



TERRORISM

MOSCOW : Two suicide bombings at rush hour

At approximately 7:56 am, a « Black Widow », the name given to female Islamic suicide bombers from the Caucasus, set off her three kilos of explosives that contained metal nuts and bolts to increase the destructive impact of the blast. Forty minutes later, a second bomb, an explosive charge of 1.7 kilos containing tritonal, a mixture of TNT and aluminium powder, blew up at another station. In both cases, the bomb exploded just as the train entered the station in an attempt to maim and kill both passengers onboard and those waiting at the platform. The terrorists chose to attack at the busiest time of the morning when some half a million people use one of the busiest underground systems in the world. Seven million people

use the metro in Moscow each day. 39 people died and a further 102 were injured in the first metro bombings here since 2004. The Moscow authorities had planned to fit the metro system with detectors and sensors like those used in Israel.

A symbolic attack

The attacks against the citizens of Moscow were symbolic for three reasons. The first target, Lubyanka station, lies beneath the headquarters of the FSB, the federal security service. FSB commandos in the Caucasus have carried out successful operations in recent years, with the elimination in March of Anzor Astemirov, a radical leader from Kabardino-Balkaria. Another major strike was the killing of Said Buryat, a convert to Wahhabism and

the main ideologist of terrorism in the region. Buryat 'trained' the suicide bombers. He was in charge of indoctrinating them, a lengthy process that he presented on video tapes posted on web sites. According to sources close to Russian counter-terrorist, 28 other volunteers, mostly women, are ready, conditioned and at large. The second bomb exploded at Kultury Park station, located in a district that houses press agencies, television stations and Gorky Park, one of the main cultural attractions of the capital. In addition, the date of the bombings, the first day of Holy Week, accentuated the horror of the attacks for many Russians. The Kremlin must now find an appropriate response. The country is set to host the 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

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► The second Chechen war, that began in October 1999, officially ended for the Russian government on 16 April 2009. Though many Islamic warlords in the Caucasus have been eliminated over the past few years, separatist fighters in the Caucasus continue to carry out operations in Russia, Chechnya, Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkaria, with funding from the Chechen diaspora and Islamic benefactors. Aware that their operations in the Caucasus do not attract the attention of the international community to their cause, the new leaders of the « Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus » have taken the decision to carry out spectacular bomb attacks. Emir Dokka Umarov decided on a strategy of strikes on Russian cities outside the Caucasus with a declaration in February 2010 posted on separatist web site kazkav.com. The suicide bombings in Moscow signal a new terror campaign using « martyrs », specifically the infamous « Black Widows ». These attacks, perpetrated in the name of Islamic nationalism had the support of this terror movement. For the moment, such attacks are confined to Russia, but Russian interests abroad may also be targeted, which would strengthen ties with jihadist movement al-Qaeda, and constitute a new threat for the West.

EVENT 8TH SOFEX TRADE FAIR IN AMMAN

► GEOS will take part at the SOFEX Trade Fair (Special Operation Forces Exhibition and Conference) on May 10 - 13. The Jordanian Prime Minister and Minister of Defense will attend. www.sofexjordan.com

SECURITY ETHIOPIA EU ELECTORAL OBSERVATION MISSION

► GEOS EUIR is set to manage the security and logistics of the EU Electoral Observation Mission during the forthcoming legislative and provincial elections that begin on May 23 next.

CONFERENCE GEOS BRAZIL AT CEO CLUB

► J.-P. Ferro presented « Cross-company policies and associated risks in Latin America » at the « CEO Club » that gathers regional directors of French corporations with operations in Latin America.

DEVELOPMENT NEW GEOS BRANCH IN IRAQ

► April 2010: GEOS opened its new branch in Baghdad, Iraq. The Group provides operational support to companies seeking to enter the Iraqi market with risk prevention, technical assistance and safety/security services.

CHILE BOMB ATTACK AGAINST LAN AIRLINES

▶ A bomb struck the headquarters of Chilean airline company LAN Airlines in Santiago. This was the second bomb attack in the city in 48 hours. The first blast struck a bank, also in the capital city. Last December, a bomb exploded in front of an insurance company. Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

SAUDI ARABIA MASS ARRESTS IN RADICAL CIRCLES

▶ 101 individuals, charged with conspiring to plot against the Kingdom in liaison with al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), have been arrested by the Saudi police. Over fifty Saudi nationals, as well as suspects from Bangladesh, Eritrea, Somalia and Yemen were arrested. According to the authorities, terror cells with bases in Yemen were



preparing to carry out attacks against petroleum facilities in the Kingdom. Over the last six years, Riyadh has neutralised the leadership of AQAP. Terrorists moved to Yemen, but clashes with the Yemeni Army over the last several months appear to have forced them back to Saudi Arabia.

