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1. Summary

Terrorist attacks by the Islamic State (IS) around the world have, since IS established its "caliphate" in Iraq and Syria in June 2014, become an increasingly regular feature of the international news landscape. But IS began its efforts to conduct foreign attacks before that, with several plots discovered earlier in 2014, and a trail of violence in Europe and beyond back to 2002, when IS had entered Iraq and the United States had not.

IS's attacks fall into several categories in relation to the strength of their connection to the organisation headquartered in Raqqa. Some attacks are wholly controlled by IS: conceived by IS's leaders and carried out by operatives trained in its statelet, operating with IS funding, under its express, specific instructions, and maintaining regular contact to the "centre". At the other end of the spectrum are individuals who act wholly alone, inspired by IS's calls for Westerners and others to attack the citizens of states not under IS's rule. Between these two is a spectrum.

This report documents 152 attacks and evidence is available to categorize 145 of these attacks. 106 attacks (73%) were linked directly to the IS organisation, 17 attacks (12%) were carried out by small cells or larger networks of operatives loyal to IS's ideology and strategic programme as expressed by its caliph and spokesmen, and just 22 attacks (15%) were conducted by lone, "inspired" individuals – the much-feared "lone wolves".

Many recent attacks in the West and other countries that appear to be the work of individuals are increasingly often transpiring, on examination, to be guided by IS's foreign intelligence service, *Amm al-Khaji*. This body, which at one time helped IS expand by infiltrating and subverting areas of Iraq and Syria before IS formally conquered them, now operates an online apparatus, through encrypted messaging software and other means, to train and guide loyalists, allowing IS to reach into its enemies' societies to carry out acts of terrorism by remote control.

It is crucial in devising counter-terrorism strategies to understand that these attacks are the work of a determined foreign adversary, rather than self-radicalized loners, not least because one of the premises built into the current anti-IS policy is that the fall of its caliphate will diminish its external reach. The political developments inside Iraq and Syria give little reason to believe this is true. The ground war and IS's foreign appeal are now largely separate phenomena. IS will be able to operate its online infrastructure and maintain a global support base long after its statelet is destroyed.

2. Defining the Islamic State's Foreign Attacks

IS has itself previously explained the structure of its attacks with reference to "the extent of the involvement of IS in their implementation," as IS's *Dar al-Islam* magazine put it in February 2016. IS has "three types of terrorist attacks, assuming three levels of involvement, from the 'classical' attack organized and ordered by the highest level of the leadership ... to the isolated actions of self-radicalized people, having absolutely no direct contact with IS, but who will nevertheless act consciously on their behalf", *Dar al-Islam* explained. Implicitly, there is a category between attacks where IS has total control and where it has absolutely none, though *Dar al-Islam* did not elaborate

beyond noting that the "contours of [these categories] are necessarily arbitrary, given the fluidity of the situations".¹

This can be broken out a little bit further. Among those who have no contact with IS, there are those who have no contact with anybody else and those who are part of a network, and those attacks are different things, not least in the kind of threat they represent and the possibility of preventing them. Those individuals who act totally alone are, on the one hand, the most difficult to stop because the only preparation occurs in their own mind, and, on the other hand, are – generally – the least efficacious because the lack of assistance hampers the sophistication of these "lone wolves". Groups of people inspired by IS but not actually in contact with the organisation have more points of weakness – communications can be intercepted and the network can be penetrated – but if their attack is "successful" it is likely to be more deadly than a lone-actor attack.

In short, building on previous models for foreign jihadist attacks,² IS attacks can be divided into four types:

- **Controlled:** Operatives are trained in the caliphate and are dispatched abroad with resources and specific instructions on targets and timing. These operatives also remain in significant contact with the centre once back in the target country.
- **Guided:** Operatives receive endorsement to carry out an attack under IS's banner. This used to involve, with *al-Qaeda*, and still did in the early days of the major phase of IS's attacks, beginning in 2014, an operative travelling to an area controlled by the terrorist group. There, agents would be given broad outlines of an attack and minimal resources, and once back in the country where they were going to conduct the attack they maintained a lower level of communication with the centre. Now, IS does this mostly via encrypted communications between operatives and members of IS's *Amn al-Kharji*, the foreign intelligence service,³ and the degree of instructions and resources can be quite extensive.⁴ The old model persists, at least in part, with specialist operatives trained at the centre being dispatched to oversee and guide local cells who are in communication with IS. For the new model, a pattern has developed where IS solicits from sympathisers who reach out to it with biographical information and a video in which they swear allegiance and speak in general terms of their reasons for attacking the civilians of the country in which they reside. IS then provides guidance on method and target, and in some cases the means to carry it out. Once the attack has occurred, which usually results in the operative's death, the video is released, proof that IS had a guiding hand.
- **Networked:** A group of individuals, who might or might not have among their number operatives who have travelled to the caliphate, but who operate on no instruction or endorsement from the centre, which has no foreknowledge of the attack. These cells will often be stimulated to action by the propaganda of IS.
- **Inspired:** As Networked, but alone individual who excogitates his or her conspiracy without any involvement from another person. This category is the true "lone wolf".

¹al-Hayāt Media Center presents a new issue of the Islamic State's magazine: "Dābiq #8", *Jihadology*, 30 March 2015, available at: jihadology.net/2015/03/30/al-hayat-media-center-presents-a-new-issue-of-the-islamic-states-magazine-dabiq-8/, last visited: 26 February 2017.

²Silber, M., *The Al Qaeda Factor: Plots Against the West* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), pp. 3-5.

³Moreng, B., 'ISIS' Virtual Puppeteers', *Foreign Affairs*, 21 September 2016, available at: <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2016-09-21/isis-virtual-puppeteers>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

⁴Callimachi, R., 'Not "Lone Wolves" After All: How ISIS Guides World's Terror Plots From Afar', *The New York Times*, 4 February 2017, available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/04/world/asia/isis-messaging-app-terror-plot.html>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

IS has also added a fifth category, that of its **Local Wilayat** (provinces). IS currently claims to control 35 provinces, only 19 of them in its core "caliphate" area in Iraq and Syria. IS also has a significant presence in at least six states beyond that, though it has not formally declared *wilayats*.⁶ The external provinces vary in how directly controlled they answer by the core, from Libya, where the IS province is a direct colony, to Nigeria, where the West African Province (previously Boko Haram) appears to have a lot more autonomy.⁶ These provinces vary in structure: some are quasi-state entities like Libya; some are underground terrorist networks, as in Saudi Arabia. The intent of the attacks by the provinces also varies from more local and insurgent activity to "spectacular" attacks at the behest of IS core on foreign or other high-profile targets. Nonetheless, there are, by definition, no inspired attacks by the provinces, and while it is possible that individual attacks vary in the degree of coordination they have with IS's leadership in "Syraq," all these organizations – whether once-independent groups or wholly created subsidiaries of IS "central" – operate in accordance with IS's strategic guidance and a degree of oversight; all media is released from the centre, for example.

For the purposes of this report, unless the attack is particularly egregious, only attacks where the local provinces engage in attacks on foreign targets or across borders will be included. For the sake of scope and clarity, this report will also exclude cases where individuals in the West are charged under terrorism laws for attempting to go abroad to provide resources (namely themselves) to IS.

3. The Purpose of Islamic State's Foreign Attacks

IS spokesman, Taha Falaha (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani), famously called for attacks against the West in September 2014:

If you are not able to find an IED or a bullet, then ... [s]mash [the disbelievers'] head with a rock, or slaughter him with a knife, or run him over with your car, or throw him down from a high place, or choke him, or poison him. Do not lack. Do not be contemptible. ... If you are unable to do so, then burn his home, car, or business. Or destroy his crops. If you are unable to do so, then [at least] spit in his face.⁷

There was a noticeable increase in the frequency of global attacks after this. Yet IS had conducted foreign attacks all the way back to its first incarnation and the active plans for this wave of attacks in Europe began months before Falaha's incitement.⁸

While IS will undoubtedly try to exact a price from the countries involved in the effort to destroy its caliphate, retribution and portraying momentum by activity at the periphery as the core is damaged is not the only purpose of these attacks. IS's global focus has always been integral to its state-building project.

The relative dearth of pre-2014 attacks by IS in Europe and beyond can be ascribed to happenstance as much as anything else: between 2003 and 2011, the "far enemy" (the West) was on the ground in front of the organisation's founder, Ahmad al-Khalayleh (Abu Musab al-Zarqawi), so

⁶Orton, K., 'The Structure of the Islamic State', *The Syrian Intifada*, 8 August 2016, available at: <https://kyleorton1991.wordpress.com/2016/08/08/the-structure-of-the-islamic-state/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

⁶U.S. sees no major Islamic State links to Boko Haram, despite claims', *Reuters*, 9 June 2016, available at: www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security-usa-insight-idUSKCN0YV0BW, last visited: 26 February 2017.

⁷Orton, K., 'Islamic State Spokesman Calls For Attacks Against the West', *The Syrian Intifada*, 22 September 2014, available at: <https://kyleorton1991.wordpress.com/2014/09/22/islamic-state-spokesman-calls-for-attacks-against-the-west/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

⁸Callimachi, R., 'How ISIS Built the Machinery of Terror Under Europe's Gaze', *The New York Times*, 29 March 2016, available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/29/world/europe/isis-attacks-paris-brussels.html>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

there was no need to expend so much in resources overseas to attack them. But even then IS's gaze never left the West. Al-Khalayleh had "tried to organize a terrorist attack in Europe before he fired a shot in Iraq".⁹

One of the central premises of the U.S.-led Coalition in its campaign against IS is that "the common denominator ... [in] driving your young people to this movement ... is this notion of a historic caliphate. So we have to shrink the core".¹⁰ Acting on this notion, the Coalition focused very narrowly on pushing IS from control of urban areas as quickly as possible, countenancing direct alliances with Iranian-run sectarian Shi'i militias in Iraq and authoritarian Kurdish separatists aligned with the government of Bashar al-Assad in Syria.¹¹ Rather than the situation in Iraq in 2007-08, where the West assisted local Sunnis, the constituency IS claims to represent and which is among its most victimised, to rise against IS, inflicting a political-military defeat on IS, instead, this time, IS was able to present its losses as a wide-ranging, sectarian conspiracy between the West, Russia, and the Shi'a, led by Iran. This was a significant reason why, throughout 2015 and certainly by early 2016, the foreign appeal of IS had become largely decoupled from events on the ground inside Syria and Iraq. In the short-term, it meant IS was *more* able to call on sympathisers internationally to mobilise against this grand conspiracy. In time, IS adjusted its messaging to take account of the fall of its state, now portrayed as part of a cycle of hardship the believers must pass through before final victory.¹² And as these foreign networks matured, they took on a life of their own that worked autonomously, though the centre still approved or rejected attacks.

4. Who Directs the Attacks?

Another of Falaha's speeches, in May 2016, his last as it transpired, exhorted IS's followers:

Ramadan has come near, and it is the month of raids and jihad, the month of conquest. Prepare yourselves and get ready. Let each of you hope that he passes it fighting for Allah's cause, seeking and hoping for Allah's reward. Let all of you make it, by Allah's permission, a month of suffering for the kuffar everywhere; and we specifically direct this to soldiers and supports of the caliphate in Europe and America.¹³

Where many of the attacks that followed Falaha's 2014 call were "inspired", this time IS left nothing to chance. The wave of attacks that followed was coordinated from the centre.

IS's security forces split into at least four sectors, one of which is *Amn al-Khaji*, its foreign intelligence service. *Amn al-Khaji* is tasked with infiltrating the territory of enemies. In Iraq and Syria, this infiltration has been a prelude to conquest, mapping the social terrain, recruiting agents, and eliminating obstacles so that by the time IS announces its presence in an area it is already in control.¹⁴ Once the expansion of the caliphate was ended, these networks of centrally trained and controlled operatives on IS's near-abroad – Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and so on – served the caliphate

⁹Fishman, B., *The Master Plan: ISIS, al-Qaeda, and the Jihadi Strategy for Final Victory*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016).

¹⁰ Press Briefing by Press Secretary Josh Earnest and Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Brett McGurk', The White House, 10 June 2016, available at: <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/06/10/press-briefing-press-secretary-josh-earnest-and-special-presidential>, last visited: 1 March 2017.

¹¹Hassan, H., 'Washington's War on the Islamic State Is Only Making It Stronger', *Foreign Policy*, 16 June 2016, available at: <http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/06/16/washingtons-war-on-the-islamic-state-is-only-making-it-stronger-syria-iraq-libya/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

¹²Orton, K., 'The Islamic State's Media Apparatus and its New Spokesman', Henry Jackson Society, 16 December 2016, available at: <http://henryjacksonsociety.org/2016/12/16/analysis-the-islamic-states-media-apparatus-and-its-new-spokesman/>, last visited: 1 March 2017.

¹³Orton, K., 'Islamic State Prepares for Retreat, Calls for Foreign Terrorism', *The Syrian Intifada*, 23 May 2016, available at: <https://kylcorton1991.wordpress.com/2016/05/23/islamic-state-prepares-for-retreat-calls-for-foreign-terrorism/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

¹⁴Weiss, M., 'Confessions of an ISIS Spy', *The Daily Beast*, 15 November 2015, available at: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/longforms/2015/isis-weiss/confessions-of-an-isis-spy.html>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

in gathering intelligence, facilitating the arrival of recruits, acquiring revenue, and of course preparing acts of terrorism. For enemies further afield, IS was able to use the internet to reach into societies remotely and guide sympathisers to carry out IS's bidding.

