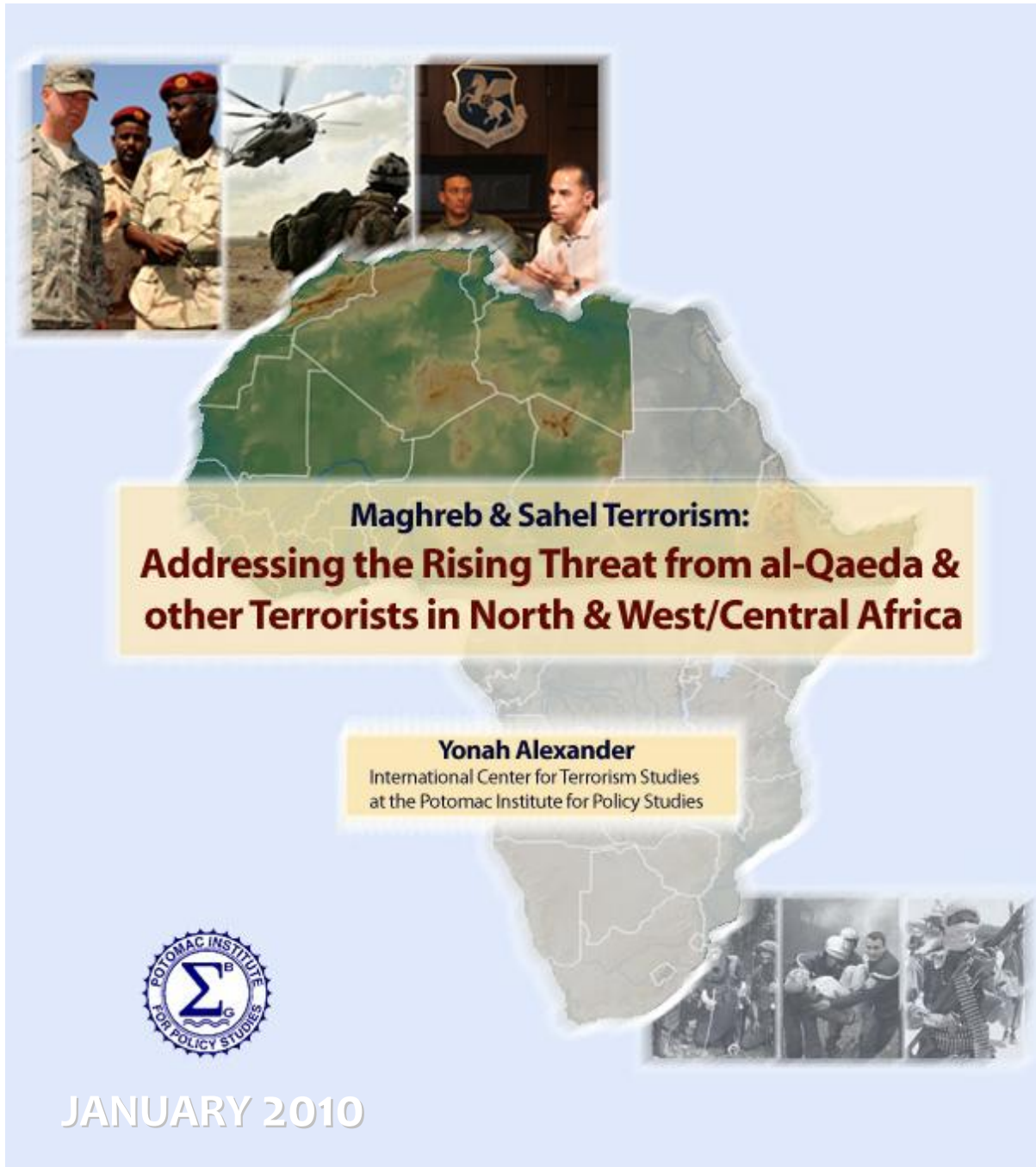


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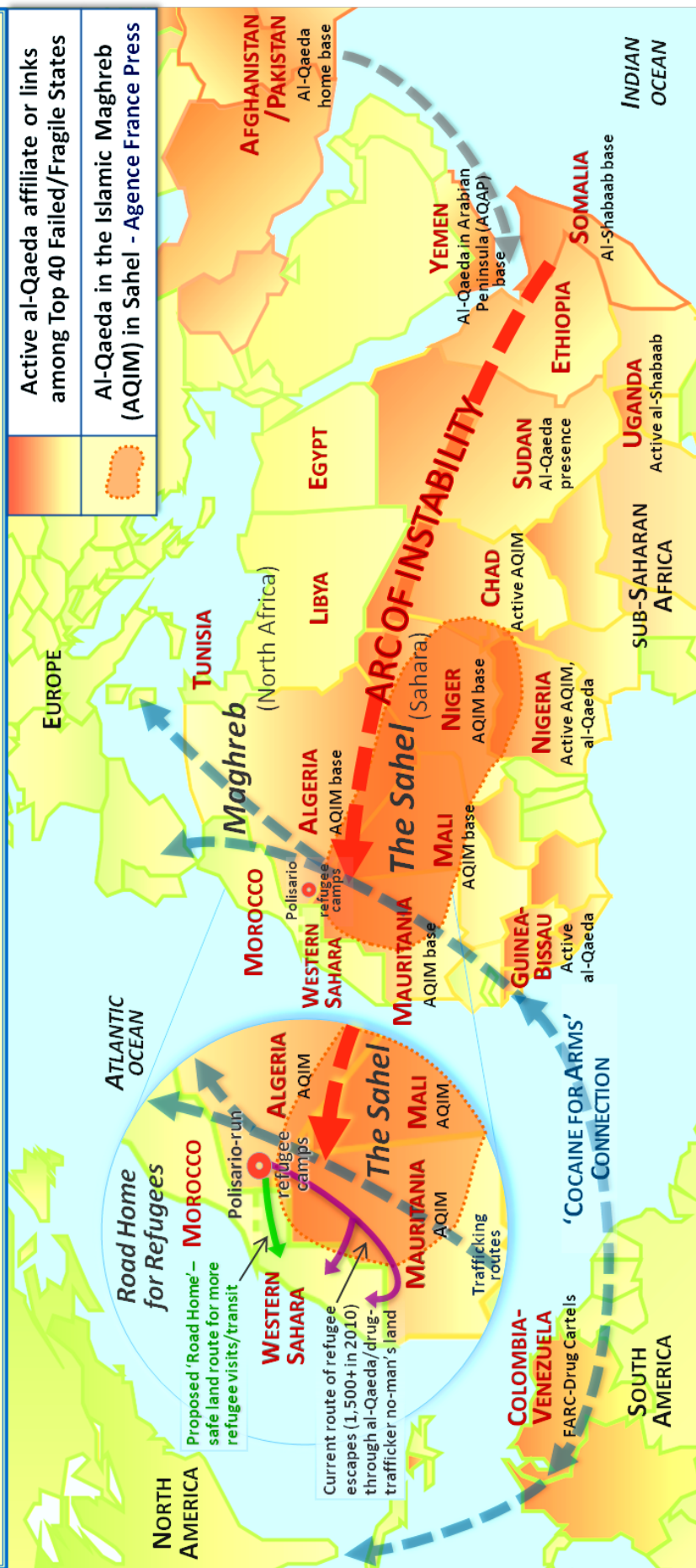
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Traces path across Failed/Fragile States, Links with Cartels at new Crossroads of Terrorism & Trafficking



