

25 highest terrorist attack death tolls

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2,974 killed

New York and Washington, D.C. Sept. 11, 2001

Four planes plunge into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

477 killed

Abadan, Iran. Aug. 20, 1978

Anti-shah radicals commit arson in a movie theater during the Iranian revolution.

400 killed, at least

Yazidi villages, Iraq. Aug. 14, 2007

Al-Qaida uses four suicide bombs to kill members of the Yazidis, a small religious group. The death toll is mounting and could be as high as 500.

334 killed

Beslan, Russia. Sept. 1, 2004

Armed Chechen rebels take more than 1,200 schoolchildren and adults hostage. Of those killed, 186 are children.

329 killed

Irish Sea. June 23 1985

A terrorist bomb explodes on an Air India plane. The attack is blamed on Sikh radicals.

299 killed

Beirut, Lebanon. Oct. 23, 1983

Suicide truck bombings strike U.S. and French marine compounds. Hezbollah claims responsibility.

270 killed

Mumbai, India. March 12, 1993

Twelve bombs and a grenade explode in India's financial district. Muslim radicals are found responsible, with possible collusion of a Pakistani intelligence service.

270 killed

Lockerbie, Scotland. Dec. 21, 1988

Libyan terrorists bomb a Pan Am plane as it flies from London to New York.

224 killed

Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar Es Salaam. Tanzania, Aug. 8, 1998

Al-Qaida suicide truck bombs explode at U.S. embassies in the two capitals. The Nairobi attack kills 212.

215 killed

Baghdad, Iraq. Nov. 23, 2006

Mortar fire and five car bombs detonate in Baghdad's Shiite Muslim enclave of Sadr City.

202 killed

Bali, Indonesia. Dec. 2, 2002

Truck bombs explode outside Indonesian nightclubs. Al-Qaida finances the attack, and Indonesia terrorists carry the plot out.

191 killed

Madrid, Spain. March 11, 2004

Eleven knapsack bombs placed by Muslim radicals explode on four commuter trains. This is Europe's worst terrorist attack.

183 killed

Mumbai, India. July 11, 2006

Seven bombs placed by Muslim radicals in first-class carriages of commuter trains rock the financial center.

181 killed

Karbala and Baghdad, Iraq. March 2, 2004

At least six bombs kill Shiite worshippers at holy sites in the two cities. Al-Qaida in Iraq is blamed.

170 killed

Tiniri Desert, Niger. Sept. 19 1989

Libya admits responsibility for a bomb aboard a Union de Transportes Aeriens plane.

168 killed

Oklahoma City, Okla. April 19, 1995

A domestic terrorist truck bomb destroys a federal building. Tim McVeigh is later executed, and his compatriot given a life sentence.

150 killed

Luanda, Angola. Aug. 10, 2001

Rebels attack a train south of the Angola capital.

150 killed

Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka. May 14, 1985

Tamil Tigers militants attack a civilian crowd in the city streets.

143 killed

Budennovsk, Russia. June 14-19, 1996

Hostage-taking and failed rescue attempts in an area near Chechnya leave scores dead.

140 killed

Kattankudy, Sri Lanka. August 1990

Attacks on two mosques by Tamil rebels occur during Sri Lanka's long civil war.

130 killed

Lubango, Angola. Nov. 8 1983

A TAAG-Angola Airlines plane is shot down by guerrillas.

130 killed

Moscow, Russia. Sept. 13, 1999

Chechen rebels blow up an apartment building.

129 killed

Moscow, Russia. Oct. 26, 2002

Hostage-taking by Chechen rebels and a failed rescue attempt at a Moscow theater leave scores dead.

125 killed

Karbala, Iraq. Aug. 29, 2003

Two car bombs explode outside the Imam Ali Shrine.

125 killed

Hilla, Iraq. Feb. 28, 2005

A suicide car bomb attack strikes Hilla, a city south of Baghdad.

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