Amn al-Kharrji is – or was – operationally headed by Abdelilah Himich (Abu Sulayman al-Firansi),¹⁵ and Himich received the final approval from Falaha. It is unsurprising, given the longevity of Falaha's service to the IS movement, specifically in the media department that is so crucial to IS's entire existence,¹⁶ that it was to Falaha that IS turned to manage the file of its external attacks. Falaha is now dead; Himich appears to still be in position,¹⁷ despite rumours he had been arrested in Turkey. Nonetheless, the cadre of propagandist-recruiters who include the direction of foreign attacks among their duties remains.

Early examples of the *Amn al-Kharrji* guides – called virtual planners,¹⁸ or remote-controllers,¹⁹ by some – were Junaid Hussain, Abu Isa al-Amriki (Abu Sa'ad al-Sudani), and Neil Prakash (Abu Khaled al-Cambodi). Hussain, a British hacker, became especially notorious for guiding a series of plots in Britain and the United States.²⁰

Hussain was killed in August 2015, taking some considerable part of the capabilities of IS's "cyber-caliphate" with him. In December 2015, the Coalition killed two British citizens, Rawand Dishlan Taher and Siful Haq Sujan; two French citizens, Charaffe al-Mouadan (another who used the *kunya* Abu Sulayman al-Firansi) and Abdul Qader Hakim; and an Iraqi, Tashin al-Hiyali, who were involved in foreign operations, including the then-recent Paris attacks.²¹ Others involved in that attack and the France-Belgium IS networks, Salah Gourmat, Sammy Djedou, and Walid Hamman, have since been killed.²² Still, *Amn al-Kharrji* went from strength-to-strength.

IS would appoint regional managers for *Amn al-Kharrji*, noticeably based on language. Salim Benghalem is believed to be the European director for *Amn al-Kharrji*, with the notable "success" of the November 2015 atrocity in Paris to his name.²³ Hussain was a key deputy; his removal, the killing of Abu Isa, and the arrest of Prakash significantly diminished the number of (attempted) guided attacks in the English-speaking countries. The influence of established jihadists like Fabien Clain and the rising stature of the recently deceased francophone Rachid Kassim meant a concurrent rise in threats to French-speaking countries, France and Belgium primarily.²⁴ Others, like Basil Hassan from Lebanon, who once tried to kill Lars Hedegaard, the Danish *bête noire* of the jihadists,²⁵ aid

¹⁵ State Department 'Terrorist Designations of Abdullah Ahmed al-Meshedani, Basil Hassan, and Abdelilah Himich', U.S. State Department, 22 November 2016, available at: <https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/266471.htm>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

¹⁶ Whiteside, C., 'Lighting the Path: the Evolution of the Islamic State Media Enterprise (2003-2016)', International Centre for Counter-Terrorism - The Hague, 15 November 2016, available at: <https://icct.nl/publication/lighting-the-path-the-evolution-of-the-islamic-state-media-enterprise-2003-2016/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

¹⁷ Bjorn Stritzel, Twitter post, 26 November 2016, available at: <https://twitter.com/bjoernstritzel/status/802552983317843968>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

¹⁸ Gartenstein-Ross, D. and Barr, N., 'Bloody Ramadan: How the Islamic State Coordinated A Global Terrorist Campaign', *War on the Rocks*, 20 July 2016, available at: <https://warontherocks.com/2016/07/bloody-ramadan-how-the-islamic-state-coordinated-a-global-terrorist-campaign/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

¹⁹ Callimachi, R., 'Not "Lone Wolves" After All: How ISIS Guides World's Terror Plots From Afar', *The New York Times*, 4 February 2017.

²⁰ Orton, K., 'The Islamic State's Terrorism Guides', *Henry Jackson Society*, 27 November 2016, available at: <http://henryjacksonsociety.org/2016/11/27/analysis-the-islamic-states-terrorism-guides/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

²¹ Orton, K., 'Islamic State Leaders Fall, Islamic State Remains', *The Syrian Intifada*, 30 December 2015, available at: <https://kyleorton1991.wordpress.com/2015/12/30/islamic-state-leaders-fall-islamic-state-remains/>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

²² Statement by Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook on Coalition Strike Against ISIL External Attack Operatives', U.S. Defense Department, 13 December 2016, available at: <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1028076/statement-by-pentagon-press-secretary-peter-cook-on-coalition-strike-against-is>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

²³ Paris attacks: Was Salim Benghalem the real ringleader?', *BBC*, 26 January 2016, available at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-35399021>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

²⁴ Moreng, B., 'ISIS' Virtual Puppeteers', *Foreign Affairs*, 21 September 2016.

²⁵ Ucar, B.P., 'Danish writer's shooting suspect released in Turkey before ISIL prisoner swap', *Hurriyet*, 24 October 2014, available at: <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/danish-writers-shooting-suspect-released-in-turkey-before-isil-prisoner-swap.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73414&NewsCatID=510>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

Kassim in guiding IS jihadists from afar²⁶ and on the ground men like Abdelhamid Abaaoud direct local cells. The lead guide for attacks in the Arab world was Abd al-Basit al-Iraqi.²⁷ In Turkey, Ahmet Chatayev, a Chechen also connected to the "war ministry" and its leader, Gulmurod Khalimov, an Uzbek, has directed attacks.²⁸ Halis Bayancuk (Abu Hanzala) and Mustafa Dokumaci are also involved in Turkish operations; Muhammad Wamdy Mohamed Jedi oversees Malaysia; Bahrn Naim does the same for Indonesia; Shafi Armar (Yusuf al-Hindi) holds the role for India.²⁹

5. Findings

This report tracked 152 IS attacks between 2002 and 2016 (see Figure 1 for a full summary). 106 out of the 145 attacks (73%) where it was possible to make a determination showed some connection to IS "centre," and only 22 attacks (15%) could be classified as "lone wolf" operations.

	Direct connection to IS			No direct IS ties		Unclear	Total
	Controlled	Guided	Local Wilayat	Networked	Inspired		
2002	2						2
2003		1					1
2004	1						1
2005	3						3
2006						1	1
2007				1			1
2008						1	1
2012					1		1
2014	2	3	1	1	6		13
2015	14	15	11	4	6		50
2016	22	23	8	11	9	5	78
	44	42	20	17	22	7	152
	106			39			

Figure 1: Summary of IS external attacks, 2002-16

IS attacks were carried out in 34 different states (Figure 2). France, the victim of 20 attacks up to the end of 2016, was by some way the most targeted state by IS. The United States (16), Germany (12), Turkey (10) Australia (9), and Britain, and Jordan (8 each) were the next most victimised states.

IS has claimed 77 out of the 152 attacks (51%). There have been just over 2,100 fatalities from these attacks, more than half of them in 2016 alone. As well as a marked increase in lethality, the results show a clear increase in the frequency of IS's external attacks. From the beginning of Ramadan (7 June) to the end of 2016, there were 58 attacks or attempted attacks, as compared to 50 in the whole of 2015.

²⁶ State Department Terrorist Designations of Abdullah Ahmed al-Meshedani, Basil Hassan, and Abdelilah Himich', U.S. State Department, 22 November 2016.

²⁷ Department of Defense Press Briefing by Col.Dorrian via teleconference from Baghdad, Iraq', U.S. Defense Department, 16 November 2016, available at: <https://www.defense.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript-View/Article/1006576/departement-of-defense-press-briefing-by-coldorrian-via-teleconference-from-baghdad>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

²⁸ Chechen extremist mastermind behind Istanbul airport attack: U.S. congressman', *The Star*, 1 July 2016, available at: <https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2016/07/01/chechen-extremist-mastermind-behind-istanbul-airport-attack-us-congressman.html>, last visited: 26 February 2017.

²⁹ Gartenstein-Ross, D. and Barr, N., 'Bloody Ramadan: How the Islamic State Coordinated A Global Terrorist Campaign', *War on the Rocks*, 20 July 2016.

Position	State	Number of Attacks
1	France	20
2	United States	16
3	Germany	12
4	Turkey	10
5	Australia	9
6	Britain	8
6	Jordan	8
7	Belgium	7
7	Syria	7
8	Bangladesh	6
9	Egypt	5
9	Iraq	5
9	Saudi Arabia	5
10	Canada	3
10	Indonesia	3
10	Lebanon	3
10	Tunisia	3
11	Denmark	2
11	Israel	2
11	Kuwait	2
11	Russia	2
11	Yemen	2
12	Afghanistan	1
12	Algeria	1
12	Bosnia	1
12	India	1
12	Kazakhstan	1
12	Kenya	1
12	Libya	1
12	Malaysia	1
12	Morocco	1
12	Pakistan	1
12	Sweden	1
12	South Africa	1

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Figure 2: most victimised states by IS

Date	Place	Name of Attacker(s)	What Happened	Victims	Claimed?	Type of Attack
23 April 2002.	Germany, Berlin	Mohamed Abu Dhess (Abu Ali), Ashraf al-Dagma, Ismail Shalabi, Djamel Mustafa, Shadi Abdulla	<p style="text-align: center;">THWARTED ATTACK</p> <p>The group had been plotting to bomb the Jewish Museum in Berlin and a Jewish-owned bar in Dusseldorf. The network was largely Palestinian, known as the Tawhid cell, and founded by Dhess, the clear leader, and Abdulla, both of whom had entered Germany through what the judge described as an ineffectual immigration system. The cell was in regular contact with IS's founder, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Dhess was heard in an October 2001 conversation to tell al-Zarqawi: "I swear to you, Shaykh, I swear that if you ordered me to die, I would do it".² Dhess was a figure known to authorities since at least 1997 for trafficking. Al-Zarqawi several times refused Dhess's request that Dhess be allowed to conduct a suicide mission. Dhess had finalised the plans for a European attack by meeting al-Zarqawi in Iran.³ Abdulla, a former bodyguard for Usama bin Ladin, turned state's evidence.</p>	n/a	No	Controlled
28 Oct 2002	Jordan, Amman	Shaker al-Absi, Muammar Ahmed al-Jaghbeer, Muhammad Ahmed Tayourah, Ahmed Hussein Hassoun, Mahmoud Abdul-Rahman Thaher, Salem bin Suwayd, Yasser Furayhat, Muhammad Damas, Muhammad Amin	Ambassador Laurence Foley, an American diplomat with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), was assassinated in the Jordanian capital in an operation ordered by al-Zarqawi and led by al-Absi. The operation was planned in Syria and the regime of Bashar al-Assad was complicit; al-Absi and his Fatah al-Islam group were well-known to be in the pocket of Assad's intelligence agencies. ⁴	1	No	Controlled
16 May 2003	Casablanca, Morocco	Mohamed Fizazi, Hassan al-Hasaki, Mohamed al-Umari, Rachid Jalil, Yassine Lahnech, Hassan Taousi	Five locations were struck within thirty minutes of one another by twelve attackers: a Jewish community centre, a Spanish restaurant, a Spanish social club, a hotel, and the Belgian Consulate. The jihadists blew themselves up inside these buildings, slitting the throats of the security personnel at the door of the Jewish centre and the social club first. ⁵ The attack was conducted directly by Salafia Jihadia, an al-Qaeda-linked group which is an associate formation of the Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group (MICG). Salafia Jihadia is spiritually led by Fizazi and al-Hasaki was MICG's European leader, later	41	No	Guided

Date	Place	Name of Attacker(s)	What Happened	Victims	Claimed?	Type of Attack
			extradited to Morocco, where he was imprisoned effectively for command responsibility for the Casablanca attack. ⁶ Al-Umari's explosives failed to detonate; Jalil and Taousi lost their nerve and did not go through with their suicide attacks; and Lahnech, a street vendor, was a back-up suicide bomber. The operation is believed to have been conducted on instructions from al-Zarqawi. ⁷ The Casablanca cell also had numerous links to the 11 March 2004 bombings in Madrid, Spain.			
26 April 2004	Jordan, Amman	Azmi al-Jayousi, Hussein Sharif Hussein	<p style="text-align: center;">THWARTED ATTACK</p> <p>Jordan announced it had arrested a terrorist cell, acting at al-Zarqawi's orders, to strike the Prime Minister's office, the intelligence headquarters, and the U.S. Embassy in Amman with explosives and chemical weapons. 80,000 people could have been killed, according to the Jordanian government, which aired confessions from al-Jayousi and Hussein. Al-Jayousi said he had been trained with al-Zarqawi in Taliban Afghanistan, received \$170,000 from al-Zarqawi, and was "fully ... obedient [to al-Zarqawi] and listen[ed] to him without discussion". Hussein met al-Jayousi in 1999 and was constructing modified cars to allow al-Zarqawi's plan of crashing car bombs through the defences of these various facilities to be brought to fruition.⁸ Al-Zarqawi did later claim the attack, though denied any intention to use chemical weapons.⁹</p>	n/a	Yes	Controlled
19 Aug 2005	Jordan, Aqaba	[Unknown]	Operatives under the control of al-Zarqawi fired three rockets on an American amphibious assault vessel, U.S.S. <i>Ashland</i> , docked in the Red Sea port, missing the ship but killing a Jordanian soldier. ¹⁰ One of the rockets also landed in Eilat in Israel. ¹¹	1	Yes	Controlled
9 Nov 2005	Jordan, Amman	Ali Husayn al-Shammari, Sajida Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi, Rawad Jasim Muhammad Abed, Safa Muhammad Ali	Al- Shammari blew himself up at the Radisson Hotel; Abed at the Grand Hyatt; and Ali at the Days Inn. Al-Rishawi, sister of Thamir Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi, one of IS's most senior operatives soon after the fall of Saddam Husayn and himself a former officer of the fallen regime, tried to blow herself up alongside al-Shammari, her husband as of 4 November. Sajida was arrested and executed in 2015 in response to IS burning alive the Jordanian pilot, Muaz al-Kasasbeh. ¹²	60	Yes	Controlled