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We learn from history that nothing is permanent in world affairs. Empires, nations, and people rise and decline, and others take their place. The only certainty is uncertainty and consequently a realistic analysis of factors that contribute to stability or instability of national, regional, and global security frameworks is critical.

Tragically, the Maghreb – Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia – as well as adjacent parts of the Sahel – Chad, Mali, and Niger – have emerged as one of the most worrying strategic challenges to the international community, and yet for decades these regions have mostly been neglected by United States diplomacy. Consider, for example, the empirical data generated since September 11, 2001.

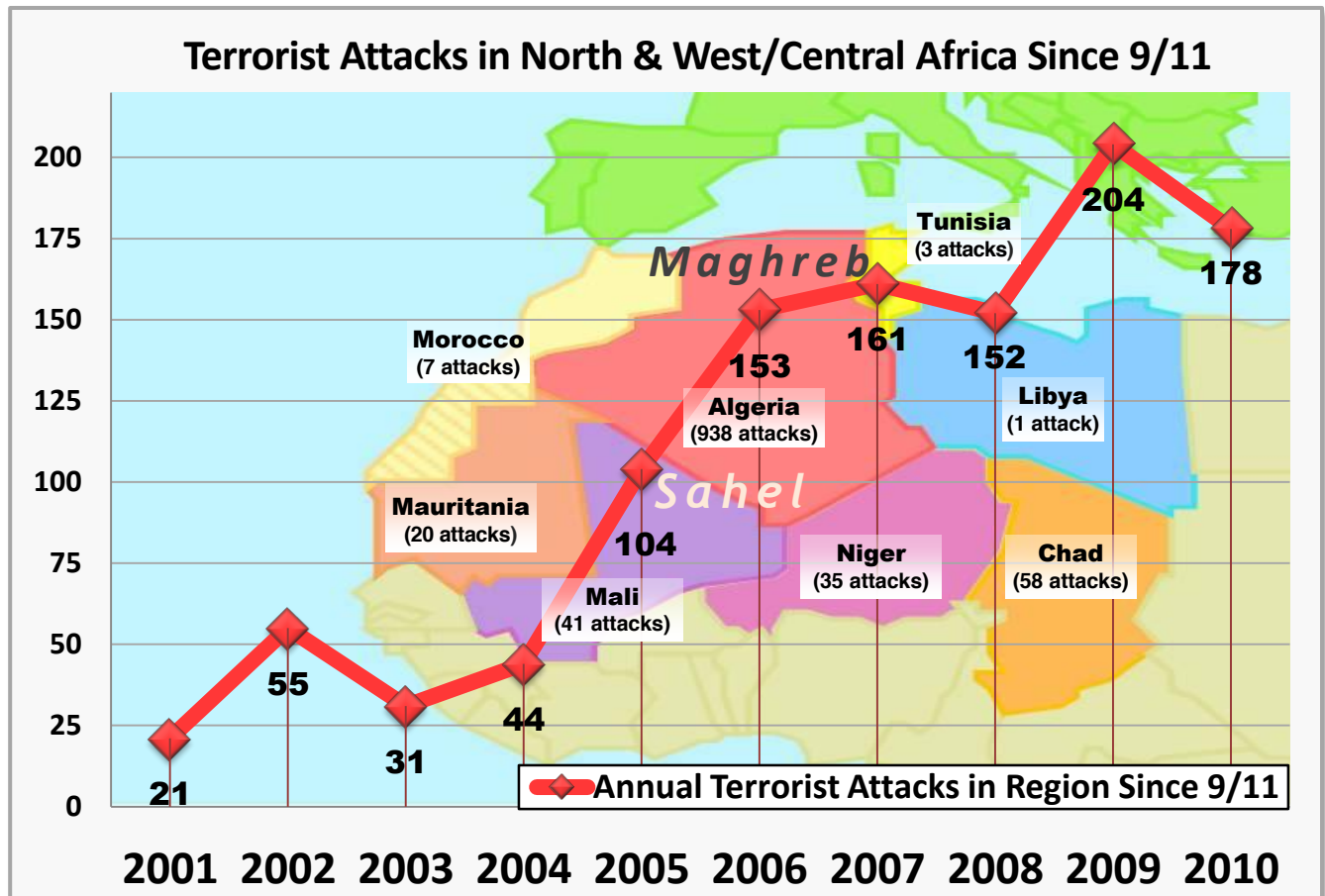
Terrorist attacks by al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and other extremist groups in both the Maghreb and Sahel increased 558% from their low during the period to a new high of 204 attacks in 2009, and remain dangerously high, with 178 in 2010. Thus, over the past nine years, more than 1,100 terrorist bombings, murders, kidnappings, and ambushes against both domestic and international targets have claimed almost 2,000 lives and 6,000 victims of violence. Moreover, according to open intelligence sources and a recent fact-finding trip to the region in January 2011, there exists growing evidence that AQIM, local traffickers, and possibly members of the Polisario are forming links with Latin American organized criminal groups for trafficking drugs and humans via transit networks into Europe.

What is particularly of grave concern is that AQIM, jointly with the other al-Qaeda affiliates (e.g. al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula – AQAP – operating in Yemen, as well as al-Shabaab members in Somalia) currently and for the foreseeable future, represent a most dangerous threat both regionally and inter-regionally. Clearly in the failed and fragile states bordering the Sahara, al-Qaeda has established a safe haven and breeding ground for its activities.

Two major concerns feed into this arc of instability that stretches from the Red Sea and is poised to reach to the Atlantic. First, is the lingering 35-year old Western Sahara conflict, which is creating an opening for AQIM's expansion and also recruitment of hard-core Polisario members among the Sahrawi refugee camps in Algeria, further complicating the viability of a diplomatic resolution for the Western Sahara issue.

