortion cases in ruminants. From 26 April to 13 May 2021, enhanced surveillance for hemorrhagic fevers in humans identified 106 suspected RVF cases in three regions of Madagascar, including one death and two cases confirmed by PCR in the Vatovavy Fitovinany region.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341343/OEW20-1016052021.pdf>

Reported: 13/05/2021



BIOLOGICAL



Guinea

Ebola Virus Disease

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – According to the World Health Organization, a total of 23 cases have been reported, including 16 confirmed cases, and 7 probable cases, of which 9 have recovered, and 12 have died (case fatality ratio 52.2%). The number of health workers infected remains five.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341343/OEW20-1016052021.pdf>
reported: 16/05/2021

Uganda

Anthrax

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – Kween District Health Officials in Eastern Uganda reported that 15 people are undergoing treatment for anthrax and over 15 heads of cattle have so far succumbed to the disease since last month. One person has died from the disease.

Source: <https://www.independent.co.ug/anthrax-disease-over-15-cases-confirmed-in-kween-district-2/>

Reported: 17/05/2021

Guinea

Lassa Fever

Event – New Lassa Fever case.

Summary – A confirmed case of Lassa fever was notified on 8 May 2021 at the Yomou prefecture hospital. The patient was also confirmed to be positive for COVID-19 and later died.

Source: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/341457/OEW21-1723052021.pdf>
Reported: 23/05/2021



BIOLOGICAL



Republic Democratic of Congo

Plague

Event – Outbreak update.

Summary – The head of the provincial health division in Ituri Province reported 15 cases of bubonic plague, including 11 deaths. The first case was that of a woman who had died in the Fataki health zone in the Bukachele health zone.

Source: <https://actualite.cd/2021/05/22/rdc-15-cas-de- peste-dont-11-deces-enregistres-en-une-semaine-en-ituri>

Reported: 24/05/2021



RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR



Egypt

Nuclear Development

Event – Permit to build Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant may be issued July 2022.

Summary – Chairman of Nuclear Power Plants Authority Amgad al-Wakil told Egypt Today that he expects the Egyptian Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Authority to issue the permit to build Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant in July 2022.

Source: <https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/103882/Permit-to-build-Dabaa-Nuclear-Power-Plant-may-be-issued>

Reported: 14/05/2021



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South Africa

IIDs

Event – 2 trucks targeted by incendiary devices.

Summary – 2 trucks were set alight by a group of assailants, throwing Improvised Incendiary Devices, on the R59 between Kliprivier and Heidelberg Roads, east of Johannesburg.

Source: <https://www.news24.com/news24/Video/SouthAfrica/News/watch-two-trucks-petrol-bombed-in-johannesburg-20210503>

Reported: 03/05/2021

Libya

UXO

Event – 2 killed while extracting materials from UXO.

Summary – 2 people were killed by the blast of an unexploded ordnance in the southern city of Sirte while trying to extract explosive and other materials from it.

Source: <https://lana-news.ly/art.php?id=199407>

Reported: 03/05/2021

Cameroon

HME

Event – 7 children injured by home-made device.

Summary – 7 children were injured by the blast of an Home-Made Explosive device in the northern town of Gouma.

Source: <http://www.camerounlink.com/actu/cameroun-7-enfants-blesses-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanale-vendredi-a-l-extreme-nord/129629/0>

Reported: 03/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



Somalia

Roadside IED

Event – Local governmental employee's car hit.

Summary – 4 persons were killed by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeting a local governmental employee's car in Kdee area of the capital Mogadishu.

Source: <http://www.akhbar-alkhaleej.com/news/article/1248908>

Reported: 06/05/2021

Mali

IED

Event – 3 soldiers killed and 6 others injured.

Summary – 3 soldiers were killed and 6 others were wounded as an Improvised Explosive Device went off in Hombori targeting a security forces' convoy.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/476261/mali-three-soldiers-killed-in-an-explosion-in-hombori-may-7>

Reported: 08/05/2021

Mali

UXO

Event – 2 civilians killed and 5 others injured.

Summary – 2 civilians were killed and 5 others were wounded in northern Mali by the blast of a hand-held mine they were transporting with their truck.

Source: <https://www.alkhaleej.ae/2021-05-09>

Reported: 08/05/2021

Somalia

PBIED

Event – 12 killed and wounded by suicide bombing.

Summary – Assailant detonated an explosive suicide belt at a Police station killing 6 people and injuring 6 others in Waberi district, Mogadishu; five Police officers including their commander were among the victims.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/476571/somalia-suicide-bombing-kills-six-people-and-injures-six-others-in-mogadishu-may-9>

Reported: 10/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



Uganda

IIDs

Event – Government vehicles hit.

Summary – 2 government vehicles were damaged by Improvised Incendiary Devices thrown at Nakulabye in Lubaga division and Amamu House parking along George street in the central business district.

Source: <https://www.independent.co.ug/petrol-bombs-hurled-at-katwe-police-govt-vehicles/>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Uganda

IIDs

Event – Police station targeted.

Summary – Improvised Incendiary Devices were thrown at Katwe Police station by unknown individuals intending to set the station on fire.

Source: <https://www.independent.co.ug/petrol-bombs-hurled-at-katwe-police-govt-vehicles/>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Sudan

UXO

Event – 3 people killed and 4 others injured.

Summary – 3 people were killed and 4 others were injured from one family by the blast of a grenade, south of Kordofan, as a child found it on the floor and started playing with.

Source: <https://www.alrakoba.net/31562868/مصرع-واصابة-7-أشخاص-من-أسرة-واحدة-بانفج>

Reported: 17/05/2021

Kenya

Roadside IED

Event – 2 KDF security officers killed.

Summary – 2 Kenyan Defense Force security officers were killed by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeting their lorry in Baure area of Lamu county.

Source: <https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/coast/2021-05-18-at-least-2-kdf-officers-killed-after-vehicle-hit-by-ied-in-lamu/>

Reported: 18/05/2021



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Tunisia

Weapons Seizure

Event – Security operation at Mont Chaambi: seizure of weapons and ammunition.

Summary – The management of the intervention units published on its official page the arms and ammunition that the units of the National Guard managed to seize in the closed military zone of Mont Châambi in the governorate of Kasserine.

Source: <https://www.tunisienumerique.com/tunisie-operation-securitaire-au-mont-chaambi-saisie-darmes-et-de-munitions-photos/>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Somalia

VBIED

Event – Suicide attack by explosive rickshaw.

Summary – Suicide bombing attack in Galkayo as a rickshaw driver detonated his explosives near the Embassy Hotel; there have been no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/480171/somalia-suicide-bomb-explosion-reported-in-galkayo-late-may-18>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Somalia

Roadside IED

Event – 4 soldiers including commander killed.

Summary – 4 soldiers including a commander were killed by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device along a road in the town of Jowhar, central somali region of Middle Shabelle.

Source: <https://www.prensa-latina.cu/index.php?o=rn&id=450031&SEO=mueren-cuatro-militares-en-somalia-por-ataque-con-explosivos>

Reported: 19/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



Mali

IED

Event – 16 civilians killed and several others injured.

Summary – 16 civilians were killed and several others were wounded in northern Mali when their vehicle collided with an Improvised Explosive Device near the town of Gao.

Source: <https://mobile.sabq.org/NDr5wX>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Nigeria

PBIED

Event – Leader of Boko Haram JAS dead.

Summary – Abubakar Shekau, leader of a Boko Haram faction Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad (JAS), detonated an Improvised Explosive Device and killed himself in Sambisa forest during ISWAP-BH clash.

Source: <https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/890689-breaking-boko-haram-vs-iswap-shekau-bombed-himself%2C-dead-%E2%80%93-nigeria-intelligence-service-confirms.html>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Kenya

Roadside IED

Event – 3 Police officers killed.

Summary – 3 Police officers were killed and 3 others were injured by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device as they were ambushed by al Shabaab militants in Banisa, Mandera county.

Source: <https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/north-eastern/2021-05-21-3-police-officers-killed-in-al-shabaab-ied-attack-in-mandera/>

Reported: 21/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



Somalia

Roadside IED

Event – Commissioner’s convoy targeted.

Summary – 3 people were killed by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device in the Garasbaley neighbourhood on the outskirts of Mogadishu, targeting a convoy carrying the local commissioner.

Source: <https://africa.cgtn.com/2021/05/21/roadside-blast-kills-3-in-outskirts-of-mogadishu/>

Reported: 21/05/2021

Burundi

Grenade

Event – Explosive devices in a parking lot.

Summary – Grenades thrown into a parking lot exploded in Bujumbura near the Cotebu market. The attack caused an unknown number of injuries and two people were killed.

Source: <https://africa.cgtn.com/2021/05/26/two-people-killed-in-grenade-explosions-in-burundis-commercial-capital/>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Nigeria

PBIED

Event – A man blows himself up in a market.

Summary – A suicide bomber carrying an explosive vest blew himself up in the Eke market in Afikpo, Ebonyi state. The man attempted to enter the nearby elementary school promptly removed from the school's security. However, the story was denied by the police who said it was an explosion caused by a policeman who accidentally activated a grenade. This version turned out not to be true. A police officer was killed in the explosion.

Source: <https://dailypost.ng/2021/05/26/bomb-explosion-in-afikpo-police-ebonyi-govt-lied-huriwa/>

Reported: 26/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



Cameroon

UXO

Event – 2 soldiers killed by mine explosion.

Summary – 2 Cameroonian soldiers were killed by the explosion of a mine in the locality of Ekondo-Titi, located in the English-speaking southwest of Cameroon.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/fr/afrique/cameroun-crise-anglophone-deux-militaires-tu%C3%A9s-dans-l-explosion-d-une-mine/2256247>

Reported: 27/05/2021

Somalia

E.M.

Event – Explosion along the intersection KM 4.

Summary – An explosion was reported at the KM4 intersection in Mogadishu. There were no casualties from the injuries.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/484611/somalia-initial-reports-of-explosion-near-mogadishu-km4-intersection-may-28>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Somalia

IED

Event – Market targeted by an explosive devices.

Summary – An explosive device went off in the Khat market in downtown Baidoa city. The blast killed three people and injured thirteen others.

Source: <https://www.garoweonline.com/en/news/somalia/ied-leaves-three-dead-in-baidoa-as-sna-troops-crush-al-shabaab-in-middle-shebelle>

Reported: 28/05/2021



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Africa

UXO

Event – 3 Nigerian soldiers killed.

Summary – 2 elements of the military engineers and a gendarme were killed in Boni near the Burkinabé border during a demining operation of Improvised Explosive Devices.

Source: <https://www.actuniger.com/societe/17231-insecurite-3-soldats-nigeriens-perdent-la-vie-dans-l-explosion-d-une-mine-artisanale-pres-de-la-frontiere-burkinabe.html>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Ivory Coast

Roadside IED

Event – Ivorian military vehicle targeted.

Summary – An Ivorian Army military vehicle was attacked by an Improvised Explosive Device on the Kafolo-Bolé axis; little damage and no loss of life are reported.

Source: <https://www.afrikmag.com/cote-divoire-nouvelle-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-kafolo-le-bilan-provisoire/>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Central African Republic

Roadside IED

Event – Exploded Police vehicle.

Summary – An explosion occurred in the northwest of the Central African Republic, along the road. A police vehicle traveling with Russian allies hit a mine left by the Bondiba rebels. The blast killed three Russians and two police officers.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/fr/afrique/centrafrique-cinq-morts-dans-l-explosion-d-une-mine-dans-le-nord-ouest/2257864>

Reported: 29/05/2021



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Nigeria

Explosion

Event – Explosion in the park.

Summary – An explosion occurred in Mile 3 Park in Port Harcourt in Rivers State. The causes are unclear. Two people were seriously injured and another ten suffered more minor injuries.

Source: <https://punchng.com/explosion-rocks-rivers-motor-park-scores-injured/>

Reported: 31/05/2021



ASIA NEWS ON CBRNE EVENTS

This section gathers news collected from sources related to the Asian continent, including the Middle East region, proposed in chronological order. The section is organized in four sections, according to news availability:

- chemical
- biological
- radiological and nuclear
- explosives





CHEMICALS



Palestine

Toxic Gas

Event – Gaza health ministry investigating suspected toxic gas deaths.

Summary – The Gaza ministry of health said that multiple people have died from suffocation which it suspects could be the result of exposure to a toxic gas. The ministry said in a statement that an unspecified number of bodies were taken to Al-Shefa Hospital, Gaza and forensic examinations found they died from asphyxiation.

Source: <https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/gaza-health-ministry-investigating-suspected-toxic-gas-deaths>

Reported: 13/05/2021

Sri Lanka

Chemical and Oil Spill

Event – Container ship ablaze off Colombo threatens chemical, oil spill.

Summary – Sri Lankan authorities are trying to douse a massive fire aboard a container ship near Colombo's coast to avoid a chemical as well as an oil spill.

Source: <https://ajot.com/news/container-ship-ablaze-off-colombo-threatens-chemical-oil-spill>

Reported: 25/05/2021

China

Toxic Gas

Event – 7 died from toxic gas at Sichuan food factory.

Summary – The poisoning deaths of 7 people at a bamboo shoot-related food factory in Changning County, Sichuan province, has been attributed to hydrogen sulfide, according to the publicity department of the Changning County.

Source:

<https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202105/26/WS60ae040ca31024ad0bac196e.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021



BIOLOGICAL



UAE

COVID-19

Event - UAE allows Pfizer COVID-19 dose for emergency use in 12-15 year-olds.

Summary - The United Arab Emirates has approved the Pfizer and BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use in children aged 12-15, the government said, having already permitted its use for 16 years and above.

Source: <https://www.egyptindependent.com/uae-allows-pfizer-covid-19-dose-for-emergency-use-in-12-15-year-olds/>

Reported: 14/05/2021

Egypt

Black Fungus

Event - Egypt moves to calm black fungus panic as 2 cases detected.

Summary - Only 2 instances of black fungus infection have been detected in Egypt, said a top official who stressed that the cases were not a cause for concern. Citizens should not fear the infection, said Hossam Hosni, head of the scientific committee to combat the coronavirus virus in Egypt.

Source: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1864041/middle-east>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Iraq

Black Fungus

Event - An infection with "black fungus" was recorded in an Iraqi city.

Summary - The Health Directorate of Dhi Qar Governorate announced that it had recorded an infection with the "black fungus" in the city of Nasiriyah.

Source: <https://www.alsumaria.tv/news/كورونا-في-العراق/384518/تسجيل-إصابة-بالفطر-الأسود-في-مدينة-عراقية>

Reported: 31/05/2021



RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR



USA/Iran

Nuclear Deal

Event – Nuclear deal possible if Iran makes "political decision".

Summary – A senior State Department official said that the United States and Iran could achieve a mutual return to compliance with the Iran nuclear deal in the coming weeks if Tehran makes a "political decision." The senior official said in a phone briefing that the last three rounds of indirect talks between the United States and Iran in Vienna "helped crystallize the choices," but noting "nothing has been agreed" on how to revive the nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-05/07/c_139929148.htm

Reported: 07/05/2021

Iran

Uranium Enrichment

Event – Iran has enriched uranium to up to 63% purity, IAEA says.

Summary – "Fluctuations" at Iran's Natanz plant pushed the purity to which it enriched uranium to 63%, higher than the announced 60% that complicated talks to revive its nuclear deal with world powers, a report by the UN nuclear watchdog said.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/iran-has-enriched-uranium-up-63-purity-iaea-report-says-2021-05-11/>

Reported: 11/05/2021

China

Nuclear

Event – China grid-connects Tianwan 6.

Summary – Units 5 and 6 at Tianwan - Tianwan Phase III - both feature ACPR1000 reactors. First safety-related concrete was poured for unit 5 on 27 December 2015, with that for unit 6 poured on 7 September 2016. Tianwan 5 entered commercial operation in September last year and unit 6 is scheduled to enter commercial operation by the end of this year.

Source: <https://world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/China-grid-connects-Tianwan-6>

Reported: 12/06/2021



RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR



China

Scientific Research

Event – Physicists discover new uranium isotope: Uranium-214.

Summary – The new uranium isotope, ^{214}U , was observed in a series of experiments at the Spectrometer for Heavy Atoms and Nuclear Structure at the Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou, China.

Source: <http://www.sci-news.com/physics/uranium-214-09658.html>

Reported: 14/05/2021

China

Nuclear Proliferation Report

Event – Report on Chinese nuclear and missile proliferation.

Summary – Official US government reports indicate that the Chinese government has apparently ended its direct involvement in the transfer of nuclear- and missile-related items, but Chinese-based companies and individuals continue to export goods relevant to those items, particularly to Iran and North Korea. US officials have also raised concerns about entities operating in China that provide other forms of support for proliferation-sensitive activities, such as illicit finance and money laundering.

Source: <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20744012/chinese-nuclear-and-missile-proliferation-may-17-2021.pdf>

Reported: 17/05/2021

China/Russia

Nuclear Development

Event – Xi, Putin witness launch of biggest China-Russia nuclear energy project.

Summary – Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin hailed the nuclear cooperation between the two neighbors as they virtually attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the biggest nuclear energy project to build four nuclear power plants in China costing about USD 3 billion.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/xi-putin-witness-launch-of-biggest-china-russia-nuclear-energy-project-121051901177_1.html

Reported: 19/05/2021



RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR



Iran

Nuclear Talks

Event – Nuclear negotiators agree on framework of a deal.

Summary – Iran's envoy to the nuclear talks in Vienna. They have decided on the framework of an agreement that would allow the United States to return to the accord and bring Tehran back into compliance with its obligations. Negotiations are not finished and delegates are returning to their capitals for consultations before reconvening in Vienna.

Source: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iran/20052021>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Iraq

Nuclear Development

Event – Iraq moves to build nuclear reactors.

Summary – Iraq has selected 20 sites as possible locations for the construction of its first nuclear reactors since atomic facilities were destroyed in wars more than 30 years ago.

Source:

https://www.zawya.com/mena/en/projects/story/PROJECTS_Iraq_moves_to_build_nuclear_reactors-ZAWYA20210520084419/

Reported: 20/05/2021

China/Pakistan

Nuclear Cooperation

Event – Pakistan's largest Chinese-built nuclear plant to start operating.

Summary – Pakistan's largest nuclear power plant was opened, generating electricity for the national grid as the country tries to wean itself off its reliance on fossil fuels.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/pakistans-largest-chinese-built-nuclear-plant-start-operating-2021-05-21/>

Reported: 21/05/2021



RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR



Russia

Radiation

Event – Scientists created building materials effectively protecting from radiation.

Summary – Scientists at the Ural Federal University (UrFU, Russia) have created clay bricks that are able to attenuate ionizing radiation to a level that is safe for the human body. To the composition of bricks, scientists add waste from the industry, which protects against radiation. The article describing the technology was published in the journal Applied Radiation and Isotopes.

Source: https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2021-05/ufu-scb052121.php
Reported: 21/05/2021

Iran

IAEA Monitoring

Event – Iran agrees to extend IAEA nuclear monitoring deal for one month.

Summary – Iran has agreed to extend by one month an agreement allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency to keep surveillance cameras at nuclear sites. IAEA chief Rafael Grossi told reporters that the deal would now end on 24 June. Iran reduced its co-operation with the watchdog in February in retaliation for sanctions reinstated by the US when it abandoned a nuclear deal in 2018.

Source: <https://www.world-energy.org/article/17908.html>
Reported: 25/05/2021

Syria/Russia

Nuclear Bombers

Event – Russia sends nuclear bombers to strengthen Assad.

Summary – Russia has extended its airbase in Syria and moved three nuclear-capable long-range bombers there as it increases its hold over President Assad's regime.

Source: <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/russia-deploys-nuclear-capable-bombers-to-syria-8h75d7mq9>
Reported: 26/05/2021



RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR



India

Nuclear Weapons

Event – How India triggered the South Asian nuclear arms race

Summary – Nuclear deterrence is the guarantor of Pakistan’s national security in the face of growing Indian nuclear infatuation. 28th May 1998 is the day when Pakistan acquired the capability of credible nuclear deterrence. This day is celebrated by recognizing the efforts of all the scientists in rendering Pakistan more secure from Indian nuclear aggression. India’s nuclear tests of fission device in 1974, under the codename ‘Smiling Buddha’, led Pakistan to follow a hard journey to acquire nuclear WEAPONS. The Indian claim to test a so-called ‘peaceful nuclear explosion’ in 1974, aggravated the prospects of a nuclear arms race in South Asia. In order to restore the strategic balance disturbed by New Delhi, Pakistan needed a well-designed strategy for achieving nuclear deterrence.

Source: <https://www.globalvillagespace.com/how-india-triggered-the-south-asian-nuclear-arms-race/>

Reported: 27/05/2021

India

Nuclear Weapons

Event – France likely to partner India in developing six nuclear-powered attack submarines

Summary – Can France be a potential partner in India’s proposed nuclear-powered ATTACK submarine project? According to reliable Sources, France has an edge over the US, UK, and Russia in striking a deal for the joint development of six submarines for the Indian Navy. India’s Chief of DEFENCE Staff, General Bipin Rawat, and the Navy Chief, Admiral Karambir Singh, may have their differences over India having a third aircraft carrier (the former not sure of its utility given its cost but the latter determined to acquire it), but their voice is one in strengthening the much-depleted submarine fleet of the Indian Navy.

Source: <https://eurasianimes.com/why-france-can-be-a-potential-partner-in-indias-nuclear-powered-ATTACK-submarine-project/>

Reported: 29/05/2021



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Iraq

IED

Event – 2 Army officers killed.

Summary – 2 Army officers were killed by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device in Iraq's western Anbar province; the device went off while they were conducting a routine sweep operation in Akashat town.

Source: <https://en.haberler.com/bomb-attack-kills-2-army-officers-in-iraq-s-anbar-1594125/>

Reported: 01/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED

Event – 2 soldiers killed and 18 wounded.

Summary – 2 soldiers were killed and 18 others were wounded due to the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device inside a mosque at a military base in Bagram airport in the northern province of Barwan.

Source: <https://elfagronline.com/4193952>

Reported: 01/05/2021

Myanmar

HME

Event – Explosions during marches for democracy.

Summary – Home-Made Explosive devices went off throughout Myanmar's largest city Yangon as protesters held flash marches for democracy.

Source: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/myanmar-coup-fourth-month-junta-bombs-protests-14725904>

Reported: 01/05/2021



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Iraq

IED

Event – 4 Iraqi soldiers killed.

Summary – 4 Iraqi soldiers were killed by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device targeting a Police patrol in Tarmiyah town, north of Baghdad.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/8-security-personnel-killed-in-attacks-in-iraq-s-kirkuk/2226524>

Reported: 01/05/2021

Syria

IED

Event – Person killed and 5 injured.

Summary – Motorcycle Improvised Explosive Device went off at the industry entrance of the town of Slok in the countryside of Al-Raqqa, killing one person and injuring five others.

Source: <https://www.dostor.org/3441646>

Reported: 02/05/2021

Iraq

Roadside IED

Event – Coalition logistics convoy targeted.