SWEDEN BOMB BLAST AMID ETHNIC TENSIONS IN MALMÖ

▶ A bomb blast caused major damage to a restaurant in the city. Ethnic tensions are rising in the city between groups of Swedish bikers and immigrants who are fighting over control of the drug trade. The city is a major drug trafficking hub. The Swedish Jewish community has also been the target of attacks in the city.

COLOMBIA ARMY FREES FIVE FARC HOSTAGES

▶ The Army succeeded in freeing five employees of Tuboscope and Tecnioriente, subcontractors of Occidental Petroleum Corp, who were captured in Arauca State, near the oilfield of Caricare. The five men were held in captivity for four days near the Venezuelan border. They were released after the Army launched an assault.

NIGER AL QAEDA CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUICIDE ATTACK

▶ Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) has claimed responsibility for the attack on a outpost of the Army on the border with Mali. According to official sources, five soldiers and three Islamic radicals were killed in the attack. AQIM claimed, the death of 25 soldiers, the destruction of the outpost and three military vehicles.

MADAGASCAR PIRATES OPERATING FAR FROM THEIR BASES

▶ The UBT Ocean, a Marshall Island flagged chemical tanker owned by Norwegian shipowners Broevigtank, was hijacked in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Madagascar where it had rerouted for security reasons before setting sail for Dar El Salaam. The ship was transporting petroleum from the United Arab Emirates to Tanzania.

TURKEY INCIDENT AT UKRAINE CONSULATE

▶ A Turkish national, pretending to have an explosive device on his person and to be carrying a gun, was wounded by Turkish police officers stationed at the Consulate of Ukraine in Istanbul, in the European part of the city. The wife of the attacker lives in Ukraine. Apparently, a visa problem was the reason for the incident.

SECURITY

US consulates targeted by Mexican cartels

Three people killed in ambush

An employee of the consulate of the United States in Ciudad Juarez and her spouse, as well as the Mexican husband of a second employee were killed when a machine gun sprayed the building in a drive-by shooting. It was the most serious attack against an American diplomatic building in the country and comes after a long series of violent incidents. Ten days before the attack, the same consulate was evacuated after a bomb scare. Also, at the beginning of March, two 4-wheel drive vehicles, transporting men wearing balaclavas and police uniforms of the State of Nuevo Leon, drove up to the sentry box in front of the consulate of Monterrey. The men claimed they were there for a «security inspection». The guard on duty, an actual police officer of Nuevo Leon, sought to verify their

IDs. After a quarter of an hour, the commando left the scene. US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, travelled to Mexico for a long-planned visit to meet with her Mexican counterpart, Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, to discuss issues of security. The visit was upscaled with the presence of Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, Defence Secretary Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mullen. ***These attacks come one month after Washington took measures to assist Mexico in the war on the drug cartels, in particular with the establishment, in Juarez, of an intelligence centre. Given current tensions, American nationals in the country must take the appropriate precautions.***

South Africa and FIFA World Cup

The 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup begins in three months. South Africa has started security operations across the country. The South African National Defense Force (SANDF) has taken over responsibility for border security from the police forces. One major issue is possible infiltration by terrorists over the porous frontiers with Mozambique and Zimbabwe. For the moment, the Chief of Staff of the SANDF has stated that there have been no specific threats made against the event. However, special counterterrorism unit servicemen will cover the sporting competition. Another border issue is the problem of drug trafficking and prostitution which are likely to increase during the event. South Africa, when the competition

kicks off on 11 June next, will welcome 350,000 visitors. This poses a real challenge in terms of security for a country with high crime rates, widespread urban violence, and one of the highest murder rates in the world, second only to Colombia. This situation has already led to the cancellation of nearly 100,000 bookings by supporters of different teams, and a massive shortfall for the local tourist industry. Pretoria is hoping that the FIFA World Cup will project a good image of the country. ***The authorities will also have to deal with the post-World Cup period. For example, in Athens, there was a spike in prostitution during the Olympic Games in 2004 and the problem remains to this day.***

**RUSSIA
VLADIMIR
ANTONOV
INVESTIGATES**

▶ The participation of the Russian banker in Saab's sale of Spyker was refused after a report by Swedish secret services secrets, Säpo, accused him of having ties with organised crime. Mr. Antonov has hired a private firm to investigate these allegations and to prove his bona fides (see Alertes n°93). Saab vehicles may end up being manufactured in Russia.

**NORWAY
SAS NORWAY
APPEAL
REJECTED**

▶ The appeal of airline company SAS Norway, a subsidiary of SAS International, has been rejected in court. The company must pay a fine of 20 million euro to rival firm Norwegian Air. SAS Norway was found guilty of commercial espionage. It used the Amadeus computer reservation system to obtain information on its competitor.



**FRANCE
HEAVY
SENTENCES FOR
COUNTERFEITERS**

▶ Two former employees of the Hermès Group have been sentenced to three years prison for making fake handbags. Losses for the Group have been estimated by Hermès at approximately 3.5 million euros.