And second, the sudden and explosive recent popular street protests in Tunisia that ousted the authoritarian President, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, who had ruled the country for 23 years, open up the possibility that al-Qaeda will attempt to take advantage of the unfolding drama in its effort to destabilize the region.

The purpose of this updated report is to supplement two earlier special studies published in 2009 and January 2010. The publication titled “[Why the Maghreb Matters: Threats, Opportunities, and Options for Effective Engagement in North Africa](#)” (March 2009) was co-sponsored by the Conflict Management Program of the John Hopkins University jointly with the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. This report was supported by a bipartisan panel of foreign policy experts, including General (ret.) Wesley Clark, Amb (ret.) Stuart Eizenstat, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Professor William Zartman, and other distinguished academics and former diplomats.



The panel’s special report recommended that the new US administration “look around the corner,” as President Barack Obama had advocated, and engage the region more effectively to prevent the brewing crisis in security before it erupts. More specifically, the report outlined threats, opportunities, and options for the United States to promote peace and prosperity, and prevent a growing peril in North Africa. The nations of the Maghreb have long been at the crossroads of history and currently hold great potential as a bridge between the Islamic world and the West. The region could benefit greatly from increased regional economic integration that would make it an appealing market for Europe and the United States. But it also faces serious challenges: a firm toehold by al-Qaeda in the Sahara, inconsistent economic growth, a growing and restive young population, and regional disputes that impede economic and security cooperation, in particular the long-running dispute over Western Sahara.

The second report, “[Maghreb & Sahel Terrorism: Addressing the Rising Threat from al-Qaeda and other Terrorists in North and West/Central Africa](#)” (January 2010), which I authored and was published by the International Center for Terrorism Studies at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, presented an overview of terrorism and dealt in some detail with the security challenge in the region and its implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

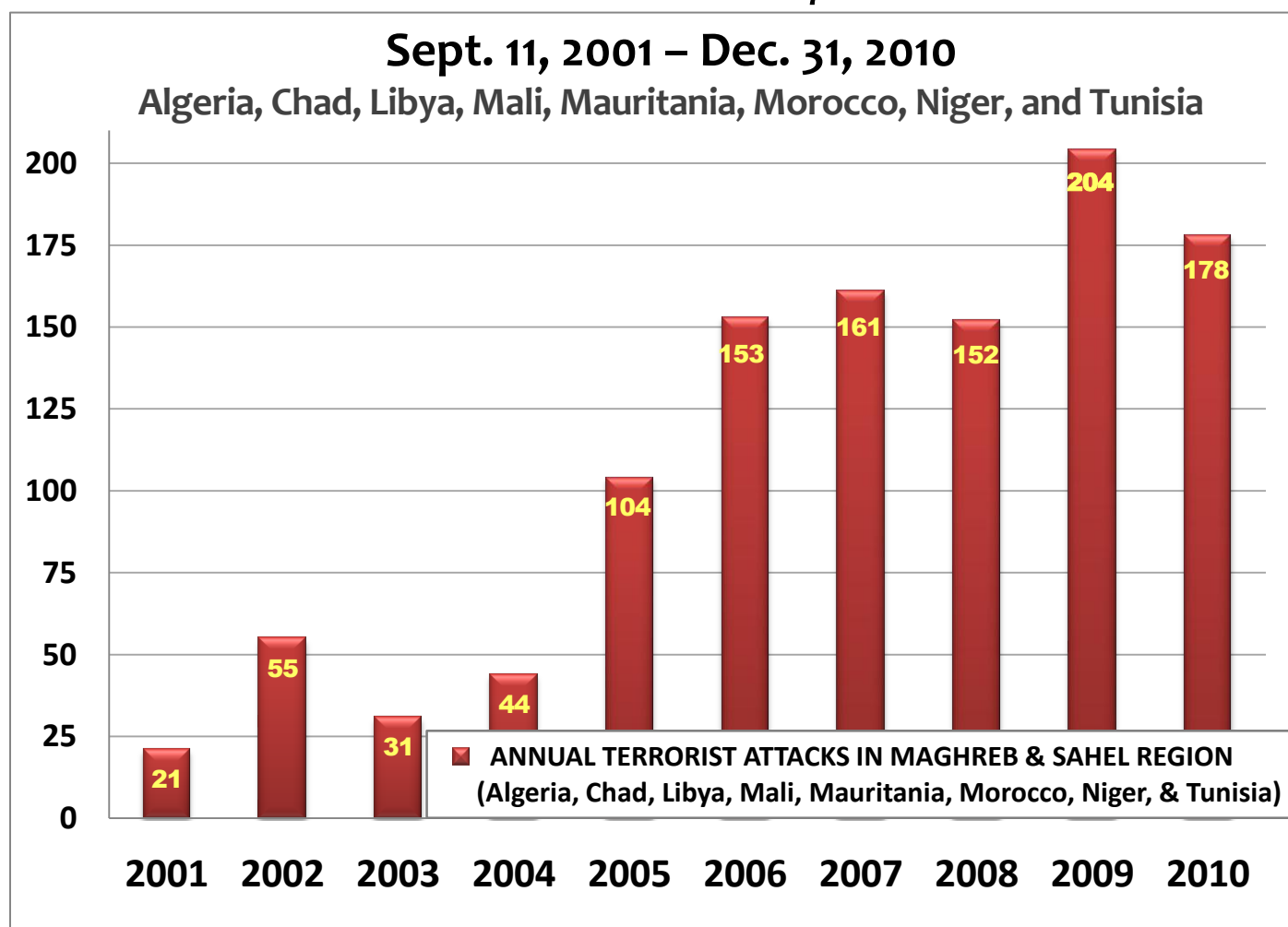
The key insights and recommendations underlined in that study appear even more relevant, and urgent, a year later. They include the following steps that should be given close consideration by US policy makers and the international community in general:

1. Develop a comprehensive program in the affected countries to increase public awareness concerning the nature of jihadist terrorism as a form of low-intensity warfare being waged against the Maghreb and Sahel; how it affects the local populations; how it diverts resources away from economic development; and how it constrains political open space.
2. Strengthen the US intelligence mechanisms in order to provide more effective collection and analysis of data related to terrorist activities by al-Qaeda and other extremists in the region and beyond. And ensure that the information is used effectively by cooperating bodies in the region through providing equipment, training, and monitoring assistance.
3. Deny supporters of Islamic extremism in the Maghreb, Sahel, and elsewhere the capacity and freedom to engage in propaganda through effective information countermeasures, investments in local development, and open channels of communication with local leaders.
4. Expand US counterterrorism technical assistance to the area, particularly training for internal security bodies, police agencies, and the military, particularly under the umbrella of multilateral working groups to provide for adequate monitoring and transparency.
5. Encourage the governments in the region to continue with a “carrot-and-stick” approach, and with their efforts improve the economic and social conditions in these countries.
6. Improve the level of security coordination between the countries in the region so they can more effectively share intelligence and interdict terrorist networks and supply lines on the ground. Also improve the levels of economic cooperation between the nations in the region to spur increased trade and commerce that contributes to economic growth and reduces poverty as an underlying factor in fueling social unrest and extremism. Both security and economic cooperation in the Maghreb and Sahel would no doubt be enhanced by a resolution to the decades-old Western Sahara dispute, which continues to drive a wedge between two of the region’s most influential nations – Morocco and Algeria.
7. Face the intellectual challenge of radical Islam directly with “home-grown” religious and intellectual leaders who are able to challenge the misuse of Islam and channel religious tendencies into more productive social development opportunities.
8. Raise the diplomatic, economic, political, and military costs to Iran high enough to outweigh the benefits of supporting terrorism and exporting jihadist terrorism elsewhere.