Summary – Roadside Improvised Explosive Device went off on the Samawah-Baghdad road in the southern Iraqi province of Al Muthanna, targeting a coalition's logistics convoy that was entering Iraq from Kuwait.

Source: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/172880/US-military-logistic-convoy-targeted-in-Al-Muthanna-province>

Reported: 02/05/2021



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Iraq

IED

Event – 4 Iraqi Army members injured.

Summary – 4 Iraqi Army members were injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device targeting an Iraqi army detachment in Tuzkhormato district of Salah al-Din governorate.

Source: <https://hathalyoum.net/articles/2684713-إصابة-4-جنود-بانفجار-عبوة-ناسفة-على-دورية-للجيش-في>

Reported: 02/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED

Event – Former member of national parliament killed.

Summary – In northern Takhar province, a former member of national parliament, Piram Qul Ziahee, was killed and two of his comrades were injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device in Rustaq district.

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-05/02/c_139921060.htm

Reported: 02/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED

Event – 21 injured by explosion near a school.

Summary – 21 people including minors were injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device triggered near a school in the province of Farah, west of Afghanistan.

Source: <https://www.elinformadorvenezuela.com/internacionales/bomba-cerca-de-una-escuela-en-afganistan-dejo-21-heridos-entre-ellos-menores-de-edad/>

Reported: 03/05/2021



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India

HMEs

Event – BJP office's area targeted.

Summary – The Bharatiya Janata Party office and some shops in Ghoshpara road of Bhatpara in Bengal were vandalised as at least thirteen Home-Made Explosive devices were thrown in the area in only one day.

Source: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/crude-bombs-hurdled-bjp-office-shops-vandalised-in-bengals-bhatpara-locals-blame-tmc-miscreants-2427396>

Reported: 03/05/2021

Philippines

Explosives

Event – 2 explosives suppliers arrested in Jolo.

Summary – Authorities have arrested 2 alleged suppliers of Improvised Explosive Device components in Jolo, Sulu, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) said. Akkang Suraili Omaron of Barangay Tulay in Jolo and Mardan Dammang Jamasali from Barangay Latih, Patikul were arrested in a drug bust. They will be charged with violation of the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Act and RA 9516, or illegal/ unlawful possession, manufacture, dealing in, acquisition or disposition of firearms, ammunition or explosives.

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1893495/Manila/Local-News/2-explosives-suppliers-arrested-in-jolo>

Reported: 03/05/2021

Syria

Grenade

Event – Civilian killed and several others injured.

Summary – Civilian was killed in Halab city and several others were injured by the explosion of a hand grenade in Salahuddin district, after one of those in a bakery threw it in the place causing victims.

Source: <https://www.enabbaladi.net/archives/479829>

Reported: 04/05/2021



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Iraq

Explosive Seizure

Event – Iraqi Forces seize one tone of explosive materials from IS.

Summary – Iraqi security forces seized one tone of explosive materials in an Islamic State hideout near capital Baghdad, country's security said. The large load of explosives was found in an undisclosed area in western Baghdad, War Media Cell said in a statement.

Source: <https://www.basnews.com/en/babat/686606>

Reported: 04/05/2021

Pakistan

IED

Event – 2 security personnel killed and 2 others injured.

Summary – 2 security personnel were killed and 2 others were injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device targeting a mobile van in Tarkho Laghrai area of Tehsil Mamoon, Banjur district.

Source: <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/two-security-personnel-killed-two-injured-in-1242171.html>

Reported: 04/05/2021

India

HME

Event – 2 children injured at home.

Summary – 2 boys, including a one-and-half-year-old, were injured at Kannur's Ulliyilin Kannur district as a Home-Made Explosive filled in a ball went off while they were playing at home.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/kerala-two-boys-injured-as-crude-bomb-explodes/articleshow/82389173.cms>

Reported: 04/05/2021



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Myanmar

Package IED

Event – Former lawmaker and 4 others killed.

Summary – 5 people, including a former lawmaker and 3 Police defectors, were killed by the blast of a package Improvised Explosive Device targeting at a house in the village of Zee Oke in Bago Region's Pyay Township.

Source: <https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/lawmaker-three-police-defectors-killed-in-myanmar-blast-3571547>

Reported: 04/05/2021

Syria

IED

Event – Man and 5 children injured.

Summary – Man and 5 children were injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device targeting planted in a car in the Al Mahmudiya district of Afrin city.

Source: <https://syria.news/4f59a9dd-05052112.html>

Reported: 05/05/2021

India

IID

Event – Coffee bar owner targeted.

Summary – 23-year-old man threw an Improvised Incendiary Device at a coffee bar owner at Dasanaickenpatti as consequence of a private dispute.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Coimbatore/petrol-bomb-hurled-at-coffee-bar-owner-in-salem/article34493309.ece>

Reported: 05/05/2021



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Afghanistan

IED

Event – Greengrocer killed and 17 others injured.

Summary – Greengrocer on the road was killed and 17 others were injured in Khost by the blast of a motorcycle Improvised Explosive Device targeting happened in one of the city's bazaars just as people were shopping.

Source: <https://bakhtarnews.af/one-person-martyred-17-injured-in-khost-blast/>
Reported: 05/05/2021

Iraq

IEDs

Event – Police officer killed as oilfield was attacked.

Summary – Police officer was killed as oil wells at the Bay Hassan oilfield in northern Kirkuk province were attacked by militants using Improvised Explosive Device targeting.

Source: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/iraq/iraq-oil-well-attack-causes-blaze-and-kills-a-police-officer-1.1216869>
Reported: 05/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – Ministry of Public Health workers' bus hit.

Summary – Person was killed and 3 others were wounded by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeting a bus carrying health workers from the Ministry of Public Health in Kabul.

Source: <http://english.sina.com/world/as/2021-05-05/detail-ikmyaawc3517712.shtml>
Reported: 05/05/2021



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Afghanistan

IED

Event – Police chief killed and 3 guards injured.

Summary – Police chief of SAR Rawda region, Paktika region east of the country, was killed and 3 of his guards were injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device targeting that targeted his car.

Source: <https://www.youm7.com/story/2021/5/5/5307257>

Reported: 05/05/2021

Iraq

Roadside IED

Event – Logistic support convoy targeted.

Summary – Roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeting targeted a logistic support convoy belonging to the International Alliance on the international highway leading to Al Anbar, west of Iraq.

Source: <https://www.jpnews-sy.com/ar/news.php?id=203997>

Reported: 06/05/2021

Myanmar

HME

Event – 2 men accidentally injured.

Summary – 2 men were injured by the effects of the accidental ignition of a Home-Made Explosive device in Thanbyuzayat Township of Mon State.

Source: <https://www.gnlm.com.mm/two-men-injured-in-accidental-explosion-of-handmade-bomb-in-mon-state/>

Reported: 06/05/2021

Syria

IED

Event – 5 civilians injured at refugee camp.

Summary – 5 civilians were injured by the blast as a car Improvised Explosive Device targeting went off at the entrance of the Babusselam refugee camp in the northwestern Azaz province.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/world/syrian-crisis/5-civilians-wounded-in-nw-syria-bomb-attack>

Reported: 06/05/2021



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Maldives

IED

Event – Parliament's former President wounded.

Summary – Mohamed Nasheed, former President of the Maldives' Parliament, was wounded by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device targeting targeting his car in Malè.

Source: <https://www.news24.com/news24/World/News/former-maldives-president-injured-in-suspected-bomb-attack-20210506>

Reported: 06/05/2021

Iraq

IED

Event – Explosion inside judiciary market.

Summary – Improvised Explosive Device targeting went off in one of the destroyed buildings inside the judiciary market of Al-Qaem district market, in Al Anbar governorate west of the country; any human injuries reported.

Source: <https://www.alalamtv.net/news/5573833>

Reported: 07/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED

Event – Blackouts in the Capital due to sabotage.

Summary – Electricity blackouts hit residents, households and businesses in Kabul after two electrical pylons were damaged by the blast of an explosive device in in Mirzakhel village of Kalakan district in Kabul province.

Source: <https://www.khaama.com/blown-electrical-pylons-lead-to-blackouts-in-the-capital-7657433/>

Reported: 07/05/2021

Iran

Explosion

Event – Fire breaks out at Iran chemical factory hours after media reports of massive blaze near Bushehr's nuclear power plant.

Summary – A large fire has erupted at a chemical plant in the Iranian city of Qazvin, with local media reporting an explosion. The incident follows an overnight blaze in the port city of Bushehr, home to Iran's only nuclear power plant.

Source: <https://www.rt.com/news/523259-iran-explosion-fire-bushehr/>

Reported: 08/05/2021



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Iraq

IED

Event – Captain killed and 2 soldiers injured.

Summary – Captain was killed and 2 soldiers were injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device in an agricultural road near the Al-Zaraka area on the border between Diyala and Salahuddin.

Source: <https://mangish.net/استشهاد-ضابط-واصابة-جنديين-بانفجار-عب>

Reported: 08/05/2021

Yemen

Roadside IED

Event – 4 civilians killed and 5 wounded.

Summary – 4 civilians were killed and 5 others were wounded by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeting a car in Al-Gah Al-Daraihmi road, south of Al-Hadida, west of Yemen.

Source: <https://almasdaronline.com/articles/224277>

Reported: 08/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED

Event – Car bomb and several explosions near a school.

Summary – 55 schoolchildren were killed and dozens were injured due to several explosions reported in the Dasht-e-Barchi area near the Sayyid al-Shuhada school in the Police District 13 of Kabul city.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/476256/afghanistan-explosions-in-kabuls-police-district-13-may-8>

Reported: 08/05/2021

Myanmar

IEDs

Event – Mawlu-Sepaing Bridge heavily damaged.

Summary – Mawlu-Sepaing Bridge between Kachin State and Sagaing Region was hit by Improvised Explosive Devices; the bridge was heavily damaged due to explosions and a large hole appeared at the floor.

Source: <http://www.euro-burma.eu/news/show/48067/>

Reported: 09/05/2021



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Iraq

Roadside IED

Event – Officer killed and 3 soldiers wounded.

Summary – Roadside Improvised Explosive Device went off targeting an Army patrol in Al-Zara area, west of Tuz Khurmatu district, killing an officer and wounding three soldiers.

Source: <https://hathalyoum.net/articles/2689109-انفجار-عبوة-ناسفة-غربي>

Reported: 09/05/2021

Yemen

IED

Event – Heavy blast near Aden International Airport.

Summary – Heavy blast occurred in Aden's Khormakser District from the direction of Camp Badr, which is located near Aden International Airport; there have been no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/476336/yemen-explosion-reported-in-khormakser-district-aden-early-may-9>

Reported: 09/05/2021

Cambodia

UXO

Event– UXO kills farmer in Pursat province.

Summary– A farmer in Pursat province was seriously injured by an unexploded ordnance (UXO) explosion on May 8 and died after being admitted to Veal Veng District Referral Hospital. District Police chief Theang Leng identified the victim as Uth Peng Seng, a 32-year-old farmer from Chhay Lok village in Veal Veng district's O'Som commune. Citing witnesses' accounts, Leng said Peng Seng picked up the UXO and it detonated. No one could explain why he wanted to touch the ordnance.

Source: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/uxo-kills-pursat-farmer>

Reported: 10/05/2021



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Iraq

Landmine Explosion

Event– Man killed by mine in Erbil’s Choman district.

Summary– A man was killed when a landmine exploded while he was foraging for wild vegetables in the mountains of Erbil province’s Choman district, according to an official. This is the second mine incident in the district this spring. Shwan Jamal, 29, from Choman, was collecting wild vegetables in the mountains when a mine exploded and he was killed, Rabar Anwar, head of Erbil’s Mine Action Agency’s media office told Rudaw’s Bakhtyar Qadir.

Source: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/kurdistan/10052021>

Reported: 10/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – 2 civilians killed and 9 others wounded.

Summary – 2 civilians were killed and 9 others were wounded, including women and children, by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device in the Pul-e-Matak area of Parwan province.

Source: <https://www.khaama.com/dozens-of-civilians-killed-wounded-in-separate-roadside-bomb-blasts-75745362/>

Reported: 10/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – Civilian passenger bus targeted.

Summary – 11 civilians were killed and 28 others were wounded by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device in Muskan Camp area of Shahr-e-Safa district, Zabul Province.

Source: <https://www.khaama.com/dozens-of-civilians-killed-wounded-in-separate-roadside-bomb-blasts-75745362/>

Reported: 10/05/2021



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Iraq

UXO

Event – Man killed while collecting wild vegetables.

Summary – 29-year-old man was killed by the blast as a landmine exploded while he was foraging for wild vegetables in the mountains of Erbil province's Choman district.

Source: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/kurdistan/10052021>

Reported: 10/05/2021

Cambodia

UXO

Event – Farmer killed by unexploded ordnance.

Summary – 32-year-old farmer from Chhay Lok village in Veal Veng district's O'Som commune, Pursat province, was seriously injured by the detonation of an unexploded ordnance and died after being admitted to hospital.

Source: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/uxo-kills-pursat-farmer>

Reported: 10/05/2021

Pakistan

Roadside IED

Event – 2 Frontier Corps officers injured.

Summary – 2 Frontier Corps personnel were injured by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device on Quetta's Sariab Road.

Source: <https://www.samaa.tv/news/2021/05/quetta-two-fc-soldiers-injured-in-explosion-on-sariab-road/>

Reported: 10/05/2021

India

IED

Event – 3 injured in blasting.

Summary – 3 persons were injured during a funeral performed under a tent when a blast took place in the rocks adjacent to it and huge boulders thrown into the air fell on the tent in Turkabanjerpally.

Source: <https://divya-bharat.com/three-injured-in-blasting-at-turkabanjerpally/>

Reported: 16/05/2021



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Bangladesh

IED

Event – 5 people suffered burn injuries.

Summary– 5 people suffered burn injuries in an explosion at a building in Bakolia area of Chittagong district occurred from an unknown source at the flat of Pradeep Das at Bharapukur Par after one person lit a cigarette lighter in the house.

Source: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/2021/05/16/5-sustain-burn-injuries-in-chittagong-blast>

Reported: 16/05/2021

Iraq

IEDs

Event – 3 children killed by three explosive devices.

Summary – 3 explosive devices exploded in northern Iraq in Salah al-Din, in the village of Al-Malha. The bomb hit a group of children, killing three people and injuring two others.

Source: <https://mena-monitor.org/جلهم-من-الأطفال-5-ضحايا-بانفجار-عبوة-نا/>

Reported: 16/05/2021

Israel

IID

Event – Explosion in a civilian house.

Summary – An incendiary device exploded in a house in Jaffa causing a fire, burning a boy and injuring his sister.

Source: <https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/1621231466-police-two-israeli-arabs-behind-arson-attack-that-severely-burned-12-year-old-boy-in-jaffa>

Reported: 17/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED

Event – Bomb went off near a school.

Summary – A bomb was detonated near the Syed Al-Shahda school in western Kabul in a Shia district. The explosion caused 25 deaths, mostly students, one of whom was seriously injured.

Source: <https://menafn.com/1102091420/Bomb-Kills-At-Least-25-People-Near-School-In-Afghan-Capital>

Reported: 17/05/2021



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Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – 4 civilians killed by roadside device.

Summary – 4 civilians were killed by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device in Khwaja Omari district of Ghazni province.

Source: <http://www.afghanistantimes.af/eight-civilians-killed-in-ghazni-logar-attacks/>
Reported: 17/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – 3 militants killed by premature explosion.

Summary – 3 Taliban militants were killed by the blast as a roadside Improvised Explosive Device they were planting went off prematurely in Afghanistan's western Herat province.

Source: http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2021-05/17/content_77504603.htm
Reported: 17/05/2021

Afghanistan

Sticky IED

Event – Doctor killed and his wife wounded.

Summary – Doctor has been wounded and his wife killed by the blast of a sticky Improvised Explosive Device in eastern Nangarhar province.

Source: <https://pajhwok.com/2021/05/17/woman-killed-doctor-wounded-in-nangarhar-blast/>
Reported: 17/05/2021

India

HME

Event – 11-year-old boy killed.

Summary – 11-year-old boy was killed by the blast of an explosive device, hidden in a box in West Bengal's Birbhum district, as he accidentally came in contact with it while playing near a canal in Khatipur village.

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/a-boy-killed-in-a-crude-bomb-explosion-in-west-bengal-1803409-2021-05-17>
Reported: 17/05/2021



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India

IED

Event – Blast in Shopian.

Summary– A low-intensity Improvised Explosive Device exploded near an Army vehicle in Turkwangam area of South Kashmir's Shopian district; any damage reported.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/ied-blast-in-shopian-no-collateral-damage/articleshow/82696358.cms>

Reported: 17/05/2021

Iraq

Roadside IED

Event – Coalition's logistics convoy targeted.

Summary – US-led coalition logistics convoy was hit by a roadside Improvised Explosive Device in Al-Diwaniyah province, on the Al-Diwaniyah road to Baghdad, southern Iraq.

Source: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/173639/Two-US-military-logistic-convoys-targeted-in-S-Iraq>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Iraq

Roadside IED

Event – Int'l coalition's support convoy hit.

Summary – Roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeted a logistic support group for the international coalition as it passed on Al-Nasiriya highway, south of Iraq, without causing injuries.

Source: <https://www.alsharqiya.com/ar/news/an-explosive-device-exploded-on-a-logistical-support-convoy-in-nasiriyah>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Myanmar

IED

Event – Local administrator's office targeted.

Summary – Regime-appointed local administrator in Yangon's Lanmadaw Township was shot dead by an unknown attacker shortly before an Improvised Explosive Device went off at his office.

Source: <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/local-official-of-myanmar-regime-shot-dead-in-downtown-yangon.html>

Reported: 18/05/2021



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India

IED

Event – Residence of Bharatiya Janata Party targeted.

Summary – 3 men hurled an Improvised Explosive Device outside the residence of Bharatiya Janata Party MLA from Govindnagar Surendra Maithani in Pandu nagar area of the City.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kanpur/three-hurl-bomb-at-bjp-mlas-house-held/articleshow/82719254.cms>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Israel

Pipe-IED

Event – Man killed by premature explosion.

Summary – Man approaching IDF soldiers stationing at Gross Square in the city of Hebron was killed as the pipe Improvised Explosive Device he apparently intended to hurl at them prematurely exploded.

Source: <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/306368>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Iraq

IED

Event – Highway targeted by device.

Summary – Improvised Explosive Device went off on the highway near Al-Refai Garage, north of Dhi Qar governorate; the explosion did not cause material or human damages but a crater on the ground.

Source: <https://hathalyoum.net/articles/2694460-انفجار-قرب-مراب-للسيارات-في-ذي-2694460>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – Police officer killed and 2 others injured.

Summary – Police officer was killed and 2 others were injured in Police District 8 area of Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, as a roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeted their vehicle.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-172237>

Reported: 18/05/2021



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India

IED

Event – Police officer killed and another one injured.

Summary – A head constable was killed and another policeman injured when Naxals detonated an Improvised Explosive Device in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district.

Source: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/may/18/police-officer-killed-in-ied-blast-triggered-by-naxals-in-chhattisgarh-2304130.html>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Lebanon

Grenade

Event – Explosion of 6 grenades.

Summary – An explosion of 6 grenades occurred in the Lebanese territories. The explosion did not cause any injuries or damage.

Source: https://arabic.rt.com/middle_east/1232672--الجيش-الإسرائيلي-6-قذائف-أطلقت-أمس-من-لبنان-وانفجرت-داخل-الأراضي-اللبنانية/

Reported: 18/05/2021

Iraq

IED

Event – Bomb went off in a civilian house.

Summary – An explosive device was detonated in a civilian house south of Nassiriya. The explosion caused material damage without causing casualties.

Source: <http://www.skypressiq.net/2021/5/19/هجوم-مسلح-يستهدف-منزل-مدني-في-ذي-قار/>

Reported: 19/05/2021

India

E.M.

Event – Civil Police Officer's house targeted.

Summary – Civil Police Officer's house at Vadakara in Kozhikode district was hit by the powerful explosion of E.M. and two LPG cylinders; the house was damaged and a car parked on the compound was also destroyed.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kozhikode/probe-under-way-into-explosion-at-cpos-house-at-vadakara/article34599308.ece>

Reported: 19/05/2021



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Myanmar

IED

Event – Civilian killed and another wounded.

Summary – Civilian was killed and another was injured by the blast of an improvised explosive device in southern Shan State, despite beefed up security following an escalation of explosions in the Shan State capital.

Source: <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/explosions-causes-fear-and-fatality-burma>
Reported: 19/05/2021

Iraq

UXO

Event – Iraqi Army vehicle hit.

Summary – Assistant of the third group of the 1922 Brigade of the 16th Infantry Division in the Iraqi Army and his companion were injured in the surroundings of Attshana mountains, southwest of Mosul.

Source: <https://hathalyoum.net/articles/2695290--إصابة-ضابط-رفيع-ومرافقه-بانفجار-عبوة-على-عجلتهما>
Reported: 19/05/2021

Yemen

UXO

Event – Child injured by cluster device.

Summary – Child was injured, and taken to the hospital, by the blast of an unexploded cluster ordnance in the village of Ra'ema in the district of Ana, east of Sanaa.

Source: <http://www.sana.sy/?p=1385439>
Reported: 19/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – Police chief of PD2 and one of his men killed.

Summary – A roadside explosion killed Hamidullah Hassanzada, chief of Police for PD2 and one of his men. The blast also injured three other people.

Source: <https://menafn.com/1102102436/Roadside-bombs-claim-lives-of-policemen-in-Nangarhar-Ghor>
Reported: 20/05/2021



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Lebanon

IIDs

Event – Charity clinic damaged by incendiary devices.

Summary – Person hurled Improvised Incendiary Devices toward the Charity clinic in Tripoli's Najma Square, which damaged the outside terrace.

Source: <https://www.aljadeed.tv/arabic/news/local/2005202164>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Yemen

Bomb-Laden Drone

Event – Saudi-led coalition intercepts Houthi's bomb-laden drone towards Jazan.

Summary – The Saudi-led coalition involved in a war in Yemen intercepted a bomb-laden drone launched by Houthi militias toward the border city Jazan, Al Ekhbariya TV reported. The coalition accused the militia of continuing to target "civilians and civilian sites," and vowed to take the necessary operations to "protect civilians from terrorist attacks."

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-05/20/c_139958900.htm

Reported: 20/05/2021

Lebanon

IID

Event – Brigades party's office targeted.

Summary – Improvised Incendiary Device, which burned the front side of the target, was thrown on the office of the Brigades party in Tripoli.

Source: <https://www.aljadeed.tv/arabic/news/local/2005202164>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Myanmar

E.M.

Event – Makro building surroundings hit.

Summary – Explosion reported outside Makro building in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon; the cause of the blast is unclear and reports so far do not indicate if any casualties have occurred.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/480961/myanmar-explosion-reported-in-mingala-taungnyunt-township-yangon-afternoon-may-20>

Reported: 20/05/2021



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Afghanistan

Sticky IED

Event – Interior security prosecutor killed.

Summary – Interior security prosecutor of northern Jawzjan province was killed by the blast of a sticky Improvised Explosive Devices in this capital city.

