



## Collected Materials on AQAP

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### KEY ATTACKS ON WESTERN TARGETS

#### Attacks on Westerner/US Civilians

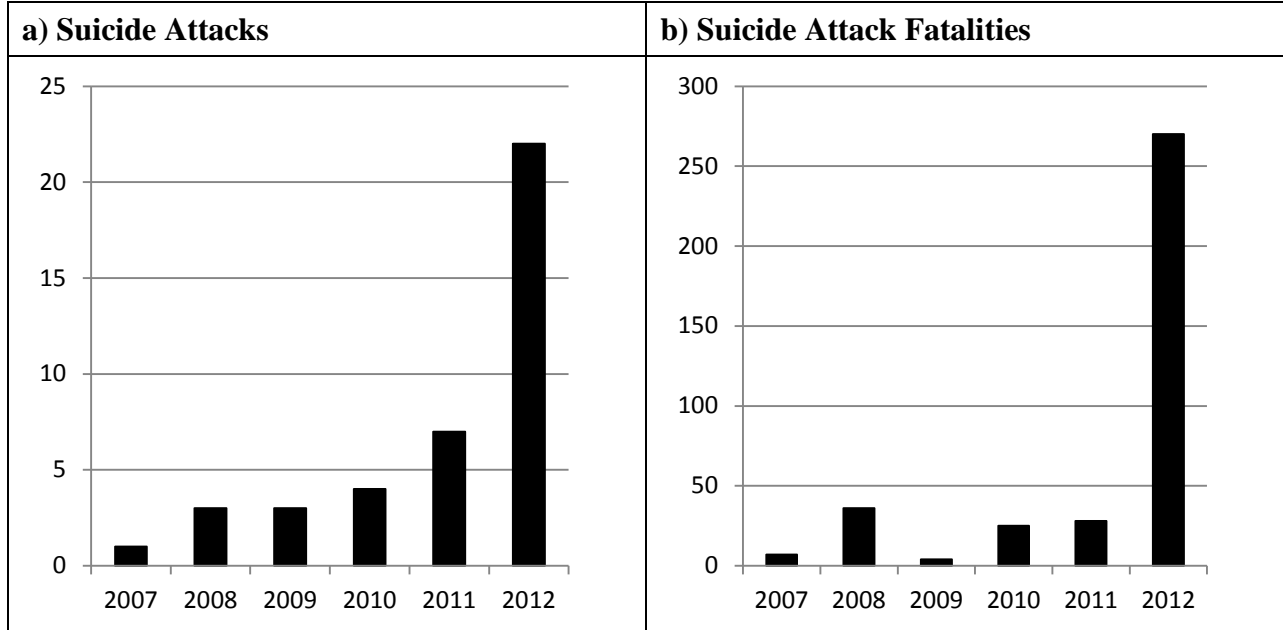
1. 7/2/2007: In Marib, Ma'rib, Yemen at Mahram Bilquis Temple, 1 attacker attacked **Western Tourists** in a Completed suicide attack with a Car bomb, killing 7 persons (7 civilian, 0 political, and 0 security) and wounding 12 persons. No group claimed responsibility, but Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is suspected. The attack was verified as Completed on 8/5/2013. This summary generated: 8/5/2013 8:01:44 PM.
2. 3/15/2009: In Shibam, Hadramawt, Yemen at Shibam UNESCO World Heritage Site, 1 attacker attacked **South Korean Tourists** in a Completed suicide attack with a Belt bomb, killing 4 persons (4 civilian, 0 political, and 0 security) and wounding 6 persons. No group claimed responsibility, but Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is suspected. The attack was verified as Completed on 8/5/2013. This summary generated: 8/5/2013 8:01:44 PM.
3. 12/25/2009: Failed suicide attack on **US airliner** on approach at Detroit International Airport using underwear bomb. Attack claimed by both AQAP and AQC.

