

Recent Highlights in Terrorist Activity

October 16, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Taliban gunmen fired on a passenger bus and seized control of another in Kandahar Province. During the incident, Taliban fighters killed at least 25 of the civilian passengers and took a number of hostages. The Taliban, however, claim that those killed were Afghan soldiers. – *Reuters, October 19; AP, October 19*

October 16, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): An Afghan policeman threw a grenade and opened fire at a U.S. military patrol in Paktika Province, killing one U.S. soldier. – *Minneapolis Star Tribune, October 16*

October 16, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suspected U.S. missile strike killed an alleged foreign militant in South Waziristan Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. On October 30, a senior European counter-terrorism official identified the dead militant as Khalid Habib, a veteran Egyptian jihadist working in al-Qa`ida. – *AP, October 16; Los Angeles Times, October 31*

October 16, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suicide car bomber attacked a police station in Mingora of Swat District in the North-West Frontier Province. Four security officers were killed in the blast. – *AP, October 16*

October 16, 2008 (PAKISTAN): The BBC reported that Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) spokesman Maulvi Omar said the TTP was “willing to negotiate with the government without any conditions” and “also willing to lay down our arms, once the military ceases operations against us.” Pakistan’s *Dawn* newspaper, however, claimed that Omar told one of their journalists on October 15 that “a threat [U.S.-led forces] is looming large on our western borders and, therefore, Taliban can’t disarm themselves unless the occupation forces leave Afghanistan.” – *UPI, October 16; Dawn, October 16*

October 16, 2008 (MOROCCO): The trial of accused al-Qa`ida insurgent Abdul Kader Belliraj began in Morocco. According to UPI, “Belliraj was arrested in February along with 32 other people and has been accused of planning terror attacks in Morocco in an attempt to

overthrow the government.” Belliraj claims that he was working for the Belgian government. – *UPI, October 17*

October 17, 2008 (PAKISTAN): Pakistani fighter jets destroyed a training camp for Taliban-linked militants in Swat District of the North-West Frontier Province. During the attack, security officials claimed 60 pro-Taliban fighters were killed. – *AFP, October 17*

October 18, 2008 (IRAQ): A female suicide bomber exploded—possibly after receiving gunfire from an Iraqi police officer—at a checkpoint in Dhuluiyya, Salah al-Din Province. There did not appear to be any casualties, other than the death of the bomber. – *CNN, October 18; AFP, October 18*

October 18, 2008 (PHILIPPINES): Suspected Abu Sayyaf Group gunmen attempted to kill a Catholic priest in Basilan in the southern Philippines, although the priest’s bodyguards were able to repel the attackers. The assailants were able to inflict a number of injuries. – *AFP, October 18*

October 19, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Afghan and international soldiers killed 34 Taliban militants during an operation south of Lashkar Gah in Helmand Province. – *AP, October 20*

October 19, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki told a news conference that the West should not engage in negotiations or talks with the Taliban. Mottaki warned, “We advise them to think about the consequences of the talks [with the Taliban] which are taking place in the region and in Europe and avoid being bitten in the same spot twice.” – *AFP, October 19*

October 20, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Taliban gunmen shot to death a Christian aid worker as she walked to work in western Kabul. The aid worker, Gayle Williams, was a dual South African-British national, and she primarily worked with handicapped Afghans. A Taliban spokesman charged that Williams “came to Afghanistan to teach Christianity to the people of Afghanistan.” – *AP, October 20*

October 20, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Suspected Taliban militants killed five

policemen, including a district police chief, in Faryab Province. – *AP, October 20*

October 20, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A suicide bomber attacked German soldiers in Kunduz Province, killing two of them in addition to five Afghan children. – *AFP, October 20*