Source: <https://pajhwok.com/2021/05/20/jawzjan-interior-security-prosecutor-killed-in-blast/>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – 4 members of 1 family killed.

Summary – 4 members of 1 family were killed in Kharistan village near Firuzkoh, Ghor province, by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device.

Source: <https://www.khaama.com/roadside-bomb-claim-lives-of-four-civilians-in-ghor-province-76576574/>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Yemen

UXO

Event – Child injured by unexploded device.

Summary – Child was injured by the blast of an unexploded ordnance in Na'in, Al-Hadida governorate.

Source: <http://www.almotamar.net/news/157702.htm>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Afghanistan

Roadside IED

Event – 9 civilians killed and 3 wounded.

Summary – 9 civilians were killed and 3 others were injured by the blast of a roadside Improvised Explosive Device targeting their vehicle in Bushran area of the southern Helmand province.

Source: <http://english.sina.com/world/as/2021-05-20/detail-ikmxzfmm3626104.shtml>

Reported: 20/05/2021



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Myanmar

IED

Event – 3 people injured.

Summary – An explosion occurred near the central gate of Sagaing Myoma Market in Sagaing Region injuring 3 people.

Source: <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/three-wounded-in-explosion-near-sagaing-myoma-market>

Reported: 20/01/2021

Myanmar

IED

Event – Blast occurred near South Dagon Police Station.

Summary – An explosion occurred in Aungzeya Street near South Dagon Myoma Police Station wounding a police member when he went to where he heard the music coming from a Bluetooth speaker beside the Police station in Aungzeya Street.

Source: <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/blasts-occur-near-south-dagon-police-station-tamway-high-school-injuring-several-police>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Myanmar

IEDs

Event – General Administration Department office's area hit.

Summary – Several explosions have occurred in Yangon's Sanchaung Township and initial blasts took place near the General Administration Department office on Bakaya Road killing one soldier.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/481551/myanmar-explosions-reported-in-sanchaung-township-yangon-afternoon-may-21>

Reported: 21/05/2021

Pakistan

IED

Event – Anti-Israel protest hit by explosion.

Summary – 3 people were killed and ten others were wounded by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device targeting an anti-Israel protest near Marghi Bazar in Chaman, Balochistan province.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/481566/pakistan-explosion-kills-at-least-three-in-chaman-may-21>

Reported: 21/05/2021



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Afghanistan

IED

Event – 2 civilians killed and 1 wounded.

Summary – An improvised device exploded on the side of the road in the eastern province of Ghazni killing two civilians and one injured. The bomb was dropped from a truck.

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-05/21/c_139960637.htm
Reported: 21/05/2021

Pakistan

Roadside IED

Event – Islamist political party local leader targeted.

Summary – Powerful roadside Improvised Explosive Device went off near a vehicle carrying a local leader of an Islamist political party in Chaman, southwestern Pakistan, killing seven people.

Source: <https://chinapost.nownews.com/20210521-2500756>
Reported: 21/05/2021

Malaysia

HME

Event – Man died while carrying low-explosives.

Summary – Man died after the car he was driving exploded while carrying homemade low-explosives in Kota Baru near the Kampung Sireh junction; the explosion also damaged five other vehicles nearby.

Source: <https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2021/05/21/in-kota-baru-driver-killed-after-fireworks-in-car-explodes/1976104>
Reported: 21/05/2021

Myanmar

IED

Event– Explosion near Airport.

Summary– The blast of an improvised explosive device occurred in proximity to Patheingyi Airport, the administrative capital of Ayeyarwady Region; there are no official reports of casualties.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/482021/myanmar-explosion-reported-in-patheingyi-ayeyarwady-region-afternoon-may-22>
Reported: 22/05/2021



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Pakistan

Toy-IED

Event- 2 children hurt by explosive toy-device blast.

Summary- 2 children were injured by the blast of an improvised explosive toy-device while they were playing outside a school building in Spinwam area in North Waziristan tribal district.

Source:<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/838187-two-children-hurt-in-toy-bomb-blast>
Reported: 22/05/2021

Iraq

HME

Event – An explosive device exploded in central Nassiriya.

Summary – A homemade bomb went off on Al-Gomhoria Street in Nasiriya's city center. The explosion caused one casualty.

Source: <https://www.iqiraq.news/security/20066--.html>
Reported: 23/05/2021

Chile

IED

Event – Sound Bomb on the sports president's house.

Summary – An improvised explosive device exploded on the home of Rafael González, the sports president of Santiago Wanderers, in Valparaíso. The explosion caused no casualties, it only caused material damage by destroying the facade and entrance to the house. The property was also damaged by fireworks.

Source: <https://www.biobiochile.cl/noticias/nacional/region-de-valparaiso/2021/05/23/presidente-de-santiago-wanderers-sufrio-un-ataque-explosivo-en-su-casa.shtml>
Reported: 23/05/2021

Iraq

Roadside IEDs

Event- 3 US logistics convoys targeted.

Summary- 3 convoys of the US coalition were targeted by roadside Improvised Explosive Devices in southern Iraq: one of the attacks took place on the road of Samawah-Baghdad in Muthanna province and the other in Diwaniyah province; another blast took place on the road in the city of Hillah in Babil province.

Source: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/173817/3-more-US-logistics-convoys-targeted-in-S-Iraq-today>
Reported: 23/05/2021



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Iraq

Roadside IEDs

Event– US military logistics convoy targeted.

Summary– An US military logistics convoy was targeted by a roadside Improvised Explosive Device in the city of Nasiriyah in Dhi Qar province; minutes later, a second roadside IED exploded on the same convoy in the province.

Source: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/173800/US-military-logistics-convoy-targeted-in-Iraq-s-Dhi-Qar>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Syria

UXO

Event– 2 children injured by landmine blast.

Summary– 2 children were injured by the explosion of a landmine in the town of Arshuna in Hama eastern countryside.

Source: <http://www.sana.sy/en/?p=234151>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Iraq

Sticky IED

Event – Several people injured.

Summary– An explosive device attached to a car injured an undermined number of people as it detonated in Nasiriyah, Dhi Qar Governorate.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/482166/iraq-explosion-reported-in-nasiriyah-the-afternoon-of-may-23>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Iran

Explosion

Event– 9 people injured.

Summary – 9 people were injured by a blast at a plant producing explosive materials in Iran’s central province of Isfahan; the cause of the blast is unclear and reports so far do not indicate if any casualties have occurred.

Source: <https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2021/05/23/Explosion-at-Iranian-chemical-fireworks-factory-in-Isfahan-injures-nine-State-media>

Reported: 23/05/2021



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Yemen

UXO

Event- 3 women killed by landmine explosion.

Summary- 3 Yemeni women were killed by a landmine explosion in the country's Red Sea port city of Hodeidah while they were caring for their sheep near an agricultural area.

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-05/23/c_139965332.htm

Reported: 23/05/2021

Pakistan

IED

Event- Man killed by blast.

Summary - A man was killed as a remote-controlled Improvised Explosive Device went off in Saporay Targhao area in Barang tehsil in Bajaur tribal district.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/838836-man-killed-in-bajaur-bomb-blast>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Syria

IED

Event - Explosive device on a car.

Summary - An Improvised Explosive Device placed on a car exploded targeting a civilian car in the village of Glen, in the countryside of Daraa. The blast killed the driver and injured two women and three children.

Source: <https://syria.news/8370a7dd-23052112.html>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Iran

Explosion

Event - Explosion at Iranian chemical, fireworks factory in Isfahan injures nine.

Summary - At least nine people were injured in a blast at a plant producing explosive materials in Iran's central province of Isfahan, ISNA news agency reported.

Source: <https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2021/05/23/Explosion-at-Iranian-chemical-fireworks-factory-in-Isfahan-injures-nine-State-media>

Reported: 23/05/2021



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Pakistan

IED Explosion

Event – At least 5 injured in blast at Quetta’s Qambrani Road.

Summary – At least 5 people were injured in a blast at Quetta’s Qambrani Road, according to Balochistan government spokesperson Liaquat Shahwani. Police officials and rescue teams rushed to the scene after receiving information of the incident. The injured have been shifted to Civil Hospital. SP Sariab Akhlaqullah Tarar told Dawn.com the explosion was caused by an improvised explosive device (IED) planted at the side of the road. One security official was also among the injured, he added.

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1625443/at-least-5-injured-in-blast-at-quettas-qambrani-road>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Pakistan

VBIED

Event – A naib emir targeted.

Summary – An Improvised Explosive Device went off on Qambrani Road in Quetta. The goal was to hit the naib emir of JUI-N, Maulana Abdul Qadir Luni. The explosives had been placed on a motorcycle parked near the emir's car. The blast killed seven people including the Jamiat leader and five others were injured, including the Emir.

Source: <https://in.news.yahoo.com/5-people-injured-quetta-explosion-113805668.html?guccounter=1>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Yemen

Grenade

Event – 3 people Killed and 2 injured.

Summary – A grenade exploded on the outskirts of Al-Sunnah district, south of Taiz. The blast killed 3 girls and a fourth was injured along with a child while grazing cattle.

Source: <https://www.alweeam.com.sa/767154/زرعتها-مليشيا-الحوثي-مقتل-3-فتيات-واصا/>

Reported: 24/05/2021



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Afghanistan

PBIED

Event – Suicide bomb detonated.

Summary – A terrorist woman, who had planned to commit suicide in an explosive-laden vest in the Qaisar district, was identified by the Police. The woman was forced to blow herself up before reaching the goal. In addition to her death, the explosion caused the death of three other people.

Source: <https://www.khaama.com/taliban-killed-female-suicide-bomber-explodes-before-reaching-target-76748373/>

Reported: 24/05/2021

India

IEDs

Event – Improvised Explosive Devices went off on private homes.

Summary – 2 explosions occurred in the private homes of 2 workers in the countryside of Perod near Nadapuram. The explosions did not cause any injuries, only material damage to homes.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-kerala/houses-attacked/article34630300.ece>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Syria

VBIED

Event – Terrorist attack with motorcycle bomb.

Summary – A motorcycle loaded with explosives was detonated by terrorists in the city of Jarabulus, in northern Syria. The explosion killed three people.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/bomb-blast-kills-3-civilians-in-northern-syria/2252472>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Iraq

IED

Event – Logistic convoys exploded.

Summary – An American logistic convoy was targeted by an explosive device while crossing a highway in the province of Basra. The explosion caused no casualties.

Source: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/173859/US-logistics-convoy-targeted-in-Iraq-s-Basra>

Reported: 24/05/2021



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Iraq

IED

Event – Device exploded in the market.

Summary – A sound bomb exploded in the Al-Qaim district of western Anbar, near the Al-Kayyal market. The explosion caused no casualties or material damage.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/ar/أمن/انفجار-في-سوق-تجارية-بمدينة-القام-غربي-ال-نبار>
Reported: 25/05/2021

Iraq

VBIED

Event – Car bomb explodes in a market.

Summary – The Haditha market in the Anbar area was targeted by a car bomb, the explosives being placed on a pickup truck parked nearby. Ten civilians were injured.

Source: <https://www.nrttv.com/Ar/News.aspx?id=43305&MapID=2>
Reported: 25/05/2021

Iraq

Roadside IED

Event – Military convoy targeted.

Summary – A convoy of the international coalition was targeted by an Improvised Explosive Device along the way. The explosion occurred in the Diwaniyah area. The explosive devices caused no casualties or material damage.

Source: <https://baghdadtoday.news/ar/news/154289/A>
Reported: 25/05/2021

Yemen

IED

Event – Targeted convoy of a leader.

Summary – An explosive device exploded against a convoy of a leader of the Transactional Council forces. The explosion occurred in the district of Al-Habilern in the province of Lahj. The improvised explosive device wounded two council forces and three civilians.

Source: <https://almasdaronline.com/articles/225709>
Reported: 25/05/2021



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Myanmar

IED

Event- 3 people killed after wedding.

Summary- Bride, groom's cousin and another woman were killed by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device after wedding at an apartment in Zayya Thukha Road, Thingangyun Township, while they were opening gifts at home.

Source:<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/parcel-bomb-explodes-after-wedding-kills-3>
Reported: 25/05/2021

Myanmar

E.M.

Event - 3 lost and killed and 1 injured.

Summary - An unclear explosion occurred in Thinangyun along Wai Za Yan Road, Yangon. The blast killed three people and another was injured.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/482781/myanmar-explosion-in-thingangyun-township-yangon-late-may-25>
Reported: 25/05/2021

Afghanistan

IEDs

Event - 2 explosive devices exploded in the same area.

Summary - 2 explosive devices went off in the Al-Karabaj district north of Kabul. The explosions occurred in the same area just minutes away. The first improvised explosive device planted on the road detonated an army vehicle. The explosions left three injuries including a child and a soldier.

Source: <https://www.shorouknews.com/news/view.aspx?cdate=25052021&id=026fc3e4-63d9-4701-8fd6-d8f710811128>
Reported: 25/05/2021

Myanmar

IED

Event - Explosion in a power agency office.

Summary - An Improvised Explosive Device exploded in the offices of a power agency in Pathein, in the Ayeyarwady region. The blast injured two employees.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/482676/myanmar-explosion-reported-at-a-power-agency-office-in-pathein-ayeyarwady-region-afternoon-may-25>
Reported: 25/05/2021



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Iran

IIDs

Event – Arson attack on soccer team.

Summary – A football team was targeted by a group of young people who threw incendiary devices their bus. The attack took place in the city of Isfahan when the team was leaving the hotel for the Fooladshahr Stadium. The explosions caused no casualties, only material damage to the team bus and the staff bus

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/05/25/iran-football-team-targeted-by-attackers>

Reported: 25/05/2021

Cambodia

UXO

Event – Some 100 UXOs found in Choam Ksan district.

Summary – Police in Preah Vihear province in collaboration with the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC)'s demining unit removed 100 unexploded ordnances (UXOs) which were found buried in a villager's farm at the Cambodian-Thai-Border in Choam Ksan district. Choam Ksan district deputy police chief, Major Mao Vann said, a farmer in Choam Ksan commune was clearing his land located in a former military camp in the 1980s when he stumbled upon many unexploded bombs and mines buried in the ground.

Source: <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50861744/some-100-uxos-found-in-choam-ksan-district/>

Reported: 25/05/2021

South Korea

Training

Event – US troops conduct combined explosive ordnance disposal training.

Summary – Dozens of South Korean and American troops conducted joint explosive ordnance disposal training to hone bomb disposal skills in various settings and to improve interoperability, the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said. The training took place at the Naval Logistics Command in the southeastern city of Changwon, involving around 80 service members from three branches of service and the US Forces Korea, as well as police officers and government officials in charge of related duties, according to the JCS.

Source: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20210525008600325?section=search>

Reported: 25/05/2021



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Syria

UXO

Event– Man and his son killed.

Summary– Man and his son died as a hand grenade exploded in their home in the city of Shahba in the Suwayda Governorate.

Source:<https://syria.news/0d547cda-26052112.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021

India

Grenades

Event – Police squad attacked with explosive devices.

Summary – Grenades were thrown in Tral, in the Pulwama district by Jammu and Kashmir militants. The attackers targeted a Central Reserve Police Force squad. The explosions caused no casualties.

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/cities/srinagar/story/kashmir-militants-attack-crpf-team-with-grenade-in-pulwama-none-injured-1806964-2021-05-26>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Philippines

Explosion

Event – Explosion in a military field.

Summary – An explosion occurred in the province of Bataan west of Manila due to the mixing of chemicals to produce primers. The blast killed two people and injured two others.

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-05/26/c_139971253.htm

Reported: 26/05/2021

Syria

VBIED

Event – Explosion of a car bomb.

Summary – A car bomb exploded in the center of the city of Afrin, northwest of Aleppo. The blast killed one person and three others were injured.

Source: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/174015/One-killed-three-injured-in-car-bomb-blast-in-Syria-s-Afrin>

Reported: 26/05/2021



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Iraq

IED

Event – A man and a child were injured.

Summary – An explosive device went off in the Qayyarah district, south of Mosul. The blast injured a man and a four-year-old boy.

Source: <https://www.iqiraq.news/security/20374--.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Iran

Explosion

Event – Explosion in a petrochemical factory.

Summary – An explosion occurred in the Mobin Petrochemical Company, in the city of Asaluyeh, in the province of Bushehr. The explosion caused the death of one person and two injured. The causes are not ascertained.

Source: <https://crisis24.garda.com/insights-intelligence/intelligence/risk-alerts/wip1001289771/iran-authorities-responding-to-an-explosion-at-a-petrochemical-factory-in-asaluyeh-bushehr-province-may-26>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED

Event – Bridge leveled to the ground.

Summary – The Taliban blew up a bridge in the province of Nangarhr, in the district of Sorkhrud. The bridge connected the viability of four districts. The explosion caused no casualties.

Source: <https://da.azadiradio.com/a/31274402.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Syria

IED

Event – Explosion on Election Day.

Summary – An Improvised Explosive Device went off in the town square of Daraa next to a polling station. On that day, presidential elections were held. The explosion occurred away from the crowd and caused no casualties.

Source: <https://vestnikkavkaza.net/material/142267>

Reported: 26/05/2021



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China

Explosion

Event – Explosion in a building.

Summary – An explosion occurred in a corporate office building. The cause of the explosion was the illegal storage and manufacture of explosives. The blast killed eight people.

Source: <https://english.sina.cn/china/2021-05-26/detail-ikmxzfm4851274.d.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021

The Philippines

Explosion

Event – Massive blast kills 2 at government arsenal in Bataan.

Summary – An explosion inside the government's defense industrial complex in Limay, Bataan killed 2 people, officials said. The incident happened inside one of the production units of the Government Arsenal, located inside Camp General Antonio Luna in Barangay Lamao, Limay, Bataan. Government Arsenal Director Arnel Rafael Depakakibo said the blast killed Ricardo Solomon and Marvin Tatel. One of the victims instantly died, while the other passed away while being transported to the infirmary inside the complex, a police report said.

Source: <https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/5/26/Massive-explosion-government-arsenal-Bataan-kills-two-.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021

China

Explosion

Event – 8 dead, 4 injured in building explosion in NE China's Heilongjiang.

Summary – An explosion at an office building in Dongning City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, has killed eight people and injured four others, local authorities said. The blast was caused by the unlawful production and storage of explosives, local police said after preliminary investigation.

Source: <https://news.cgtn.com/news/2021-05-26/At-least-2-dead-in-building-explosion-in-NE-China-s-Heilongjiang-10zzbm95Hnq/index.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021



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UAE/USA

Explosion Prevention System

Event – Atom Alloys unveils fuel storage explosion prevention system.

Summary – The company, which is based in the US but maintains its corporate office in Dubai, says its new technology suppresses the explosion of hydrocarbon fuels in storage and transportation units.

Source: <https://www.bulktransporter.com/equipment/article/21165230/atom-unveils-fuel-storage-explosion-prevention-system>

Reported: 26/05/2021

India

IED

Event – ITBP Personnel Neutralise 2 Pressure Cooker IEDs in Chhattisgarh.

Summary – Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Kadenar in Narayanpur, found 2 pressure cooker IEDs near Chikhpal village. ITBP later neutralized the Improvised Explosive Devices.

Source: <https://twitter.com/ANI>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Iraq

IED

Event – Force of the third regiment targeted.

Summary – An Improvised Explosive Device went off as a Third Regiment Force passed through the village of Bir Ahmed in the Tuz Khurmatu district. The blast injured two soldiers.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/ar/امن/اصابة-جنديين-عراقيين-بانفجار-ناسفة-شرقي-صلاح-الدين>

Reported: 27/05/2021

Afghanistan

Magnetic IED

Event – Magnetic bomb blew up a district governor's car.

Summary – An explosive device attached to the car of the district governor of Kama exploded in the district of Behsud, in the province of Nangarhar. The blast injured the governor and two security guards.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-172422>

Reported: 27/05/2021



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Lebanon

Explosion

Event – Explosion in Tripoli.

Summary – An unclear explosion occurred in the Tabbaneh area of Tripoli. No casualties or material damage were caused.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/483676/lebanon-explosion-reported-in-tabbaneh-tripoli-early-may-27>

Reported: 27/05/2021

Iraq

Roadside IED

Event – Military convoy targeted.

Summary – An Improvised Explosive Device went off targeting a military convoy carrying military references. The explosion occurred along the highway near Al-Muthanna. No casualties or material damage were reported.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/483911/iraq-improvised-explosive-device-reportedly-targeted-a-convoy-carrying-military-supplies-in-al-muthanna-governorate-may-27>

Reported: 27/05/2021

Lebanon

Grenade

Event – Explosion at the port.

Summary – An explosive device went off in the Port of Sidon before being loaded aboard a commercial ship. The explosive was in a cargo of scrap. There were no casualties, only material damage.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/fr/monde/liban-explosion-dun-obus-dans-un-chargeement-de-ferrailles-dans-le-port-de-sidon/2256150>

Reported: 27/05/2021

Myanmar

IEDs

Event – 5 explosions target institutional sites.

Summary – The city of Thaketa in Yangon was hit by 5 explosions. Improvised Explosive Devices hit two police stations and the residence of a government official. The official was killed in the blast.

Source: <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/483791/myanmar-explosions-reported-in-thaketa-township-yangon-may-27>

Reported: 27/05/2021



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Iraq

IED

Event – Iraqi Police officer killed.

Summary – An Iraqi Police officer was killed as an Improvised Explosive Device went off in Wadi Al-Shay, south of Kirkuk.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/An-Iraqi-officer-killed-in-an-explosion-in-Kirkuk>
Reported: 27/05/2021

Afghanistan

IED, Bomb Blast

Event – District governor wounded in bomb blast in Nangarhar.

Summary – Sharifullah Fazli, the district governor of Kama, and two of his security guards were wounded in a blast in the eastern province of Nangarhar, a security official, who wished not to be named, said. The incident happened in Behsud district in Nangarhar province when a magnetic IED bomb attached to the district governor's vehicle was detonated, the source said. Local officials have not commented on the incident.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-172422>
Reported: 27/05/2021

Cambodia

Mine Explosion

Event – Farmer killed and another injured in mines explosion.

Summary – A farmer was killed and another was injured in a landmine explosion at their farm in Chamkar Chek village, Sung Commune in Somlot district at Battambang province. The incident happened when the two farmers on their bulldozers were plowing their land for cultivation. One of the farmers identified as Born Sokea, 27 died on the spot while the other Heng Sihor, 26, sustained facial injuries.

Source: <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50864073/farmer-killed-and-another-injured-in-mines-explosion/>
Reported: 28/05/2021



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Syria

IED

Event – Explosive device exploded in a car.

Summary – An explosive device went off in the car of two members of the Syrian Democratic Forces. The explosion occurred on the highway south of Raqa. The explosion killed the two militiamen by destroying the car.

Source: <http://www.sana.sy/es/?p=182541>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Myanmar

IED

Event – 1 man killed and 1 wounded.

Summary – An explosion with yet to be clarified causes occurred in Muse on Pyidaungsu Road. The blast killed a municipal worker and injured another person.