In sum, a coherent and firm US policy vis-à-vis the threats of terrorism in Maghreb and Sahel would increase domestic public understanding and support in the US for sustained engagement with the nations of North and West/Central Africa. The updated documents incorporated in this report, particularly the statistical tables and terrorism chronology covering the period September 11, 2001 – December 31, 2010 make it clear that constructive and sustained engagement is vital, employing both “hard” (security, military, intelligence cooperation) and “soft” elements (economic and social development creating employment opportunities, education that equips students/trainees for jobs, and reduction of religious radicalism). Otherwise, the US, the EU, and our friends in the region will remain hostages to, and targets of, these ideological, theological, and political terrorists for the remainder of the 21st century.

CHRONOLOGY:

Terrorism in North & West/Central Africa



Data Table: Terrorism Incidents in Maghreb & Sahel since Sept. 11, 2001

TIMELINE	YEAR	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
NORTH & WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA NATIONS	Totals: 1,103 attacks	21 attacks	55 attacks	31 attacks	44 attacks	104 attacks	153 attacks	161 attacks	152 attacks	204 attacks	178 attacks
ALGERIA	938 attacks	20	54	28	39	93	120	110	121	185	168
CHAD	58 attacks				3	6	28	14	6		1
LIBYA	1 attack						1				
MALI	41 attacks			1	1	2	3	10	11	9	4
MAURITANIA	20 attacks				1	3		4	4	6	2
MOROCCO	7 attacks			2				5			
NIGER	35 attacks						1	18	9	4	3
TUNISIA	3 attacks	1	1						1		

INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM IN MAGHREB & SAHEL:

Chronology from Sept. 11, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2010 — (Updated with 2010 incidents below)

For full listing from 9/11/01 to 12/31/09, go to: http://www.potomac institute.org/attachments/524_Maghreb%20Terrorism%20report.pdf

2010

Algeria

December 27, 2010

Shepherd wounded by bomb on path in Adekar near Takamra, Tizi Ouzou.
<http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/December2010IncidentsReport.pdf>

December 25, 2010

Soldier killed, 3 police & 1 soldier injured by terrorists in Dellys, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabyli e/boumerdes/un-militaire-tue-et-trois-policiers-blesses-dans-un-accrochage-a-dellys-25-12-2010-104412_146.php

December 25, 2010

Terrorist bomb damages building under construction at communal guard headquarters, Aghribs, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/a wi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/12/27/newsbrief-01

December 24, 2010

Shepherd assassinated by armed group in Taffessour, Sidi Bel Abbès.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-berger-assassine-a-tafessour-26-12-2010-104518_109.php

December 23, 2010

Bomb, gunfire targets military convoy near Tala Bounana, Béni Douala, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries from terrorist attack.
http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabyli e/tiziouzou/tizi-ouzu-un-convoi-militaire-attaque-pres-de-beni-douala-24-12-2010-104308_144.php

December 23, 2010

An IED exploded in Takamra, Adekar, wounding 1 civilian.
http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabyli e/bajaia/adekar-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-takamra-27-12-2010-104596_143.php

December 11, 2010

Bomb targeting soldiers exploded at army base Cap Djinet, Boumerdès. No injuries.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/huit-personnes-arretees-a-cap-djinet-pour-appartenance-a-un-groupe-arme_13293.html

December 11, 2010

4 gendarmes wounded in terrorist attack in Al Ardja, Cap Djinet, Boumerdès.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/quatre-gendarmes-blesses-dans-une-attaque-pres-de-cap-djinet_13292.html

December 10, 2010

Armed terrorists attempted to kidnap a businessman from Freha, Tizi Ouzou. The assailants hijacked his vehicle, but fortunately he was able to escape.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/tizi-ouzu-un-bar-attaque-et-une-tentative-de-kidnapping-avortee_13285.html

December 9, 2010

A businessman was kidnapped by five armed men in Yakourene, Tizi Ouzou.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-commercant-enleve-a-tizi-ouzu_13270.html

November 29, 2010

Chief of national gendarmerie in Legata seriously wounded in a terrorist bomb attack in Ouled Ziane, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/une/boumerdes-un-chef-de-brigade-de-la-gendarmerie-grievement-blesse-et-deux-terroristes-elimines-30-11-2010-101076_108.php

November 29, 2010

4 soldiers killed in clash with terrorists in Tenès, Chlef. 2 communal guards and another soldier were also wounded.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/a wi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/30/newsbrief-01

November 28, 2010

Bomb targets official convoy in Issers, Boumerdès. No one in delegation injured, but explosion injures 3 civilians nearby.
http://www.elwatan.com/une/attentat-manque-contre-une-delegation-officielle-a-thenia-boumerdes-28-11-2010-100793_108.php

November 27, 2010

2 communal guards were wounded in second bomb explosion in Beni Ouguig, Haraza, Bordj Bou Arréidj.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arredidj_13125.html

November 27, 2010

2 communal guards killed by bomb in Beni Ouguig, Haraza, Bordj Bou Arréidj.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arredidj_13125.html

November 26, 2010

1 civilian killed, 3 injured by roadside bomb in Zerrif El Ouair, Tébessa.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/a wi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/28/newsbrief-01

November 26, 2010

6 soldiers, 2 gendarmes were wounded by terrorists in Ammal, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630_108.php

November 26, 2010

Bomb injures 2 gendarmes, 6 soldiers in Cap Djinet, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630_108.php

November 20, 2010

Communal guard member assassinated by armed group. Souk el Tenine, Aïn Defla.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/deux-terroristes-abattus-a-boudouaou-et-un-garde-communal-assassine-a-ain-defla_13078.html

