

State Department Releases 2020 Country Reports and Annex of Statistical Information on Terrorist Events Worldwide

Announcing the public release of 2020 terrorism data collected by the GTTAC project on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.

BETHESDA, MD, UNITED STATES, December 16, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bethesda, Md.—U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and the Department of State's Bureau of Counterterrorism have released the congressionally mandated [Country Reports on Terrorism 2020](#) and the accompanying [Annex of Statistical Information](#). Development Services Group, Inc. through the Global Terrorism Trends and Analysis Center ([GTTAC](#)) is proud to support the Department of State in preparing these reports and managing and maintaining the accompanying database of global terrorism incidents. Amongst other things our data shows that both the number of attacks and the number of fatalities increased by more than 10 percent each in 2020. These figures reflect, in part, the spread of ISIS and al-Qa'ida affiliates, particularly in Africa, that continues to grow in impact and is a complex challenge to mitigate. More detailed findings are available through the Annex.



Some highlights from the Annex:

- In 2020 there were 10,172 terrorist incidents, resulting in 29,389 fatalities, 19,413 wounded, and 4,471 kidnappings. 2020 had 1,300 more terrorism incidents, 3,116 more fatalities, 1,189 fewer wounded, and 1,262 more kidnappings than in 2019.

- This represents a 15 percent increase in the number of incidents over 2019. A large part of this

can be explained by a significant increase in incidents in Yemen and neighboring Saudi Arabia coupled with a continuing rise throughout Africa, particularly in the Sahel, Mozambique, and the Democratic Republic of Congo — the last of these had a 160 percent increase in incidents.

- In 2020, terrorist incidents occurred in 98 countries and territories. Of these, 87 percent were concentrated in three geographic regions: Western Asia, Southern Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

- Afghanistan, Syria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Yemen, India, Iraq, Somalia, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Mali experienced the greatest number of terrorist incidents in 2020. Incidents in these 10 countries accounted for 75 percent of all global terrorist incidents and 90 percent of all fatalities attributable to terrorism in 2020.

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