October 21, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Taliban fighters told mobile phone operators to shut down their networks during the day in Ghazni Province, alleging that signals from their towers help government and international troops track their movements. “We have informed mobile companies operating in Ghazni to turn off their signals during the daytime now as it endangers the lives of our fighters,” a Taliban spokesman said. “We want the companies to cut off their signal for 10 days from now.” – *Reuters, October 21*

October 21, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A long gunfight between Taliban-linked fighters and paramilitary soldiers broke out in the Kabal area of Swat District in the North-West Frontier Province. The incident resulted in the deaths of at least 15 paramilitary soldiers and five Taliban-linked fighters. – *Reuters, October 22*

October 21, 2008 (PHILIPPINES): A Philippine court extended a freeze on the assets of Hilarion Santos, the alleged leader of the Rajah Solaiman Movement (RSM). Santos was arrested three years ago and is on trial for kidnapping and rebellion. The freeze, which makes it illegal to sell off any properties owned by Santos, will be in effect until January 25, 2009. The RSM spun off from the Abu Sayyaf Group, and is primarily composed of Filipino Christians who converted to Islam. – *AFP, October 21*

October 21, 2008 (PHILIPPINES): According to a statement made by Philippine Colonel Eddie Maningding, Jemaah Islamiya operatives are using Mindanao as a “training and exposure area” for recruits. He also alleged these operatives are “supporting some rogue MILF [Moro Islamic Liberation Front] elements for extortion and other criminal activities. Recently, they are eluding government counter-terrorist operations and co-opting with local radicals for sanctuary and propagation of their extremist beliefs.” Maningding

claimed that 58 foreign terrorists were operating in the Philippines and were constantly on the run from government troops. "The 30 JI members and 28 other foreign terrorists are now on the run due to extensive government pressure," he said. – *GMA News.tv, October 21*

October 21, 2008 (SAUDI ARABIA): The Saudi media reported that the government has indicted 991 suspected al-Qa`ida militants for carrying out 30 attacks since 2003. According to Reuters, some of the accused include clerics who had publicly supported al-Qa`ida's violent campaign in the country. Al-Arabiya reported that most of the suspects are Saudi nationals. – *Reuters, October 21*

October 21, 2008 (SAUDI ARABIA): Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal announced that, in September, his country hosted talks between Afghan officials and the Taliban in Mecca. According to press reports, one of the Taliban representatives was Abdul Salam Zaeef, the former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan. – *Washington Post, October 22*

October 22, 2008 (IRAQ): The head of the al-Qa`ida-linked Islamic State of Iraq, Abu `Umar al-Baghdadi, confirmed the death of Abu Qaswarah, who was killed by U.S. forces on October 5 in Mosul, Ninawa Province. Abu Qaswarah has been identified as the second-in-command of al-Qa`ida in Iraq. Al-Baghdadi said that the Moroccan native Abu Qaswarah was a "unique, beloved and close knight whose departure is painful and hard." – *AP, October 22; Reuters, October 15; TimesOnline, October 16*

October 22, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A roadside bomb exploded and killed three U.S.-led coalition soldiers in western Afghanistan. The exact location of the incident was not reported. – *AP, October 23*

October 22, 2008 (PAKISTAN): The Pakistani parliament unanimously passed a resolution calling for dialogue with extremist groups and an end to military action. According to the resolution, "Dialogue must now be the highest priority, as a principal instrument of conflict management and resolution. The military will be replaced as early as possible by civilian law enforcement agencies." The British

Guardian newspaper, however, reported that "the document is not binding on the government even though it was party to it. The army remains the ultimate arbiter of security policy." – *Guardian, October 24*

October 23, 2008 (GLOBAL): 21-year-old German citizen and convert to Islam Eric Breininger appeared in a new online video stating, "I am in Afghanistan and, personally, do not plan to carry out an attack on Germany." On September 25, German federal prosecutors issued a public alert seeking the whereabouts of Breininger, who they thought had slipped back into Germany after attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan. The web video was Breininger's response to the German alert. He further stated, "We declare war on any country that fights against Muslims at the side of the United States. However, the Germans are so blinded by the press that the people apparently demanded even more soldiers and intelligence services, which logically increase the risk of attacks on German territory." – *ABC News, October 23*

