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State Department Releases 2023 *Country Reports* and *Annex of Statistical Information* on Terrorist Events Worldwide

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 2023*, including its *Annex of Statistical Information*, the premier source of data for the counterterrorism community.

Development Services Group, Inc., and its partner, the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at George Mason University, through the Global Terrorism Trends and Analysis Center, is proud for the sixth straight year to support the Department of State in preparing these reports and managing and maintaining the accompanying database of global terrorism incidents—the world's largest freely available index of terrorism incidents, perpetrators, tactics, weapons, and victims.
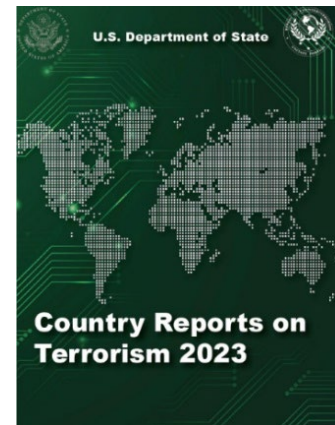
Some Highlights From the 2023 *Annex*

In 2023 there were 7,382 terrorist incidents—a 0.5 percent increase from 2022. The 2023 incidents resulted in 21,596 fatalities, 14,351 wounded, and 3,921 kidnapped. These figures came to a 1.6 percent decrease in fatalities from the previous year, 15.1 percent more survivors wounded, and a 13.0 percent decline in kidnappings from 2022. 2021 was the peak year for kidnappings, with 5,612. Since then, there has been a steady decline of more than 30 percent total. In 2023, terrorist incidents occurred in 68 countries and territories. Of these, 88.4 percent were concentrated in three geographic regions: Western Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Southern Asia.
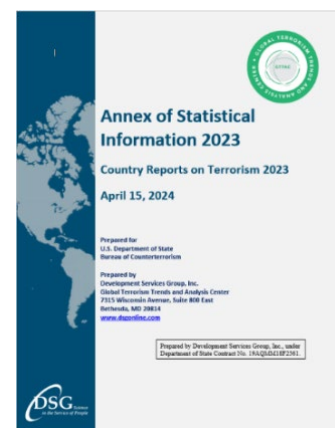
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Syria, Pakistan, Israel, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, India, the West Bank, Yemen, Mali, and Burkina Faso were the 10 countries that suffered the greatest number of terrorist incidents in 2023. Of these, Pakistan and Israel had the greatest increase in incidents during 2023 Incidents in these 10 countries accounted for 72.5 percent of all global terrorist incidents in 2023.

The top 10 perpetrators designated by the State Department as Foreign Terrorist Organizations or Specially Designated Global Terrorists, ranked by the number of incidents, were

1. ISIS-Core
2. Hamas
3. ISIS-DRC (also known as the Allied Democratic Forces)
4. Hizballah
5. Al-Shabaab
6. Houthi extremists (Ansar Allah)
7. Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham
8. Boko Haram
9. Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin
10. Palestine Islamic Jihad

These 10 perpetrators accounted for 34 percent of global terrorism activity for 2023.