#### Attacks on Foreign Diplomats

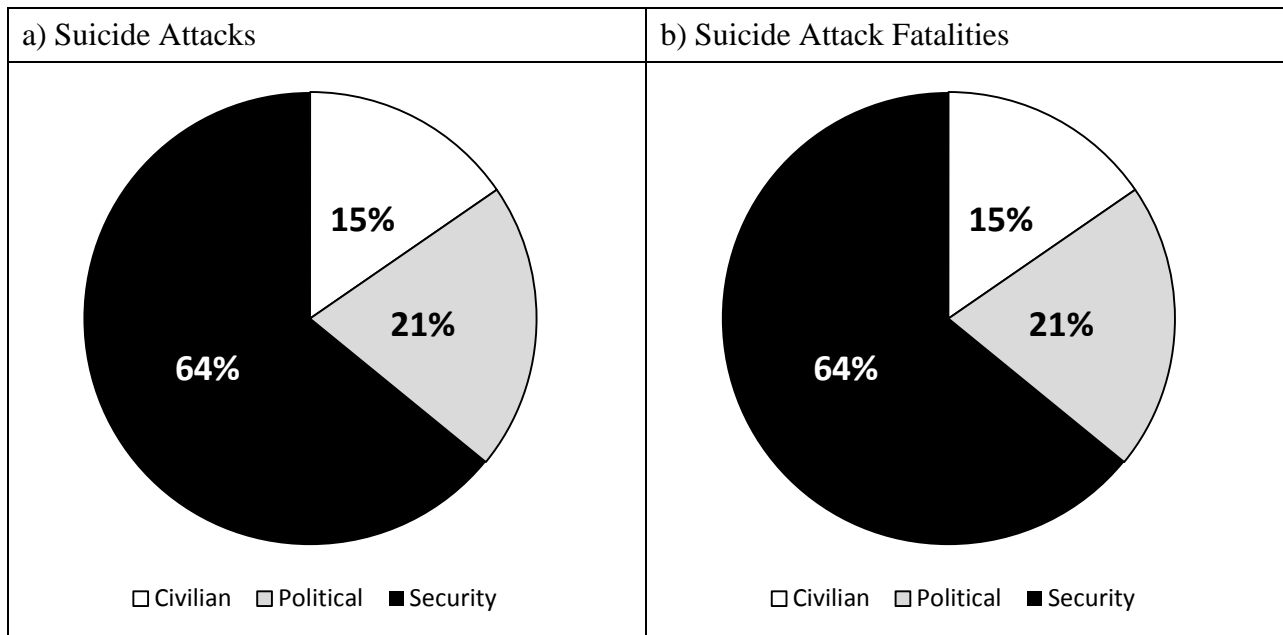
1. 9/17/2008: In Sanaa, San'a', Yemen, 2 attackers attacked **US Embassy** in a Completed suicide attack with a Car bomb, killing 10 persons (4 civilian, 0 political, and 6 security) and wounding 3 persons. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed the attack. The attack was verified as Completed on 8/5/2013. This summary generated: 8/5/2013 8:01:44 PM.
2. 8/27/2009: In Jeddah, Makkah Province, Saudi Arabia, 1 attacker attacked Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, **Saudi Arabian Deputy Prime Minister** in a Completed suicide attack with a Other, killing no one and wounding 1 persons. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed the attack. The attack was verified as Completed on 8/5/2013. This summary generated: 8/5/2013 8:01:44 PM.
3. 4/26/2010: In Sanaa, San'a', Yemen at Outside British Embassy, near Berlin Garden public park and Movenpick hotel, 1 attacker attacked Timothy Torlot, **British Ambassador to Yemen** in a Completed suicide attack with a Belt bomb, killing 1 persons (1 civilian, 0 political, and 0 security) and wounding 3 persons. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed the attack. The attack was verified as Completed on 8/5/2013. This summary generated: 8/5/2013 8:01:44 PM.

## STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

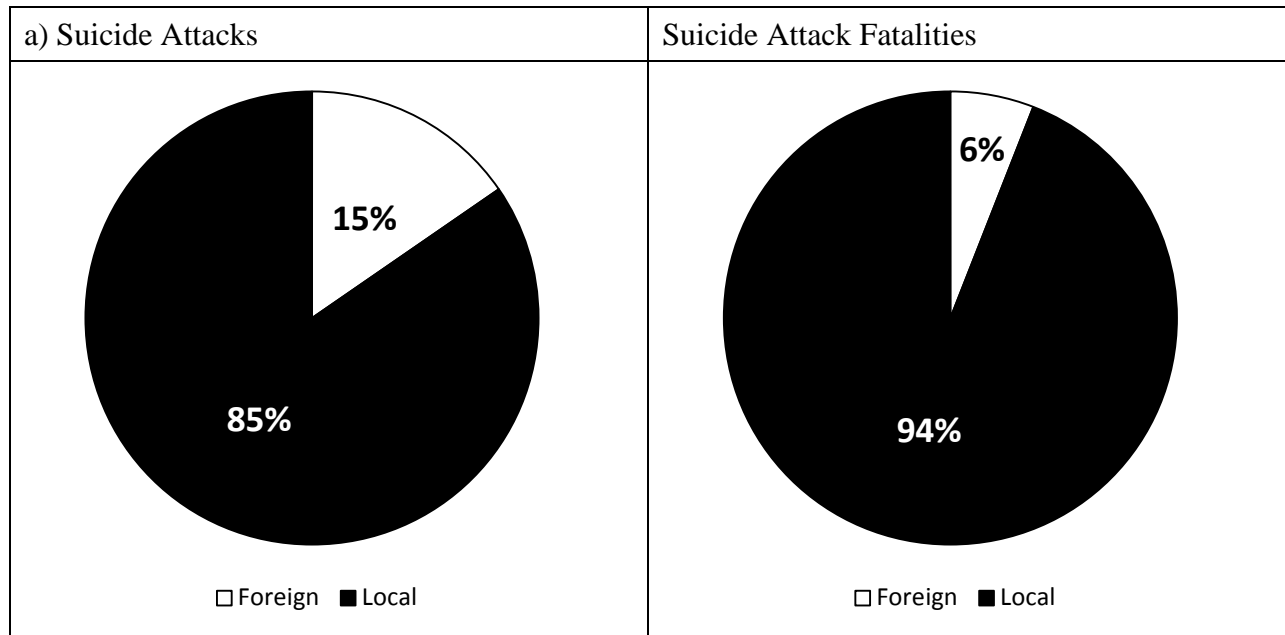
### Suicide Attacks Fatalities by Year



### Suicide Attacks and Fatalities by Target Type



**Suicide Attacks and Fatalities by Target Origin (Local=Yemeni)**



## **CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKS ON WESTERN TARGETS**

### **Claim for U.S. Embassy Attack:**

"Take the infidels out of the Arabian Peninsula.

"Al-Furqan Campaign

"Praise be to God alone, and peace and blessings be upon the final prophet.

"God almighty said: 'But if they violate their oaths after their covenant, and taunt you for your Faith,- fight ye the chiefs of Unfaith: for their oaths are nothing to them: that thus they may be restrained' [Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:12].

"We stand here at the threshold of a new phase in the Arabian Peninsula and with the grace of the Almighty and the Vanquisher, we will change history. We are doing this to bring back the glory and grandeur of the nation as well as the guided caliphate, that which is based upon the prophetic traditions.

"It is from this platform that the martyr Abu-Ali al-Harithi Brigade struck the global symbol of open non-belief, the American embassy, with a brazen suicide attack operation using two blessed vehicles and led by the jihadist knight, Lutf Muhammad Bahr Abu-Abd-al-Rahman and six of his monotheist and jihadist-taught students.

"The heroes covered both vehicles with armor, covering all sides with the exception of a view finder that was only a few centimeters long. They cut out two roof openings in the first vehicle and one in the second vehicle. There were a total of seven knights, five in the first vehicle and two in the second.

"The first vehicle attempted to reach the pit of the cross in Yemen, the land of belief and wisdom, and the attack was as follows: The supporters of the facilitators from the right and from the left stood on top of the attacking vehicle and became directly involved in a clash with the defenders of the cross. The third and fourth knight approached on foot and also took part in a direct clash with the enemy's front lines. From there, the driver set forth to his target and penetrated the primary concrete barrier of the lobby. At one of the corners, the vehicle came to a stop, and the soldiers dismounted to the right, while he was covered by the one dismounting to the left. Then the one to the right covered the one to the left as he advanced, completing the three-pronged attack. They were able to remove the metal barrier as well as other artificial barricades. As soon as the driver of the first vehicle was able to penetrate the lobby's concrete barriers, he headed to his assigned target as the other knights flanked him in covering positions, poised to attack the Crusaders in their own fortification. That was the account of what took place. Praise be to God.

"The martyr approached the building to the left of the gate with his steed ready, coming through the same wall that now has a gaping hole and where the attackers were able to penetrate and cleanse the area as they chanted, 'God is great, God is great, God is great.' They had announced to their brothers in the media committee by phone that they had killed the American ambassador, as the ambassador and his deputy were present in that area at the time of the attack. It also

appears that they were able to kill the administrative attaché who seemed to have been trampled by a truck.

"At this very moment, the second vehicle approached its target without many obstacles except for the remains of the embassy building which were scattered everywhere. The heroic knights entered the pit of the cross in a great battle as they have longed and competed for death while their enemies flee from it. A few minutes later, God's wisdom came upon the driver of the second vehicle and he advanced toward his target. It is here that our knight advanced to end the battle with a great finale declaring victory to the people of wisdom and belief against the pit of non-belief and cunning toward Islam and Muslims in the land of the spirit and support of the merciful.

"There remain some details of the events and preparations of the operation which we will keep private according to the interest of Islam and Muslims.