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			<p>Al- Shammari blew himself up at the Radisson Hotel; Abed at the Grand Hyatt; and Ali at the Days Inn. Al-Rishawi, sister of Thamir Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi, one of IS's most senior operatives soon after the fall of Saddam Husayn and himself a former officer of the fallen regime, tried to blow herself up alongside al-Shammari, her husband as of 4 November. Sajida was arrested and executed in 2015 in response to IS burning alive the Jordanian pilot, Muaz al-Kasasbeh.¹³</p> <p>This attack was significant beyond itself in terms of IS's partnership with two actors: the Assad regime in Syria and al-Qaeda.</p> <p>A U.S. court decision found the Assad government liable in this attack because of its provision of 'material support and resources' to IS.¹⁴</p> <p>Al-Qaeda, in Ayman al-Zawahiri's famous letter in July 2005,¹⁵ had warned IS against attacks on Muslim civilians inside Iraq, even Shi'is. The reaction to the Jordanian hotels attack bore out al-Qaeda's worries: sympathy for al-Qaeda collapsed in Jordan. Al-Zarqawi claimed the attack twice, issuing an unprecedented second tape in order to deny that Muslims had been the target (al-Zarqawi insisted that Israeli tourists were the intended victims).¹⁶ Three days after the attack, a senior al-Qaeda operative, Jamal al-Misrati (Atiya), wrote to al-Zarqawi again and said IS was to cease all external attacks without express permission of al-Qaeda 'central'.¹⁷ Al-Zarqawi would, with one exception (27 Dec 2005), comply with this order. When IS later split from al-Qaeda and claimed that it had never been properly subordinate to al-Qaeda – rather it had a spiritual relationship of respect, as student does to mentor – IS would note that inside Iraq (on attacking Shi'is, for example) IS had never listened to al-Qaeda when it disagreed, but IS conceded that it had obeyed al-Qaeda's wishes on foreign affairs and had even avoided attacking Iran, though IS could have done, because al-Qaeda has its most important supply lines operating through Iran under a deal with the Iranian government. "Let history record that Iran owes an invaluable debt to al-Qaeda," IS spokesman taunted.¹⁸</p>			

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27 Dec 2005	Israel, Western Galilee	[Unknown]	Operatives from al-Zarqawi's organisation fired four Katyusha rockets from southern Lebanon into Israel. IS claimed the attack; al-Zarqawi then personally claimed it several days later. This was the first time an al-Qaeda affiliate claimed an attack on Israel. ¹⁹	0	Yes	Controlled
12 Sep 2006	Syria, Damascus	[Unknown]	<p>A four-man team of jihadists tried to storm the American Embassy in the Syrian capital, killing a Syrian guard and a bystander. All four attackers were killed.²⁰</p> <p>The attack came a day after the anniversary of the 9/11 attack, and politically it positioned the Assad government as a partner in the fight against Islamist terrorism. Indeed, it gained the Syrian government praise from the U.S. for its actions during the attack.²¹ Just months earlier, the U.S. had noted Assad's "generally unhelpful" role in the region, notably continued meddling in Lebanon and having "failed to crackdown consistently on militant infiltration into Iraq."²² Sunni jihadists had been landing at Damascus International Airport, travelling via an escort from Assad's intelligence services to the east, where they were given safe-houses and training camps before they moved over the border into Anbar and Ninawa Provinces of Iraq to join IS.²³ Though no group claimed the attack, it was believed to be the work of Jund al-Sham, a front-group that al-Zarqawi had set up in Syria, which was deeply infiltrated and manipulated by Syrian intelligence.²⁴</p> <p>On the other side of the border, in the Iraqi Sunni areas, social pressure had been building against the IS movement throughout 2006, and on 9 September a formal Sunni resistance movement against IS was announced, the Sahwa (Awakening),²⁵ which caused the flow of jihadists to back-up somewhat into Syria. To limit the trouble the jihadists could cause inside Syria – of which this attack might be considered an example, albeit one that ultimately redounded favourably to the regime – the jihadists were diverted by Assad into Lebanon.²⁶ The Syrian occupation forces had been expelled from Lebanon in February 2006 but Assad's intelligence apparatus remained,²⁷ including its connections with two jihadist groups tied to al-Qaeda and IS, Asbat al-Ansar in the Ayn al-</p>	2	No	[Unclear]

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			Hilweh camp in the south and Fatah al-Islam in the northern camp of Nahr al-Bared. In May 2007, Fatah al-Islam caused the biggest flare-up of violence in Lebanon since the end of the civil war in 1990, destabilizing the anti-Assad government in Beirut.			
30 June 2007	Britain, Glasgow	Bilal Abdullah, Kafeel Ahmed	Abdullah and Ahmed drove a car into the terminal at Glasgow International Airport; Ahmed was killed in the blaze. A suicide note indicates that neither wanted to live through the attack and in court Abdullah testified to being inspired by IS. ²⁸	0	Yes ²⁹	Networked
27 Sept 2008	Syria, Damascus	[Unknown]	<p>A car bomb was detonated near the Shi'a shrine of Sayyida Zaynab, the bloodiest attack in Syria in two decades.³⁰ The defence of this shrine would later be the primary mobilizing tool for Iran in bringing Shi'a jihadists into Syria to help the Bashar al-Assad regime repress the revolt against it.³¹ The attack was blamed on 'rogue' elements of Fatah al-Islam,³² a jihadi organization that had deep links to al-Qaeda and IS and which was simultaneously a well-known tool of the Assad regime's intelligence services from the days when Damascus needed to keep Lebanese Sunnis divided and the Palestinians in Lebanon off-balance.³³</p> <p>The context to this attack related to the Assad government's use of IS in its foreign policy. In the aftermath of the May 2007 war in Nahr al-Bared camp, where Fatah al-Islam — acting in accordance with Assad's foreign policy and with fighters transferred into Lebanon by Assad's intelligence services — was defeated by the Lebanese state, the jihadists flowed again into Syria. Already bitter at being betrayed by Damascus on the battlefield, when Assad chose this time to arrest some of the jihadists,³⁴ and fling them in the infamous Sednaya prison, the sense of betrayal became more acute still. It was this feeling of being "cheated" that led to the still-mysterious prison riot at Sednaya (July 2008-January 2009) in the same timeframe as this attack.³⁵ The rest of the jihadists, who were not arrested, were re-exported to Iraq, where the flow of foreign jihadists — reduced to a trickle by February 2007 — became so heavy after May 2007,³⁶ that it required the appointment of a border emir,³⁷ Abu Muthanna al-Ansari.³⁸</p>	17	No	[Unclear]

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19 Sept 2012	France, Paris	Jeremie Louis-Sidney	Louis-Sidney threw a grenade at a kosher grocery shop in Sarcelles, injuring one customer. Louis-Sidney had a history of petty criminality before he turned to Islam, ³⁹ and then became part of a cell of jihadists that included Ibrahim Boudina, who fled the country just before this and would later return with instructions directly from IS for an attack in France. On 6 October 2012, Louis-Sidney was killed in a shoot-out with police and explosives belonging to him were discovered three days later.	0	No	Inspired
11 Feb 2014	France, Cannes	Ibrahim Boudina	THWARTED ATTACK Boudina, a Frenchman of Algerian descent, had joined IS in Syria with a friend, Abdelkader Tliba (of Tunisian extraction) in September 2012. Both men had been close friends with Jeremie Louis-Sidney. Boudina travelled back from Syria with Tliba, but Tliba was arrested in Greece on 16 Jan. 2014. ⁴⁰ Boudina returned from Syria with instructions to commit terrorism against France and had built the bombs to do it. He was in the process of target selection. ⁴¹	n/a	No	Controlled
24 May 2014	Belgium, Brussels	Mehdi Nemmouche	Shot at the Jewish Museum of Belgium. Nemmouche spent time in Syria, where he is reported to have said, "It's such a pleasure to cut off a baby's head", ⁴² and was in contact with IS's European director, Abdelhamid Abaaoud. ⁴³	4	No	Guided
22 June 2014	Lebanon	Faiz Bouchrane	THWARTED ATTACK Bouchrane, a 24-year-old French citizen, was arrested after moving from Syria to Lebanon to attack a Shi'a target at the instruction of IS's leadership. ⁴⁴ Bouchrane claimed he was given his orders by Taha Falaha (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani), who played many roles for IS, including official spokesman. ⁴⁵ This was the first piece of evidence in what would become a consensus among Western intelligence services: Falaha's duties also included approving foreign attacks. ⁴⁶	n/a	No	Controlled
18 Sept 2014	Australia, Sydney and Brisbane	Omarjan Azari	THWARTED ATTACK Australia launched its largest ever counter-terrorism raids after an intercepted telephone call tipped authorities off about an impending attack. Azari was directing the plot on behalf of IS. Azari was found to have tried to ship money to IS to help move fighters from Pakistan to Syria, and was in contact with Muhammad Baryalei, an important Australian IS recruiter-propagandist. Azari	0	No	Guided

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			and another man, Ali al-Talebi, had given <i>bay'a</i> (allegiance) to IS while speaking over the telephone to Baryalei in the presence of others. ¹⁷			
23 Sept 2014	Australia, Melbourne	Numan Haider	Haider, 17, was meeting police because he was among the 40-60 Australians who had recently had their passports cancelled because they were feared to be a flight risk after the Islamic State had called for volunteers to join their caliphate. ⁴⁸ Haider began stabbing two policemen as soon as they approached him outside the police station. ⁴⁹ Haider planned to drape the bodies in an IS flag he was carrying and post the pictures to the internet, but he was shot dead during the attack. ⁵⁰ Haider had connections with Neil Prakash (Abu Khalid al-Cambodi), a prominent Australian IS propagandist-recruiter, and was friends with Sevdet Besim, who plotted to behead a policeman on ANZAC Day 2015. Prakash and Besim seem to have played a key role in radicalising Haider; whether they had any role in directing his attack is unclear. ⁵¹	0	Yes. ⁵²	Inspired
23 Sept 2014	Algeria, Kabylia	[Unknown]	<i>Jund al-Khilafa</i> , which had recently been accepted as IS's branch in Algeria and rebranded <i>Wilayat al-Jazair</i> ; beheaded Hervé Gourdel, a 55-year-old French mountain guide who was kidnapped in the Djurdjura mountains. IS released a video of the incident, "Message in Blood for the French Government". ⁵³	1	Yes	Local Wilayat
25 Sept 2014	Britain, London	Tarik Hassane, Suhaib Majeed	THWARTED ATTACK Majeed, 21, the chairman of the Islamic society at King's College London, was arrested in West London as he plotted to carry out at least one murder, probably against police or servicemen, using a silenced firearm. Simultaneously arrested were Nyal Hamlett, 25, and Nathan Cuffy, 26, both converts, who had supplied weapons. Hamlett knew Majeed, who was born in Iraq, and Hassane through Al-Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre in Ladbroke Grove, west London. Hamlett and Cuffy were acquitted of any role in the plot. The driver of the plot was Hassane, 22, who had sworn allegiance to IS within days of it declaring a caliphate in June 2014. ⁵⁴ This plot began in July 2014, and was given additional impetus by the 21 September 2014 fatwa, delivered as a speech, from IS's official spokesman, Taha Falaha (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani), calling for attacks inside the West. ⁵⁵ Both Majeed and Hassane were associated with a mosque attended by Mohammed Enwazi. Hassane may have been to Syria and was remotely guiding the plot from	n/a	No	Networked

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			Sudan. After the others were arrested, Hassane returned to the U.K. to try to continue the plot. Hassane was arrested on 7 October, apparently tasered in the process. ⁵⁶			
20 Oct 2014	Canada, Quebec	Martin Couture-Rouleau	In Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (SJSR) in Quebec Province, Couture-Rouleau drove his car into two members of the military, killing one. Couture-Rouleau had converted to Islam in 2013 and come to the authorities' attention in the summer of 2016, when they revoked his passport and stopped him as he tried to leave Canada for Turkey. ⁵⁷	1	Yes ⁵⁸	Inspired
22 Oct 2014	Canada, Ottawa	Michael Zehaf-Bibeau	Zehaf-Bibeau rampaged through Parliament Hill in Ottawa, shooting four members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and was ultimately killed. ⁵⁹ Zehaf-Bibeau, of Libyan background, had a history of criminality and drug abuse before he converted to Islam. Zehaf-Bibeau was in contact with Hasibullah Yusufzai, a Canadian IS member in Syria. Though there is no clear evidence that Yusufzai provided operational guidance to Zehaf-Bibeau, ⁶⁰ it seems unlikely that Zehaf-Bibeau did not discuss the possibility of an attack with Yusufzai, and Yusufzai is unlikely to have withheld endorsement for such a plan.	1	Yes ⁶¹	Guided
23 Oct 2014	United States, Queens, New York	Zale Thompson	Thompson attacked a group of policemen with a hatchet as the policemen posed for a photograph along Jamaica Avenue in Queens, New York. Thompson injured two police officers, and a civilian bystander was accidentally shot in the melee, before Thompson was shot dead. ⁶² Thompson had a history of petty criminality before converting to Islam in 2013. ⁶³	0	Yes ⁶⁴	Inspired
6 Nov 2014	Britain, London	Nadir Syed	THWARTED ATTACK Syed, 23, was arrested days before he planned to execute an attack, modelled on that which murdered Lee Rigby, on Remembrance Sunday (9 November 2014), either against a poppy seller or community support officer. Syed, originally from Pakistan, where he returned to live between 2002 and 2006, had tried to travel to Syria in January 2014 but his passport application was rejected. Syed then changed his plan after the September 2014 speech by Taha Falaha (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani) inciting foreign attacks. Syed had photographs of suicide bombings and IS beheadings on his phone, as well as conversations praising "JihadiJohn" Mohammed Emwazi and Rigby's killer	n/a	No	Inspired