November 16, 2010

A soldier was wounded in a bomb explosion in Bir H'mam, Sidi Bel Abbès.
http://www.elwatan.com/une/incursion-terroriste-le-jour-de-l-aid-a-bir-h-mam-sidi-bel-abbes-17-11-2010-99299_108.php

November 16, 2010

3 gendarmes were wounded in a bomb explosion Lakhdaria, Bouira.
http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/trois-gendarmes-blesses-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-a-lakhdaria_13056.html

November 14, 2010

Roadside bomb kills 1, injures 3 in Oued El Ouarek, between Djelfa and M'Sila.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/a wi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/15/newsbrief-01

November 14, 2010

Terrorists abduct 32-year-old man in failed attempt to kidnap cousin, at false road checkpoint from Aghribs to Azzazga. Target, 50-year-old businessman, escapes attack but suffers undisclosed injury. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/16/newsbrief-01

November 12, 2010

Roadside bomb kills Algerian Legitimate Defence Group member, injures three others in Boghni, of Tizi Ouzou. Bomb placed close to a military cantonment. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/14/newsbrief-02

November 7, 2010

3 soldiers were wounded during a clash with terrorists in Timezrit, Boumerdès. 1 terrorist was also killed in fighting. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/08/newsbrief-04

October 30, 2010

2 soldiers were killed and 4 wounded in a terrorist ambush at Zekri, Tizi Ouzou. http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-44-24th_to_31st_October_2010.pdf

October 29, 2010

An officer and 2 soldiers were wounded in a bomb explosion in Ahnif, Bouira. http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-officier-et-deux-militaires-blesse-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-ahnif-bouira-30-10-2010-96892_108.php

October 28, 2010

2 soldiers killed and 3 others wounded in a terrorist attack in Tagma, Yakouren. http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-tues-et-trois-autres-blesse-30-10-2010-96803_109.php

October 25, 2010

Security forces defuse bomb in Si Mustapha, Boumerdès, where earlier blast killed 1. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/10/26/newsbrief-01

October 25, 2010

Roadside bomb kills soldier in Si Mustapha, Boumerdès. Attributed to AQIM's El-Arkam brigade. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/10/26/newsbrief-01

October 24, 2010

Shepherd seriously wounded by bomb in Gabel Boudjelal, Tébessa. http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-berger-grievement-atteint-a-tebessa-26-10-2010-96312_109.php

October 23, 2010

Civilian wounded when IED exploded near Oued El Klebe, Boumerdès. http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-43_17th_to_24th_October_2010.pdf

October 14, 2010

Security forces defuse bomb in Chabet-El Ameur, Boumerdès. The bomb was found in a café near the police station. http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-a-chabet-el-ameur-boumerdes-15-10-2010-94723_109.php

October 13, 2010

Bomb kills soldier in Haj Ali, Boulballout, between wilayas of Skikda and Jijel. http://www.elwatan.com/regions/est/skikda/un-militaire-tue-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-14-10-2010-94601_128.php

October 13, 2010

Bomb injures 2 gendarmes in Thénia, Boumerdès. Terrorists set off from distance as patrol passed by. http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-gendarmes-blessees-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-a-thenia-boumerdes-14-10-2010-94599_109.php

October 12, 2010

Roadside bomb kills 3 local officials, 2 contractors in Tlidjen, Tébessa. Newly-appointed public works director, 2 aides inspecting site, vehicle drove over bomb. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/10/13/newsbrief-01

October 8, 2010

Soldier seriously wounded in a bomb explosion in Zéhif, Bir El Ater, Tébessa. http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/tebessa-un-militaire-grievement-blesse-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-09-10-2010-93835_109.php

October 4, 2010

Security forces diffuse 2 bombs on road from Souk El Had to Issers, Boumerdès. http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/boumerdes/deux-bombes-desamorcees-a-souk-el-had-boumerdes-05-10-2010-93310_146.php

October 3, 2010

4 soldiers and 2 civilians wounded in a bomb explosion in Ammal, Boumerdès. http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/boumerdes/deux-bombes-desamorcees-a-souk-el-had-boumerdes-05-10-2010-93310_146.php

October 2, 2010

5 soldiers killed, 10 others wounded when terrorists attack convoy in Zekri, Tizi Ouzou. Group conducting sweep in area when attacked by IEDs and terrorists. http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/tizi-ouzou-5-militaires-tues-a-zekri-04-10-2010-93049_109.php

October 1, 2010

Terrorists abduct 50-year-old Algerian farmer from home in Tamrouth, Oglat Gasas, Tébessa, demand ransom of one million dinars in exchange for release. http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-eleveur-enleve-par-un-groupe-arme-a-tebessa-03-10-2010-92897_109.php

September 26, 2010

Terrorists kidnap 60-year-old merchant in Tizi Ouzou. According to security sources, victim grabbed at fake checkpoint. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/28/newsbrief-02

September 24, 2010

Bomb injures head of Tizi-Ouzou military sector, 2 ANP soldiers, strikes army patrol on sweep in Yakouren forest, near Zekri. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/26/newsbrief-02

September 23, 2010

Assailants fired on, wounded a business owner in Zemmouri el Bahri, Boumerdès. <https://wits.nctc.gov>

September 22, 2010

Soldier killed, another injured in terrorist clash in Aïn Hamra, Boumerdès. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/24/newsbrief-02

September 21, 2010

Judicial police mobile brigade commander died defusing bomb on road between Zemmouri and Si Mustapha, Boumerdès. http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/22/newsbrief-01

September 21, 2010

Bomb in Bordj Ménail, Boumerdès kills 2 policemen and wounds 10 civilians.
http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/21/newsbrief-01

September 19, 2010

2 Patriots and military officer wounded in bomb explosion in El Aouana, Jijel.
<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/article/2/2010-09-20/80803.html>

September 14, 2010

Security forces defuse bomb at gendarme outpost in El Hamma, Khenchela.
http://www.elwatan.com/regions/centre/actu-est/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-15-09-2010-90181_221.php

September 13, 2010

1 killed, 2 others severely injured in a terrorist attack in Maghnia, Tlemcen.
http://www.elwatan.com/regions/ouest/tlemcen/une-personne-egorgee-et-deux-autres-grievement-blessees-a-maghnia-tlemcen-14-09-2010-90096_139.php

September 13, 2010

Communal guard member killed, 3 injured by terrorists in Dhéhira, Thlejen, Tébessa.
http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-garde-communal-tue-dans-une-embuscade-terroriste-a-tebessa-13-09-2010-89998_108.php

September 11, 2010

Bomb injures 2 soldiers in Akfadou, Béjaïa.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-blessees-12-09-2010-89702_109.php

September 8, 2010

Terrorists attack communal guard unit in Ihassamen, Naciria, Boumerdès, no injuries.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php