Source: <https://crisis24.garda.com/insights-intelligence/intelligence/risk-alerts/wip1001290431/myanmar-an-explosion-occurred-on-pyidaungsu-road-muse-shan-state-may-28>

Reported: 28/05/2021

India

UXO

Event – Teenage girl killed and her mother injured.

Summary – A 19-year-old girl was killed and her mother injured by an explosion in Kupwara district in Jammu and Kashmir; they had gone to the forest to collect vegetables and the device may have come with them from the forest since they opened the bag of vegetables and the explosion occurred.

Source: <https://english.newstracklive.com/news/woman-dies-mother-injured-in-jammu-and-kashmir-blast-mc23-nu901-ta901-ta321-1162538-1.html>

Reported: 28/05/2021

India

IED

Event – 12-year-old girl injured.

Summary – A 12-year-old girl was injured by the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device in Jagatpur, in the area of the Lodipur police station.

Source: <https://www.abplive.com/states/bihar/bihar-bomb-blast-in-bhagalpur-12-year-old-girl-injured-in-the-incident-ann-1919991>

Reported: 28/05/2021



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Myanmar

MBIED

Event – Explosion of a pack bomb.

Summary – An explosive device contained in a package exploded in the city of Muse, near the market and the hospital. The explosion was generated by a boy who inadvertently picked up the package on the street. The boy lost both legs and a woman was seriously injured after her motorcycle caught fire.

Source: <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/bomb-explosion-on-the-streets-of-muse-kills-18-year-old-man>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Afghanistan

IEDs

Event – Several people killed.

Summary – 7 civilians were killed in Afghanistan by Improvised Explosive Device and grenade explosions: in the southern Helmand province, 2 children and a woman died when a mortar shell hit a residential building in the Nahr-e-Saradsch district; 3 people died by an explosive device left on a road bike in the northeastern province of Kapisa; 1 person died in Daikundi province when he stepped on a mine while collecting wood.

Source: <https://www.greenpeace-magazin.de/ticker/bomben-und-granaten-sieben-zivilisten-afghanistan-getoetet>

Reported: 28/05/2021

India

E.M.

Event – 1 Dead woman and 1 wounded.

Summary – A woman died and her daughter was seriously injured when an explosion of unclear causes occurred while the women were cleaning wild vegetables. The explosion occurred in the village of Sharkoot, in the Kupwara district

Source: <https://menafn.com/1102166964/Woman-injured-in-mysterious-blast-in-JKs-Kupwara-dies>

Reported: 29/05/2021



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The Philippines

IED Chemicals Bomb

Event – Man arrested after 53 sacks of explosive chemicals, bomb-making materials seized.

Summary – Police arrested a man and seized a large volume of explosive chemicals and materials for bomb-making during a raid in an island town of Olutanga, Zamboanga Sibugay, according to official. Col. Albert Larubis, Zamboanga Sibugay Provincial Police Office (ZSBPPO) director, identified the suspect as Buddy Pawaki Asamuddin, 45, a resident of Purok 1, Barangay Pulo Mabao, Olutanga. Larubis said the joint police forces led by Lt. Col. Chamer Lacay, commander of the Provincial Mobile Force Company and local police applied the search warrant that led to the arrest of Asamuddin, a carpenter by occupation.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/05/29/2101702/man-arrested-after-53-sacks-explosive-chemicals-bomb-making-materials-seized>
Reported: 29/05/2021

Afghanistan

RoadsideIED

Event – Passenger bus targeted.

Summary – 4 civilians were killed and 11 others were injured after a roadside Improvised Explosive Device hit a bus carrying university teachers and students in the northern Afghan province of Parwan while they were traveling from Albironi University in Kapisa province to the capital Kabul.

Source: <https://www.laprensalatina.com/4-killed-in-bomb-blast-on-university-bus-in-northern-afghanistan/>
Reported: 29/05/2021

Afghanistan

RoadsideIED

Event – 6 guards of Railway Killed and 2 others injured.

Summary – 6 guards of the railway linking Afghanistan to neighboring Iran have been confirmed dead as a roadside Improvised Explosive Device struck their car in the western Herat province; other two have been injured.

Source: <https://iqna.ir/en/news/3474837/six-guards-of-railway-killed-in-w-afghanistan-roadside-bomb-blast>
Reported: 30/05/2021



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Afghanistan

UXO

Event – Several people killed during a marriage.

Summary – Several people died after a mortar attack during a wedding party in the northeastern province of Kapisa which killed seven civilians and wounded three others.

Source: <https://www.notimerica.com/politica/noticia-afganistan-menos-13-muertos-incidentes-violentos-ultimas-horas-afganistan-20210530083729.html>

Reported: 30/05/2021

Iraq

Grenade

Event – Former Police chief targeted.

Summary – An explosive device was dropped on the home of the former Babylonian Police commander. The blast damaged the rating without causing casualties.

Source: <https://aynaliraqnews.com/index.php?aa=news&id22=147989>

Reported: 30/05/2021

Syria

Mine

Event – Explosive device destroys wheat fields.

Summary – An explosive device, left by the Al-Nusra Front terrorists, exploded in the village of Al-Jibin, in the Hama countryside. The explosion involved the workers of the farmers who were cultivating the fields. There were no casualties, only material damage to the combine harvester the farmers were working with, in addition to the destruction of the fields and the grain already harvested.

Source: <http://sana.sy/?p=1398915>

Reported: 30/05/2021



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Syria

UXO

Event – A wounded woman.

Summary – An explosive remnant left by terrorist organizations exploded in the eastern Damascus countryside, in the city of Douma. The blast injured a woman who works in her garden.

Source: <http://sana.sy/?p=1399409>

Reported: 31/05/2021

India

HME

Event – Wounded while making explosives.

Summary – An explosion occurred on Sithi Vinayagar Temple Street in Coonoor, as two men were making explosive devices to hunt game. The explosion caused three injuries, including a child.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/three-injured-in-explosion-in-coonoor/article34688480.ece>

Reported: 31/05/2021

Saudi Arabia

UAS IED

Event – Drones loaded with explosive devices.

Summary – Drones loaded with explosive devices were launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels, on the Saudi airbase of King Khalid, in the city of Khamis Mushait. The explosions did not cause casualties or damage.

Source: <https://crisis24.garda.com/insights-intelligence/intelligence/risk-alerts/wip1001291201/saudi-arabia-al-houthi-rebels-claim-weaponized-drone-attack-targeting-king-khalid-airbase-early-may-31>

Reported: 31/05/2021



EUROPE NEWS ON CBRNE EVENTS

This section gathers news collected from sources related to the European continent, in chronological order. The section is organized in four sections, according to news availability,:

- chemical
- biological
- radiological and nuclear
- explosives





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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dangerous Mines

Event– Mines pose a danger in 118 Municipalities.

Summary– Mines pose a danger in 118 municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it is estimated that there are 180,000 of them, according to the demining plan for this year. The document states that data on 264,011 households in vulnerable communities were collected, of which 32,109 households were exposed to direct risk. According to these data, 845,163 inhabitants live in vulnerable communities, of which 92,817 are boys, 87,990 are girls, 328,842 are men and 335,514 are women.

Source: <http://www.sarajevotimes.com/mines-pose-a-danger-in-118-municipalities-in-bih/>
Reported: 11/05/2021

United Kingdom

WWII bomb

Event– Royal Navy team to detonate unexploded WWII bomb in Guernsey.

Summary– A team of specialists from the Royal Navy will arrive into Guernsey to dispose of a second unexploded World War II device found off the island's coast. The object was detected 548 metres north east of the White Rock pier in St. Peter Port. It was found by a team of local scallop divers during a routine dive, having lay undisturbed on the seabed for 70 years.

Source: <https://www.itv.com/news/channel/2021-05-08/royal-navy-team-to-detonate-unexploded-wwii-bomb-in-guernsey>
Reported: 08/05/2021

United Kingdom

IED

Event– Cambridge student jailed for exploding parcel postal fraud.

Summary– A student who sent packages with Improvised Explosive Devices through the post as part of a plot to get fraudulent refunds has been jailed. Ovidijus Margelis, from Cambridge, sent the packages to depots around the UK, causing evacuations, road closures and disruption to more than 50,000 people.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-57121428>
Reported: 15/05/2021



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Greece

HME

Event – Thessaloniki's Goethe Institute targeted.

Summary – Greek state security in Thessaloniki is investigating an attack with a Home-Made Explosive device made of gas canisters at the city's Goethe Institute; any injuries but damage to the building's wall.

Source: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1161196/thessaloniki-s-goethe-institute-targeted-in-gas-canister-attack/>

Reported: 17/05/2021

United Kingdom

IID

Event – A toddler died in an explosion.

Summary– A gas explosion occurred at a house in Heysham in which a toddler died; officers attended and found two houses collapsed with serious damage to a third property.

Source: <https://www.lancasterguardian.co.uk/news/enquiries-underway-into-cause-of-suspected-gas-explosion-in-heysham-3239901>

Reported: 17/05/2021

United Kingdom

IID

Event – Car damaged by incendiary device.

Summary – Car was targeted by an Improvised Incendiary Device in Heather Way's Harrogate; drivers window had been smashed and a plastic bottle containing petrol and a wick had been thrown in.

Source: <https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/19307303.police-investigate-harrogate-car-bomb/>

Reported: 17/05/2021



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Northern Ireland

Pipe Bomb

Event– Policing committee hears call for information following pipe bomb incident in Tuam.

Summary– The county joint policing committee has heard calls for anyone who may have information regarding the pipe bomb incident in Tuam to come forward in confidence to Gardaí. Local area councillor Colm Keaveney appealed to families who have information to share it with Gardaí and raised concerns that people may be afraid to come forward. He described the pipe bomb as a “crude device” and said it had been planted “to kill” and not “for fun or provocation”.

Source: <https://galwaybayfm.ie/galway-bay-fm-news-desk/policing-committee-hears-call-for-information-following-pipe-bomb-incident-in-tuam/>

Reported: 18/05/2021

United Kingdom

Banned Weapons, IED

Event– Police worker admits making explosives.

Summary– A Police worker who ran a survivalist YouTube channel has admitted possessing banned weapons and making an improvised explosive device. Zoe Ashley Watts – a former Police Community Support Officer – was arrested in October after a search at her home in St Helens Avenue, Lincoln. A Police raid at her home found a stun gun, butterfly knives and a modified electric fly swatter able to discharge noxious substances.

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-57159327>

Reported: 19/05/2021

United Kingdom

IID

Event – Executive chairman’s house targeted.

Summary – Executive chairman’s house of Celtic Football Club was partly destroyed by an Improvised Incendiary Device attack while he and his family were sleeping inside on the southern side of Glasgow.

Source: <https://www.albayan.ae/sports/finish-line/2021-05-19-1.4167198>

Reported: 19/05/2021



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United Kingdom

WW2 Bomb

Event – Man tries to sell live World War II Era bomb on eBay.

Summary – Mark Williams, a British metal detectorist, 51, found a bomb from World War II on a grass bank near his brother's home in Swaythling, Hampshire. Mark wanted to sell the antique weapon on eBay because he was so pleased with his find. 'WWII German incendiary bomb – genuine, authentic Southampton Blitz,' Mark wrote on the e-commerce platform. Mark had no idea, however, that the bomb was still alive and well and that it had the ability to explode, torching homes and buildings.

Source: <https://www.republicworld.com/world-news/uk-news/uk-man-tries-to-sell-live-world-war-ii-era-bomb-on-ebay-army-evacuates-residential-campus.html>

Reported: 22/05/2021

Albania

EOD

Event – Albanian EOD unit shows off US donated equipment at Vlore Open Day.

Summary – The Albanian Armed Forces Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit showed off US donated equipment, at a military sponsored open house in Vlore, Albania, held as part of DEFENDER-Europe 21 activities. During the event, US Ambassador to Albania Yuri Kim was briefed on the equipment and the continued US commitment to peace and security in Albania, which includes decontamination of landmine and unexploded ordnance sites left over from previous conflict here.

Source: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/397763/albanian-eod-unit-shows-off-us-donated-equipment-vlore-open-day>

Reported: 22/05/2021

Northern Ireland

IED

Event – Police Service of Northern Ireland carry out evacuation after discovery of viable explosive device.

Summary – Police received a report that a suspicious object had been discovered outside a property on Main Street in Glenavy. Police and army bomb disposal experts attended the scene, closing Main Street and evacuating nearby residents, whilst the object was examined. The object was later declared as a viable pipe bomb type device and removed for further forensic tests.

Source: <https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/crime/psni-carry-out-evacuation-after-discovery-of-viable-explosive-device-3247012>

Reported: 23/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



United Kingdom

Explosion

Event – Explosion causes casualties and destroys homes.

Summary – An explosion occurred in Heysham, Lancashire. The cause is the cut of a gas pipe. The explosion caused the death of a child and four others were injured, also destroying three houses. The police have opened a criminal investigation to verify the reasons for the cutting of the pipe.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-lancashire-57232373>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Ireland

Explosion

Event – 1 injured person.

Summary – An explosion occurred in the Clieveragh area of Listowel. The explosion caused a major fire and injured a man. The explosion appears suspicious; the causes are to be clarified.

Source: <https://www.rte.ie/news/regional/2021/0527/1224345-listowel-fire-explosion/>

Reported: 27/05/2021

France

Explosion

Event – 1 person injured and another 43 evacuated.

Summary – A man, in the Vendée in La Roche Sur Yon, in an attempt to commit suicide with energetic materials caused a large explosion followed by a fire. The blast seriously injured the suicide and forced forty-three people to leave their homes.

Source: <https://www.francebleu.fr/infos/faits-divers-justice/explosion-a-la-roche-sur-yon-vendredi-c-etait-une-tentative-de-suicide-1622465137>

Reported: 31/05/2021



LATIN-AMERICA NEWS ON CBRNE EVENTS

This section gathers news collected from sources related to the Latin-American continent, proposed in chronological order. The section is organized in four areas, according to news availability:

- chemical
- biological
- radiological and nuclear
- explosives





CHEMICAL



Ecuador

CBRN

Event – CBRN experts from Latin America and the Caribbean expand chemical incident response capabilities.

Summary – The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of Ecuador assisted chemical emergency responders and other members of CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear) national defence systems from Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) in advancing their operational resilience in countering chemical threats, through an online workshop held from 17 to 19 May.

Source: <https://www.opcw.org/media-centre/news/2021/05/cbrn-experts-latin-america-and-caribbean-expand-chemical-incident>

Reported: 20/05/2021



EXPLOSIVE



Colombia

IED

Event – Killed and wounded while patrolling.

Summary – Improvised Explosive Device's blast struck a number of soldiers who were making control activities in the ways of the rural area of Tibú, in the northern department of Santander.

Source: <https://hsbnoticias.com/noticias/judicial/escalofriante-ataque-con-explosivos-habria-dejado-un-soldado-684377>

Reported: 17/05/2021

Colombia

IID

Event – Explosion in the Ecopetrol tank.

Summary– During the demonstrations of the national strike an explosion occurred between the Primax fuel substation and the Ecopetrol headquarters in Yumbo, Valle del Cauca.

Source: <https://www.infobae.com/america/colombia/2021/05/18/tensa-situacion-en-yumbo-reportan-explosion-y-tiroteos-del-esmad-durante-las-manifestaciones/>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Colombia

IED

Event – An explosion left several people injured.

Summary– Several people were injured after an explosive device exploded in the port of Buenaventura, in the Colombian Pacific.

Source: <https://www.lafm.com.co/colombia/temor-en-buenaventura-por-explosion-que-dejo-varias-personas-heridas>

Reported: 18/05/2021



EXPLOSIVE



Colombia

IID

Event – An Esmad tank was attacked.

Summary– An Esmad tank was attacked with a Molotov cocktail in the sector of the Bolívar in which area there is tension due to the robberies of businesses.

Source: <https://www.infobae.com/america/colombia/2021/05/20/popayan-volvio-a-ser-centro-de-fuertes-enfrentamientos-entre-la-policia-y-civiles/>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Colombia

IID

Event – Explosion injures a policeman.

Summary – A Colombian police guard was injured by an Improvised Incendiary Device. The man was admitted to intensive care. The attack took place during a demonstration in the city of Bogota.

Source: <https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/video/colombia-manifestaciones-imagenes-fuertes-violencia-bomba-molotov-policia-esmad-bogota-incendio-papa-francisco-ana-maria-luengo-romero-mirador-mundial/>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Chile

IED

Event – Sound Bomb on the sports president's house.

Summary – An improvised explosive device exploded on the home of Rafael González, the sports president of Santiago Wanderers, in Valparaíso. The explosion caused no casualties, it only caused material damage by destroying the facade and entrance to the house. The property was also damaged by fireworks.

Source: <https://www.biobiochile.cl/noticias/nacional/region-de-valparaiso/2021/05/23/presidente-de-santiago-wanderers-sufrio-un-ataque-explosivo-en-su-casa.shtml>

Reported: 23/05/2021



NORTH-AMERICA NEWS ON CBRNE EVENTS

This section gathers news collected from sources related to the North-American continent, proposed in chronological order. The section is organized in four areas:

- chemical
- biological
- radiological and nuclear
- explosives





EXPLOSIVES



USA

Landmine Policy

Event – US to Revise Landmine Policy.

Summary – Just 2 days after a Defense Department spokesperson said the Trump administration landmine policy remained in place and that landmines were a “vital tool,” US Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield said on April 8 that President Joe Biden “intends to roll back this policy, and our administration has begun a policy review to do just that.” That intention, was foreshadowed by Biden during the presidential campaign. It was reaffirmed after Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, a long time anti-landmine champion, criticized the Defense Department statement and said on April 7 that he was “confident” that the Biden administration would “do the right thing and renounce these indiscriminate weapons that have no place in the arsenal of civilized nations”.

Source: <https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2021-05/news-briefs/us-revise-landmine-policy>
Reported: 01/05/2021

USA-Idaho

Suspicious Device

Event – Police say suspicious device not a ‘credible threat’.

Summary – The Pocatello Police Department, in conjunction with several other agencies including the Idaho Falls Police Bomb Squad, have determined that a suspected Improvised Explosive Device was not actually an explosive. Authorities say the school district received threats, according to a Pocatello Police news release. Police worked to identify persons of interest and interviewed them on Monday, the release says. The suspected device was found Tuesday morning and the school was evacuated by school district staff, school resource officers and patrol division officers.

Source: <https://www.eastidahonews.com/2021/05/update-police-say-suspicious-device-not-a-credible-threat/>
Reported: 04/05/2021

USA

E.M.

Event – 3 people killed along the river’s bank.

Summary – The 3 people who died when they ignited a black powder substance that exploded along a bank of the Illinois River next to Starved Rock State Park were men from the Chicago area who were related.

Source: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-starved-rock-explosion-20210508-ulrbibnguvgcfl5ek4n4fjslm-story.html>
Reported: 08/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



USA

IED

Event – House destroyed in an explosion.

Summary– A house in Amherst, New Hampshire sat right on the water of Baboosic Lake was destroyed in an explosion; firefighters used water from the lake to put out the fire.

Source: <https://boston.cbslocal.com/2021/05/14/amherst-nh-house-explosion-fire-baboosic-lake-new-hampshire-clark-avenue/>

Reported: 14/05/2021

USA

Pyrotechnics

Event – Pro-Palestinian protestors throw fireworks at Jews.

Summary – Fireworks were thrown by Pro-Palestinian supporters from a car at Jews in Manhattan's heavily Jewish Diamond District, causing a 55-year old woman to suffer a minor burn.

Source: <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/306612>

Reported: 21/05/2021

Canada

Crime, Explosives

Event – B.C. man who robbed Edmonton banks with homemade explosives faces sentencing next month.

Summary – A bank robber who blew up homemade bombs at two Edmonton branches three years ago, injuring four armed guards, could face up to life in prison. Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench, 40-year-old Justin Byron pleaded guilty to making an explosive substance and trying to rob a pair of GardaWorld armed guards in September 2018. Byron also pleaded guilty to four charges stemming from another Edmonton bank robbery in December 2018. He admitted detonating an explosive device and attacking a GardaWorld employee while wearing a disguise to rob the bank.

Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/b-c-man-who-robbed-edmonton-banks-with-homemade-explosives-faces-sentencing-next-month-1.6036939>

Reported: 23/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



Mexico

IIDs

Event – A politician's truck burned down.

Summary – The car of the candidate for mayor of Lázaro Cárdenas in Michoacán was burned by unknown people who attacked it with incendiary devices. No injuries were reported.

Source: <https://www.elsoldemexico.com.mx/republica/politica/video-queman-camioneta-de-candidato-del-pri-en-lazaro-cardenas-michoacan-6756028.html>

Reported: 24/05/2021

USA

IED

Event– Man killed by blast.

Summary– Man died as an Improvised Explosive Devices he was building in his garage exploded in Jefferson Township, Ohio.

Source: <https://www.kansascity.com/news/nation-world/national/article251643363.html>

Reported: 24/05/2021

USA

IID

Event – Incendiary device destroys a bus.

Summary – A bus carrying workers from the sugar cane fields was incinerated by an incendiary device while traveling along the highway. The incendiary device was dropped by unknown people traveling by motorbike. Two passengers were seriously injured, all the others were lightly injured.

Source: <https://hsbnoticias.com/noticias/nacional/bus-que-movilizaba-corteros-de-cana-fue-incinerado-tras-ser-686944>

Reported: 26/05/2021

USA

IIDs

Event – Supermarket targeted.

Summary – 1 of the 7-Eleven supermarkets was targeted with incendiary explosive devices in Maryland. This is the second attack that has forced the supermarket to close. The explosion did not cause any injuries.

Source: <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/maryland-7-eleven-closed-after-second-molotov-cocktail-attack/2687518>

Reported: 31/05/2021



OCEANIA NEWS ON CBRNE EVENTS

This section gathers news collected from sources related to the Oceanic continent, proposed in chronological order. The section is organized in four areas, according to news availability:

- chemical
- biological
- radiological and nuclear
- explosives





RADIOLOGICAL-NUCLEAR



Australia

N issue

Event – Toxic particles persist at bomb test sites.

Summary – Highly toxic particles of uranium and plutonium persist in the soil at the site of the nine British atomic bomb tests at Maralinga, between 1953 and 1963 in South Australia's north, a study has found.

Source: <https://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/7264138/toxic-particles-persist-at-bomb-test-sites/?cs=9676>

Reported: 21/05/2021



EXPLOSIVES



Oceania/Solomon Islands

Explosive

Event – The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) has confirmed that they responded to a bomb blast which killed a male person and left two others in critical condition.

Summary – Officer In-charge (OIC) of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team One of the four casualties has been confirmed dead, the other two in critical condition and one has some minor injuries. EOD experts have identified the bomb as a US 105mm High Explosive Projectile, remnants from World War II.

Source: <https://www.solomontimes.com/news/wwii-bomb-expoldees-in-honiara-suburb-killing-one-two-in-critical-condition/10815>

Reported: 09/05/2021

Australia

HME and Weapons Seized

Event – Launceston Police taskforce seize Home-Made Explosive, guns, drugs and cash.