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			<p>Michael Adebolajo. Syed bought an 11-inch kitchen knife just hours before he was taken into custody.</p> <p>The initial verdict saw Syed convicted alongside Yousef Syed, 20, and Haseeb Hamayoon, 29. All three were shown to be extremists at trial; Yousef had tried to travel to Syria and been turned back in Turkey; and Hamayoon had been with Nadir when he bought the knife. But Yousef and Hamayoon were acquitted at retrial. Hamayoon, an Australian brought to the U.K. by marriage, is a trained cook and said that he was merely buying equipment for his new house and encouraging friends to do the same. The sharing of jihadi material was an effort to fit in, Hamayoon said.⁶⁵</p>			
15 Dec 2014	Australia, Sydney	Mohammed Borujerdi (Man Haron Monis)	<p>Borujerdi entered a Lindt Café in the morning and took 18 hostages.⁶⁶ Borujerdi murdered one hostage (Tori Johnson) and a second (Katrina Dawson) was killed by a stray police bullet during the rescue at 2 AM on 16 December 2014.⁶⁷ Borujerdi, who had a history of criminality and mental illness,⁶⁸ which does not negate the terroristic nature of his crimes,⁶⁹ had declared on his website days before the attacks that he had converted from Shi'ism (he was of Iranian origin) to Sunnism and pledged his allegiance to IS, a familiar pattern – beginning with IS's founder – of redemption being sought through religion.⁷⁰</p>	2	Yes ⁷¹	Inspired
20 Dec 2014	France, Joué-lès-Tours near Tours	Bertrand Nzohabonayo	<p>Nzohabonayo, a convert to Islam originally from Burundi, attacked a police station with a knife while shouting "Allahu Akbar", injuring three officers, before being shot dead.⁷²</p> <p>Nzohabonayo's attack was followed by a car ramming attack in Dijon on 21 December that injured five people, and a similar attack by a man named Sébastien Sarron against a mulled wine stall in Nantes on 22 December. Both men shouted "Allahu Akbar" during their attacks. The Dijon attacker mentioned the plight of Chechnya among his motives. Sarron had a blood alcohol level four times over the legal limit and began stabbing himself once the car came to a halt. At trial, Sarron later said he shouted "Allahu Akbar" to give himself courage. Both men had histories of substance abuse and mental illness; the Dijon attacker had also been a petty criminal. Though Islamism</p>	0	Yes ⁷³	Inspired

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			seems to have been a factor in both attacks and the timing was suggestive, it is not clear that IS was the motive. ⁷⁴			
5 Jan 2015	Saudi Arabia, Arar	[Unknown]	A gun and suicide attack was launched from Iraq's Anbar Province against a Saudi border post in a remote, desert area of the Kingdom. ⁷⁵	3	Yes ⁷⁶	Controlled
7-9 Jan 2015	France, Paris	Amedy Coulibaly (Abu Basir al-Afriqi)	Coulibaly shot and seriously wounded a jogger in Fontenay-aux-Roses on 7 January, ⁷⁷ at the same time as his friends, Chérif and Saïd Kouachi, with whom he had coordinated his own attacks, ⁷⁸ were murdering the staff at <i>Charlie Hebdo</i> . On 8 January, Coulibaly shot and killed a policewoman, Clarissa Jean-Philippe, in Montrouge. ⁷⁹ And on 9 January, Coulibaly took fifteen Jews hostages at the Hypercacher, a kosher mini-mart in Porte de Vincennes, murdering four people before he was shot dead by police. ⁸⁰ Coulibaly gave his <i>bay'a</i> to the caliphate "immediately upon its announcement", evidently in contact with IS's <i>Amn al-Kharji</i> (foreign intelligence), then "sat in wait for instructions from its leadership". ⁸¹	5	Yes ⁸²	Guided
15 Jan 2015	Belgium, Verviers	Sofiane Amghar (Abu Khalid al-Baljiki), Khalid Ben Larbi (Abu Zubayr al-Baljiki)	THWARTED ATTACK Amghar and Larbi had fought with Katibat al-Battar, a mostly Libyan unit of the Islamic State that contained in its ranks a number of Europeans who were key in the Francophone networks that brought mayhem in 2015 and 2016, ⁸³ in Deir Ezzor, ⁸⁴ and had then been transferred to Europe for IS's first centrally operated attack on the Continent. ⁸⁵ A police raid killed both Amghar and Larbi, and Abaaoud escaped back to Syria.	n/a	Yes	Controlled
27 Jan 2015	Saudi Arabia, Rafha	[Unknown]	IS infiltrated across the border from Iraq into Saudi Arabia, near the town of Rafha, with the help of a local cell, and engaged the border authorities, before melting into the population. ⁸⁶	0	No	Controlled, Local Wilayat
27 Jan 2015	Libya, Tripoli	Abu Ibrahim al-Tunisi, Abu Sulayman al-Sudani	A car bomb was blown up outside the Corinthia Hotel, killing three local security guards, and a four- or five-man IS team – at least one Tunisian ⁸⁷ and including operatives then-recently sent to Libya from Syria-Iraq – subsequently stormed the hotel to try to kill guests. ⁸⁸ Another two Libyans were killed, plus five foreigners: a Frenchman, a U.S. security contractor, David Berry, two Tajik women working for the Tripoli-based airline Buraq Air, and another Tajik. ⁸⁹	9	Yes	Local Wilayat
3 Feb 2015	France, Nice	Moussa Coulibaly	Coulibaly, using a knife, attacked three soldiers guarding a Jewish community centre, injuring two of them; he was arrested as he tried to flee. Coulibaly (no	0	No	Inspired

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			relation to Amedy Coulibaly, attacker at the Porte de Vincennes Hypercacher) had a history of petty criminality before converting to Islam, and had come to the authorities' attention when he travelled to Turkey on his way to IS in Syria on 28 January. ⁹⁰			
10 Feb 2015	Australia, Sydney	Omar Al-Kutobi, Mohammad Kiad	<p style="text-align: center;">THWARTED ATTACK</p> <p>Al-Kutobi, 25, and Kiad, 26, were arrested in a flat they shared in Fairfield and charged with planning a terrorist attack, which they were just four hours away from committing.⁹¹ The duo were found in possession of hunting knives, a machete, a home-made IS flag, and a video where al-Kutobi vows to strike the necks of white people. The plans to behead a non-Muslim on video on IS's behalf were further laid out in captured communications between the Kiad/al-Kutobi cell and an IS handler in Syria named only as "Rahman". Rahman played the role of an Amn al-Kharji guide, encouraging and instructing the pair—for example telling Kiad at one point that during the murder he should "keep calm" and that the beheading "should not take more than a minute".⁹² A video swearing allegiance to the caliph, whose production was directed remotely by Rahman, was produced and sent to Rahman in a pattern that would become more formalised later.⁹³</p>	n/a	No	Guided
14 Feb 2015	Denmark, Copenhagen	Omar al-Hussein	<p>Al-Hussein fired forty shots at the cultural centre in Krudttønden, killing documentary filmmaker Finn Norgaard and injuring three police officers, because it was hosting a meeting on, "Art, Blasphemy and Freedom of Expression,"⁹⁴ and included as a speaker Lars Vilks, who has been a target of jihadists before.⁹⁵ Later in the day, al-Hussein attacked a little girl's bat mitzvah at the Great Synagogue in Krystalgade, murdering Dan Uzan, 37, an economist at the Danish treasury, who was acting as a volunteer security guard.⁹⁶ Al-Hussein, a former petty criminal, was killed in a shootout with security forces soon after.⁹⁷ A letter in which al-Hussein gave allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was found after al-Hussein's death.⁹⁸</p>	2	Yes ⁹⁹	Inspired
21 Feb 2015	United States, Ohio	Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud	<p style="text-align: center;">THWARTED ATTACK</p> <p>Mohamud, from the Columbus area, had gone to Syria in April 2014, and returned with instructions to carry out terrorism inside the U.S., specifically murdering, execution-style, members of the Armed Forces. There is no evidence of continued contact between Mohamud and IS; the attack looks a</p>	n/a	No	Guided

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			lot like the older model of "endorsed" attacks, where Mohamud received training in a jihadi theatre and returned home carrying with him the concept for an attack. ¹⁰⁰			
18 March 2015	Tunisia, Tunis	Yassine Labidi, Saber Khachnaoui, [unknown]	Three IS jihadists stormed the Bardo National Museum and massacred tourists. The two known attackers were killed, a third escaped, and the attack was believed to have been coordinated by Maher Ben Moudli Kaidi. ¹⁰¹ Later, another IS operative who indirectly assisted the plot, Abdelmajid Touil, was arrested. ¹⁰² Subsequent investigations disclosed that the IS cell that carried out the attack was being run by Chamseddine al-Sandi, an IS operative based in Libya, and at least one of the gunmen trained in Libya alongside Seifeddine Rezgui, who conducted the Sousse atrocity. ¹⁰³	22	Yes ¹⁰⁴	Controlled
20 March 2015	Yemen, Sanaa	Quay al-Sanaani	Car bomb against a Zaydi Shi'a mosque is the first IS-claimed attack in Yemen. ¹⁰⁵	20	Yes	Local Wilayat
16 April 2015	Pakistan, Karachi	[Unknown]	Debra Lobo, 55, an American academic (assistant professor of community health at the Jinnah Medical and Dental College since 1996), was shot down in the street, but survived. ¹⁰⁶ Leaflets found at the scene claimed the attack on behalf of IS. ¹⁰⁷	0	Yes	Local Wilayat
18 April 2015	Australia, Melbourne	Sevdet Ramadan Besim	THWARTED ATTACK Sevdet Besim, 18, was arrested as he planned to behead a police officer on ANZAC Day (25 April). Besim's plan was only discovered after the British security services arrested a 14-year-old boy in Blackburn, who had been connected to Besim by IS operative Neil Prakash (Abu Khalid al-Cambodi), who effectively used the boy as a cut-out. Prakash told the Blackburn native of a "brother in Australia who wished to carry out a terrorist attack but needed a guide or mentor". ¹⁰⁸ The British boy, a troubled youth, accepted Prakash's request. The Brit was given a sense of family by IS, including a Twitter account with 24,000 followers that made him a kind of "celebrity" in the online jihadi community, and he then posed as of a more advanced age and from his Lancashire bedroom guided Besim, emotionally and physically, toward a terror attack. ¹⁰⁹ Besim was a friend of Numan Haider's and in the wake of Haider being killed as he tried to murder policemen on behalf of IS, Besim conceived of his own plan to do the same. Besim had been plotting his terrorist attack from mid-March 2015. ¹¹⁰ One of the more quixotic ideas Besim	n/a	No	Guided

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			had mused on was painting a kangaroo with IS's colours, filling its pouch with explosives, and then setting it loose among the policemen guarding the ANZAC Day parade in Melbourne. ¹¹¹			
19 April 2015	France, Paris	Sid Ahmed Ghlam	Ghlam, a 24-year-old of Algerian descent who was studying computer science, murdered a dance instructor, Aurélie Châtelain, in the Villejuif area, shooting her three times in the head and leaving her in her car. Ghlam had plans to attack churches, but accidentally shot himself in the leg and then called an ambulance, which led to his being arrested. ¹¹² Ghlam was acting at the instruction of IS's European director, Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Two <i>Amn al-Khaji</i> operatives handled Ghlam, including providing him weapons (left in the back of a stolen car, to which he was directed) and a getaway car. ¹¹³ Ghlam's plot was one of several that Abaaoud directed to distract European security services as the 13 November 2015 Paris attacks were prepared. ¹¹⁴	1	No	Guided
27 April 2015	Bosnia, Zvornik	Nerdin Ibric	Ibric, 24, stormed a police station while shouting "Allahu Akbar", killing one policeman and wounding two others, before being killed in a shootout. Subsequently, another man was arrested who has previously been questioned by authorities for links to IS, particularly its Balkan recruitment effort. ¹¹⁵	1	No	Networked
3 May 2015	United States, Garland, Texas	Elton Simpson, Nadir Soofi	THWARTED ATTACK Simpson and Soofi drove from Phoenix to attack the Curtis Culwell Centre, which was hosting an event by the American Freedom Defence Initiative (AFDI), headed by Pamela Geller, called the "Muhammad Art Exhibit and Contest". Speakers included Geert Wilders. Simpson and Soofi were shot dead in the car park as they attempted to storm the building. ¹¹⁶ IS claimed after the attack that it had more operatives in America. ¹¹⁷ Later, two further conspirators in the Simpson-Soofi attack, Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem and Erick Jamal Hendricks, were arrested. ¹¹⁸ Junaid Hussain had been in contact with at least one of the would-be killers. ¹¹⁹	n/a	Yes ¹²⁰	Guided
8 May 2015	Australia, Melbourne	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK A 17-year-old boy was arrested in Greenvale as he prepared commit an atrocity on Mother's Day (10 May). The boy tried to resist arrest but was quickly overwhelmed. ¹²¹ Police found terrorism propaganda on how to build bombs, plus three partially built pipe bombs and an attempted IED made from a pressure cooker in the boy's bedroom. Whether these were intended	n/a	No	Guided