September 7, 2010

3 gendarmes were injured in a terrorist attack in Souk El Had, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php

September 6, 2010

Security forces diffused bomb during an ANP operation in Ammal, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php

September 6, 2010

Security forces defuse bomb targeting ANP convoy in Bordj Menaiel, Boumerdès.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php

September 6, 2010

3 communal guards killed, 2 injured in terrorist attack in Bin El Ouidène, Skikda.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/trois-gardes-communales-assassinees-dans-un-attentat-07-09-2010-89190_109.php

September 5, 2010

2 soldiers killed, 3 others seriously wounded by bomb in Frahna, Tébessa.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-tues-dans-l-explosion-d-une-bombe-07-09-2010-89193_109.php

September 4, 2010

7 armed Islamists set up false roadblock near Ouadias to Taguemount Ladjid, Tizi Ouzou. Rob passing cars, no injuries.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/faux-barrage-aux-ouadhias-05-09-2010-88941_109.php

September 2, 2010

Civilian injured at a false roadblock set up by terrorists in Boghni, Tizi Ouzou.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-citoyen-blesse-dans-un-faux-barrage-a-boghni-03-09-2010-88770_109.php

September 1, 2010

Terrorists attack judicial police headquarters in Tizirt, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/la-bmpj-de-tizirt-attaquee-a-la-roquette-artisanale-02-09-2010-88594_109.php

September 1, 2010

Suicide car bomb attacks military convoy in Zaatra, Boumerdès, kills 2, wounds 9.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/attentat-kamikaze-a-zemmouri-boumerdes-2-morts-et-9-neufs-blessees-01-09-2010-88478_109.php

August 31, 2010

Terrorist attack kills 1 civilian, injures 1 police, 7 civilians in El Abadia, Aïn Defla.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/incursion-terroriste-a-ain-defla-un-mort-et-huit-blessees-01-09-2010-88461_109.php

August 29, 2010

Bomb in Tagma, Yakouren, Tizi Ouzou, wounds military officer, destroys vehicle, damages cars nearby. No one takes credit.
<http://www.wits.nctc.gov>

August 29, 2010

IED wounds 2 guards in Kadiria, Bouira.
<http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf>

August 28, 2010

Terrorist attack military vehicle in Aghribs, Tizi Ouzou, kill 1 soldier, wound 2.
<http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf>

August 26, 2010

A bomb exploded in Tizirt, Tizi Ouzou. No one was wounded.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/en-bref-29-08-2010-88025_109.php

August 24, 2010

IED explodes in Ghrab, Tébessa. No injuries.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanale-26-08-2010-87643_109.php

August 24, 2010

Retired Algerian customs officer believed kidnapped in June attack on 11 gendarmes Mali-Algeria border executed by AQIM.
<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJ/AWEB20100825155537/algerie-terrorisme-al-qaida-aqmi-aqmi-execute-un-douanier-retenue-en-otage-depuis-deux-mois.html>

August 24, 2010

Kidnapped father/son found with throats slit in Ouzina, Aïn Rich, M'sila. 3rd murder in region in week. AQIM's believed culprit.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-citoyens-egorges-a-m-sila-24-08-2010-87349_109.php

August 23, 2010

Bomb injures 3 people in El Aouana, Jijel.
http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-convoy-de-transport-de-fonds-cible-par-des-terroristes-a-el-aouana-jijel-23-08-2010-87270_108.php

August 22, 2010

Bomb targets police convoy escorting foreign workers, Texenna, Jijel. No injuries.
http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-a-texenna-jijel-23-08-2010-87231_109.php

August 21, 2010

2 police officers killed, 1 wounded at Rass El Oued, Bordj Bou Arreridj in shootout with terrorist, who was killed in incident.
<http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-3416thto22ndAugust2010-.pdf>

August 21, 2010

Repentant terrorist shot, killed in Baghlia, Boumerdès. Two men opened fire on 39-year-old outside café. Victim reportedly surrendered to authorities in 2006.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/08/23/newsbrief-02

August 19, 2010

Bomb in Ouzina, Ain Rich, M'sila, wounds 2 gendarmes responding to report of body found with throat cut. Bomb explodes several meters from corpse.

http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-citoyen-egorge-et-deux-gendarmes-blesses-21-08-2010-86959_109.php

August 19, 2010

3 soldiers killed, 4 wounded in bomb explosion in Kniza, on the road linking Baghlia to Taouarga, Boumerdès.

http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/trois-militaires-tues-et-quatre-autres-blesses-a-baghlia-23-08-2010-87079_109.php

August 15, 2010

Two bombs in Theneit Boussalah, Batna, kill 1 soldier and wound 4 civilians, 1 soldier. Civilians injured by roadside bomb. Second bomb explodes when soldiers arrive.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/08/15/newsbrief-02

August 7, 2010

1 soldier killed, 4 wounded in attack on a military convoy near Beni Ksila, Béjaïa.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Beni-Ksila-Bejaia-Un-militaire-tue>

August 6, 2010

Terrorists assassinate Mayor of Baghlia, Boumerdès outside of his house.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Boumerdes-Le-president-de-l-APC-de>

August 6, 2010

5 soldiers were wounded in a bomb explosion near Siar, Chechar, Khenchela.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Les-terroristes-activent-aux-monts>

August 6, 2010

Security forces diffused a bomb near Chender, Bordj Ménaïel, Boumerdès.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Boumerdes-Une-bombe-desamorcee>

August 1, 2010

2 security officers seriously wounded by bomb near Oglat El Krakra, Bir El Ater, Tébessa. Second bomb in region in 48 hrs.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Tebessa-Quatre-blesses-dans-l>

July 31, 2010

2 security officers seriously wounded by bomb near Oglat Ahmed, Tébessa.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Tebessa-Quatre-blesses-dans-l>

July 28, 2010

Bomb kills 2 children, injures 5 others in Ouled Sidi Brahim, Bordj Bou Arréridj.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Bordj-Bou-Arreidj-Deux-enfants>

July 28, 2010

Assault injures 2 guards in prisoner transport convoy in Tizi Ouzou going from Aït Yahia Moussa to Draâ El Mizan prison.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/07/29/newsbrief-02

July 27, 2010

3 soldiers were wounded in a bomb explosion in Mizrana, Tizi Ouzou.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Mizrana-Tizi-Ouzou-Trois>

July 25, 2010

Suicide bomber kills 1, wounds 8 at gendarme station in Beni Aïssi, Tizi Ouzou. AQIM claims responsibility.