Summary – A Home-Made Explosive device and \$86,000 worth of cash are among the latest items seized by a Northern taskforce targeting illegal guns. The Launceston Firearms Taskforce carried out a search warrant at a South Launceston address. Here, Police found and seized three pistols, one improvised homemade explosive device and over 1000 rounds of ammunition.

Source: <https://www.examiner.com.au/story/7248902/homemade-explosive-86k-cash-seized-from-south-launceston-home/>

Reported: 12/05/2021

Oceania/Solomon Islands

UXOs

Event – 101 WWII bombs removed from residential area.

Summary – The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) has removed 101 unexploded ordnance (UXOs) at Gilbert Camp in Honiara in a two days operation. EOD operators have unearthed 101 UXOs after we received the report from the community. The UXOs are safely stored at Hells Points for render safe. EOD operators have identified the bombs, they are US 105mm High Explosive Projectile remains from World War II.

Source: <https://www.solomontimes.com/news/101-wwii-bombs-removed-from-residential-area/10840>

Reported: 18/05/2021



TERRORISM AND COUNTER- TERRORISM NEWS

This section gathers news collected from sources related terrorism and counter-terrorism.

News are proposed in chronological order.





NEWS



United Kingdom

Counter Terrorism

Event – Suspicion of right-wing terrorism.

Summary – Officers from Counter Terrorism Policing North East have arrested two men and a woman from Keighley as part of intelligence led investigation into suspected right wing terrorism. The men aged 29 and 30 and the woman aged 28 have been arrested on suspicion of the Commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism, contrary to Section 41 Terrorism Act 2000. They have been taken to a Police station in West Yorkshire for questioning. Two addresses in Keighley are currently being searched in connection with this investigation.

Source: <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/counter-terrorism-policing-north-east-arrest-five-for-terrorism-offences/>

Reported: 01/05/2021

Democratic Republic of Congo

Terrorist Attack

Event – Suspected ADF attack.

Summary – According to local authorities, an imam representing the Islamic community in Beni town- in North Kivu province- was shot dead by suspected Allied Democratic Forces rebels while praying at a mosque. The assassins have not yet been identified.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/rebels-storm-mosque-kill-imam-in-eastern-dr-congo/2227441>

Reported: 02/05/2021

Iraq

Terrorist Attack

Event – IS kills Iraqi policeman.

Summary – Islamic State conducted an attack on the Iraqi Federal Police forces in the disputed Kurdish province of Kirkuk where they killed one policeman, a spokesperson said.

Source: <https://www.basnews.com/en/babat/686022>

Reported: 02/05/2021



NEWS



Turkey

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – A senior Islamic State exponent, regarded as the right arm of the late Abu Bakr al Baghdadi, was arrested by the Turkish police.

Summary – Turkish counter-terrorism agents arrested the Afghan under the code name BASIM during a raid in the Atesehir neighborhood.

Source: <https://www.ilfogliettone.it/isis-arrestato-in-turchia-il-braccio-destro-di-al-baghdadi/>

Reported: 02/05/2021

Niger

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – Niger troops operation against alleged jihadist groups.

Summary – According to a defense ministry statement, Niger troops killed 24 alleged jihadist terrorists after they sought to escape after being captured in the west of the country. The suspects had been planning an attack on the market town of Banibangou but the army was alerted and, after an exchange of fire, 26 people were arrested.

Source: <https://www.thedefensepost.com/2021/05/03/niger-kills-24-suspected-terrorists/>
Reported: 03/05/2021

Niger

Terrorist Attack

Event – Unidentified gunmen attack.

Summary – According to local sources, 16 soldiers have been killed, six others wounded and another kidnapped in an attack in northwestern part of Niger, near the Malian border. Unidentified gunmen riding motorcycles in the area of Ekenewane and Intazey ambushed regional patrol of the Niger National Guard. As a result, two army vehicles were damaged and a third was taken away.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/16-soldiers-killed-in-niger-near-malian-border-/2227640>

Reported: 03/05/2021



NEWS



Syria

IS

Event – IS leader arrested in Syria's Deir ez-Zor countryside.

Summary – Special Unites affiliated with the Internal Security Forces (Asayish) arrested a leader of Islamic State during a security campaign in Sha'fah town, in the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, a military source said.

Source: <https://npasyria.com/en/58753/>

Reported: 03/05/2021

Afghanistan

Taliban Attack

Event – At least 7 killed in Taliban attack on southwest Afghanistan army outpost.

Summary – Taliban insurgents attacked an army outpost in Afghanistan's southwestern Farah province killing at least seven soldiers, local officials said, as the country braces for violence after May 1, a previously agreed deadline for foreign troop withdrawal.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/least-7-killed-taliban-attack-southwest-afghanistan-army-outpost-officials-2021-05-03/>

Reported: 03/05/2021

Niger

Terrorist Attack

Event – 16 soldiers killed in western Niger ambush.

Summary – According to local authorities, sixteen Niger soldiers have been killed and another is missing after an ambush against a patrol in the Tahoua region. No one has already claim responsibility for the attack.

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/5/3/16-soldiers-killed-in-western-niger-ambush>

Reported: 03/05/2021



NEWS



Syria

IS Report

Event – IS Redux: the central Syria insurgency in April 2021.

Summary – Islamic State militants carried out at least 30 confirmed attacks in April, killing at least 24 pro-Assad regime fighters and three civilians, while wounding at least 30 in the Homs, Deir Ez Zor, Raqqqa, Hama, and Aleppo governorates. Although the rate of IS attacks during April dropped back to that seen in February, IS continued to shift its focus from civilians back to military targets.

Source: <https://www.counterextremism.com/blog/isis-redux-central-syria-insurgency-april-2021>

Reported: 03/05/2021

United Kingdom

Counter Terrorism Operations

Event – UK F-35Bs to strike Islamic State on inaugural Queen Elizabeth carrier cruise.

Summary – The United Kingdom is to deploy the Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria when the HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier sails into the eastern Mediterranean later in May. The Ministry of Defence announced that F-35Bs from Carrier Strike Group 2021 (CSG21) will provide a “tangible and impactful support to counter [Islamic State] operations in Iraq and Syria”.

Source: <https://www.janes.com/defence-news/news-detail/uk-f-35bs-to-strike-islamic-state-on-inaugural-queen-elizabeth-carrier-cruise>

Reported: 04/05/2021

Nigeria

Terrorist Attack

Event – Boko Haram attack.

Summary – According to military sources, Nigerian jihadists have attacked two army bases in the restive northeast, overrunning one camp and killing at least eight people, including a soldier, and wounding many others.

Source: <https://www.thedefensepost.com/2021/05/03/nigeria-jihadists-attack-two-army-bases/>

Reported: 04/05/2021



NEWS



Turkey

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – Ibrahim Tatar, a suspect accused of founding a network of followers of the Gülenist Terror Group (FETÖ) in Africa, was arrested Monday night in Istanbul.

Summary – Tatar was discovered in a safe house, known as a “gaybubet,” or absence, which is a term given by the group to safe houses where wanted members are holed up.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/investigations/fetos-point-man-for-africa-captured-in-istanbul-safe-house>

Reported: 04/05/2021

Germany

Counter Terrorism Measure

Event – The Minister of the Interior has banned the Ansaar International association and several of its sub-organizations from the country, because they are considered to be the financiers of terrorism all over the world.

Summary – The Ansaar association and the banned sub-organizations had the purpose of "disguising the flow of money" under the pretext of humanitarian aid. In addition, the Minister of the Interior expressed that these associations inculcate Salafist extremist content in children from Germany, in fact the number of Salafists, Islamic extremists, in 2019 alone was 12,150 adherents.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/germany-bans-islamic-group-ansaar-suspected-financing-terrorism-2021-05-05/>

Reported: 05/05/2021

Afghanistan

Taliban Attack

Event – Taliban capture northern Afghan district amid surge in violence.

Summary – Taliban insurgents captured a district in northern Afghanistan, forcing government troops to retreat to the provincial capital amid a recent surge in violence, officials said. The militants seized the district of Barka in the northern province of Baghlan after hours of fighting with Afghan forces, who retreated to the main city, said Jawed Basharat, a spokesman for the provincial police..

Source: <https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2021/05/05/taliban-capture-northern-afghan-district-amid-surge-in-violence/>

Reported: 05/05/2021



NEWS



Iraq

IS

Event – Suspected Islamic State militants blow up oil wells in Northern Iraq.

Summary – Suspected IS militants blew up two oil wells with bombs near the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, killing at least one security officer and setting the oil wells ablaze.

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/suspected-islamic-state-militants-blow-170000913.html>

Reported: 05/05/2021

Iraq

Counter Terrorism

Event – Iraqi Forces discover and destroy two IS hideouts in Kirkuk.

Summary – Major General Anwar Abbas, a spokesperson for the Iraqi Federal Police, told that the first hideout was discovered during a mop-up operation in Kor valley of Kirkuk, where motorcycles, beds, and clothings were found.

Source: <https://www.basnews.com/en/babat/686861>

Reported: 05/05/2021

Iraq

Counter Terrorism

Event – 4 terrorists arrested in Baghdad, statement says.

Summary – Baghdad Operations Command announced that 4 suspects were arrested in accordance with Article 4/1 of terrorism in separate areas of the capital.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Four-terrorists-arrested-in-Baghdad-Statement-says>

Reported: 05/05/2021



NEWS



Pakistan

Terrorist Attack

Event – 7 Pakistani troops killed in terrorist attacks

Summary – At least 7 Pakistani army and paramilitary troops were killed and 6 others injured in 2 separate incidents in the country's southwest and northwest on Wednesday, the military said. Some four paramilitary troops were killed and six injured in the Zhob district of southwestern Balochistan while fencing the border with the Afghan province of Zabul. It was the latest in a series of similar incidents in the restive North Waziristan and South Waziristan tribal districts. "Terrorists from across Afghanistan ambushed FC (Frontier Corps) troops moving for fencing. Four FC soldiers embraced shahadat (martyrdom), while six got injured," said a statement by ISPR, the military's media wing. Pakistan has long accused the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) of targeting security forces and civilians from "safe havens" across the border.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/7-pakistani-troops-killed-in-terrorist-attacks/2230204>

Reported: 05/05/2021

Afghanistan

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – 179 Taliban were killed and 91 others wounded.

Summary – 179 Taliban were killed and 91 others were wounded in Kandahar, Badghis, Balkh, Farah, Helmand, Takhar and Kunduz provinces in 24 hours as a result of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces operations.

Source: <https://mod.gov.af/en/node/3245>

Reported: 06/05/2021



NEWS



Afghanistan

Terrorist Attack

Event – 11 govt forces members killed in terrorists' attacks in eastern Afghanistan

Summary – At least 11 Afghan security forces members were killed in terrorist attacks in eastern in Afghanistan on wendesday night, authorities confirmed on Thursday. In Ghazni province, four Afghan National Police personnel and two National intelligence officers were killed after Taliban terrorists stormed three security checkpoints in Khwaja Omari district, district chiesf Ahmad Zia Yagoubi told Xinhua. Four Taliban terrorists were also killed during the clashes, he said. In neighbouring local province, five ANP officers were killed after armed terrorists attacked their security post near the provincial police station in provincial capital Pul-e-Alam, local tv channel Tolo news reported.

Source: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/11-govt-forces-members-killed-in-terrorists-attacks-in-eastern-afghanistan20210506160411/>

Reported: 06/05/2021

Iraq

Counter Terrorism

Event – Counter-Terrorism Service operations against IS in “Southern Province”.

Summary – The spokesperson for the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Maj. Gen. Yahya Rasool, announced in a statement that "Counter-Terrorism forces carried out operations in Al-Radwanayah, Al-Yusufiya and Al-Dora, south of Baghdad, and arrested the terrorist Abu Hanan, who works as the Emir of Hamza Sector/South Sector." The operation led to destroying Islamic State hideout and seizing ammunition and weapons in Al-Yusufiya.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Counter-Terrorism-Service-delivers-the-final-blow-against-ISIS-in-Southern-Province-Statement-says>

Reported: 06/05/2021



NEWS



USA/Afghanistan

Taliban Attack

Event – Top US general says no attack against US forces in Afghanistan since drawdown started.

Summary – The Afghan Taliban had not launched any attack against US and coalition forces since the drawdown began, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley said. Meanwhile, he noted that the Taliban continued its attacks against the Afghan National Security Forces. Milley told reporters that the primary objective for the US military in Afghanistan at this point is to complete a safe and coordinated withdrawal no later than September.

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-05/07/c_139929095.htm

Reported: 07/05/2021

Nigeria

Terrorism

Event – Attack on Police station.

Summary – According to local media reports, unidentified gunmen killed two Police officers in an attack on a police station in southern Nigeria and freed all detainees in the cell. The gunmen attacked Obosi Police station in the Idemili North local government area of south-central Anambra state, adding they also set fire to the police station after letting the detainees flee. The spokesperson for the Anambra state Police reported that the two officers were killed during a shootout with the gunmen.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/gunmen-kill-2-officers-in-attack-on-police-station-in-nigeria/2232067>

Reported: 07/05/2021

Nigeria

Terrorism

Event – Police station attack.

Summary – Nigerian police confirmed a gunmen attack on a Police station in the southern state of Akwa Ibom, killing six persons, including five Police officers and a civilian (the wife of a police officer). The state Police spokesperson reported that the police station was set ablaze and operational vehicles and other valuables were destroyed in the attack. No one has already claim responsibility for the attack.

Source: <https://www.terrorismwatch.org/2021/05/6-killed-after-gunmen-attack-on-police.html>

Reported: 09/05/2021



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Nigeria

Terrorism

Event – Police checkpoint attack.

Summary – According to local Police officers, a gunman opened fire on a checkpoint in the southern state, then drove to two Police stations, killing seven officers and burning patrol cars. Police killed two of the attackers but are searching for those who escaped. No group has already claim responsibility for the attack. After shooting dead two Police officers at the checkpoint, they killed two more officers and set fire to a patrol car at Rumuji Police station. Police fired back there and killed two of the attackers. The remaining gunmen then killed three more officers at the Elingbu Police station.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-57040121>

Reported: 09/05/2021

Pakistan

Terrorist Attacks

Event – 3 soldiers killed, 5 injured in SW Pakistan's terrorist attacks.

Summary – 3 soldiers were killed and 5 others injured in two separate terrorist attacks in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, an Army statement said on Sunday. One of the attacks took place in the provincial capital of Quetta where militants attacked paramilitary troops Frontier Corps (FC) deployed on security duties, the military's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in the statement. The attack left three soldiers killed and one injured, the statement added. In another terrorist activity in Turbat area of Balochistan, terrorists targeted FC soldiers patrolling along the Pakistan-Iran border, leaving four of them injured, the statement said.

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-05/10/c_139935255.htm

Reported: 10/05/2021

Turkey

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – 3 terrorists neutralized in southeast Turkey

Summary – Turkey has neutralized at least 3 terrorists as part of Operation Eren-14 so far, the country's Interior Ministry said on Sunday. Turkish authorities often use the word "neutralized" in statements to imply the terrorists in question surrendered or were killed or captured. The terrorists were neutralized in Canakli village of Hakkari province by the local gendarmerie and Air Force, said the ministry. The ministry further said the operations in the region are ongoing.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/3-terrorists-neutralized-in-southeast-turkey/2234870>

Reported: 10/05/2021



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Somalia

Suicide Attack

Event– Suicide attack kills 2 senior Police officers in Mogadishu.

Summary– At least 6 people, including 2 senior Police officers, were killed and 6 others injured in a suicide bombing at a police station in Mogadishu's Waberi district, Police have confirmed. Police spokesman Sadik Aden Ali said that Ahmed Bashane, Waberi district Police commander, and Abdi Basid, deputy commander of Waliyow Adde police division, were among those who died in the attack. "We can confirm that the suicide bomb attack killed six people comprising two senior Police officers, three soldiers and a civilian and injured six others" Ali said.

Source: <https://www.radiodalsan.com/en/2021/05/10/al-shabaab-claims-suicide-attack-in-somalias-capital/>

Reported: 10/05/2021

Portugal

Counter Terrorism Agreement

Event – 5-year agreement for the fight against Jihad between Portugal and Mozambique.

Summary – The agreement provides for military cooperation lasting 5 years to help the country through military training projects for Mozambican special forces due to the growing and bloody jihadist attacks.

Source: <https://www.thedefensepost.com/2021/05/10/portugal-helps-mozambique-fight-jihadists/>

Reported: 10/05/2021

France

CT Investigation

Event – The French anti-terrorism prosecutor (PNAT) has resumed the investigation into the FLNC Maghju 21 armed group.

Summary – The members of the new armed group, descended from the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) founded in 1976, announced in a statement that they are both "activists of all components of the FLNC" and that they are organizing a "tactical redeployment" awaiting a solution to the national question of Corsica.

Source: <https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/corse/corse-le-parquet-antiterroriste-saisi-de-l-enquete-sur-la-creation-du-groupe-arme-flnc-maghju-21-2085178.html>

Reported: 10/05/2021



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New Zealand

Stabbing Attack

Event – 4 people were injured during a stabbing in a Dunedin supermarket.

Summary – Minutes of terror in a supermarket in southern New Zealand, a person who is currently in custody attacked 4 people with a knife, of whom three are in hospital in serious condition. From the statements of the New Zealand Prime Minister, it seems that the attack had no terrorist reasons.

Source: <https://www.smh.com.au/world/oceania/several-injured-in-stabbing-attack-at-new-zealand-supermarket-20210510-p57qhp.html>

Reported: 10/05/2021

Nigeria

Counter Terrorism

Event – Nigerian troops operation.

Summary – According to Nigerian army statement, Nigerian troops killed 48 armed bandits and rescued 18 abductees after dismantling a number of bandits' camps in Zamfara. The troops successfully cleared many bandits' camps, a several bandits were "neutralized" and a large quantity of arms were recovered during the operation. The troops rescued 18 abductees after heavy exchange of fire.

Source: <https://www.thecable.ng/troops-kill-48-bandits-rescue-18-victims-in-zamfara>

Reported: 10/05/2021



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Nigeria

Terrorist Attack

Event – Armed attack at Tsatskiya village.

Summary – According to local authorities, eleven villagers were killed and three people were injured in an armed attack in Katsina state. Armed men arrived on motorcycles in the afternoon at the Tsatskiya village, firing at random. Katsina State Police spokesman confirmed the attack and reported security forces had been dispatched to the area.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/gunmen-kill-11-villagers-in-northern-nigeria/2235105>

Reported: 10/05/2021

Russia

Shooting Attack

Event – During a shooting in a school they lost their lives: 7 students, a teacher and a head teacher, while several dozen people were seriously injured.

Summary – A 19-year-old boy opened fire, causing deaths and injuries on the third floor of the Kazan school where he graduated. The arrested subject felt like a god, whose intent was to kill a "huge number" of people and then take their own lives, in fact just before using the machine gun he wrote on Telegram "I hate everyone, I am God!" unfortunately a month earlier he had been granted a license to use the rifle for sporting use. The Kremlin following this event will draft stricter rules on the use of firearms.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/nine-killed-school-shooting-russia-four-hospital-ria-2021-05-11/>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Turkey/Iraq

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – Turkish security forces thwarted a PKK attack by downing a model plane that the group tried to use to mount an attack in northern Iraq.

Summary – The model plane was destroyed by Turkish commandos in the Metina region. As the Turkish military continues to destroy the group's hideouts, the members are afraid to come out of their shelters, so they are now attempting to mount attacks using model planes, the Ministry said.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/turkish-forces-shoot-down-pkk-model-plane-in-northern-iraq>

Reported: 11/05/2021



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Iraq

IS

Event – 2 soldiers injured in an IS attack on a military checkpoint.

Summary – 2 soldiers were injured in a Islamic State attack at the outskirts of Khanaqin district, 105 kilometers to the northeast of Baqubah.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Two-soldiers-injured-in-an-ISIS-attack-on-a-military-checkpoint>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – Security forces arrest a IS terrorist in Mosul.

Summary – The Security Media Cell said in a statement that a joint force from the Nineveh Police Command and the Nineveh Intelligence Directorate arrested the terrorist in Mosul, in Nineveh.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Security-forces-arrest-an-ISIS-terrorist-in-Mosul>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – Security forces thwart an IS attack in Diyala.

Summary – Fattah Al-Azzawi, commander of the fourth regiment of the Nidaa Diyala Brigade, told that his forces, supported by tribesmen, thwarted a Islamic State attack 20 km north of Al-Azim district.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Security-forces-thwart-an-ISIS-attack-in-Diyala>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – CTS arrests six suspects of being members of IS.

Summary – The Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS) arrested two terrorists in the Al-Adhamiyah regions - the Jihad district in the capital, Baghdad, and three others in the governorates of Diyala and Saladin, as well as another in the district of Fallujah – Al-Anbar.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/CTS-arrests-six-suspects-of-being-members-of-ISIS>

Reported: 11/05/2021



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Iraq

IS

Event – Kirkuk Police arrests a prominent IS leader.

Summary – The Directorate said in a statement that: “Based on intelligence, a joint security force arrested the terrorist known as Talha, who had participated in previous operations that targeted the Kirkuk governorate, in addition to coordinating between Islamic State sleeper cells.”

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Kirkuk-Police-arrests-a-prominent-ISIS-leader>
Reported: 12/05/2021

Kurdistan

Counter Terrorism

Event – Kurdish counter-terror force denies role in killing of Qasem Soleimani.

Summary – The Kurdistan Counter Terrorism Group (CTG) in Sulaimani has denied any involvement in the assassination of Qasem Soleimani, a day after a news report claiming a Kurdish role in the killing. The assassination of Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and Iraqi militia commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis who was with Soleimani, brought the region to the brink of war. Iran retaliated by firing missiles at Iraq’s Ain al-Assad airbase, housing US forces and Iraqi militias stepped up their campaign to force American troops out of the country, carrying out frequent attacks on US interests.

Source: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/kurdistan/090520211>
Reported: 12/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – UN Commission investigates Daesh crimes in Iraq, makes progress thanks to telephone data.

Summary – A United Nations committee conducting investigations into Islamic State crimes in Iraq has recorded "significant progress in finding new evidence" thanks to telephone data, according to a statement by the committee's chairman.

Source: <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20200513-un-commission-investigates-daesh-crimes-in-iraq-makes-progress-thanks-to-telephone-data/>
Reported: 13/05/2021



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Afghanistan

Counter Terrorism

Event – 157 Taliban insurgents killed in latest military stings

Summary – At least 157 Taliban insurgents were killed and 99 others wounded in latest military clampdown conducted by the Afghan security forces in different provinces around the country. Backed by the Afghan Air Forces, the Afghan security forces conducted operation and counter attacks against Taliban rebels in Laghman, Kunar, Paktia, Wardak, Ghazni, Zabul, Herat, Farah, Balkh, Samangan, Jawzjan, Helmand, Nimroz, Takhar, Kunduz and Baghlan provinces,

Source: <http://www.afghanistantimes.af/157-taliban-insurgents-killed-in-latest-military-stings/>

Reported: 13/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – IS used chemical weapons on Iraqi prisoners, UN investigators find.

Summary – The Islamic State used Iraqi prisoners as human test subjects in experiments with chemical and possibly biological weapons, United Nations investigators conclude in a report that sheds new light on the terrorist group's forays into making a Weapon of Mass Destruction.