October 23, 2008 (GERMANY): The head of Germany's Federal Intelligence Service, Ernst Uhlrau, warned that al-Qa`ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), which is based in North Africa, could pose a threat to Western Europe. According to Ernst, out of al-Qa`ida's various "franchises," AQIM is "developing the most dynamically." Uhlrau also identified the internet as a prime "vehicle for preparations" for terrorists who hope to attack Europe. – *The Canadian Press, October 23*

October 23, 2008 (AUSTRALIA): An Australian jury found 35-year-old Muslim convert Joseph Thomas not guilty of receiving funds from al-Qa`ida. Thomas was, however, convicted on a lesser charge of possessing a falsified passport; that charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine. Thomas, often referred to as "Jihad Jack," was arrested after leaving Afghanistan where he had spent time in an al-Qa`ida training camp and had personally met Usama bin Ladin. Thomas explained that he went to Afghanistan in 2001 with the intention of fighting with the Taliban, but claimed to have mistakenly ended up at a training camp for al-Qa`ida. This marked Thomas' second trial on the charges. He was released on

bail as he awaits his sentencing. – *AP, October 22*

October 23, 2008 (IRAQ): A suicide car bomber rammed his vehicle into the convoy of Iraq's labor minister in downtown Baghdad, killing at least 11 people. The minister, Mahmud Jawad al-Radi, escaped injury. – *AFP, October 23*

October 23, 2008 (IRAQ): The U.S. military handed control of Babil Province to the Iraqi government. Babil is the 12th province out of 18 that has been handed over to Iraqi government control. – *AP, October 23*

October 23, 2008 (IRAQ): The U.S. military announced that Iraqi security forces had captured 66 people allegedly connected to al-Qa`ida in Iraq (AQI). The arrests, which occurred during separate operations in northern Iraq over a few days, included 45 operatives from AQI and 21 others part of the Islamic State of Iraq. – *CNN, October 23*

October 23, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Afghan Foreign Minister Rangeen Dadfar Spanta said that his government would negotiate with the Taliban since "peace requires that we talk with the armed opposition." Yet, according to Spanta, any negotiations with the Taliban must be on the premise that they will accept the current Afghan constitution. – *AFP, October 23*

October 23, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A U.S. unmanned aerial drone fired a missile at a *madrassa* near the town of Miran Shah in North Waziristan Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. The site was a suspected training area for Taliban militants. Approximately nine people were killed. – *The Times, October 24*

October 23, 2008 (PAKISTAN): Pakistan's Frontier Constabulary told journalists that security forces killed at least 35 Taliban during ground and air assaults in Bajaur Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. The offensive began late on October 22 and continued to the next day. – *Daily Times, October 24*

October 24, 2008 (GLOBAL): A report in Pakistan's *The News* claimed that al-Qa`ida sources informed the newspaper that Usama bin Ladin is writing an Arabic-

language book on al-Qa`ida's continued struggles. The al-Qa`ida sources said that Bin Ladin is writing the book in response to the "negative propaganda and insufficient information" about the al-Qa`ida network. The sources also stated Bin Ladin "is writing the book with the assistance of a young man with a Middle Eastern background who will later translate the text into English."
- *The News, October 24*

October 24, 2008 (PHILIPPINES): Arturo Lomibao, the head of the Philippines' counter-terrorism unit, warned that Indonesian and Malaysian jihadists, with ties to Jemaah Islamiya, continue to infiltrate the Philippines despite stricter border controls. "Jihadists associated with [JI operative] Umar Patek continue to arrive intermittently in Mindanao," he said.
- *GulfNews.com, October 24*