<http://www.elwatan.com/L-attaque-a-eu-lieu-hier-matin-a>

July 18, 2010

Terrorists kidnap businessman, a local market manager collecting receipts in Tementout, Jijel, forcing him into his own car. Peugeot 505 later found abandoned on road to Ain Essebt in the Setif region.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/07/19/newsbrief-01

July 17, 2010

Security forces diffused 2 bombs near Yakouren, Tizi Ouzou.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/tizi-ouzou-deux-bombes-desamorces-a-yakouren_11579.html

July 15, 2010

4 people killed in bomb explosion near Djellibae, Boudoukhane, Tébessa.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Tebessa-4-morts-dans-l-explosion-d>

July 14, 2010

4 soldiers die and 13 injured by 4 bombs in Kabylie region, triggered on road between Tadmaït and Larbaâ, Tizi Ouzou.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/07/15/newsbrief-01

July 5, 2010

A shepherd was wounded in an IED explosion in Beni Zaid, Skikda.

<https://wits.nctc.gov>

July 4, 2010

3 gendarmes killed, 2 injured by roadside bomb blast in town of Ziam, Jijel.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/07/05/newsbrief-01

July 4, 2010

2 civilians killed by roadside bomb near Gabel Boudjelal, Oglat El Melha, Tébessa, returning from a hunt in the Boudjelal mountains. 2 passengers injured.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/07/04/newsbrief-01

July 3, 2010

A civilian was kidnapped by an armed group in Tamokra, Béjaïa.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Un-entrepreneur-kidnappe-depuis>

July 3, 2010

Armed group kidnaps businessman at false roadblock in Fréha, Tizi Ouzou.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/tizi-ouzou-nouvel-enlevement-d-un-homme-a-freha_11448.html

July 3, 2010

Civilian kidnapped in Draâ El Mizan, Tizi Ouzou, released after ransom paid.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/tizi-ouzou-nouvel-enlevement-d-un-homme-a-freha_11448.html

July 1, 2010

2 Patriots were wounded in a bomb attack in Tachta, Ain Defla.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Ain-Defla-Deux-patriotes-blesses>

July 1, 2010

An army officer was injured in a bomb blast near Draâ El Mizan, Tizi Ouzou.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/07/04/newsbrief-01



May 8, 2010

30-year-old member of rural militia and his little boy killed in Tizi-Ouzou terrorist ambush. Another member of Legitimate Defence Groups (GLD) reported missing after vehicle attacked near Takourabt.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/05/09/newsbrief-01

May 8, 2010

4 soldiers were wounded in a bomb explosion near Aghzer, El Aouana, Jijel.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Hamza-El-Aouana-Quatre-personnes>

May 6, 2010

Terrorists wound Patriot guarding village at Djaafra near Bordj Bou-Argeridj.

http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/Incidents_Report_May2010-.pdf

May 4, 2010

30-year old farmer seriously wounded by IED near field, Taourga, Boumerdès.

http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/Incidents_Report_May2010-.pdf

May 4, 2010

Woman injured in a bomb explosion in Boumansour, Yakouren, Tizi Ouzou.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Yakouren-Une-femme-blessee-dans-l>

May 2, 2010

Algerian soldiers diffuse bomb near Tizi-Ouzou village of Ichoukrene. Villagers alert troops after discovering device buried on road used by security patrols.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/05/03/newsbrief-01

April 29, 2010

A soldier was killed in a firefight with terrorist in a sweep and search operation near Tidjelabine, Boumerdès.

<http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-19.pdf>

April 27, 2010

4 security agents, working for the gas company Enrico Mattei, were seriously wounded by bomb in Ghefrane, Tébessa.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Tebessa-4-blesses-dans-l-explosion>

April 24, 2010

An unidentified armed group on allegedly kidnapped a truck driver passing through a fake roadblock on the way to Laghitoune, Boumerdès.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/04/25/newsbrief-04

April 23, 2010

2 soldiers killed, 1 wounded by bomb in Irraguern, Ziama Mansouriah, located between Béjaïa and Jijel.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/au-moins-deux-morts-et-un-blesse-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe_10405.html

April 23, 2010

A soldier was wounded in a bomb explosion near Azeffoun, Tizi Ouzou.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/tizi-ouzou-le-jeune-commercant-libere-et-un-militaire_10407.html

April 20, 2010

2nd bomb targets convoy from Azazga to Yakourène, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-explosion-de-deux-bombes-pres-de-tizi-ouzou_10373.html

April 20, 2010

Bomb targeting police outpost exploded at the Tassalast beach near Tizirt, Tizi Ouzou. No one was wounded

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-explosion-de-deux-bombes-pres-de-tizi-ouzou_10373.html

April 10, 2010

A soldier was wounded when a homemade bomb exploded near Jorf Trab, Oued Taourira, Sidi Bel Abbès.

http://www.elwatan.com/Un-militaire-blesse-dans-l_156160

April 10, 2010

Security forces successfully dismantled bomb near Souk El Thenine, Tizi Ouzou.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Une-bombe-desamorcee-a-Souk-El>

April 7, 2010

A young shop owner was kidnapped near Beni Douala, Tizi Ouzou. The man was driving when his car was intercepted by a group of armed men.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/nouveau-kidnapping-de-citoyen-a-tizi-ouzou_10231.html

April 7, 2010

Bomb near Boumerdès kills 2 Algerian gendarmes, injures 3 civilians, including an 8-year-old girl. Attack in Tidjelabine targets convoy transporting explosives.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/04/08/newsbrief-02

April 3, 2010

Bomb wounds 3 soldiers near Akfadou, Béjaïa, responding to earlier attack area.

http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/au-lendemain-de-l-attentat-terroriste-contre-des-agents-de_10169.html

April 3, 2010

7 security guards killed in terrorist attack on road between Tifra and Akfadou, Béjaïa. Convoy of guards providing security for Turkish company working with Sonelgaz hit by roadside bomb.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Embuscade-a-Tifra-Bejaia-Sept>

April 1, 2010

2 civilians wounded by roadside bomb near Ain Zaouia, on the route between Boghni and Drâa El Mizan, Tizi Ouzou.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Draa-El-Mizan-Une-bombe-fait-2>

March 28, 2010

2 shepherds seriously wounded by a bomb explosion in Mizab, Tébessa.

http://www.elwatan.com/Explosion-d-une-bombe-a-Tebessa_155169

March 22, 2010

Businessman kidnapped by an armed group in Aït Kouffi, Boghni, Tizi Ouzou.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Boghni-Tizi-Ouzou-Un-entrepreneur>

March 18, 2010

Security forces defused a roadside bomb in Lakhdaria, Bouira.