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			for one target, three targets, or use against first responders after a stabbing or shooting attack is unclear. The boy was guided by Junaid Hussain. ¹²² The IS propagandist-recruiter Neil Prakash was also involved in orchestrating this attack, ¹²³ and one of the boys who he was in contact with at this time would go on to plan an attack on the ANZAC commemorations in April 2016.			
21 May 2015	United States, Ohio	Munir Abdulkader	THWARTED ATTACK Abdulkader, 22, from West Chester, had planned to kidnap and murder – on video – an employee at the local military base, and then launch an attack, which would probably have resulted in his death, on a Cincinnati area police station. Abdulkader did this at the instruction of IS operative Junaid Hussain. ¹²⁴	n/a	No	Guided
28 May 2015	Britain, Reading	Mohammed Rehman, Sana Ahmed Khan	THWARTED ATTACK Rehman, 25, and his wife, Khan, 24, planned to conduct suicide attacks in London to coincide with the anniversary of the 7 July 2005 atrocity in London. The relationship was kept secret because Rehman was an ex-drug-taker and divorcee, and Khan's family would not have approved. Rehman rather incautiously took to Twitter to ask for suggestions about target – the Westfield shopping centre or the Tube – and then displayed a video of him setting off a bomb in his back-garden. Rehman had used a picture of Mohammed Emwazi ("Jihadi John") as his Twitter avatar and referred to Shehzad Tanweer, one of the 7/7 killers, as his "beloved predecessor". Rehman confessed his intent to kill and be killed to an undercover security officer, whom Rehman tried to recruit. When the police came for him, Rehman threatened to blow them up, saying, "Nobody gets in the way of my jihad". It was an empty threat at that moment, but Rehman was days away from completing a highly-destructive bomb and was in possession of a knife of the kind Emwazi had used to behead captives on video. ¹²⁵	n/a	No	Networked
2 June 2015	United States, Boston	Usaama Rahim	THWARTED ATTACK Rahim planned, under the guidance of IS's Junaid Hussain, to behead Pamela Geller until this proved too difficult and instead settled on beheading a policeman; Rahim was killed resisting arrest. ¹²⁶ Rahim's nephew, David Daoud Wright, to whom he had confessed his intention to commit terrorism against	n/a	Yes ¹²⁷	Guided

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			law-enforcement officials, was subsequently arrested, as was another man, Nicholas Alexander Rovinski, who was part of the conspiracy. ¹²⁸			
5 June 2015	Turkey, Diyarbakir	Orhan Gonder	Twin bombing using timed devices loaded with shrapnel at a rally of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), the Kurdish party in Turkey. ¹²⁹	4	No	Controlled
13 June 2015	United States, New York City	Munther Omar Saleh, Fareed Mumuni	THWARTED ATTACK Saleh was arrested in Queens with another individual after they charged at an FBI agent who was conducting physical surveillance on them; when Mumuni was arrested on 17 June on Staten Island he stabbed the federal operative, though did not injure him because of a stab vest. Saleh and Mumuni had been planning an attack in New York using a pressure cooker and Saleh had received religious permission from an IS operative to carry out a suicide attack. Both Saleh and Mumuni had assisted New Jersey resident Nader Saadeh in his attempt to travel to IS-held areas of Syria. ¹³⁰	n/a	No	Guided
19 June 2015	United States, Morganton	Justin Nolan Sullivan	THWARTED ATTACK Justin Sullivan, 19, was arrested as he prepared to bomb a nightclub or bar. Sullivan had been guided by Junaid Hussain and expressed a desire (to undercover FBI agents posing as co-conspirators) to carry out an attack that would kill 1,000 people. ¹³¹ Sullivan had murdered a neighbour in 2014 after his conversion to Islam and intended to use money he stole to buy weapons. Sullivan's father tipped off authorities to his son's troubled trajectory in April 2015 when Sullivan started destroying non-Islamic religious materials in the home. ¹³²	n/a	No	Guided ¹³³
26 June 2015	France, Saint-Quentin-Fallavier	Yassin Salhi	Near Lyon, Salhi, who spent a year in Syria in 2009, beheaded his boss, Hervé Cornara, at the U.S.-owned Air Products factory and tied his severed head to the gates of the factory, where jihadi flags were also displayed. Salhi took pictures, which were sent to IS contacts in Syria – Salhi had asked for permission to publish them – and then tried to drive through the entrance and blow up the factory. Salhi was prevented from doing this and arrested. ¹³⁴	1	No	Guided ¹³⁵
26 June 2015	Kuwait, Kuwait City	Fahd al-Qabaa (Abu Sulayman al-Muwahid)	Al-Qabaa, a Saudi, arrived in Kuwait hours before he carried out a suicide attack at a Shi'a mosque. ¹³⁶ A wide network, crossing into Saudi Arabia and indeed claimed by the IS province in al-Saud, ¹³⁷ was behind the attack. ¹³⁸	27	Yes	Local Wilayat
26 June 2015	Tunisia, Sousse	Seifeddine Rezgui	Rezgui went on a shooting rampage against a tourist beach popular with foreigners, particularly the British who suffered thirty fatalities. ¹³⁹ Rezgui was	38	Yes	Controlled

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			run by IS operating out of Libya and was killed during the attack. ¹⁴⁰ The "mastermind" of the attack was Chamseddine al-Sandi, who also ran the cell that attacked the Bardo National Museum. Rezgui met al-Sanadi in cafes and mosques in Tunis and Rezgui, courtesy of cash from al-Sanadi, travelled to Libya, where he attended an IS training camp alongside one of the Bardo gunmen. ¹⁴¹			
11 July 2015	Egypt, Cairo	[Unknown]	Attack on the Italian consulate, claimed by online supporters of IS, probably conducted by IS's local branch. ¹⁴²	0	No	Local Wilayat
14 July 2015	Britain, Luton	Junead Khan, Shazib Khan	THWARTED ATTACK Junead, 25, and his uncle Shazib, 23, had been planning to travel to Syria to join IS, but when contacting Junaid Hussain to arrange the logistics, Hussain redirected Junead to a plot to murder American soldiers stationed in Britain. Shazib was not charged for involvement in that plot but was convicted of terrorism offences related to attempting to provide material support (himself) to a terrorist organisation. ¹⁴³	n/a	No	Guided
16 July 2015	United States, Tennessee	Muhammad Abdulazeez	Abdulazeez, a Palestinian born in Kuwait, shot at an Army recruitment centre in Chattanooga from his car, injuring one, and then drove down the road and stormed a Naval and Marine reserve centre, where he murdered four people. ¹⁴⁴	5	No	Inspired
17 July 2015	Iraq, Khan Bani Saad, Baghdad	[Unknown]	An IS operative claimed he was selling ice at a discount price and as people gathered around the truck, it detonated. ¹⁴⁵	120	Yes	Controlled
20 July 2015	Turkey, Suruc, Urfa	Seyh Abdurrahman Alagoz	Suicide attack on the Amara Culture Centre, where two Kurdish parties, the Marxist-Leninist Socialist Party of the Oppressed and the Socialist Youths Associations Federation, which had been sending Communist Turks into Syria to fight alongside the YPG/PKK, had gathered, preparing to move over the border into Kobani to help the rebuilding after U.S. air power had allowed the YPG to expel IS. ¹⁴⁶	32	No	Controlled
11 Aug 2015	France, Paris	Reda Hame	THWARTED ATTACK Arrested on this day, ¹⁴⁷ Hame, a 29-year-old computer technician, had been dispatched from inside the caliphate, after receiving training, with instructions to attack a soft target in Paris, a concert hall very much among the options (this just months before the Bataclan attack). Hame had wanted to fight the	n/a	No	Guided

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			Syrian regime, but his French passport and computer skills flagged him to IS as a useful external operative. Hame travelled with another IS member headed for Spain; this latter man was arrested and gave up Hame's name. Despite being in constant contact with Abdelhamid Abaaoud, when he was arrested Hame had little to offer interrogators: IS's communications security worked and Hame did not know names or nationalities of his interlocuters in IS; he hadn't even been able to see faces in many cases. ¹⁴⁸			
12 Aug 2015	Egypt, Sinai	[Unknown]	Tomislav Salopek, a Croatian working for the French company Compagnie Générale de Géophysique (CGG), was beheaded by IS's <i>Wilayat Sinai</i> . <i>Wilayat Sinai</i> had kidnapped Salopek on 22 July and he appeared in a video ¹⁴⁹ on 5 August ("A Message to the Egyptian government") that demanded all female prisoners be released within 48 hours. ¹⁵⁰	1	Yes	Local Wilayat
21 Aug 2015	France, Oignies	Ayoub al-Khazzani	THWARTED ATTACK Al-Khazzani emerged from the bathroom of a Thalys train travelling between Amsterdam and Paris and tried to shoot and stab passengers. He was prevented from doing so by three Americans. Al-Khazzani had been in Syria since May 2015 and travelled back into Europe with Abdelhamid Abaaoud on 1 August, maintaining contact with him right to the end.	n/a	No	Controlled ¹⁵¹
28 Sept 2015	Bangladesh, Dhaka	[Unknown]	An Italian aid worker, Cesare Tavella, was shot and killed while jogging on the streets of the diplomatic quarter. Four people were subsequently arrested and claimed that they had been hired to do the job by operatives unknown. ¹⁵²	1	Yes	Local Wilayat (Unofficial) ¹⁵³
2 Oct 2015	Australia, Parramatta	Farhad Jabar	Jabar, 15, of Iraqi Kurdish background, gunned down Curtis Cheng, a civilian employee in the finance department, as he was leaving police headquarters at Parramatta in Sydney's west. Jabar was killed when police returned fire. ¹⁵⁴ Jabar's sister left the country for Syria and married Abu Sa'ad al-Sudani (Abu Isa al-Amriki).	1	No	Networked
3 Oct 2015	Bangladesh, Dhaka	[Unknown]	A 66-year-old Japanese man, Kunio Hoshi, was shot three times and killed in the Rangpur area. Hoshi was an investor in a grass cultivation project. ¹⁵⁵ Eight people were put on trial in connection with the assassination. ¹⁵⁶	1	Yes	Local Wilayat (Unofficial)
10 Oct 2015	Turkey, Ankara	Omer Deniz Dundar, Yunus Emre Alagoz	Two suicide bombers blew themselves up near the Ankara Central railway station during a Kurdish and trades unionist rally against the Turkish government for its war against the PKK. ¹⁵⁷	102	No	Controlled

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31 Oct 2015	Egypt, Sharm el-Sheikh	[Unknown]	The Russian-operated Metrojet Flight 9268 was brought down. How remains something of a mystery – the claim by IS is that it smuggled an improvised explosive device in a drinks can onboard after "having discovered a way to compromise the security at the Sharm el-Sheikh International Airport". ¹⁵⁸	224	Yes ¹⁵⁹	Local Wilayat
4 Nov 2015	United States, California	Faisal Mohammad	Mohammad, 18, entered a classroom at the University of California in Merced and stabbed and injured a fellow student. As he fled, Mohammed wounded another three people, and was fatally shot by police at the scene to prevent him harming anyone else. Mohammed was found to have IS material on his laptop and to have planned the attack a week in advance, including buying zip ties and a knife. ¹⁶⁰	0	No	Inspired
12 Nov 2015	Lebanon, Burj al-Barajna, Beirut	[Unknown]	Three suicide bombers sent from IS-held territory in Syria attacked a Shi'a mosque; one of them was thwarted by a local man, Adel Termos. ¹⁶¹	43	Yes	Controlled
13 Nov 2015	France, Paris	Abdelhamid Abaaoud, Brahim Abdeslam, Chakib Akrouh, Omar Ismail Mostefai, Samy Amimour, Foued Mohamed Aggad, Bilal Hadfi, Ukashahal-Iraqi, Ali al-Iraqi	Three suicide bombers at the Stade de France, shooting attacks on four restaurants in three separate incidents (Le Carillon and the Petit Cambodge, La Bonne Biere café, La Belle Equipe Restaurant), a suicide bombing at the Comptoir Voltaire café, and the massacre at the Bataclan. ¹⁶²	130	Yes	Controlled
17 Nov 2015	Bangladesh, Dhaka	[Unknown]	Piero Parolari, an Italian Catholic missionary who also worked as a doctor in the Dinajpur district of the capital, was shot and wounded. ¹⁶³	0	Yes ¹⁶⁴	Local Wilayat (Unofficial)
18 Nov 2015	France, Marseilles	[Unknown]	A history teacher, identifiably Jewish because he was wearing a kippah, ¹⁶⁵ was stabbed and wounded by three people shouting antisemitic insults. One attacker was wearing a t-shirt supportive of IS; another showed a picture of Mohamed Merah on his mobile telephone. Merah carried out an anti-Jewish attack in southern France in 2012. ¹⁶⁶ A not dissimilar attack had taken place in the same area month before by a mentally unstable drunk. ¹⁶⁷	0	No	Inspired

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24 Nov 2015	Tunisia, Tunis	Housseem Abdelli	Suicide car bomb attacks a bus full of Presidential Guards. It is unclear whether Abdelli ever left Tunisia or whether he had contact with IS. ¹⁶⁸	12	Yes ¹⁶⁹	Local Wilayat (Unofficial)
2 Dec 2015	United States, San Bernardino	Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik	Shooting rampage on the Inland Regional Center. Enrique Marquez, who supplied a weapon, was later arrested for involvement. ¹⁷⁰	14	Yes	Networked
5 Dec 2015	Britain, London	Muhiddin Mire	Mire attacked people at random with a rusty knife in the Leytonstone Tube station. Mire grabbed musician Lyle Zimmerman, 57, and attempted to saw his head off in the ticket hall. The incident became best-known for a clip taken with a mobile telephone in which a member of the public shouted, "You ain't no Muslim, bruv", in response to Mire saying, "This is for my Syrian brothers; I'm going to spill your blood". ¹⁷¹ Mire was suffering paranoid schizophrenia, but mental health does not negate a political motive. Mire, a Somali-born taxi driver found with pictures of Lee Rigby and Mohammed Emwazi on his mobile telephone, openly wears his support for IS and the timing of the attack – three days after Parliament voted to extend airstrikes against IS into Syria – is not believed to be coincidental. ¹⁷²	n/a	No	Inspired
11 Dec 2015	Syria, Tel Tamer	[Unknown]	Triple suicide car bomb attack: near YPG field hospital, a market, and a residential area. ¹⁷³	50	Yes	Controlled
30 Dec 2015	United States, New York	Emanuel Lutchman	THWARTED ATTACK Lutchman of Rochester had engaged with Abu Isa al-Amriki (Abu Sa'ad al-Sudani), one of the early and important <i>Amn al-Khaji</i> handlers, ¹⁷⁴ originally intending to join the caliphate, but Abu Isa talked Lutchman into planning a New Year's Eve attack, even at one point ruminating on killing "[millions] of <i>kuffar</i> (unbelievers)". Lutchman planned with another man – who transpired to be an FBI agent – to bomb a club, while kidnapping and murdering a couple using machetes and knives. Lutchman sent an audio to Abu Isa giving <i>bay'a</i> (pledge of allegiance) to the caliph and then made a video giving <i>bay'a</i> again and claiming responsibility for the forthcoming attack. Lutchman was arrested before he could send the video to IS. ¹⁷⁵	n/a	No	Guided
30 Dec 2015	Syria, Qamishli	[Unknown]	Triple suicide car bomb attack on restaurants in a Christian area	16	Yes ¹⁷⁶	Controlled