Source: https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/isis-chemical-weapons-experiments-mosul/2021/05/13/bbfebf0-b42e-11eb-a980-a60af976ed44_story.html

Reported: 14/05/2021

Mali

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – UK troops operation seize Islamic State weapons.

Summary – Around 100 soldiers took part in efforts to retrieve the weapons in a village close to the border with Niger, where the Ministry of Defense reported that locals were being threatened. Suspected IS members had earlier fled by swimming across a river. Soldiers seized AK47 rifles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition, camouflage clothing, radios, mobile phones and hundreds of liters of fuel after being cleared by the United Nations to search buildings.

Source: <https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/u-k-troops-seize-is-arms-cache-in-mali/>

Reported: 15/05/2021



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Syria

IS

Event – 180 Russian air strikes target Islamic State hideouts in Syrian desert.

Summary – The Russian army has expanded its military operations in the Syrian desert region, according to recent reports.

Source: <https://english.aawsat.com/home/article/2975651/180-russian-air-strikes-target-isis-hideouts-syrian-desert>

Reported: 16/05/2021

Turkey/Iraq

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – 113 PKK members eliminated in northern Iraq operations: Akar

Summary – Turkey has eliminated at least 113 PKK members so far in counterterrorism Claw-Lightning and Claw-Thunderbolt operations in northern Iraq. Turkey has eliminated at least 113 PKK people so far in counterterrorism Claw-Lightning and Claw-Thunderbolt operations in northern Iraq. 107 shelters and caves were also destroyed in the region. A total of 1,070 terrorists were killed in 2021 during domestic and cross-border operations. Northern Iraq is known as the location for many PKK hideouts and bases from where they carry out attacks in Turkey.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/113-pkk-terrorists-eliminated-in-northern-iraq-operations-akar>

Reported: 17/05/2021

Syria/Turkey/USA

IS

Event – Treasury targets IS financial facilitators in Syria and Turkey.

Summary – The US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated three individuals and one entity in connection with the Islamic State. The individuals and company being designated today played a crucial role connecting IS with a network of international donors and enabled IS to access the financial system in the Middle East.

Source: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0179>

Reported: 17/05/2021



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Nigeria

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – Nigerian troops operation against Boko Haram.

Summary – The Nigerian troops of Operation Hadin Kai bombarded an assembly of Boko Haram members Dawuri village at the weekend. The attack of the location, within the Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State. No fewer than 40 insurgents planning to execute a coordinated storm in Maiduguri and its environs were killed. The Army deployed a massive artillery gun against identified Boko Haram camps and hit the target. A military officer told PRNigeria that the pre-emptive operation was ordered after a report on the movement of the fighters. Their communication was also intercepted.

Source: <http://www.islamedianalysis.info/nigeria-40-islamic-terrorists-dead-as-army-bombs-boko-haram-meeting/?cn-reloaded=1>

Reported: 17/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – RAF 'eliminates' insurgents fighting Iraqi forces near Mosul, MoD says.

Summary – Two RAF Typhoons have "eliminated" a group of Islamic State fighters who were themselves attacking Iraqi forces, the Ministry of Defence has said.

Source: <https://news.sky.com/story/islamic-state-raf-eliminates-insurgents-fighting-iraqi-forces-near-mosul-mod-says-12309137>

Reported: 17/05/2021

USA

IS

Event – Man pleads guilty to attempting to provide material support to IS and attempting to commit an attack at a Toledo-area synagogue.

Summary – Damon M. Joseph, aka Abdullah Ali Yusuf, 23, of Holland, Ohio, pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State, and attempting to commit a hate crime, for planning an attack on a synagogue in the Toledo, Ohio area.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/man-pleads-guilty-attempting-provide-material-support-isis-and-attempting-commit-attack>

Reported: 18/05/2021



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Iraq

IS

Event – Iraqi Army uses new drones to monitor IS movement in Al-Anbar desert.

Summary – A military official in the Al-Jazeera and Badia Operations Command revealed that the Iraqi army recently started using new drones to monitor desert areas in the Al-Anbar desert in western Iraq.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Iraqi-Army-uses-new-drones-to-monitor-ISIS-movement-in-Al-Anbar-desert>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Afghanistan

Terrorism

Event– Taliban demolishes bridge, launches offensive in Herat province.

Summary– Local officials said that Taliban launched attacks on Obe district in western Herat province. Waheed Qatali Herat's governor said Tuesday that the Taliban launched their attacks by demolishing a bridge that connected Obe district with other parts of the Herat province. Following the destruction of the bridge Taliban attacked government security positions in the region, Qatali said.

Source: <https://www.khaama.com/taliban-demolishes-bridge-launches-offensives-in-herat-province-757844388/>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – Iraqi security forces arrest an IS terrorist involved in Speicher massacre and five others in Kirkuk.

Summary – The Agency for Intelligence and Federal investigations of the Ministry of Interior apprehended an Islamic State terrorist involved in Speicher massacre among other five terrorists.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Iraqi-security-forces-arrest-an-ISIS-terrorist-involved-in-Speicher-massacre-and-five-others-in-Kirkuk>

Reported: 19/05/2021



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Turkey

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – Security forces foil PKK's 'model plane' terror attack in SE Turkey.

Summary – Turkish security forces foiled an attack by the group PKK against a military facility in southeastern Diyarbakir province. The group was attempting to use two model planes to attack the 8th Main Jet Base Command.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/security-forces-foil-pkks-model-plane-terror-attack-in-se-turkey>

Reported: 19/05/2021

Afghanistan

Counter Terrorism

Event – NDS arrests perpetrators of terrorist incidents.

Summary – Perpetrators of dozens of terrorist incidents, including the masterminds of the attack on the Enlightenment movement and the attack on 400-bed ANA hospital, have been arrested by the National Directorate of Security (NDS), announced the press office of the first vice-president.

Source: <http://reporterly.net/live/newsfeed/may-20-2021/nds-arrests-perpetrators-of-terrorist-incidents/>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Nigeria

Terrorist Attack

Event – Boko Haram's leader killed.

Summary – According to Nigerian authorities, Abubakar Shekau dead or seriously wounded after clashes in forest. Nigerian Intelligence officials have claimed the leader of Boko Haram is dead or seriously wounded after trying to kill himself to avoid capture during clashes with a rival extremist faction.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/may/20/boko-haram-leader-abubakar-shekau-nigeria-forest>

Reported: 20/05/2021



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Turkey

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – 3 more PKK members surrender to Turkish security forces.

Summary – 3 YPG/PKK members surrendered to Turkish security forces near the border, the Interior Ministry said. The Gendarmerie General Command and Turkish police persuaded the people to lay down their arms, the ministry said. The total number of terrorists who surrendered since January has reached 71.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/3-more-pkk-terrorists-surrender-to-turkish-security-forces>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Turkey

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – Turkish security forces detain IS suspects in latest raids

Summary – Turkish security forces raided at least 20 Istanbul addresses and arrested 18 foreign nationals suspected of having links to the Islamic State a day after Police operations in southeastern Turkey's Adana province. Counterterrorism teams carried out operations to arrest alleged members of the terrorist group who were plotting to launch terrorist attacks, said the source who spoke on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on speaking to the media.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/investigations/turkish-security-forces-detain-daesh-suspects-in-latest-raids>

Reported: 20/05/2021

Iraq

Counter Terrorism Operation

Event – 6 IS terrorists arrested in Nineveh.

Summary – The National Security Agency in western Nineveh announced arresting six IS terrorists, including two who tried to enter the Syrian territories.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Six-ISIS-terrorists-arrested-in-Nineveh>

Reported: 20/05/2021



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Afghanistan

Taliban

Event – Taliban attacks end short-lived local ceasefire in eastern Afghanistan.

Summary – Taliban insurgents launched attacks in a district of eastern Afghanistan where local elders had brokered a one-month ceasefire, dashing hopes of a temporary truce, residents and officials said.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-taliban-ceasefire/taliban-attacks-end-short-lived-local-ceasefire-in-eastern-afghanistan-idUSKCN2D225A?rpc=401&>

Reported: 21/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – Security forces thwarted an IS attack in Diyala.

Summary – A security source reported that the Military Intelligence Directorate thwarted an Islamic State attack in Diyala. The Security Media Cell said that the Military Intelligence Directorate seized a VBIED in Khalis district.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Security-forces-thwarted-an-ISIS-attack-in-Diyala>

Reported: 21/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – 3 IS terrorists arrested in Mosul.

Summary – Iraqi security forces arrested 3 Islamic State terrorists and the seized explosive devices and materials in their possession, south of Mosul.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Three-ISIS-terrorists-arrested-in-Mosul>

Reported: 22/05/2021

Somalia

Counter Terrorism

Event – Somali Military operation against al-Shabaab.

Summary – According to military source, six al-Shabaab terrorists were killed and their bases destroyed in a military operation in Hiran region. A senior military official reported that the army also destroyed several al-Shabaab hideouts in the area.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/somali-military-kills-6-al-shabaab-terrorists/2250940>

Reported: 22/05/2021



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Syria

IS

Event – IS cells attack in Aleppo and Raqqa.

Summary – The group's terrorists raided a position of the Syrian Arab Army (SAA) in Durihim desert in the southern countryside of Aleppo. According to Islamic State news agency Amaq, heavy clashes broke out during the raid. The terrorists destroyed two artillery pieces before withdrawing. No Syrian service members were killed or injured.

Source: <https://southfront.org/central-syria-insurgency-isis-cells-attacked-syrian-army-post-in-aleppo-oil-tankers-in-raqqa/>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Turkey

Terrorism

Event – 124 terrorists killed in Claw-Lightning, Claw-Thunderbolt ops.

Summary – Turkish security forces have killed at least 124 PKK members in ongoing operations covering northern Iraq, Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said. A total of 1,107 terrorists have been killed so far this year, Akar said in an address at the Sedef shipyard in Istanbul.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/124-terrorists-killed-in-claw-lightning-claw-thunderbolt-ops>

Reported: 23/05/2021

Afghanistan

Taliban

Event – Afghan forces repel Taliban attack on Mehtarlam.

Summary – Afghan military officials said that Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) pushed back the Taliban on Sunday night as the group advanced on the Laghman provincial capital of Mehtarlam.

Source: <https://ariananews.af/afghan-forces-repel-taliban-attack-on-mehtarlam/>

Reported: 24/05/2021



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Rwanda

Terrorist Attack

Event – Suspected FLN rebels' attack.

Summary – According to military source, Rwandan forces have killed two rebels, foiling an attack near the southwestern border with Burundi. It is uncertain if the rebels that launched the attack are affiliated to the National Liberation Front (FLN). The army officials reported that they had also captured military equipment from the FLN rebels, including a submachine gun, seven magazines, a tortoise grenade, and two Burundi military uniforms.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/2-rebels-killed-in-foiled-attack-in-western-rwanda-army/2252947>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Morocco

IS

Event – Arrest of 2 IS-affiliated suspects.

Summary – Morocco's Central Bureau of Judicial Investigation (BCIJ) arrested two suspects affiliated with Islamic State. A statement from the BCIJ, which works under the General Directorate of Territorial Surveillance (DGST), said that the suspects were active in Ait Melloul, a city in the suburban area of Agadir and Oulad Berhil in the Taroudant Province.

Source: <https://northafricapost.com/49925-morocco-arrest-of-two-isis-affiliated-suspects.html>

Reported: 25/05/2021

Turkey/Egypt

IS

Event – Turkey arrests Egyptian suspected IS explosives expert.

Summary – Turkish authorities have arrested an Egyptian man they accuse of being a Islamic State explosives expert who is wanted by the United States.

Source: <https://english.aawsat.com/home/article/2991116/turkey-arrests-egyptian-suspected-isis-explosives-expert>

Reported: 25/05/2021

Morocco

IS

Event – Arrest of 2 individuals affiliated to IS active in Ait Melloul and Oulad Berhil near Taroudant.

Summary – The Central Bureau of Judicial Investigations (BCIJ), under the General Directorate of Territorial Surveillance, arrested on Tuesday two individuals affiliated to the Islamic State operating in Ait Melloul and the Oulad Berhil commune near Taroudant.

Source: <https://www.maroc.ma/en/news/morocco-arrest-two-individuals-affiliated-daesh-active-ait-melloul-and-oulad-berhil-near>

Reported: 25/05/2021



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Nigeria

Terrorist Attack

Event – 10 bandits killed in Zamfara.

Summary – According to the local Police spokesperson, 10 bandits were killed by the Police and a security group in Hayin Daudu, in Gusau Local Government Area of Zamfara State. The bandits who were armed with sophisticated weapons heavily engaged to a gun duel by the joint Police and security operatives. As a result of the encounter, 10 bandits were neutralized while others escaped with possible gunshot wounds.

Source: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/463817-10-bandits-killed-in-zamfara.html>

Reported: 25/05/2021

Palestine

Hamis

Event – Hamas military wing 'Izz Al-Din Qassam Brigades reveals missiles, drones used in 'Sword of Jerusalem Battle' with Israel.

Summary – On May 25, 2021, the 'Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, published several posters on its Telegram channel, depicting various weapons that have officially "entered the service". a May 26, 2021 report published by the website of the Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya television channel confirmed that Iran provided Hamas with military assistance, which included help in the development of missiles and booby-trapped drones. The report also maintained that Iran transferred funds to Hamas and trained its military commanders in Iran.

Source: https://www.memri.org/jttm/hamas-military-wing-izz-al-din-qassam-brigades-reveals-missiles-drones-used-sword-jerusalem_-_edn1

Reported: 26/05/2021



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Nigeria

Terrorism

Event – Battle for supremacy among Islamist groups bodes ill for Sahel.

Summary – The Nigerian military says it is investigating claims that the Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau is dead. His death has not been independently confirmed. It is also not the first time a claim like this has been made. The reports have nevertheless raised questions about who has the upper hand in the region – Boko Haram or the breakaway Islamic State West Africa Province. Adejuwon Soyinka, The Conversation's West Africa regional editor, asked Folahanmi Aina, an expert on Boko Haram and security in the Lake Chad Basin region, to analyse the security situation.

Source: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/463868-abubakar-shekau-battle-for-supremacy-among-islamist-groups-bodes-ill-for-sahel.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Afghanistan

Terrorism

Event – Taliban blow up a bridge in Nangarhar province.

Summary – Officials in Nangarhar province say a Taliban blew up a bridge in the province, disrupting communications in at least four districts. The Nangarhar provincial press office told RFE / RL that the Taliban destroyed a bridge in the Bawli area of Sorkhrud district. According to officials, the bridge connected Sarkhroud, Hesarak, Shirzad and Khogyani districts.

Source: <https://da.azadiradio.com/a/31274402.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Myanmar

Terrorism

Event – Myanmar military uses bodies as tools of terror in crack down.

Summary – 2 black pickups speed down an empty city street in Myanmar before coming to a sudden stop. Security forces standing in the back of the trucks begin firing at an oncoming motorbike carrying three young men. The bike swerves, crashing into a gate. More shots are fired as two of the passengers run away, while the third, Kyaw Min Latt, remains on the ground. Moans are heard as officers grab the wounded 17-year-old from the pavement, throwing his limp body into a truck bed before driving off.

Source: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2021/may/26/myanmar-military-uses-bodies-as-tools-of-terror-in-crackdown-2307743.html>

Reported: 26/05/2021



NEWS



Iraq

Terrorism

Event – Iraq militia commander arrested under ‘anti-terrorism’ law.

Summary – Iraqi security forces have arrested senior militia commander Qasim Muslih under the country’s anti-terrorism law, the military said. Muslih was arrested early on Wednesday and is being questioned by a joint investigative committee about the criminal charges against him, a military statement added, without giving further details. Two security Sources with direct knowledge of the arrest told Reuters news agency that the militia chief was arrested in Baghdad for involvement in several attacks, including recent assaults on Ain al-Assad airbase which hosts American and other international forces.

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/5/26/iraq-militia-commander-arrested-under-anti-terrorism-law>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Bangladesh

Terrorism

Event – Bangladeshi preacher detained in anti-terrorism case

Summary – Bangladesh Police have arrested one of the country’s most popular Islamist preachers, whose rallies draw tens of thousands of people, on charges of inciting militants, a senior officer said on Tuesday. Amir Hamza is the latest high-profile Islamist to be held since March, when a visit by India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi sparked protests in which at least 13 people died. Hamza was detained in a raid at his home in the western city of Kushtia and then transferred to Dhaka, police said.

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1625682>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Turkey

Terrorism

Event – Turkey detains 8 PKK/KCK-linked suspects in anti-terror raids.

Summary – Turkish security forces detained eight PKK-linked suspects as part of an operation into the group’s umbrella body. Police launched raids against the suspects in Ankara-based operations carried out in three other provinces, including Istanbul, Van and Tunceli.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/turkey-detains-8-pkkkck-linked-suspects-in-anti-terror-raids>

Reported: 26/05/2021



NEWS



Iraq/Syria

IS report

Event – Global jihad report.

Summary – About a week and a half after the end of Ramadan, there is still a decrease in IS's activity in the various arenas around the globe: in Syria Islamic State continued its attacks against the SDF in the Deir ez-Zor-Al-Mayadeen region, in the Al-Raqqah region and in the Aleppo region. In Iraq there was a decrease in the number of attacks carried out by the ISIS operatives in the various provinces in the country. The Iraqi security forces managed to damage IS's logistics infrastructure in Diyala Province, , killing two commanders who played a key role in the attacks carried out during the month of Ramadan.

Source: <https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/spotlight-on-global-jihad-may-19-26-2021/>
Reported: 27/05/2021

Democratic Republic of Congo

Terrorist Attack

Event – Suspected ADF attack nearby Beni.

Summary – According to local officials, Islamist militants are suspected to have killed 22 people with knives and machetes in an overnight raid on villages near the town of Beni in eastern region of the country. Several more villagers are understood to have been kidnapped. Local authorities suspect that the attack has been perpetrated by Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) militants.

Source: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/adf-dr-congo-massacre-deaths-b1855015.html>
Reported: 27/05/2021

Turkey

Terrorism

Event – Turkey kills 11 PKK terrorists, seizes ammunition in operations.

Summary – Turkish security forces killed 11 PKK members in northern Iraq and confiscated ammunition and supplies in eastern Turkey, the Defense Ministry said Thursday. Turkish commandos and ground fire support vehicles neutralized 10 people in the Operation Claw-Lightning zone and one in the Claw-Thunderstorm region. The PKK group often hides out in northern Iraq, just across Turkey's southern border, to plot terror attacks in Turkey. Ankara has long been stressing that it will not tolerate terror threats posed against its national security and has called on Iraqi officials to take the necessary steps to eliminate the group.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/turkey-kills-11-pkk-terrorists-seizes-ammunition-in-operations>
Reported: 27/05/2021



NEWS



Israel

Terrorism

Event – Israeli strikes in Gaza may be war crimes, UN rights chief says.

Summary – The UN rights chief said Thursday that Israeli forces may have committed war crimes in the 11-day war with the militant group Hamas that rules the Gaza Strip. Michelle Bachelet also called on Israel to allow an independent probe of military actions in the latest spasm of deadly violence and said Hamas' indiscriminate rocket fire during the conflict was also a clear violation of the rules of war.

Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/israeli-strikes-gaza-may-be-war-crimes-u-n-rights-n1268720>

Reported: 27/05/2021

Nigeria

Terrorist Attack

Event – Suspected Fulani militant attack.

Summary – According to local reporters, a gunmen suspected to be Fulani militias have invaded Shikaan Mbagena Kpav community in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State, killing 36 residents including students.

Source: <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2021/05/28/mystery-gunmen-invade-benue-kill-36-in-katsina-ala/>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Iraq/Syria/USA

Anti-IS Budget

Event – Pentagon requests \$522 million for anti-IS mission in Iraq, Syria.

Summary – The US Department of Defense has requested \$522 million from the 2022 budget for the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, the defense secretary said on Friday, with the funds to be spent on training and equipping local forces allied to the US in both countries. According to details of the budget request published by the Pentagon, \$522 million of the department's \$715 billion budget will go to training and equipping Iraqi security forces, as well as "Vetted Syrian Groups and Individuals" - referring to the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in northeast Syria (Rojava) and the Maghawir al Thawra militia group near At Tanf garrison in southeast Syria.

Source: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/29052021>

Reported: 30/05/2021



NEWS



Nigeria

Terrorist Attack

Event – Suspected Herdsmen attack against in Ebonyi.

Summary – According to local sources, suspected Herdsmen attacked and killed 30 Ebonyi indigenes from Odoke, Ndiobasi and Obakotara communities in Ebonyi local government area.

Source: <https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/892536-ebonyi-massacre-herdsmen-kill-30-indigenes.html>

Reported: 30/05/2021

Pakistan

Terrorism

Event – Pakistan: Taliban-linked terror group issues threats to Sikh community, Nankana Sahib Gurdwara asks people to be vigilant.

Summary – the Sikh community in Pakistan was informed about threats given by banned Islamist terror outfit Balochistan Republican Army (BRA). It must be mentioned that BRA is an Afghanistan-based organisation with close ties to the Taliban. Reportedly, a Sikh leader by the name of Ranjit Singh was warned about the threat by officials of the Evacuee Trust Property Board. Singh, who serves as the Granthi of Gurdwara Guru Ramdas Ji in Chuna Mani in Lahore, immediately sent out a voice message alerting the Sikh community in Lahore and Nankana Sahib. The audio clip has now gone viral on social media. The Granthi had urged the Sikhs to remain vigilant and not to step outside their houses at night.

Source: <https://www.opindia.com/2021/05/taliban-linked-terror-group-threatens-pakistani-sikh-community/>

Reported: 30/05/2021

Iraq

Counter Terrorism

Event – 3 terrorists overthrown in two provinces.

Summary – The spokesman for the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Major General Yahya Rasoul, announced the overthrow of three terrorists in Baghdad and Anbar.

Source: <https://www.alsumaria.tv/news/امن/الإطاحة-بثلاثة-إرهابيين-في-محافظة-الأنبار-384488>

Reported: 31/05/2021



NEWS



Democratic Republic of Congo

Terrorist Attack

Event – Suspected ADF attacks in Boga and Tchabi.

Summary – According to the Kivu Security Tracker (KST), a total of 39 people were killed in two attacks – 20 civilians in the village of Boga and other 19 in the village of Tchabi. The local authorities attributed the attacks to the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF). The two villages are located about 10 kilometres (six miles) apart on the border between North Kivu province and Ituri, an area that has long had a reputation for ADF attacks and ethnic friction. No groups has already claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Source: <https://www.barrons.com/news/at-least-39-dead-in-two-attacks-in-eastern-dr-congo-01622451013>

Reported: 31/05/2021

Israel

Terrorism

Event – Terrorist infiltrates Gaza border, stabs man in Israeli border town.