October 24, 2008 (SOMALIA): Islamist insurgents attacked the Hodan police station in Mogadishu. Although the insurgents were eventually pushed back, at one point it is believed they infiltrated the station. The number of casualties was not clear. The attack was just the latest in escalating violence in southern Somalia as Islamist insurgents continue to attack Transitional Federal Government, Ethiopian and African Union forces. - *Shabelle Media Network, October 24*

October 25, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Two senior officials of the international shipping company DHL, along with a bodyguard, were shot to death in front of their Kabul office. Early reports identified the assailant as a company security guard.
- *Voice of America, October 25*

October 26, 2008 (SYRIA): U.S. soldiers launched an attack on Syrian territory close to the Iraqi border and killed approximately eight people. The purpose of the attack was to shut down a network moving al-Qa`ida-linked foreign fighters from Syria into Iraq. According to the *New York Times*, U.S. sources confirmed the death of Abu Ghadiya, an Iraqi suspected of leading the cell. - *AP, October 26; New York Times, October 30*

October 26, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suspected U.S. missile strike killed at least 16 people, including Taliban

commander Haji Omar Khan, in South Waziristan Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. It is believed that all of those killed were tied to the Taliban and involved in sending fighters into Afghanistan. Khan had ties to Taliban leader Jalaluddin Haqqani.
- *AFP, October 27*

October 26, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suicide car bomber attacked a security post in Mohmand Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, killing 10 soldiers. - *Bloomberg, October 27*

October 26, 2008 (SOMALIA): Somalia's transitional government signed a cease-fire agreement with some opposition leaders during a meeting in Djibouti. The agreement read: "Effective 26 October 2008, cease-fire observance has been announced. It will become effective 5 November 2008...starting 21 November 2008, the Ethiopian troops will relocate from areas of the cities of Beledweyn and Mogadishu...The second phase of the troop withdrawal shall be completed within 120 days." Somalia's Islamist opposition group is not united, however, and the deal was not accepted by all of the warring factions. One of these hard line leaders, Shaykh Hassan Dahir Aweys, questioned the agreement, stating, "The agreement reached in Djibouti Sunday is an illusion to deceive the Somalis. Neither the international community nor Ethiopia itself announced the complete withdrawal of Ethiopian troops." - *Reuters, October 26*

October 27, 2008 (UNITED STATES): During the opening day of the military trial for al-Qa`ida suspect Ali Hamza al-Bahlul at Guantanamo Bay, both al-Bahlul and his Pentagon-appointed lawyer refused to participate and did not answer questions from the judge. Al-Bahlul, a Yemeni, faces a possible life sentence for his alleged role in conspiracy, supporting terrorism and solicitation to commit murder. - *AP, October 27*

October 27, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform blew himself up inside a police station in Baghlan Province, killing two American soldiers and a child. The Taliban immediately claimed credit for the operation. - *New York Times, October 27*

October 27, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Taliban gunfire forced down a U.S. Blackhawk helicopter in Wardak Province, although the crew were extracted safely. Coalition troops responding to the attack also came under fire, and they proceeded to kill 12 Taliban fighters. The helicopter was recovered and brought to a nearby NATO military base. - *AFP, October 28*

October 28, 2008 (GLOBAL): Top al-Qa`ida leader Abu Yahya al-Libi appeared in a new video posted on Islamist web forums. The video apparently was released several weeks later than planned, as in the video al-Libi commemorated `Id al-Fitr, which was celebrated during the first week of October. - *ABC News, October 30*

October 28, 2008 (UNITED STATES): A State Department official told reporters on the condition of anonymity that the United States was examining ways to negotiate with "reconcilable" elements of the Taliban in Afghanistan. "If people are willing to renounce violence, give up their arms...it makes sense," the official said. Negotiations could occur if Taliban elements were willing to "give up their arms, renounce violence, pledge allegiance to the Afghanistan constitution and become part of the political process instead of getting in the way of the political process." - *AFP, October 28*