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7 Jan 2016	France, Paris	Tarek Belgacem ¹⁷⁷	Belgacem attempted a stabbing attack with a meat cleaver against a police station on Rue de la Goutte-d'Or, while wearing a fake explosives belt and shouting 'Allahu Akbar'. Ali was shot dead. ¹⁷⁸ The 20-year-old attacker gave the name Sallah Ali to police in 2013 when he was arrested for robbery and told them he was from Morocco. The written pledge of allegiance to IS suggested origins in Tunisia, Belgacem's birthplace. ¹⁷⁹ It seems Belgacem had come to France from a refugee centre in Germany. ¹⁸⁰ The attack was – not coincidentally—on the one-year anniversary of the <i>Charlie Hebdo</i> attack.	0	No	Inspired
8 Jan 2016	Egypt, Hurgada	[Unknown]	Two jihadists arrived by sea, armed with knives, and intended to kidnap foreigners at the Bella Vista Hotel; it went wrong and they ended up stabbing three tourists. ¹⁸¹	0	Yes	Local Wilayat
11 Jan 2016	France, Marseilles	[Unknown]	A 15-year-old attacked a Jewish teacher, Benjamin Amsellem, 35, with a machete outside the Franco-Hebraic Institute. The attacker dropped the blade and ran after injuring Amsellem. The attacker was arrested ten minutes later. In custody, the boy, a Kurd from Turkey, who came to France five years previously and had no record of militancy or delinquency, said he was "proud" of his actions and only ashamed he had not killed Amsellem; testified to his anti-Jewish motivation; and said that he had acted "in the name of Allah and the Islamic State". "I don't represent Daesh, they represent me", said the would-be killer. ¹⁸²	0	No	Inspired
12 Jan 2016	Turkey, Istanbul	Nabil Fadli	Fadli carried out a suicide attack near the Blue Mosque in a crowd of tourists; his victims were all German. ¹⁸³	10	No	Controlled
14 Jan 2016	Indonesia, Jakarta	Ahmad Muhazan Saron, Dian Joni Kurniad, Mohammad Ali, Afif (a.k.a. Sunakin)	The operatives launched a gun and suicide attack on a Starbucks and nearby traffic police post. IS was involved in financing the cell and directing it. Twelve people were arrested after the attack for complicity in it. ¹⁸⁴ The attack was guided from IS-held territory by Bahrin Naim. ¹⁸⁵	4	Yes	Guided
31 Jan 2016	Syria, Damascus	[Unknown]	Near Sayyida Zaynab shrine, IS attacked a bus stop and then the first-responders with three suicide bombs, killing civilians and foreign Shi'a militiamen. ¹⁸⁶ Iran has used the shrine as a focal point in orchestrating their Shi'a jihad to save the Assad regime. ¹⁸⁷	63	Yes	Controlled
18 Feb 2016	Britain, Rochdale	Mohammed Abdul Kadir, Mohammed Hussain Syeedy	Jalal Uddin, 71, a Bangladeshi national, left his mosque, ate dinner at a friend's, and was then bludgeoned to death, including with a hammer, in a children's play area on his way home by Mohammed Kadir, 24, and	1	No	Networked

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			Mohammed Hussain Syeedy, 22. Uddin was a practitioner of Islamic healing (<i>ruqya</i>), which involves the use of amulets. Syeedy and Kadir, supporters of IS, regarded this practice as "black magic," so stalked Uddin, worked out his routine, and then struck him down when they had a chance. Syeedy drove Kadir to the site of the murder. Kadir fled the country after the attack, almost certainly to Syria. Syeedy, whose mobile telephone showed him and his accomplice giving the <i>tawhid</i> sign that IS has appropriated and celebrating a convoy with the flag "Rochdale to Syria" that Syeedy was involved in, was sentenced to 24 years in jail. ¹⁸⁸			
21 Feb 2016	Syria, Homs	[Unknown]	Two car bombs against the Alawi-majority Zahra neighbourhood of Homs City. ¹⁸⁹	57	Yes	Controlled
26 Feb 2016	Germany, Hannover	Safia Schmitter	Schmitter, a 16-year-old German-Moroccan girl, had been recovered from Turkey in January 2016 by her parents, and now attempted to murder a police officer with a knife at a railway station in Hannover. Schmitter pledged allegiance to IS in November 2015, her brother was arrested trying to join the organisation, and another man, Mohamed Hasan K., is standing trial for knowing about Schmitter's plans and not reporting them. ¹⁹⁰ Schmitter had been encouraged and guided all along the way by a female <i>Ann al-Kharji</i> operative named only as 'Leyla'. ¹⁹¹	0	No	Guided
27 Feb 2016	Saudi Arabia, al-Qassim	Wael al-Rashidi, Moataz al-Rashidi, Nail al-Rashidi, Zaher al-Rashidi, Sami al-Rashidi and Ibrahim Khalaf ¹⁹²	Family members, who had absorbed IS's ideology, murdered Sgt. Badr Hamdi al-Rashidi because he worked with the government; on 11 March 2016, six men were killed resisting arrest	1	No	Networked
19 March 2016	Turkey, Istanbul	Mehmet Ozturk	Ozturk carried out a suicide attack in front of the governor's office in the Beyoglu district of Istanbul. ¹⁹³	4	No	Controlled
22 March 2016	Belgium, Brussels	Ibrahim al-Bakrawi, Khalid al-Bakrawi, Najim Laachraoui	Ibrahim and Laachraoui blew themselves up at Brussels Airport in Zaventem, and Khalid detonated a suicide vest at Maalbeek metro station. ¹⁹⁴ These operatives were part of the network that brought off the 13 November 2015 Paris attacks.	32	Yes ¹⁹⁵	Controlled
25 March 2016	Yemen, Aden	[Unknown]	Triple suicide car bombing: a military checkpoint in the Burayqa; and two against checkpoints on the road to a base used by the Saudi-led military coalition. ¹⁹⁶	27	Yes	Local Wilayat

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25 March 2016	Iraq, Babil	Sayfullah al-Ansari	A suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowd at a football match in Iskandariya. ¹⁹⁷	41	Yes	Controlled
5 April 2016	Saudi Arabia, al-Dawadmi	[Unknown]	Assassination by drive-by shooting of Colonel Kitab Majid al-Hammadi, the director of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation in al-Dawadmi. IS later published a video of the incident. ¹⁹⁸	1	Yes ¹⁹⁹	Local Wilayat
16 April 2016	Germany, Essen	Yusuf T., Mohammed O.	Two boys, 16 and 17 at the time, detonated a bomb at a Sikh temple, injuring three people. The boys had clear links to the Salafist scene in Germany, ²⁰⁰ and telephone numbers of IS sympathisers in Germany were found on a device owned by Yusuf. ²⁰¹ It seems that one of the figures the boys were connected to was Ahmad Abdulaziz Abdullah (Abu Wala), the most prolific propagandist-recruiter for IS in Germany, fulfilling a role something like Khalid Zerkani had done for Francophone jihadists from his base in Molenbeek. ²⁰² Abdullah's network had all kinds of direct ties to IS "centre," for which he was arrested in November 2016, ²⁰³ though there is not as yet clear evidence that IS steered this plot. Mohammed had written to Yusuf on WhatsApp asking if it was acceptable to murder children, either by poisoning ice cream (Mohammed drove an ice cream van) or committing a suicide attack at a kindergarten. Mohammed also inquired if it was licit to "rape the girls of the enemies of the Prophet Muhammad". ²⁰⁴	0	No	Networked
23 April 2016	Bangladesh, Rajshahi	[Unknown]	Rezaul Karim Siddique, 58, a professor of English at Rajshahi University in the country's north-west was hacked to death, accused of spreading atheism, though he was not an atheist. ²⁰⁵	1	Yes ²⁰⁶	Local Wilayat (Unofficial)
24 April 2016	Australia, Sydney	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK A 16-year-old boy was arrested near his home in Auburn, western Sydney, after planning a terrorist attack on ANZAC Day (25 April 2016). The boy had been in contact with a younger boy in Sydney who was then arrested for terrorism offences, and had come to the attention of authorities as part of the Mother's Day Plot of May 2015, during which time he had contact with Neil Prakash. ²⁰⁷ It was the 16-year-old's parents who triggered a government intervention, however, reporting the changes in their son, who was then taken into a program that worked with "mentors, psychologists, religious leaders, teachers and work placements to try to steer a handful of young extremists	n/a	No	Guided

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			away from IS'. That approach failed. ²⁰⁸ The boy tried to acquire a gun to carry out an attack on the parade. ²⁰⁹			
25 April 2016	Bangladesh, Dhaka	[Unknown]	Xulhaz Mannan, an employee of the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka and the editor of Bangladesh's only LGBT magazine, <i>Roopbaan</i> , was hacked to death in his home by five or six men with machetes, who had posed as couriers. ²¹⁰ Killed alongside Mannan was another employee of the magazine, Tanay Majumder. Both Mannan and Mojumdar were openly homosexual—in a country where homosexuality is technically illegal—and had been campaigning to raise awareness of the existence of the LGBT population and to attempt to increase the acceptance of this community. The attack was claimed by IS, though the government denies there is any IS in the country. ²¹¹ The assassination was also claimed by Ansar al-Islam, the Bangladeshi wing of al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), which justified the killings on the basis that Mannan and Majumder were "working day and night to promote homosexuality ... with the help of their masters, the U.S. crusaders and its Indian allies." ²¹²	2	Yes	[Unclear]
13 May 2016	Iraq, Saladin Province	[Unknown]	Gun and suicide attack by three IS jihadists on al-Furat Cafe, attended by a supporters' club for Real Madrid, in Balad, a Shia-majority town (16 killed); one jihadi later blew himself up when cornered by Shia militiamen (four killed). ²¹³	20	Yes	Controlled
5 June 2016	Kazakhstan, Aktobe	Rustem Omarov, 22 others	A group of jihadists attacked two gun shops, killing a vendor, a security guard, and a visitor; four of the attackers were killed by police. The remaining attackers then seized a bus and tried to use it to break through the gates of a military base, killing three soldiers and wounding nine. Seven attackers were arrested. On 6 June, the militants engaged in firefights with the police; five jihadists were killed and two arrested. ²¹⁴ On 10 June, police tracked down four remaining operatives of the jihadi cell to an apartment block; they were all killed when they refused to surrender and began shooting at the security forces. At a different location, another militant was killed after he shot and wounded two policemen. ²¹⁵ Omarov was found to have shared content from a known IS account on his VKontakte page. ²¹⁶	6	No	Networked
11 June 2016	Belgium, Brussels	[Unknown]	In the Etterbeek area of the Belgian capital, a transgender man, "Sharky," who fled his native Tunisia in 2012, was beaten and repeatedly stabbed by two	0	No	Inspired

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			supporters of the Islamic State as "an example for young people who do not respect the religious law". ²¹⁷			
12 June 2016	United States, Orlando	Umar Mateen	Mateen executed a shooting rampage against a gay nightclub, Pulse, in Orlando, Florida. In his telephone conversations with FBI negotiators, Mateen claimed the 6 May 2016 liquidation of IS commander Shaker al-Fahdawi (Abu Waheeb) as his motivation. ²¹⁸ Al-Fahdawi is a relatively obscure and suggests that Mateen was deeply, rather than casually, acquainted with IS before this attack. While there is not yet any concrete evidence of direct contact with IS, Mateen's wife has been arrested for suspected involvement as an accomplice. ²¹⁹	49	Yes	Networked
13 June 2016	France, Magnanville	Larossi Abballa	An off-duty policeman, Jean-Baptiste Salvaing, was stabbed to death outside his home; his home was invaded, his wife, Jessica Schneider, murdered by having her throat slit, and their child held hostage. Abballa filmed a video of him giving <i>bay'a</i> (allegiance) to the caliph actually during the attack, which began a pattern of operatives filming <i>bay'a</i> videos before attacks that were sent to <i>Amaq</i> and released posthumously, proving that IS guided the attacks. ²²⁰ Abballa, who was killed by police during a rescue attempt, had been in contact with Rachid Kassim, ²²¹ a senior operative of IS's <i>Ann al-Khaji</i> , ²²² and Sid Ghlam, another guided IS terrorist in France. ²²³ Soon afterwards, two old friends of Abballa's were arrested for having connections to IS, but there is no evidence so far that they conspired with Abballa in this attack. ²²⁴	2	Yes ²²⁵	Guided
13 June 2016	Turkey, Adana	[Unknown]	A U.S. citizen, Thaddeus Borowicz, working as a contractor at the Incirlik Airbase, was found dead outside his apartment, apparently having fallen while trying to enter through a window after locking himself out. ²²⁶ But three days later, IS claimed that it had killed Borowicz. ²²⁷ Whether this was an example of IS's <i>Amaq</i> using its generally reliable record to disseminate a lie, or was an assassination by IS, remains unclear. ²²⁸	1	Yes	[Unclear]
20 June 2016	Afghanistan, Kabul	Erfanullah Ahmed	A jihadist blew himself up against a minibus carrying Nepalese security guards headed to the Canadian Embassy, killing 14 of them. IS claimed the attack and named the suicide-killer; the Taliban also claimed the attack. ²²⁹	14	Yes	Local Wilayat
21 June 2016	Jordan, Rukban	[Unknown]	A car bomb struck at al-Rukban, crashing into a sand berm that marks the border between Jordan and Syria in the "no-man's land" buffer area, at about	6	Yes ²³⁰	Controlled