Summary – Though the terrorist was neutralized, residents of Yated and the nearby Sde Avraham have been instructed to lock their doors and stay inside while additional forces scan the area. The terrorist who injured a security patrol member near the Gaza border on Sunday evening was a Palestinian resident of Gaza who crossed into Israel from the southern Gaza Strip, a preliminary report has shown. The terrorist managed to pass through the Kerem Shalom crossing, bypassing all Israel Defense Forces lines of defense and reached the towns of Hevel Shalom along the Gaza Strip, the local security patrol reported.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/man-stabbed-near-gaza-border-residents-instructed-to-lock-their-doors-669650>

Reported: 31/05/2021



NEWS



Thailand

Terrorism

Event – Thai soldiers keep watch after bomb explosions in Myanmar border town.

Summary – Over the weekend, local media in Myanmar reported that 2 bombs exploded near the Thai border. The blasts could be heard by those in Thailand at the Phra Chedi Sam Ong border checkpoint, known as the Three Pagodas Pass, in Kanachaburi's Sangkhla Buri district. Thai soldiers were deployed to the checkpoint as a precaution. The explosions went off at 10:10pm and 10:33pm in Myanmar's Phayathonezu town. Reports say a school just 60 metres from the Thai border caught on fire after the blasts. The flames could be seen from the border checkpoint. The Lat Ya Force soldiers as well as border patrol Police and district officials were called to the checkpoint to keep watch.

Source: <https://thethaiger.com/news/national/thai-soldiers-keep-watch-after-bomb-explosions-in-myanmar-border-town>

Reported: 31/05/2021

Indonesia

Terrorism

Event – Indonesia arrests 10 terror suspects in Papua.

Summary – Indonesia's National Police's counterterrorism squad, Densus 88, has arrested 10 persons suspected of planning suicide bombings in Merauke, Papua. The 10 terror suspects have been detained since May 28, chief of the Merauke District Police, Adjunct Senior Commissioner Untung Sangaji, was quoted by local news agency Antara as saying. The suspects allegedly planned to carry out suicide bombings at several churches in Merauke, Jagebob, Kurik, Semangga, and Tanah Miring, he informed. Police are still investigating the case, he said.

Source: <https://en.vietnamplus.vn/indonesia-arrests-10-terror-suspects-in-papua/202303.vnp>

Reported: 31/05/2021



NEWS



Iraq

IS

Event – Iraqi Intelligence locates and defuses three bombs in an oilfield in Saladin.

Summary – The Agency for Intelligence and Federal investigations of the Ministry of Interior said in a statement that its detachments found three explosive devices and other equipment used in booby-trapping in Allas oilfield in Saladin.

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Iraqi-Intelligence-locates-and-defuses-three-bombs-in-an-oilfield-in-Saladin>

Reported: 31/05/2021

Iraq

IS

Event – Terrorist cell members are arrested in Kirkuk.

Summary – The Security Media Cell said in a statement, "the Federal Intelligence and Investigations Agency at the Ministry of Interior had arrested a terrorist cell composed of six members in Kirkuk Governorate."

Source: <https://shafaq.com/en/Iraq-News/Terrorist-cell-members-are-arrested-in-Kirkuk-statement-says>

Reported: 31/05/2021

Afghanistan

Taliban

Event – Taliban launch attack against District Police in Baghlan.

Summary – Attack Taliban car bombing targeted a District Police Headquarter in the northern province of Baghlan, inflicting casualties on the security forces and civilians, officials said.

Source: <http://www.afghanistantimes.af/taliban-launch-complex-attack-against-district-police-hq-in-baghlan/>

Reported: 31/05/2021

Afghanistan

Taliban

Event – 165 Taliban killed during military operations.

Summary – At least 165 Taliban insurgents were killed and 85 others wounded in a series of military stings conducted by the Afghan security forces in different provinces across the country, the defense ministry said.

Source: <http://www.afghanistantimes.af/165-taliban-fighters-killed-in-latest-military-stings/>

Reported: 31/05/2021



SECURITY AND DEFENCE TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS



This section gathers news collected from sources related technological innovations. News are proposed in cronological order.



NEWS



France

Technology

Event – 5-year agreement between the Air Force, Centre National d'études Spatiales and ADP, manager of Paris-Orly and Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airports, to provide research on the threat of drones, experiences in this regard and possible solutions to counteract improper use of drones.

Summary – The 3 partners have outlined the so-called "anti-drone control zone" following the increasing number of accidents caused by drones, with the aim of detecting their presence in advance and guaranteeing greater protection.

Source: <https://www.ouest-france.fr/economie/aeronautique/drones/l-armee-de-l-air-le-cnes-et-adp-s-allient-dans-la-lutte-antidrones-6dbc8774-abfa-11eb-bd4c-6c45bd504be8>
Reported: 03/05/2021

Israel

All-Terrain Vehicle

Event – IDF orders Z-Mag off-roader.

Summary – Israel Aerospace Industries's Elta group is preparing for large-scale production of the new Z-Mag all-terrain vehicle at its Land Division in Beersheba after the Israeli Ministry of Defense announced an initial order of nine vehicles. IAI and the ministry's Production and Procurement Directorate said the contract includes an option to purchase 21 additional vehicles for the Israel Defense Forces. "Following an assessment period, the IDF will consider buying more vehicles in the coming years," IAI said.

Source: <https://www.janes.com/defence-news/news-detail/idf-orders-z-mag-off-roader>
Reported: 04/05/2021

Egypt/France

Aircrafts

Event – Egypt bumps up its Rafale fleet by 30 new planes.

Summary – Egypt has bought 30 more Rafale aircraft from France, according to statements issued on Tuesday by the Egyptian and French defense ministries as well as Dassault Aviation, the aircraft's manufacturer. The new acquisition complements the first Egyptian purchase of 24 Rafales six years ago and will up the Rafale fleet in the Egyptian Air Force to 54, making it the second-largest Rafale fleet in the world after France.

Source: <https://www.defensenews.com/global/mideast-africa/2021/05/04/egypt-bumps-up-its-rafale-fleet-by-30-new-planes/>
Reported: 04/05/2021



NEWS



Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkey now has a high-speed missile-like drone that’s launched from a larger drone.

Summary – In the latest example of Turkey’s burgeoning unmanned capabilities, Turkish Aerospace has unveiled a “kamikaze drone” version of its Simsek unmanned target drone, designed to slam into a target as its warhead detonates. In addition, the attack version of the Simsek can itself be launched from a drone, making it one of a new generation of these kinds of weapons that are optimized for delivery by other unmanned aerial vehicles. Powered by a small turbojet engine, the original Simsek target drone was developed beginning in 2009 as a high-speed target to test the capabilities of ground-based and naval air defense systems, as well as air-to-air missiles launched from manned fighter jets.

Source: <https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/40451/turkey-now-has-a-high-speed-missile-like-drone-thats-launched-from-a-larger-drone>

Reported: 04/05/2021

Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkey’s Hisar-A+ missile hit a target aircraft in an inspection and acceptance test firing.

Summary – The test-fire was carried out at the Aksaray Shooting Range on May 3, 2021, from an Autonomous Missile Launching System. Separately, Ismail Demir, head of the Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB), said that the autonomous Hisar-A+ configuration of the missile system carrying all the elements to be included in the inventory of the system on a single vehicle successfully destroyed the high-speed target aircraft with increased performance in altitude and range.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkeys-hisar-a-missile-hits-target-aircraft-in-test-firing>

Reported: 04/05/2021



NEWS



Turkey

Aircrafts

Event – With F-35 expulsion, Turkey's top weapons buyer prioritizes TF-X work.

Summary – Turkey's top defense procurement official, Ismail Demir, said in a TV interview that the government will prioritize the production of its indigenous TF-X fighter jet amid an estimated loss of \$1.4 billion for local industry following the country's expulsion from the American-led F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program. Turkish Aerospace Industries is designing, developing and will build the TF-X, aiming to fly the aircraft around the 2025-2026 time frame.

Source: <https://www.defensenews.com/industry/techwatch/2021/05/03/with-f-35-expulsion-turkeys-top-weapons-buyer-prioritizes-tf-x-work/>

Reported: 05/05/2021

Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkey successfully completed the ignition of its first-ever nationally developed 1,500-horsepower engine, BATU, that will power various armoured vehicles and tanks, Defense Industries Presidency Head Ismail Demir said.

Summary – Demir shared the news on his Twitter account with a video showing the ignition of the engine developed by BMC Power. "Our defense industry is taking firm steps towards its targets in engine technology," Demir said.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkey-ignites-homegrown-1500-horsepower-tank-engine>

Reported: 05/05/2021

USA

AAV

Event – USMC's AAV fleet still sidelined as fixes continue.

Summary – The United States Marine Corps is working on material fixes and upgrades to its Amphibious Assault Vehicle fleet. Since the accident of July 2020 that killed nine military members, the service has not resumed waterborne operations with the AAVs, service leaders told. Members of the House Armed Services Committee met virtually to hear from USMC and US Navy (USN) leaders about ongoing steps to improve AAV training and readiness to prevent another accident.

Source: <https://www.janes.com/defence-news/news-detail/usmcs-aav-fleet-still-sidelined-as-fixes-continue-service-leaders-say>

Reported: 06/05/2021



NEWS



Italy

Technological Innovation

Event – The "Italian military cat" Light Multirole Vehicle LINCE seems to have once again captured the international interest of the armies in a protected multirole.

Summary – It is able to ensure the safety of its 5 occupants from heavy machine gun fire, IED detonations and mines. Its success is confirmed by the international orders for this medium range of armored vehicles. In short, it seems that Italy did not want to give an indigenous response to the creation of a 4x4 (AR) off-road vehicle, but is instead doing it very well in the specialist sector of the protected.

Source: <https://www.difesaonline.it/mondo-militare/mezzi/il-brasile-cambia-pagina-sui-tattici-un-light-multirole-vehicle-dopo-il-vbtp>

Reported: 06/05/2021

China

Satellites

Event – China launches new remote-sensing satellites.

Summary – China successfully sent a remote-sensing satellite group into orbit from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province. Belonging to the Yaogan-30 family, the satellites were launched by a Long March-2C carrier rocket. The satellites will be used for electromagnetic environmental detection and related technological tests.

Source: <http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/>

Reported: 07/05/2021

Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – The armed unmanned marine vessel (SIDA) developed by Ares Shipyard in cooperation with the Ankara-based Meteksan Defense Industry Inc. under the ULAQ program is ready to launch missiles.

Summary – The production of the prototype of Turkey's first armed unmanned marine vessel that began in Antalya three years ago has been completed. SIDA boasts a cruising range of 400 kilometers (249 miles) and a maximum speed of 65 kilometers per hour, as well as indigenous encrypted communications and day and night vision capabilities.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkeys-unmanned-surface-vessel-ready-to-launch-missile>

Reported: 08/05/2021



NEWS



Oceania/Solomon Islands

Technological Innovation

Event – Australia has handed over the second and final Guardian-class patrol boat built for the government of the Solomon Islands.

Summary – The vessel, which has been named RSIPV Taro, was formally accepted by the High Commissioner for Solomon Islands, Robert Sisilo. The move follows the handover of the first boat, RSIPV Gizo (05), in November 2019. Taro is the 10th of the 21 boats of the class being given by Canberra to 12 Pacific Island nations and Timor-Leste as part of Australia's Pacific Patrol Boat Replacement (also known as Sea 3036) programme.

Source: <https://www.austal.com/news/austal-australia-delivers-10th-guardian-class-patrol-boat>

Reported: 10/05/2021

United Kingdom

Maritime Early Warning Innovations

Event– Defence and security accelerator competition document.

Summary– This Defence and Security Accelerator (DASA) competition is seeking proposals for the development of innovative technologies to provide novel methods of Early Warning (EW) for maritime operations. Run on behalf of the Royal Navy, this competition aims to develop alternative future concepts for the Airborne Early Warning systems that currently enable deployed capabilities within the Carrier and Littoral Strike Groups. £1.25M is available to fund contracts with a maximum value of £250k each. The duration of each of the funded contracts is to be no longer than 9 months. This phase will focus on maturing key underpinning ideas and technologies to demonstrate concept feasibility.

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/competition-look-out-maritime-early-warning-innovations/look-out-maritime-early-warning-innovations-competition-document>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Turkey

Military Development

Event – Turkey releases new drone after it's removed from F-35 programme.

Summary – The Turkish Defence Industries announced that they have been working on deploying a new Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAV) after Turkey was removed from the F-35 project by the US following its purchase of Russian air defence systems.

Source: <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20210511-turkey-releases-new-drone-after-its-removed-from-f-35-programme/>

Reported: 11/05/2021



NEWS



Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkey turns a target aircraft into a suicide drone. A lesson also for Italy

Summary – Turkey continues to invest in drones and announces a new development, rather basic in concept but still with a potential great operational impact: the creation of a new "kamikaze" drone obtained by modifying the SIMSEK target. The attack SIMSEK is armed with a warhead carrying approximately 5 kg of explosives and can fly from 100 to 200 km when launched from larger unmanned aircraft. In addition to the aviation capacity, the ability to produce a large number of these systems stands out: already today Turkish Aerospace produces a hundred SIMSEKs a year. The SIMSEK was born in 2009 as a target for exercises, and can fly at 400 knots (740 km/h) and at altitudes between 1000 and 15,000 feet (300 to 4500 meters). Compared to a loitering munition, the SIMSEK is more like a real missile, which probably depends on indications coming from the launching aircraft. The amount of explosives carried is also reduced, but the high speed and low cost of the SIMSEK still make it a dangerous stand-off mini-missile that could find use to saturate defense capabilities by launching in large numbers. opposing air.

Source: <https://www.rid.it/shownews/4169>

Reported: 11/05/2021

Israel/Philippine

Navy

Event– Israel Shipyards to supply Shaldag Mk V fast patrol boats to Philippine Navy.

Summary– Israel Shipyards announced that it has won a tender to supply Shaldag Mk V fast patrol boats to the navy of an East Asian country. The company said in a statement that the agreement which was signed between Israel Shipyards, the Israeli Ministry of Defense, and the customer includes a knowledge transfer and training regarding the construction and maintenance of the 32.65 m-long vessels, as well an upgrade of the customer's shipyard for this purpose.

Source: <https://asianmilitaryreview.com/2021/05/israel-shipyards-to-supply-shaldag-mk-v-fast-patrol-craft-to-east-asian-navy-likely-philippines/>

Reported: 12/05/2021



NEWS



France

Missiles

Event– DGA conducts first firing of MMP from Jaguar EBRC.

Summary– The Direction Générale de l'Armement (DGA – the French Procurement Agency), in association with MBDA and Nexter, has conducted the first lock-on-before launch (LOBL) firing of a Missile Moyenne Portée (MMP) land combat missile from a Jaguar EBRC (Engin Blindé de Reconnaissance et de Combat) 6×6 armoured reconnaissance vehicle. The MMP launch from the retractable pod on the Jaguar's turret against a static target was part of qualification of the Jaguar EBRC platform for the French Army. MBDA said 'the integration of MMP onto Jaguar is being carried out in stages during the qualification', and that the successful engagement of a static target marked the first stage of the integration roadmap.

Source: <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2234331493890/dga-conducts-first-firing-of-mmp-from-jaguar-ebrc>

Reported: 12/05/2021

Russia

Missile Submarine

Event– Russian Navy commissions Project 885M submarine Kazan.

Summary– The Russian Navy (VMF) commissioned the Project 885M (Yasen-M-class) nuclear-powered attack/cruise missile submarine (SSN/SSGN) Kazan in Severodvinsk, the Northern Fleet announced on the Ministry of Defence (MoD) website. The Kazan nuclear-powered attack/cruise missile submarine was developed by the Malakhit Design Bureau and has effective strike and electronic weapons that allow it to carry out missions throughout the world's oceans," VMF commander-in-chief Admiral Nikolai Yevmenov said during the commissioning ceremony.

Source: <https://www.janes.com/defence-news/news-detail/russian-navy-commissions-project-885m-submarine-kazan>

Reported: 12/05/2021



NEWS



Serbia/Belarus

Technological Innovation

Event – Two MiG-29 fighters from Belarus were delivered to Serbia via Antonov An-124 transport aircraft.

Summary – The fighters in question are part of a donation of four MiG-29s (variant 9-13) destined for Belgrade after the four aircraft were officially handed over to Serbian Defense Minister Aleksandar Vulin.

Source: <https://www.analisidifesa.it/2021/05/la-bielorussia-consegna-alla-serbia-i-primi-2-mig-29-aggiornati/>

Reported: 12/05/2021

Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkish MRAP test-fires with homegrown multiple rocket launcher

Summary – Turkish land vehicles manufacturer BMC's Vuran Tactical Wheeled Armored Vehicle (TWAV) integrated with a new Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) firm successfully hit its target in a test firing. The rockets were fired with the 107 mm MLRS developed by Roketsan. The MLRS is capable of firing 12 rockets at a time, and is at the service of Turkish Armed Forces. The system was developed by Turkey's leading missile specialist Roketsan with the cooperation of Mechanical and Chemical Industry Company (MKEK).

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-mrap-test-fires-with-homegrown-multiple-rocket-launcher>

Reported: 12/05/2021

Israel

Suicide Drone

Event– Israeli jet shoots down 'suicide drone' launched from Gaza Strip.

Summary– The Israeli Air Force shot down an explosives-laden "suicide drone" that was launched from the Gaza Strip toward a target off the Mediterranean coast. "A short while ago the IAF downed a Unmanned Aerial Vehicle that crossed from the Gaza Strip into Israeli territory," the Israel Defense Forces told. "The UAV was monitored by the Aerial Control Units from the moment of crossing to its interception, the IDF added. IDF footage posted shows an F-16 fighter jet locking on and shooting down the drone, which was carrying an explosive payload of about 11 pounds.

Source: <https://nypost.com/2021/05/13/israeli-jet-shoots-down-suicide-drone-launched-from-gaza/>

Reported: 13/05/2021



NEWS



Czech Republic

Airbus

Event– Czech Republic receives additional C295 airlifter.

Summary– The Czech Republic has received an additional Airbus Defence and Space (DS) C295 airlifter, bringing its total fleet up to five. The manufacturer announced the delivery from its Seville final assembly line in Spain, noting the aircraft is part of an additional order for two that was placed by the Czech Air Force in 2019. The sixth and final aircraft is set to follow in the near-term.

Source: <https://defence-blog.com/czech-air-force-receives-latest-version-of-c295-airlifter/>
Reported: 13/05/2021

Malaysia

Shipbuilding

Event– Malaysia retains Boustead as shipbuilder for LCS programme.

Summary– The Malaysian government has decided to retain state-affiliated Boustead Naval Shipyard (BNS) as the shipbuilder for the country's troubled Maharaja Lela (Gowind)-class Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) programme. With this decision, the Malaysian government will soon issue a formal notice to BNS for work on the programme to resume, the minister added. The LCS programme, which was formerly known as the Second-Generation Patrol Vessel (SGPV) project, was intended to equip the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) with a class of six frigates by 2023.

Source: <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2237516593712/malaysia-retains-boustead-as-shipbuilder-for-lcs-programme>
Reported: 13/05/2021

China

Satellite

Event – China's small-satellite smart manufacturing facility starts operations.

Summary – China's first smart manufacturing facility for small satellites in the central city of Wuhan is ready for official production operations, with the first satellite rolling off the production line.

Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-05/13/c_139943915.htm
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Source: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-05/13/c_139943915.htm

Reported: 14/05/2021

India/Kuwait

Maritime Bridge

Event- India appreciates maritime bridge with Kuwait enabling smooth oxygen flow

Summary- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said India has conveyed appreciation for the maritime bridge between India and Kuwait that is enabling smooth oxygen flow. Kuwait was one of the first countries to come forward and offer support to India during the challenging time India is facing due to the Covid pandemic. The ongoing assistance from Kuwait includes Kuwait Air Force Aircraft KAF 3201 carrying 40 tonnes of assistance sent by Govt of State of Kuwait including ventilators (11), oxygen cylinders (282), oxygen concentrator (60) and medicines and other medical equipment.

Source: <https://www.defenceaviationpost.com/2021/05/india-appreciates-maritime-bridge-with-kuwait-enabling-smooth-oxygen-flow-jaishankar/>

Reported: 14/05/2021



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Australia

Technological Innovation

Event – Air Warfare Destroyer.

Summary – This project has acquired three Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers (AWD) and their support system for the Royal Australian Navy. The Air Warfare Destroyer project was delivered by the AWD Alliance and its partners – ASC as the shipbuilder, Raytheon Australia as the combat system systems engineer, the Department of Defence as owner participant, and Navantia as the designer and ship build manager. The capability provided by the AWDs will form a critical element of the ADF's joint air warfare defense capability and will contribute to a number of other joint warfare outcomes.

Source: <https://www1.defence.gov.au/project/air-warfare-destroyer>

Reported: 15/05/2021

Italy

Technological Innovation

Event – The decommissioning and re-orbiting operations of the SICRAL-1 military satellite concluded.

Summary – The re-orbiting operations of the Sicral-1 military satellite (Italian System for Confidential Communications and Alarms) have been completed, moved to a safe position, the so-called cemetery orbit, to avoid interference, collisions and to avoid problems related to a possible return on land similar to the recent ones of the Chinese launcher Changzheng (CZ-5B). Launched into space in February 2001 to safely regulate communications between the Joint Forces Management and Control Center and moving ships, airplanes and land armed forces, Sicral - 1 has operated for over 21 years, a much longer than average life span. of a geosynchronous satellite which is about 10-12 years old.

Source: <https://www.analisidifesa.it/2021/05/conclude-le-operazioni-di-disattivazione-e-re-orbiting-del-satellite-militare-sicral-1/>

Reported: 15/05/2021

Australia

Technological Innovation

Event – Mounted Combat Reconnaissance Capability.

Summary – Defence has contracted Rheinmetall Defence Australia to deliver and support 211 Boxer 8x8 Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles (CRV) for the Australian Army. This is a significant Army capability that will enhance the safety, security and protection of Australian troops for the next 30 years. The Boxer CRV will replace the Australian Light Armoured Vehicle, which has seen extensive operational service since its introduction in 1996.

Source: <https://www1.defence.gov.au/project/mounted-combat-reconnaissance-capability>

Reported: 15/05/2021



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Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Capital Ankara-based Turkish defense firm Troy Teknoloji Savunma has developed 40-millimeter mini rockets for mini and micro Unmanned Aerial Vehicles within the scope of its research and development studies.

Summary – The company aims to increase efficiency with its services in the field of high-explosive warheads, along with other fields such as mini rockets, the armament of drones and Unmanned Ground Vehicles development and the design of high technology defense systems.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-firm-develops-mini-rocket-for-small-and-micro-uavs>

Reported: 17/05/2021

USA

Radio Frequency

Event– US Navy's Neptune project seeks new RF payloads.

Summary– The US Navy's Office of Naval Research is looking to develop a new class of subminiature radio frequency signal processor payload for the sea service's growing arsenal of unmanned platforms, according to an industry solicitation. The new RF processing payload system being developed under the ONR programme, dubbed the Neptune Payload Prototype Project, will be designed to "support multiple RF missions with a limited set of hardware, a wideband transceiver capability with self-contained software-defined or reconfigurable hardware-accelerated processing as required", the Request for Solutions notice by the Strategic & Spectrum Missions Advanced Resilient Trusted Systems (S2MARTS) other transactional authority (OTA), stated.