October 28, 2008 (PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN): Afghan and Pakistani tribal and political leaders released a declaration after a two-day meeting calling for the establishment of contacts with Taliban factions in order to end the insurgencies affecting both countries. Both the Pakistan and Afghanistan governments endorsed the declaration. - *AP, October 28*

October 29, 2008 (UNITED STATES): Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell told reporters that Taliban leader Mullah Omar should not be involved in any negotiations between the Taliban and Afghanistan. According to Morrell, "Mullah Omar has the blood of thousands of Americans on his hands, based upon the support that he provided Osama bin Laden." Morrell also addressed recent attempts made by the Afghanistan and Pakistan governments to negotiate with the Taliban: "You have to figure

out a way to embrace those who are willing, ultimately, to work with the central government, lay down their arms—at least stop pointing them at the government and at us—and work in a constructive manner for the good of all the Afghan people.” – *Reuters, October 29*

October 29, 2008 (CANADA): Mohammed Momin Khawaja was found guilty in a Canadian court for his involvement in a foiled terrorist plot in the United Kingdom. Khawaja was found to have “knowingly participated” and “knowingly facilitated” a terrorist group’s plan to attack civilians in London. He was arrested in March 2004. According to an Agence France-Presse report, “The devout Muslim was born in Canada of Pakistani immigrant parents and once worked as a computer expert at Canada’s Foreign Affairs Department.” He will be sentenced on November 18. – *AFP, October 29*

October 29, 2008 (AUSTRALIA): After being found not guilty of receiving funds from al-Qa`ida in an Australian court on October 23, 35-year-old Muslim convert Joseph Thomas was sentenced to nine months in jail for possessing a falsified passport. Since Thomas had already spent that amount of time in custody, he was immediately set free. – *Herald Sun, October 29*

October 29, 2008 (SOMALIA): Five suicide car bombs ripped through various key targets in the northern Somalia autonomous areas of Somaliland and Puntland. In Hargeysa, Somaliland, the presidential palace, Ethiopia’s diplomatic compound and the UN Development Program building were all targeted. In Bosasso, Puntland, two separate offices affiliated with the Interior Ministry were targeted. The coordinated attacks killed 19 people. There were no immediate claims of responsibility, although U.S. authorities suspect al-Qa`ida involvement in conjunction with local insurgents. – *AFP, October 29; Fox News, October 30*

October 30, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A suicide bomber blew himself up inside the Information and Culture Ministry in Kabul, killing five people. Two other assailants were possibly involved in the attack, but they escaped. Authorities believe that the intended target was the minister, Abdul Karim Khoram, but he

was not in the building at the time of the blast. The Taliban claimed credit for the operation. – *AFP, October 30*

October 30, 2008 (PHILIPPINES): One of two aid workers held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf Group for 45 days in the jungles of the Philippines was released unharmed. The gunmen did not release the second hostage. According to a press report, the released hostage said she “lived in constant fear during her ordeal, with the rebels at one time threatening to cut off her fingers if her family refused to pay a ransom of two million pesos.” It was not clear whether a ransom was paid. – *The Age, October 30*

October 30, 2008 (MALI): After spending 252 days in captivity, two Austrian tourists who were kidnapped by al-Qa`ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) on February 22 in Tunisia were released to the Malian Army. According to a Bloomberg report on their release, “5 million euros (\$6.4 million) and the release of 10 of its [AQIM] members from Tunisian and Algerian prisons” was demanded in exchange for the hostages. The Austrian Foreign Ministry did not immediately say whether a ransom was paid for the pair’s release. One of the released hostages, Wolfgang Ebner, told reporters after his release that “the conditions of detention were harsh, it was not at all easy, but we were treated normally.” – *Bloomberg, October 31; AFP, October 31*

October 31, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suicide bomber killed nine people in an attack targeting the police in Mardan in the North-West Frontier Province. – *Reuters, October 31; The Nation, October 31*