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			5:30 in the morning. This led to Amman closing the final border-crossings with Syria. ²³¹			
27 June 2016	Lebanon, al-Qaa	[Unknown]	Eight suicide attacks in two waves against a Christian village. ²³²	5	No	Controlled
28 June 2016	Malaysia, Puchong, Selangor	[Unknown]	Grenade attack on a nightclub by operatives in contact with Muhammad Wannady ²³³	0	Yes	Guided
28 June 2016	Turkey, Istanbul	Rakim Bulgarov, Vadim Osmanov, one unknown ²³⁴	A three-man "inghimasi" team of Russian-speaking IS operatives stormed Ataturk Airport. ²³⁵ The attack was planned by Akhmed Chatayev (Akhmed al-Shishani). ²³⁶	44	No	Controlled
29 June 2016	India, Hyderabad	Mohammed Ibrahim Yazdani, Mohammed Irfan, ²³⁷	THWARTED ATTACK Yazdani began engaging with an IS handler from <i>Amn al-Kharji</i> , Abu Isa al-Amriki (Abu Sa'ad al-Sudani), 17 months before he was arrested, and was eventually passed over to a Hindi-speaking handler just before Abu Isa was killed in April 2016. The IS guides vetted individuals as Yazdani began recruiting people to his conspiracy. One member of the cell was a Jordanian who had fought with IS in Syria. ²³⁸ The <i>ammi</i> taught the cell how to communicate securely, and what their <i>bay'a</i> video should look like. IS also arranged the transfer of weapons—circumventing India's strict firearms laws—and explosives. ²³⁹ Once the plot was unravelled, the cell's operatives were unable to tell police even the nationality of their IS interlocuter and had they not been cooperative under interrogation police would have accessed a lot less of their online communications. ²⁴⁰	n/a	No	Guided
1 July 2016	Bangladesh, Dhaka	Rohan Imtiaz, Nibras Islam, Meer Saameh Mubasheer, Khairul Islam, Shafiqul Islam ²⁴¹	IS jihadists fired on the Holey Artisan Bakery in the Gulshan area of the capital, then stormed the building and took hostages, torturing and mutilating more than fifty people and slaughtering twenty-two of them, ²⁴² distributing the pictures in real time through IS official channels. ²⁴³ Two police officers were killed breaking the siege. The leader of the attack, Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, was in constant contact with an IS handler, Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar. ²⁴⁴	24	Yes ²⁴⁵	Guided

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3 July 2016	Iraq, Karrada	[Unknown]	A suicide truck bomb blew up in the middle of a busy market in one of the most lethal attacks in years in Iraq. ²⁴⁶	300+	Yes	Controlled
3 July 2016	United States, Virginia	Mohamed Bailor Jalloh	THWARTED ATTACK Jalloh, 26, a former member of the Army National Guard from Sterling, operating under the guidance of <i>Amn al-Kharji</i> operative Abu Isa al-Amriki (Abu Sa'ad al-Sudani) until at least March 2016, ²⁴⁷ planned to carry out an attack like that committed by Nidal Hasan at Fort Hood in November 2009 or Muhammad Abdulazeez in Chattanooga in July 2015. Jalloh had been seduced out of the U.S. military and into radical Islam by the online lectures of Anwar al-Awlaki. ²⁴⁸	n/a	No	Guided
4 July 2016	Saudi Arabia, Medina	Naer Moslem Hammad al-Balawi; Abdullah Gulzar Khan	Al-Balawi carried out a suicide attack outside the Prophet's Mosque in Medina, killing four members of the security forces. Two suicide bombers, Khan, a Pakistani who had lived in Saudi Arabia for 12 years being one of them, blew themselves up when confronted outside the U.S. Consulate in Jeddah. And a suicide bomber detonated himself outside a mosque in the Shia-majority Qatif Province causing no fatalities. ²⁴⁹	4	No	Local Wilayat
5 July 2016	Indonesia, Solo	Nur Rohman	Rohman drove a motorcycle toward a police station and blew himself up. The suicide bombing was directed by Bahrn Naim. ²⁵⁰	0	No	Guided
9 July 2016	South Africa, Johannesburg	Fatima Patel, Ibrahim Patel Brandon-Lee Thulsie (Yaqeen ibn Hernani), Tony-Lee Thulsi (Salahuddin ibn Hernani)	THWARTED ATTACK After a lengthy surveillance operation, beginning in October 2015, the South African police arrested four people — the Patel siblings from Azaadville, Krugersdorp, and the Thulsie brothers from Newclare, Johannesburg — for planning to attack the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria and an unspecified "Jewish building". The brothers were twice thwarted from joining IS in Syria. The U.S., Britain, and Australia had all warned their nationals just before this of an imminent risk of terrorist attack against foreigners in South Africa. ²⁵¹	n/a	No	Networked
14 July 2016	France, Nice	Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel	Ramming attack with a lorry along the seafront Promenade des Anglais in Nice on Bastille Day. Bouhlel was shot dead at the scene. Bouhlel, a former petty criminal and drug user with a vivacious sex life (including with men, by some reports ²⁵²), had left all that behind and converted to a radical form of religion before the attack. Pictures of Sallah Ali were discovered on his mobile telephone, among other things. ²⁵³	86	Yes	Networked ²⁵⁴

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18 July 2016	Germany, Würzburg	Riaz Khan Ahmadzai (Muhammad Riyad)	Ahmadzai, a 17-year-old Afghan refugee in Bavaria, southern Germany, launched an axe and knife attack on a train between Treuchtlingen to Würzburg, and then attacked a civilian at a railway station once he jumped off the train. In all, five people were injured and Ahmadzai was shot dead at the scene. ²⁵⁵ Ahmadzai had been in contact with IS before the attack, and was indeed in contact until moments before the attack. IS had advised Ahmadzai to execute a ramming attack (“The damage would be much greater”) but Ahmadzai did not have a driving license and was in a hurry (“I want to enter paradise tonight”). ²⁵⁶ Ahmadzai’s <i>bay’a</i> video was released by <i>Amaq</i> after his death.	0	Yes	Guided
24 July 2016	Germany, Ansbach	Mohammad Daleel	Daleel carried out a (possibly accidental) suicide bombing at a wine bar near a music festival, injuring fifteen people. Daleel it seems had been planning to attack the festival but wavered, and was told to attack the bar by his <i>Ann al-Khaji</i> guide. It is not clear if Daleel meant to remotely detonate the backpack filled with explosives; there is evidence he was planning further attacks. Daleel not only followed the pattern of providing a <i>bay’a</i> video to IS before the attack – proving he had pre-approval from IS “centre” for the attack ²⁵⁷ – but was revealed to be a long-term sleeper agent of the organization. ²⁵⁸	0	Yes	Controlled
26 July 2016	France, Normandy	Adel Kermiche; Abdelmalik Petitjean	Kermiche and Petitjean stormed a church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, south of Rouen, taking five hostages, murdering an 85-year-old priest, Jacques Hamel, on video, and grievously wounding another worshipper, before being shot dead. Kermiche and Petitjean, who lived at opposite ends of the country, were brought together by an <i>Ann al-Khaji</i> guide, Rachid Kassim, and connected to a wider network of conspirators. The church they attacked was possibly among those Sid Ghlam had been planning to attack. ²⁵⁹ They provided a <i>bay’a</i> video to <i>Amaq</i> before committing their crime.	1	Yes	Guided
27 July 2016	Syria, Qamishli	[Unknown]	A truck bomb at a police station and nearby government building of the People’s Protection Units (YPG), the Kurdish militia that controls the area. IS claimed the attack as retaliation for the YPG’s Coalition-assisted gains against them in Minbij. ²⁶⁰	44	Yes	Controlled

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6 Aug 2016	Belgium, Charleroi	Khaled Babouri	Babouri, 33, an illegal immigrant from Algeria, ²⁶¹ known to authorities for a history of petty crime, ²⁶² carried out a machete attack on two female police officers. Four people were subsequently arrested for being part of this conspiracy. ²⁶³ It was particularly notable that this attack came two days after a stabbing attack in London that actually killed somebody, but IS did not claim it, further discrediting the notion that IS claims every attack. ²⁶⁴	0	Yes ²⁶⁵	Networked
8 Aug 2016	Belgium, Verviers	Shayh Alami and his son	THWARTED ATTACK Alami's son was arrested after a video circulated of him calling for the annihilation of Christians in the street was uncovered. In custody, the son confessed to trying to recruit IS sympathisers for two attacks, one using a chainsaw against shoppers at a mall and the other an assassination of an imam deemed insufficiently pious. Alami, a Dutch-Moroccan imam who lives on state benefits, has been a known extremist for some time; he was supposed to be deported in August 2015 but his lawyers found a way around it. ²⁶⁶	n/a	No	Networked
10 Aug 2016	Canada, Ontario	Aaron Driver	Driver detonated explosives in the back of a taxi and was then shot dead by police when he emerged carrying the backpack and refused to heed instructions. Driver had planned to carry out a suicide attack in a crowded area at rush hour. Driver was a long-time supporter of the Islamic State who was in contact with numerous propagandist-recruiters, including Junaid Hussain. Driver had also engaged in recruitment of people to terrorism on IS's behalf, encouraged others who were plotting attacks, and assisted would-be terrorists in communications' security and other logistical aspects of terrorism. One example was Elton Simpson. ²⁶⁷	0	Yes	Guided
17 Aug 2016	Russia, Balashika	Uthman Mardalov; Salim Israilov	The two men, both Chechens, attacked a traffic-police post east of Moscow with axes and a gun; one was shot dead during the attack and the other while resisting arrest. The two men provided a <i>bay'a</i> video to <i>Amaq</i> before the attack. ²⁶⁸	0	Yes ²⁶⁹	Guided
20 Aug 2016	Turkey, Gaziantep	[Unknown]	A suicide bomber, aged between 12 and 14, ²⁷⁰ detonated at a Kurdish wedding. ²⁷¹ The area is popular with students and the couple getting married were members of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), the Kurdish party. ²⁷² Of the slain, at least 26 were 16 years old or younger. ²⁷³	51	No	Controlled ²⁷⁴
31 Aug 2016	Denmark, Copenhagen	Mesa Hodzic	Hodzic, a 25-year-old Bosnian who moved to Denmark when he was four years of age, shot and injured two police officers in the Christiania area of the	0	Yes ²⁷⁵	Inspired

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			<p>Danish capital. Hodzic was mortally wounded during the assault, dying in Copenhagen University Hospital two days later. Hodzic was tied to Millatu Ibrahim, a militant Islamist proselytising organisation that is perhaps best-known for once having German IS propagandist-recruiter Denis Cuspert (Abu Talha al-Almani, Deso Dogg) as a member,²⁷⁶ and Hodzic was believed to be an IS sympathiser. Danish authorities downplayed the Islamist motivation, pointing instead to organised crime and cannabis smuggling. One MP said IS's claim of responsibility "exposes the terror network's opportunism and desperation".²⁷⁷</p>			
4 Sept 2016	France, Paris	Seven-person cell	<p style="text-align: center;">THWARTED ATTACK</p> <p>A Peugeot 607 car packed with seven gas cylinders and three cans of diesel was found near Notre Dame Cathedral,²⁷⁸ which unravelled a plot – directed by Rachid Kassim – to attack a Paris railway station. Seven people were arrested, including five women. The initial arrests were a cell of three women. A 19-year-old, Ines Madani,²⁷⁹ had left a letter of <i>bay'at</i> to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi,²⁸⁰ which said she was answering the call of IS's spokesman and deputy Taha Falaha (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani) to "terrorize" Westerners at home.²⁸¹ The planned attack might indeed have been conceived as revenge for Falaha, who was killed on 30 August. Madani, was in direct contact with Kassim,²⁸² and is believed to have links to Hayat Boumeddiene, the wife of the Jewish Hyper Cacher killer, Amedy Coulibaly, who fled to Syria in the wake of that atrocity.²⁸³ Madani charged police with a knife as she was arrested and was subdued with a gunshot to the leg.²⁸⁴ Another woman, Sarah Hervouet, 23, from the Var area of southern Paris, was brought up a Christian but converted and had been set to marry Larossi Abballa.²⁸⁵ Once Abballa was killed while carrying out a guided IS attack, Hervouet got engaged to Adel Kermiche, who was also killed while engaged in an IS guided attack.²⁸⁶ Hervouet tried to stab the police officers during her arrest in Boussy Saint-Antoine.²⁸⁷ The other woman was 39-year-old Amel Sakaou, the landlady who provided logistics for the plot.²⁸⁸ Hervouet's boyfriend was brought up on charges for failing to report the plot. Ornella Gilligman, a convert from Christianity, was arrested on a motorway with her boyfriend (who was subsequently released, having had no involvement in the conspiracy),²⁸⁹ and confessed to trying, with Madani, to</p>	n/a	No	Guided