Source: <https://sdquebec.ca/fr/nouvelle/us-navy39s-neptune-project-seeks-new-rf-payloads>

Reported: 18/05/2021



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New Zealand

Patrol Vessel

Event– New Zealand releases Southern Ocean patrol ship RFI.

Summary– The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has issued a Request for Information for the design and build of a new Southern Ocean Patrol Vessel. In the RFI the NZDF stated that it is primarily looking for a commercial ship design, highlighting that the SOPV is a non-combat vessel and will be expected to undertake mainly non-military tasks. However, existing military patrol ship designs are not excluded. According to New Zealand's latest Defence Capability Plan 2019, the budget for the ship will be in the region of NZD300–600 million (USD215–430 million).

Source: <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2250961004611/new-zealand-releases-southern-ocean-patrol-ship-rfi>

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Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – The test flights of the micro Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Saka have been successful.

Summary – The Saka system weighs around 600 grams (21 ounces) and utilizes a 3-axis gimbal. It was developed for exploration and surveillance purposes.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-defense-giant-aselsans-micro-uav-conducts-test-flight>

Reported: 18/05/2021

Australia

Technological Innovation

Event – Sikorsky Australia awarded AUD10 million sustainment contract expansion for RAN's MH-60R helicopters.

Summary – Australia's Department of Defence announced that Sikorsky Australia had been selected by the US Navy to provide additional support to the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN's) fleet of 24 MH-60R Seahawk Romeo multimission helicopters. Under a recently awarded AUD10 million (USD7.7 million) sustainment contract expansion, Sikorsky Australia, a Lockheed Martin company, "will deliver more sustainment support and maintenance" to the RAN's MH-60R fleet at its maintenance, logistics and repair facility in Nowra, New South Wales.

Source: <https://lockheedmartinau.mediaroom.com/Sikorsky-Australia-awarded-10m-RAN-MH-60R-sustainment-contract-expansion>

Reported: 19/05/2021



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Australia

Technology

Event – ExxonMobil ordered to start decommissioning work on offshore Australian assets.

Summary – The Australian Nopsema (Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Safety & Environmental Management Authority) has issued a direction for decommissioning and dismantling of obsolete and unused structures in the Australian Gippsland Basin by ExxonMobil. From the inspections Nopsema found that some structures are not fully compliant because they have three corrosion anomalies: on the bridge grating, on the Tuna platform, on the support structures of the bridge tier at West Tuna and on the heliport support of the structure. Sure, the decommissioning of offshore plants will take several years, but an ExxonMobil spokesperson said the company is committed to ensuring the decommissioning performed in accordance with regulations and to report the progress of the decommissioning activities to Nopsema.

Source: <https://www.upstreamonline.com/safety/exxonmobil-ordered-to-start-decommissioning-work-on-offshore-australian-assets/2-1-1013822>

Reported: 21/05/2021

Turkey/Morocco

Ejder Yalçın armored vehicle

Event – Morocco looks to buy Ejder Yalçın armored vehicle.

Summary – Morocco is planning to buy Turkey's domestically produced armored vehicle Ejder Yalçın as Nurol Makina is expanding its scope of countries to which it sells the vehicle, Sources stated. The company is in talks with Rabat to purchase the Ejder Yalçın for the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces. Ejder Yalçın is an armored combat vehicle produced by Nurol Makina, an armored vehicle manufacturer of the Turkish defense industry. The vehicles are being preferred in many countries across the Middle East, Gulf, Asia, Africa and Europe.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/morocco-looks-to-buy-ejder-yalcin-armored-vehicle-Sources-say>

Reported: 21/05/2021



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Italy

Technological Innovation

Event – Leonardo in the program that extends the operational life of the E-3A AWACS of the NATO fleet.

Summary – Boeing, prime contractor of NAPMA (NATO AEW Program Management Agency), has commissioned Leonardo to upgrade the first of NATO's E-3A aircraft as part of the Final Lifetime Extension Program (FLEP). FLEP will maintain and support NATO's E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) fleet of aircraft, to extend operations until 2035. The activity, which will be completed by 2023, includes installation and the verification of new generation hardware, and will be carried out by Leonardo's highly specialized staff in force at the Venice-Tessera plant. Leonardo will also provide support during the subsequent final test phases at the NATO air base in Geilenkirchen, Germany.

Source: <https://www.analisidifesa.it/2021/05/leonardo-nel-programma-che-estende-la-vita-operativa-degli-e-3a-awacs-della-flotta-nato/>

Reported: 22/05/2021

Ukraine

Defence Technology

Event – A system similar to the Iron Dome could be the Ukrainian defense minister's future purchase for missile defense.

Summary – Ukraine is evaluating the possibility of modernizing and creating a better missile defense system, which is why it is inspired by the Israeli Iron Dome because it is one of the best missile defense systems.

Source: <https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-defense/3248349-ukraine-considering-buying-missile-defense-system-similar-to-israels-iron-dome.html>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Croatia

Technological Innovation

Event – New success for the Rafale: the French fighter also imposes itself in Croatia.

Summary – The Zagreb government will purchase 12 second-hand French Rafale fighters in service with the French Air Force, in the F3-R version. The contract appears to have a value of 930 million euros (with payments spread over several years) for a package that includes aircraft, training, logistical support and WEAPONS. After the official decision of the Croatian government, detailed contract negotiations should follow.

Source: <https://www.analisidifesa.it/2021/05/nuovo-successo-per-il-rafale-il-caccia-francese-si-impone-anche-in-croazia/>

Reported: 24/05/2021



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Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkey's Havelsan readies unmanned ground vehicle for joint ops.

Summary – Turkish defense firm Havelsan's unmanned ground vehicle (UGV), Barkan, will soon be on the field, furthering the vision of the company's "digital troop" concept that will see it play a role in joint robotic operations with other unmanned platforms. The first field trials on the UGV are set to start as of July. Havelsan has been conducting research and development (R&D) studies in the field of robotics and autonomous technologies since 2019.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkeys-havelsan-readies-unmanned-ground-vehicle-for-joint-ops>

Reported: 24/05/2021

Italy

Technological Innovation

Event – Leonardo is developing a new generation IRST (Infra Red Search and Track) more advanced than the current SKYWARD.

Summary – Compared to the latter, in fact, Leonardo is creating a new generation sensor unit with double band (dual band): it will therefore combine the Long Wave Infra Red (LWIR) with the Medium Wave Infra Red (MWIR) while maintaining weight, electricity consumption, and geometries of the previous model. In fact, we remind you that the SKYWARD can be supplied in the LWIR or MWIR version, depending on the customer's choices: in the case of this new development, however, LWIR and MWIR will be present in the same IRST, with advantages in terms of performance and range.

Source: <https://www.rid.it/shownews/4191>

Reported: 25/05/2021

Indonesia

Tank Boat

Event – Indonesia's 'tank boat' prototype undergoes sea, weapon trials.

Summary – Indonesian state-owned company PT Pindad announced that the recently launched 'Antasena Tank Boat' prototype has undergone a series of sea and weapon trials in waters off East Java. The company said that the 18 m-long catamaran-type vessel, which was developed by an Indonesian consortium led by PT Pindad, test-fired its 30 mm automatic cannon at the Indonesian Navy's (Tentara Nasional Indonesia – Angkatan Laut's, TNI-AL's) Paiton weapons range after having travelled there from Banyuwangi.

Source: <https://asiannews.in/indonesias-tank-boat-prototype-undergoes-sea-weapon-trials/>

Reported: 25/05/2021



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Syria

Technological Innovation

Event – Russian Tu-22M3 Backfire Bombers Based In Syria Are Going To Patrol the Mediterranean.

Summary – Russia has officially confirmed that Tu-22M3 Backfire-C bombers are now at Khmeimim airbase in Syria. The Russian Ministry of Defense has also now stated that they will operate in a maritime role over the Mediterranean Sea, reflecting Russia's expanding reach in the region and suggesting a return to the kinds of missions that Soviet bombers flew in the Cold War, when they kept track of NATO warships operating in the area.

Source: <https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/40777/russian-tu-22m3-backfire-bombers-based-in-syria-are-going-to-patrol-the-mediterranean>

Reported: 25/05/2021

France

Defence Technology

Event – The Rafale F4-1 aircraft finishes the inauguration test of the new French defense technology.

Summary – Rafale F4-1 has been tested in different operational frameworks, from simultaneous cooperative combat to aerial refueling operations. The aircraft has been updated both in its technological functions, such as displays on the pilot's helmet to improve awareness of the scene and the enhancement of radar sensors for better tracking and identification of targets, and in its combat functions, in fact it is equipped with Mica NG air-to-air missile and 1,000 kg AASM air-to-ground missile.

Source: <https://www.thedefensepost.com/2021/05/26/france- maiden-trial-rafale-f4-1/>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Iran

Surface-To-Air Missile

Event – IRGC unveils short-range SAM.

Summary – Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) unveiled a new, shorter-range version of its 3 Khordad surface-to-air missile (SAM) system. The 3 Khordad was unveiled in 2014 and credited with shooting down a US Navy RQ-4A Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle flying over the Gulf of Oman at a range of a 70 km on 20 June 2019. The new 9 Dey variant that was displayed used what looked like an identical transporter erector launcher and radar (TELAR) unit but with two pods, each with four smaller missiles in canisters, attached to its three missile-launch rails.

Source: <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2262491393139/irgc-unveils-short-range-sam>

Reported: 26/05/2021



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South Korea

Laser-Power Technology

Event – South Korea's ADD develops laser-power enhancing technology.

Summary – South Korea's Agency for Defense Development (ADD) announced that it has developed a laser-power enhancing technology for use in future weapon systems, with the most immediate application being a laser-based air-defence system. The agency said in a statement that the technology combines multiple lasers with different wavelengths into a single beam, which is understood to refer to a technique known as spectral beam combining.

Source: <https://eurasianimes.com/south-korea-develops-key-laser-weapon-tech-can-shoot-down-hostile-drones-multicopters-reports/>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkey to be among pioneers of AI-controlled warplane.

Summary – Turkey aims to be among the first countries to have an entirely artificial intelligence (AI)-controlled unmanned warplane, with plans for it to take to the Turkish skies in 2023. Currently a total of 180 Bayraktar TB2 Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) are operated in four countries, including Turkey.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkey-to-be-among-pioneers-of-ai-controlled-warplane-erdogan>

Reported: 26/05/2021

Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkey's 1st unmanned marine craft hits target in military drill.

Summary – The first marine craft of the ULAQ project, has hit a target with pinpoint accuracy in its first firing conducted as part of the ongoing Sea Wolf (Denizkurdu) 2021 military exercise, which was launched by the Turkish Navy simultaneously in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea, the National.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkeys-1st-unmanned-marine-craft-hits-target-in-military-drill>

Reported: 27/05/2021



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France

Defence Technology

Event – The French Navy confirms its excellence in air defense through the intersection of a supersonic target.

Summary – During a military exercise at sea, with the participation of 15 ships and 3,300 soldiers, the air defense intercepted a target in flight at -more than 3,000 km / h (1,864 mi / h), using an MBDA Aster 30 air missile of surface -.

Source: <https://www.thedefensepost.com/2021/05/28/french-horizon-intercepts-supersonic-target/>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Turkey

Technological Innovation

Event – Turkish ATAK helicopter upgraded with Aselsan recognition system.

Summary – Turkey's T129 Tactical Reconnaissance and Attack Helicopter (ATAK) has been upgraded with the identification friend or foe (IFF) system. Aselsan's IFF Mod 5/S transponder has been integrated into the T129 ATAK helicopter and all tests have been successfully completed.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-atak-helicopter-upgraded-with-aselsan-recognition-system>

Reported: 28/05/2021

Singapore

Helicopter

Event – Singapore air force takes delivery of first CH-47F heavy-lift helicopter.

Summary – The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) has begun taking delivery of the CH-47F heavy-lift helicopters it ordered in November 2016, with the first example already being deployed at its training detachment in Australia. The RSAF described the new Chinooks as advanced helicopters with “a fully integrated, digital cockpit management system, and advanced cargo-handling capabilities”. These features, coupled with capabilities such as an enhanced self-protection suite and a satellite communication (satcom) system, will enable it to better meet the lift requirements of the Singapore Armed Forces.

Source: <https://aviationweek.com/defense-space/singapore-takes-delivery-its-first-ch-47f-heavy-lift-helicopters>

Reported: 31/05/2021



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Iran

Underwater Weapon

Event – Iran shows off new underwater weapon.

Summary – The Iranian Defense Ministry recently showcased the latest weapons developed by the country's Defense Industries Organization. One such example was an underwater pistol reportedly resembling Russia's distinctive four-barrel SPP-1. Sharp-eyed analysts immediately took to social media, claiming that Iran copied the Soviet-made pistol that fires a bullet specially engineered to strike targets underwater up 50 feet away.

Source: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidhambling/2021/05/27/new-iranian-underwater-weapon-hints-at-technology-advances/>

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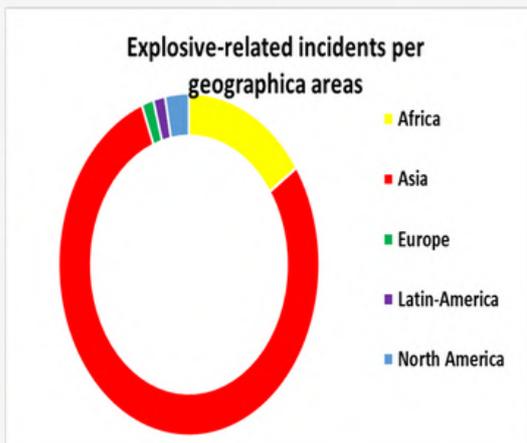
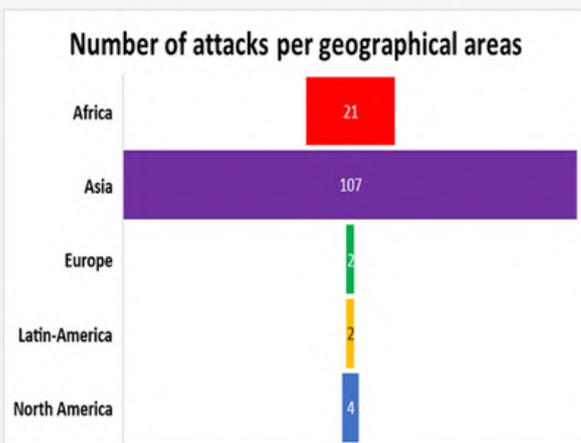
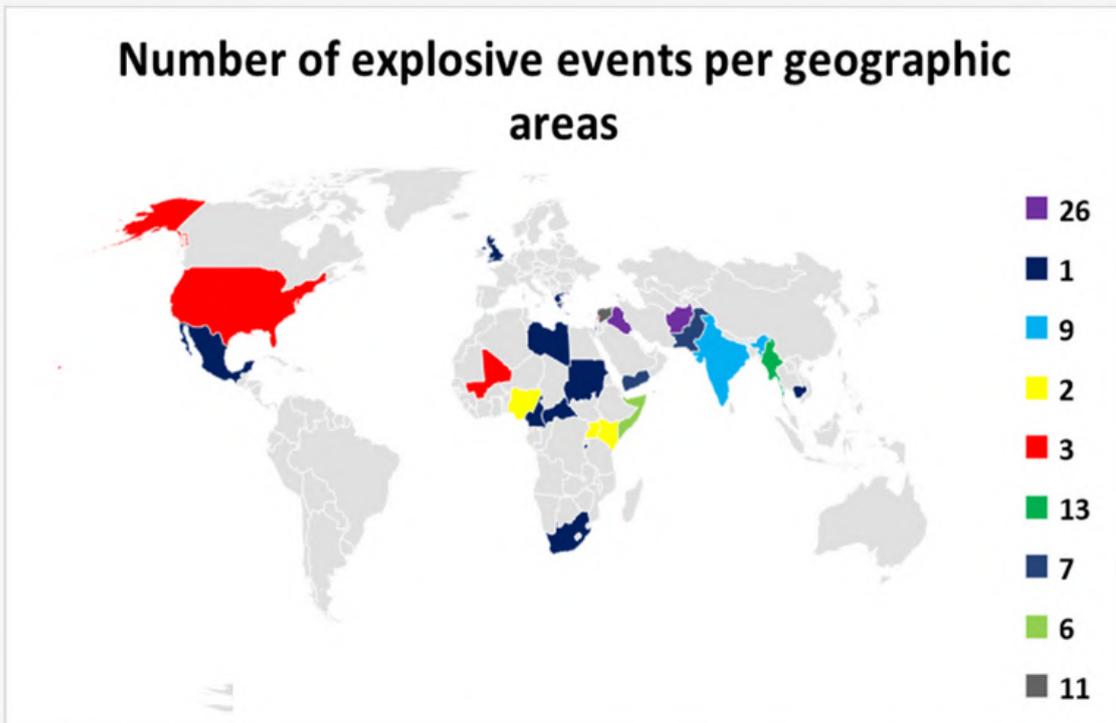
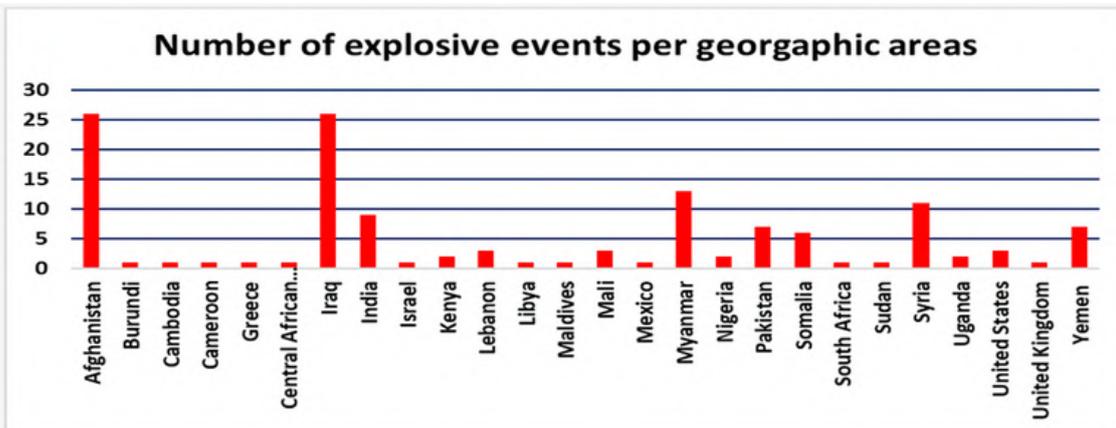


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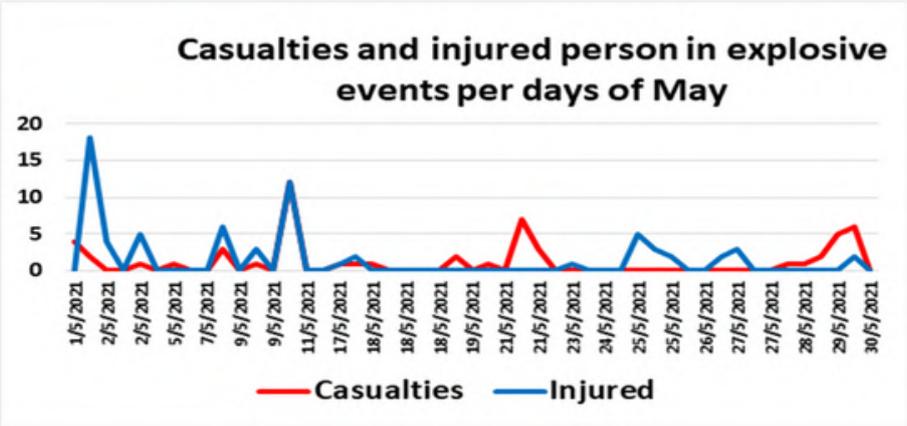
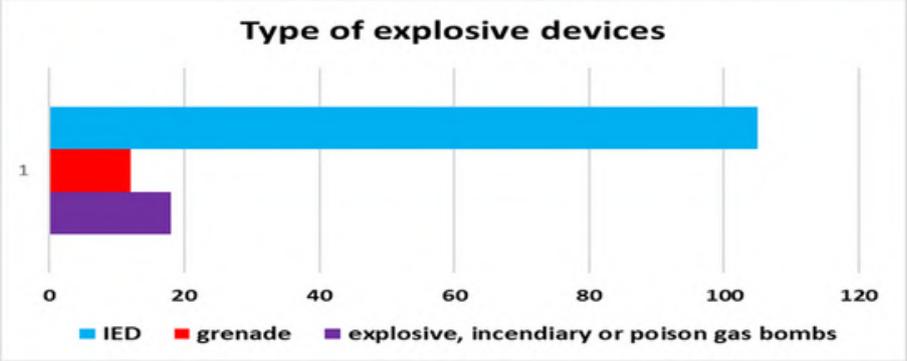
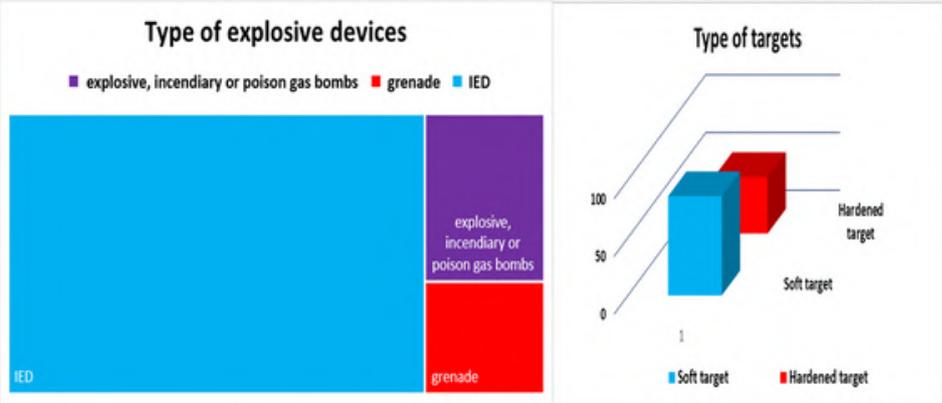
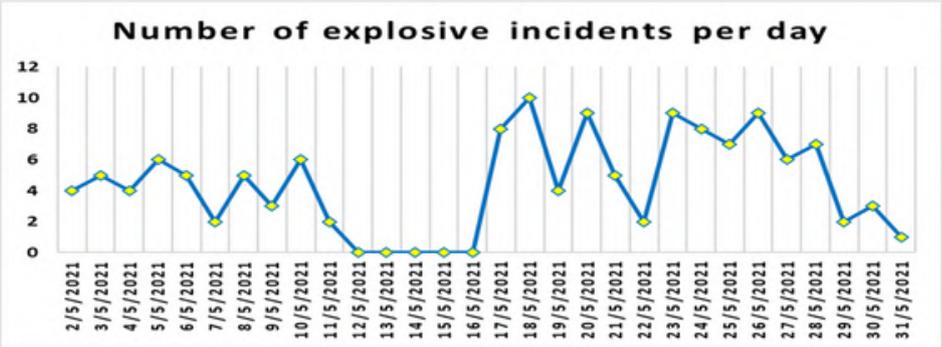


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