October 31, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suspected U.S. aerial drone fired two missiles at targets in Mir Ali, North Waziristan Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Approximately 15 to 20 people were killed in the attacks. Separately, an additional suspected U.S. aerial drone fired two missiles at a house in Wana, South Waziristan Agency. Around seven people were killed during that attack. Various news reports stated that al-Qa`ida’s propaganda chief—an Egyptian known as Abu Jihad al-Masri—was killed in the North Waziristan attack. – *Reuters, October 31; AP, October 31; AFP, November 1*

November 1, 2008 (YEMEN): A Yemeni security official said that the suicide team that attacked the U.S. Embassy in Sana`a on September 17 had ties to al-Qa`ida in Iraq. The official said that three of the six had previously fought in Iraq, and that the team had trained in al-Qa`ida camps in southern Yemen. – *AP, November 1*

November 1, 2008 (SOMALIA): Shaykh Sharif Shaykh Ahmad, who chairs the oppositionist Alliance for the Liberation of Somalia (ARS), returned to Jowhar in Somalia, two years after the Ethiopian intervention forced him to flee. On October 26, the ARS signed a cease-fire agreement with the Transitional Federal Government. Ahmed told supporters in Jowhar that “we need you to support that agreement, which we believe serves the interest of the nation.” – *AFP, November 1*

November 2, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suicide car bomber slammed his vehicle into a security checkpoint in South Waziristan Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, killing eight soldiers. – *Reuters, November 2*

November 3, 2008 (UNITED STATES): A military court at Guantanamo Bay convicted al-Qa`ida operative Ali Hamza al-Bahlul of three terrorism-related charges. On the opening day of the trial, al-Bahlul refused to defend himself. He was sentenced to life in prison. – *Reuters, November 3*

November 3, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A French aid worker was kidnapped in broad daylight on a street in Kabul. A local intelligence worker intervened to stop the kidnapping, but he was shot dead by the assailants. A Taliban spokesman denied involvement. – *AP, November 3*

November 4, 2008 (THAILAND): Two bombs ripped through Narathiwat Province in southern Thailand, wounding 62 people. It appeared that one of the bombs targeted an outdoor meeting of village chiefs. – *Reuters, November 4*

November 5, 2008 (IRAQ): A suicide car bomber attacked a police patrol on the road to Baghdad’s airport, killing six people. – *AP, November 5*

November 5, 2008 (PHILIPPINES): Authorities apprehended a sub-leader of the Abu Sayyaf Group—identified as Sakirin Andalin Sali—in Sulu Province in the southern Philippines. – *GMA News*, *November 5*

November 6, 2008 (IRAQ): U.S. and Iraqi forces killed a senior al-Qa`ida in Iraq leader in the Tarmiyya area north of Baghdad. The dead operative was identified as Abu Ghazwan. – *AP*, *November 7*

November 6, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suicide bomber detonated his explosives amid a meeting of anti-Taliban Salarzai tribal leaders in Bajaur Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, killing at least 17 of them. – *Bloomberg*, *November 6*; *AFP*, *November 6*

November 6, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suicide car bomber attacked paramilitary forces in Swat District of the North-West Frontier Province, killing two people. – *AFP*, *November 6*

November 7, 2008 (PAKISTAN): Suspected U.S. aerial drones fired missiles at targets in North Waziristan Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Approximately 13 militants were killed, five of whom were foreigners. – *Reuters*, *November 7*

November 8, 2008 (UNITED KINGDOM): Abu Qatada, an Islamist cleric with suspected ties to al-Qa`ida, was arrested and placed in prison in the United Kingdom after allegedly planning to violate his bail conditions by fleeing to Jordan. In June, Qatada was released from jail on the condition that he would be under house arrest for 22 hours a day. – *Bloomberg*, *November 10*