**UNITED STATES
JUDGE
PROTECTS
TRADE SECRETS**

▶ The US Magistrate in charge of legal proceedings between Wyko and Goodyear has ruled that incriminating evidence, pictures of tires, must be viewed 'in camera', to protect the interests of the parties. Two employees of Wyko are accused of taking photos of prototype tires during a visit to a Goodyear plant. They face 150 years in prison and a 2.75 million dollar fine.

**E-SHOPPING
COUNTERFEIT
IPHONE AVAILABLE
ON INTERNET**

▶ According to consumer-to-consumer web site PriceMinister, counterfeit iPhones are the reason for 41 % of user accounts being blocked by the site. Nokia is in second (27 %) of blocked accounts. The number of counterfeit mobile phones is rising, with contraband Blackberry models rising +772 %, Samsung +294 % and Sony +270 %.

English football concerned after spy affair

England team steps up security after hotel was bugged

Conversations between technical staff members of the English national football squad were recorded at the Grove Hotel in Hertfordshire. In total, at least six hours of recordings of conversations on the strategies of the English team as detailed by head coach Fabio Capello are now in the hands of unknown parties. The friendly match between Egypt and England as well as details on tactics ahead of the FIFA World Cup next June were discussed. Issues concerning relationships between squad members and the private lives of players were also discussed. However, according to the British press, leaks to other national football teams is not the main concern. The wiretaps were probably made to provide sensationalist news items to the British red-tops. British tabloids

are avid for news of dissent between head coach Capello and certain players, including former captain John Terry. Another point of interest were «negotiations» on player bonuses in the event of success at the World Cup. The Football Association of England (FA) announced that it will reinforce security around the team, in particular at hotels open to the public. It also said that it will sue any media outlets that broadcast or publish the transcripts. Manchester United Football Club, caught up in a similar affair four years ago, now has its dressing rooms swept before each match. **High-level sport faces threats akin to the luxury and hi-tech industries. Data protection is a priority to ensure the success of both sporting teams and companies.**

Kevlar secrets stolen at DuPont

Michael David Mitchell set up his own consulting company after 24 years working as an engineer and then Head of Sales of Kevlar at DuPont de Nemours. His first client was Korean firm Kolon Industries, one of the few companies capable of producing aramid fibres used in the manufacture of Kevlar. Kevlar is an extremely resistant material, five times more resistant than steel. It was invented by DuPont and the production process remains a jealously guarded secret and is protected by the firm and by US federal authorities. Accordingly, all employees of DuPont sign a clause of confidentiality when they are led to handle Kevlar. Though Mitchell signed, he did not respect the agreement. When he left DuPont,

he kept confidential information that he planned to sell on to Kolon. He even made contact with former colleagues who had remained with DuPont. When these contacts were uncovered, the company alerted the FBI and the Department of Commerce. A search of Mitchell's home revealed evidence of wrongdoing. The FBI decided to get him to collaborate and to reveal any accomplices he may have had at Kolon. Finally, Mr. Mitchell, pleading guilty, was sentenced to 18 months prison and a fine of 187,895 dollars. **Even though the patent that protects Kevlar has expired, production processes remain a commercial issue estimated to be worth billions of dollars and are defended as such.**

**SOUTH KOREA
AFTERMATH
OF SAMSUNG
SPY SCANDAL**

▶ Nineteen people (ten employees of Applied Materials Inc, five from Hynix Semiconductor Inc and four from Samsung) were sentenced by the Korean courts in a case of industrial espionage, where Samsung micro chip technology was stolen. All the suspects pleaded not guilty.

**ROMANIA
SAAB DEMANDS
ANSWERS FROM
BUCHAREST**

▶ The decision of Romanian Minister of Defense to buy twenty-four secondhand F-16 fighter planes from the United States, with an option for the same number of new planes for the Romanian Air Force was met with anger by Swedish manufacturer, Gripen. Furthermore, the President of the Romanian Senate, Mircea Geoana, leader of the opposition, received ambassadors of EU member states stationed in Bucharest, to discuss the decision by Romania. Two other European fighter planes, the French Rafale, manufactured by Dassault, and the EADS Eurofighter were also in the running. The selection has been widely criticised, but is still subject to confirmation by Parliament. Romania acceded recently to the EU. The contract was not subject to an international tender.



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The GEOS Risk Advisory Bureau enabled the two countries to validate, budget and implement the security risk master plan for project construction work.

Logistics and Security Management for Electoral Observation Mission, Lebanon, April-June 2009

As part of the European Union's Electoral Observation Missions in Lebanon, GEOS, in association with the German International Development Agency (GTZ), delivered security, logistics and operational management for the 80 observers and delegates in the zone. GEOS also performed the role of administrative and financial operator for the acquisition of material and equipment for the mission.

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