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			ignite the bomb but fleeing the scene when police arrived. ²⁹⁰ The fifth woman, Essonne, H., stabbed a policeman as well during her arrest in southern Paris. ²⁹¹ The final cell member, a 15-year-old boy who had been under house arrest since the 13 November 2015 Paris attacks, was picked up by police on 10 September 2016. ²⁹² This boy was, like Madani, in direct contact with Kassim. ²⁹³			
8 Sept 2016	France, Paris	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK A 15-year-old was arrested in Rueil-Malmaison in the western suburbs of Paris as he prepared a knife attack. It is considered likely that the boy was receiving instructions from Rachid Kassim. ²⁹⁴	n/a	No	Guided
8 Sept 2016	Britain, London	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK Two brothers, aged 19 and 20, were arrested in West London as they plotted a Paris-style attack in the British capital. The younger brother was the driver of the plot. A third man, Ali Esayed, 19, was arrested in Kennington, South-East London, for involvement in the plot. Esayed is a native of Mosul, Iraq, who came to Britain in 2007 after his father – a translator for the Coalition – was forced out of the country. ²⁹⁵	n/a	No	Networked
9 Sept 2016	Iraq, Baghdad	[Unknown]	Two suicide bombers, one wearing a vest and the other in a car, struck a market in Nakheel Mall, across the street from the oil ministry. Taking "credit" via <i>Amnaq</i> , IS said it had targeted 'a gathering of Shi'ites' on Palestine Street. ²⁹⁶	40 ²⁹⁷	Yes	Controlled
10 Sept 2016	Australia, Sydney	Ihsas Khan	Khan, 22, stabbed and grievously wounded Wayne Greenhalg, 59, outside a home in Minto. Khan attempted to stab the arresting officer, but was eventually subdued and taken into custody. Khan was known to authorities as an extremist "inspired by ISIS", but the police testified in court that Khan was "not connected ..., as far as we know, with any known terrorist group or any of our known terrorist persons of interest". ²⁹⁸	0	No	Inspired
13 Sept 2016	Germany, Schleswig-Holstein	Mahir Al-H., Mohamed A., Ibrahim M.,	THWARTED ATTACK Mahir, 17, Mohamed, 26, and Ibrahim, 18, were arrested at this point. They had formed an IS sleeper cell in Germany. It is not clear whether they already had instructions for an attack or were awaiting them. Mahir had joined IS in Raqqa in early 2015 and been given weapons and explosives training. In October 2015, they were dispatched to Europe and are believed to form part of the same network that carried out the November 2015 Paris attacks and March 2016 Brussels attacks. ²⁹⁹ Mahir is also believed to be connected to	n/a	No	Controlled

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			Thalys train attacker, Ayoub al-Khazzani, and other jihadists in the Netherlands. ³⁰⁰			
14 Sept 2016	France, Paris	[Unknown]	<p style="text-align: center;">THWARTED ATTACK</p> <p>A 15-year-old boy, who was receiving instructions from Rachid Kassim in preparation for a terrorist attack, was arrested. This is the third 15-year-old male in a week arrested in France: one was picked up on 8 September in Rueil-Malmaison while planning an individual attack, and another was rounded up on 10 September as part of a larger cell that was unravelled after the 4 September discovery of an undetonated car bomb near the Notre Dame Cathedral.³⁰¹</p>	n/a	No	Guided
17 Sept 2016	United States, St Cloud, Minnesota	Dahir Ahmed Adan	Dahir Adan stabbed and wounded nine people, seven men and two women, aged 15 to 53, at a shopping mall. Adan asked at least one victim if they were Muslim and attacked them upon being told "no". Adan was shot dead by an off-duty police officer, Jason Falconer. ³⁰² Adan was of Somali background, born in Kenya, and had been in the U.S. for about fifteen years. ³⁰³ Adan was a third-year student at St. Cloud University. The family professed themselves surprised at Adan's radicalisation. ³⁰⁴ Adan was dressed in a security uniform when he entered the mall. ³⁰⁵	0	Yes ³⁰⁷	Inspired
17 Sept 2016	United States, New Jersey and New York	Ahmad Khan Rahami	Rahami conducted a pipe bombing in Seaside Park, New Jersey, set off a pressure cooker bomb in the Chelsea area of Manhattan, and laid explosives in a nearby area of Chelsea and in Elizabeth, New Jersey, that failed to detonate. Thirty people were injured in the blasts and three policemen were injured during the arrest of Rahami. Evidence showed that Rahami was inspired partly by al-Qaeda's Anwar al-Awlaki and IS's Taha Falaha (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani). ³⁰⁸	0	No	Inspired

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20 Sept 2016	Germany, Cologne	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK A 16-year-old Syrian boy, who had received "very concrete instructions" via an online chat app, was arrested at a refugee shelter in the Porz district as he planned a bomb attack. The boy had arrived in Germany in January 2015 and been questioned three times by authorities. His radicalisation was quick. ³⁰⁹	n/a	No	Guided
21 Sept 2016	France, Roanne	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK Two men were arrested in France when their contacts with Rachid Kassim, an IS <i>Ann al-Kharji</i> operative, were detected. Believed to be in the planning stages of a terrorist attack, the two men, aged 30 and 39, had been associates of Kassim's before he departed France for the caliphate, and the younger man, who lived in Kassim's native Roanne, is believed to have maintained contact with his mentor, who brought him to Jihadi-Salafism in the first place. ³¹⁰	n/a	No	Guided
25 Sept 2016	France, Nice	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK Prosecutors announced that two teenage girls, 17 and 19, had been arrested for planning an attack under the direction of Rachid Kassim. The two girls maintain that they had been considering an attack but had ultimately decided against it. Kassim was trying to incite an attack as revenge for the killing of Taha Falaha (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani), the caliph's deputy and IS's official spokesman, whose duties included overseeing the foreign attacks. ³¹¹ The 17-year-old was unknown to police; the 19-year-old was on the security services' radar having been associated with Omar Omsen (Omar Diaby), one of France's most high-profile propagandist-recruiters with IS, and having tried, at 17, to travel to Syria. ³¹²	n/a	Yes	Networked
5 Oct 2016	Belgium, Brussels	Hicham Diop	Diop, 43, a soldier in the Belgian military until 2009 who ran in the regional elections in 2004, stabbed two police officers in the Schaerbeek neighbourhood. Diop was once a member of the Citizenship and Prosperity Party (<i>Parti citoyenneté prospérité</i>), an Islamist group. Diop was shot in the leg and arrested. It has been treated as terrorism and there are strong hints that IS was the motivation. ³¹³	0	No	Inspired
5 Oct 2016	Israel, Sderot	[Unknown]	A jihadi-Salafist group linked to the Islamic State, <i>Ahfad al-Sahaba</i> , claimed responsibility for a missile attack on Sderot, saying this was part of its "jihad against the Jews" and also a response to the arrest of some of its members by HAMAS (an enforcer of the "occupation" of Gaza, in the telling of the	0	Yes	Local Wilayat

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			jihadists). Ahfad had previously launched rockets at Sderot on 21 August and on 2 June. IS has not officially adopted <i>Ahfad</i> as one of its groups. ³¹⁴			
8 Oct 2016	Kuwait, Kuwait City	Ibrahim Sulayman	Sulayman, 28, an Egyptian, drove a truck laden with explosives into a truck carrying five U.S. soldiers, injuring nobody but himself. ³¹⁵ Sulayman was found to have given a written allegiance to IS. ³¹⁶	0	No	Inspired
10 Oct 2016	Germany, Saxony	Jaber al-Bakr	THWARTED ATTACK Al-Bakr, a Syrian who entered Germany in February 2015, was arrested on 10 October after fleeing Chemnitz and evading police for two days, thanks to fellow Syrian refugees who tied him up and called the police. Al-Bakr had been very close to producing an explosive vest and planned to bomb one of the two local airports. ³¹⁷ Al-Bakr committed suicide in prison two days later.	0	No	Guided ³¹⁸
11 Oct 2016	Sweden, Malmo	[Unknown]	A Shi'a community centre and prayer house had its windows smashed and two petrol bombs thrown inside in an attack that IS's newsletter, al-Naba, claimed was conducted by "a warrior from the caliphate," who acted "on the instructions of ... [Abu Muhammad] al-Adnani," IS's official spokesman and deputy, who had been killed about six weeks previously. ³¹⁹ It is possible that IS is lying about having a connection to this attack, but: it would be a break with IS's practice of not indiscriminately claiming terrorist incidents; there is little to be gained from claiming such an "unsuccessful" attack; and the attack itself was not widely covered in the local media, let alone global media, suggesting that IS had guided the perpetrator(s).	0	Yes	[Unclear]
16 Oct 2016	Jordan, Rukban	[Unknown]	IS car bomb struck a guard post manned by the Free Syrian Army-branded rebel group, <i>Jaysh Ahrar al-Ashair</i> (The Free Tribal Army), injuring five. ³²⁰ Amman closed its border after the IS attack in June 2016, which left about 70,000 people stranded in a no-man's land at al-Rukban refugee camp: unable to enter Jordan proper and unable to return to Syria, with only intermittent access to humanitarian relief. ³²¹ About a week prior to this attack, Jordan had agreed to winch in some humanitarian relief to the sealed enclave, where Amman says there are IS sleeper cells. ³²²	0	No	Controlled
16 Oct 2016	Turkey, Gaziantep	[Unknown]	Suicide bombers blew during a counter-terrorism raid on a safe-house. ³²³	3	No	Controlled
16 Oct 2016	Germany, Hamburg	[Unknown]	A 16-year-old boy, Viktor E, was stabbed to death as he sat under Kennedy Bridge around 22:00 with his girlfriend, 15, who was thrown in the river. ³²⁴	1	Yes ³²⁵	[Unclear]

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27 Oct 2016	Kenya, Nairobi	[Unknown]	An IS supporter stabbed a Kenyan police officer outside the American Embassy, and was shot dead during the attack. ³²⁶	0	Yes ³²⁷	[Unclear]
4 Nov 2016	Turkey, Diyarbakir	[Unknown]	A suicide car bomb blew up in a mostly Kurdish area, just as the main Kurdish opposition leaders had been arrested by the government.	9	Yes ³²⁸	Controlled
23 Nov 2016	Indonesia, Majalengka	Rio Priatna Wibawa	THWARTED ATTACK Wibawa, 23, was arrested in Majalengka, West Java Province, as he prepared a bomb more powerful than that used in the 2002 Bali attack that killed 200 people. Wibawa's possible list of targets included the parliament building, police headquarters, television stations, places of worship, and cafés, ³²⁹ but his immediate target was the Embassy of Burma. ³³⁰ Wibawa was guided by Bahrun Naim.	n/a	No	Guided
28 Nov 2016	United States, Ohio	Abdul Razak Ali Artan	Artan, a Somali permanent resident who immigrated to the U.S. from Pakistan in 2014, rammed his car into a crowd of people on the campus of the Ohio State University, where he was a student, and then got out of the car and began stabbing anyone in range. Artan was shot dead; eleven people were injured. ³³¹	0	Yes ³³²	Inspired ³³³
5 Dec 2016	Germany, Ludwigshafen	[Unknown]	THWARTED ATTACK A pedestrian spotted a suspicious rucksack in the bushes near Ludwigshafen Christmas market. Police found a nail-filled bomb inside and destroyed it in a controlled explosion. The device had been planted by a 12-year-old boy, of Iraqi descent with German citizenship, who had tried to carry out a bombing at the market on 26 November, but the bomb failed to explode. The boy has now been taken into custody. It seems that even had the second attempt "succeeded" it was unlikely to be lethal: the device was made from the contents of fireworks and might have been just about flammable, but probably not explosive. The boy is believed to have received instructions from IS via Telegram. ³³⁴	n/a	No	Guided
11 Dec 2016	Egypt, Abbasiya, Cairo	Mahmoud Shafik (Abu Abdallah al-Masri)	A bomb was set off in a chapel adjoining St Mark's Cathedral, a Coptic Church. Later IS released a video of Shafik that was surely given to them beforehand, following the model of other guided attacks. ³³⁵	28	Yes ³³⁶	Local Wilayat / Guided
15 Dec 2016	Germany	Charfeddine T.	THWARTED ATTACK Charfeddine, 24, of Tunisian origins, arrived in Germany in October 2015 having already joined IS, and remained in contact with <i>Amn al-Kharji</i> . ³³⁷	n/a	No	Controlled

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			Charfeddine was arrested on charges of membership in a foreign terrorist organization and planning a mission on their behalf. It is not certain that the operation was a terrorist attack. ³³⁸			
17 Dec 2016	Jordan, Rukban	[Unknown]	Car bomb struck at a checkpoint on the edge of al-Rukban refugee camp manned by <i>Jaysh Ahrar al-Ashair</i> . ³³⁹ The situation in the sealed camp is increasingly desperate, with malnutrition spreading. ³⁴⁰	5	No	Controlled
18 Dec 2016	Jordan, Karak	Muhammad Salih al-Khatib, Muhammad Yusuf al-Qarawinah, Hazim Muhammad Abu Rumman, Asim Muhammad Abu Rahman	Police were lured to a house by an emergency call, and then fired upon. The assailants thereafter fled to a Crusader castle, where four jihadists took 13 people hostage. ³⁴¹ Security forces killed all four jihadists, but seven security personnel and three civilians (one a Canadian tourist named Linda Vatcher ³⁴²) were killed in the process, and more than 30 people wounded.	10	Yes ³⁴³	Controlled
19 Dec 2016	Germany, Berlin	Anis Amri	Amri hijacked a truck and drove it into crowds of Christmas shoppers at the Christmas market beside Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church at Breitscheidplatz. Amri filmed a pre-attack video swearing <i>bay'at</i> to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi that was released by <i>Amaq</i> after the atrocity. Amri was connected with a cell of IS supporters led by IS's most important propagandist-recruiter in Germany, Ahmad Abdulaziz Abdullah (Abu Walaa), an Iraqi-born preacher. ³⁴⁴ Amri also had connections to IS in Libya. ³⁴⁵	12 ³⁴⁶	Yes ³⁴⁷	Guided ³⁴⁸
24 Dec 2016	Russia, Dagestan	[Unknown]	Attack on a checkpoint Kizilyurt, attackers killed a policeman and injured two more.	1	Yes ³⁴⁹	Local Wilayat

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