November 8, 2008 (IRAQ): A suicide car bomber attacked a police checkpoint in Anbar Province, killing eight people. – *AP*, *November 8*

November 9, 2008 (IRAQ): A female suicide bomber exploded in front of a hospital in Falluja, Anbar Province, killing three people. – *AFP*, *November 9*

November 9, 2008 (INDONESIA): Three men convicted of the 2002 Bali bombings—Amrozi Nurhasyim, Imam Samudra and Ali Ghufron—were executed by firing squad. – *Bloomberg*, *November 10*

November 9, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A suicide car bomber attacked a military convoy in Herat Province, killing two Spanish soldiers. – *AP*, *November 9*

November 10, 2008 (IRAQ): At least two bombs ripped through a shopping district in Baghdad's Adhamiyya neighborhood, killing at least 30 people, most of whom were civilians. – *Seattle Times*, *November 11*

November 10, 2008 (IRAQ): A 13-year-old female suicide bomber killed five Iraqi guards in Ba`quba, Diyala Province. – *The Australian*, *November 11*

November 10, 2008 (PAKISTAN): Militants hijacked 13 supply trucks for Western forces in Afghanistan as they traveled through the Khyber Pass in northwest Pakistan. Later that day, the Pakistani military claimed they recovered the trucks. – *Reuters*, *November 10*; *Daily Times*, *November 11*

November 11, 2008 (PAKISTAN): A suicide bomber detonated his explosives at a crowded sports stadium in Peshawar, killing four people. – *AFP*, *November 11*

November 12, 2008 (IRAQ): Iraqi troops arrested “a very high level, wanted terrorist” responsible for training al-Qa`ida operatives who specialized in beheadings. The terrorist, identified as Riyadh Wahab Fleih, was apprehended in Diyala Province. – *AP*, *November 12*

November 12, 2008 (IRAQ): Gunmen killed two Christian sisters at their home in Mosul, Ninawa Province. They then planted a bomb in the house before they left. – *Reuters*, *November 12*

November 12, 2008 (IRAQ): An Iraqi soldier killed two U.S. soldiers at an Iraqi military base in Mosul, Ninawa Province. According to the Associated Press, which received information from the U.S. military, “the attacker strolled into the courtyard carrying a Kalashnikov rifle and a drum of ammunition, walked to a corner, turned and opened fire.” – *AP*, *November 13*

November 12, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A tanker truck filled with explosives detonated outside Kandahar's provincial council office, killing at least six people. – *New York Times*, *November 12*

November 12, 2008 (PAKISTAN): U.S. aid worker Steve Vance and his driver were shot to death in the University Town area of Peshawar. – *AP*, *November 13*

November 12, 2008 (SOMALIA): Islamist rebels seized control of the town of Marka, increasing their geographic control to much of southern Somalia. – *Bloomberg*, *November 12*

November 13, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): A suicide car bomber targeted a coalition convoy near a market in Nangarhar Province, killing one U.S. soldier and 10 civilians. – *AFP*, *November 13*

November 13, 2008 (PAKISTAN): An Iranian diplomat was kidnapped in Peshawar, and the policeman assigned to protect him was shot to death. – *Reuters*, *November 13*

November 14, 2008 (PAKISTAN): Suspected U.S. aerial drones fired missiles into a village on the border of North and South Waziristan in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, killing 12 people, including five foreigners. – *Reuters*, *November 14*

November 14, 2008 (PHILIPPINES): Philippine Marines killed an Abu Sayyaf Group militant—who was linked to a 2001 kidnapping of three Americans—on Jolo Island in the southern Philippines. The operative was identified as Faidar Hadjadi. – *AP*, *November 16*

November 15, 2008 (AFGHANISTAN): Coalition troops killed five al-Qa`ida-affiliated insurgents and apprehended eight in Paktia Province. One of the apprehended militants allegedly facilitated the flow of foreign fighters into Afghanistan. – *AP*, *November 16*