http://www.elwatan.com/Une-bombe-desamorcee-a-Lakhdaria_154198

March 15, 2010

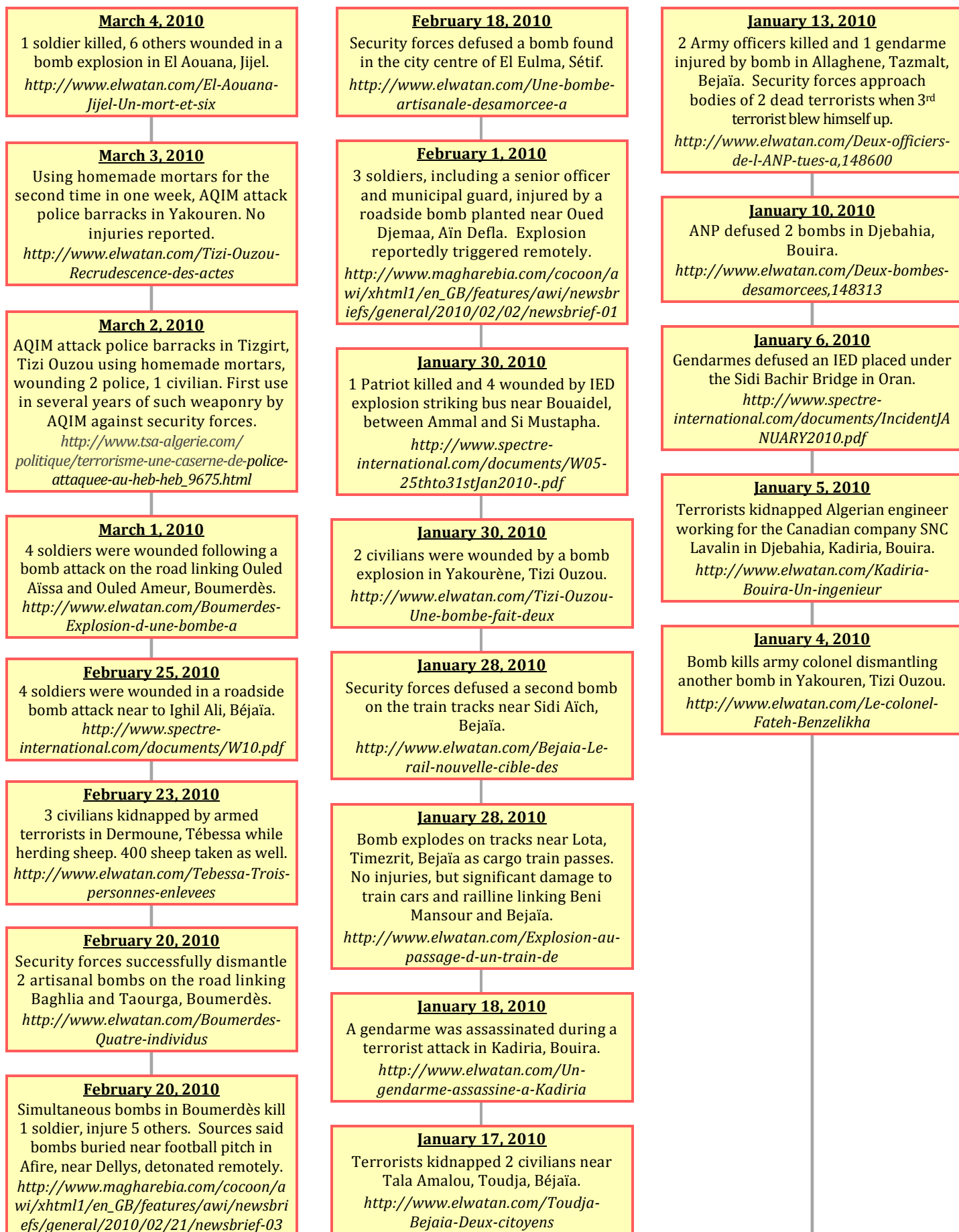
A group of armed men kidnapped a businessman in Beni Zmenzer, Tizi Ouzou. Businessman later released.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Tizi-Ouzou-Des-citoyens-liberent>

March 5, 2010

A soldier was wounded in a bomb explosion in Tafessour, Sidi Bel Abbès.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Sidi-Bel-Abbes-Un-militaire-blesse>



Chad

2010

June 6, 2010

Armed group kidnaps westerner working for OXFAM in Abéché, located in the east of the country.

http://www.lemonde.fr/depeches/2010/06/08/un-employe-occidental-de-l-ong-oxfam-enleve-dans-l-est-du-tchad-officiel_3212_60_42662785.html

Mali

2010

August 10, 2010

AQIM operatives kidnap national guard member, customs official in northern desert. Customs official later executed.

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20100813073520/mali-securite-mauritanie-islamistesaqmi-execute-un-collaborateur-des-douanes-maliennes.html>

April 4, 2010

5 Malian soldiers wounded in roadside bomb explosion just across the border from the Algerian town of Tin Zaouatine.

http://ca.news.yahoo.com/s/afp/100404/world/mali_algeria_blast_military

January 22, 2010

Narcotraffickers kidnap Mayor of Anefis, Kidal for ransom, to recover revenue from cocaine stolen earlier in month.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Deux-morts-un-maire-enleve-et-un>

January 1, 2010

2 Malians killed, 2 wounded in firefight near Bouraïssa, Kidal between armed Tuaregs & narcotraffickers, who refused to pay tax to let 10 tons of cocaine through Tuareg territory. Tuaregs seize cocaine.

<http://www.elwatan.com/Deux-morts-un-maire-enleve-et-un>

Mauritania

2010

August 25, 2010

Suicide bomber injures 3 soldiers in attack on military barracks in Nema, near Mali border. AQIM claims responsibility.

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20100825083305/mali-mauritanie-terrorisme-attentatune-tentative-d-attentat-suicide-fait-plusieurs-blesses.html>

February 14, 2010

1 soldier was wounded during a shootout with members of al-Qaeda near Zouerate.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/geral/2010/02/14/newsbrief-01

Niger

2010

April 22, 2010

A Frenchman and an Algerian were kidnapped by armed men in Inabangaret, near the Algerian border.

http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2010/04/22/un-francais-et-un-algerien-enleves-au-niger_1341380_3212.html

March 8, 2010

5 soldiers were killed and an unknown number wounded during an attack by AQIM on a military outpost in Tilwa, near the Malian border.

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/DEPAFP20100309T112614Z/niger-mali-al-qaida-aqmicin-soldats-tues-lors-d-une-attaque-d-al-qaida.html>

January 2, 2010

7 soldiers and 1 civilian were killed during an attack by armed assailants on a military outpost in Tahoua, near the Malian border.

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/DEPAFP20100102T193941Z/violences-niger-mali-securitessept-militaires-deux-assaillants-et-un-civil-tues-a-la-frontiere-malienne.htm>

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