"May God have mercy on the people possessing the fighting spirit and the outstanding tactical creativity. May God have mercy on the martyr, the executor, the servant, the active scholar, Shaykh Lutf Muhammad Bahr, and Abu-Abd-al-Rahman, who taught his students the true meaning of 'there is no god but God' as he was the first among them to die for that sake. All the heroes of this blessed operation were among his students and will count in the balance of his good deeds. May God have mercy on the martyr Mahmud Sa'd al-Zakiri and accept him as a martyr for he was the leader of this blessed campaign and operation. He was honest, loyal, forthcoming, and obedient. May God have mercy on the martyr Qabus Sa'id Mas'ad al-Sharaba'I, Abu-Ja'far. May God have mercy on the martyr Yahya Fatini, Abu-Khattab. May God have mercy on the martyr Rashid al-Wassabi, Abu-Jihad. Those were the five heroic knights of the first detachment.

"May God have mercy on the martyr Walid al-Gharam al-Rimi, Abu-Khalid, the leader of the second company. May God have mercy on the martyr Zayn Tuhmas, Abu-Ubaydah. May God have mercy on all of them.

"Let everyone know that this attack did not take place in a market where Muslims frequent or one of their gathering spots or their homes. This took place in the pit of deviousness and treachery, a fortified base of the global Crusaders. We do not differentiate between the American Embassy in Kabul or in Baghdad or in Riyadh or in Sanaa. Also, martyrdom in Afghanistan and Iraq is the same as in Sanaa and Riyadh. We promise the worshipers of the cross that they will be stricken, for we have prepared men who have no fear and they are ready to eradicate you as punishment for the Mujahid Shaykh Abu-Ali al-Harithi, his brothers, and all the martyrs.

"It appears to us that the infidels will not leave the Arabian Peninsula but they will be killed there, God willing. The mujahidin are preparing day and night and God will facilitate for them to have the Crusaders taste calamities that they have never imagined, such as was the case in Khobar. Go ahead and increase your security forces and procedures in all the embassies and the pits of the cross. Go ahead and spend your money so that it will be twice the loss when you are defeated. The mujahidin will attack you from where you least expect.

"To conclude: This blessed operation took place on the 17 Ramadan 1429 [ 17 September 2008]. It came as an answer to the call of the mujahid leader Shaykh Abu-Abdallah, Usama bin Ladin, and the call of the wise man of the nation, the mujahid physician, Abu-Muhammad, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

"We promise everyone that the reach of the Merciful is ongoing, God willing.

"Except those who believe, work righteousness, engage much in the remembrance of Allah, and defend themselves only after they are unjustly attacked. And soon will the unjust assailants know what vicissitudes their affairs will take!" [Koranic verse; Al-Shu'ara; 26:227]

"Al-Qa'ida of Jihad Organization in the Arabian Peninsula"

### **Bin Laden Claim for Failed Christmas Bombing**

(As translated into English by an al-Jazeera translator)

"In the name of God the most passionate, the most merciful.

From Osama to Obama:

A peace be on those who follow the light of guidance. If our messages to you could be carried by words, we wouldn't have done that by planes. The message I want to convey to you through the plane of the hero Umar al-Farouk re-affirms a previous message that the heroes of 9/11 convey to you and it was repeated frequently. The message is that America will never dream of living in peace unless we live it in Palestine. It is unfair that you enjoy a safe life while our brothers in Gaza suffer greatly. Therefore, with God's will, our attacks on you will continue as long as you continue to support Israel. Peace be upon those who follow the light of guidance."

### **AQAP Claim for Failed Christmas Bombing (As reported by Reuters)**

(Reuters) - A regional wing of al Qaeda said it was behind the failed Christmas Day bombing of a U.S. passenger plane, which was meant to avenge U.S. attacks on the group in Yemen, according to a web statement posted on Monday.

The group told Americans to expect more attacks, after the failed bomb plot turned the spotlight on the poor Arab country.

The United States and Yemen's neighbor Saudi Arabia fear al Qaeda will use instability in the country to carry out attacks in the world's main oil exporting region and beyond.

Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) said in the statement posted on Islamist websites that it had provided the Nigerian suspect with a "technically advanced device" but that it had failed to detonate because of a technical fault.

The group said the attack was in retaliation for recent raids on its militants that it said had been carried out by U.S. jets and had caused many civilian deaths.

"We tell the American people that since you support the leaders who kill our women and children ... we have come to slaughter you (and) will strike you with no previous (warning), our vengeance is near," the statement said.

The Yemeni government says it carried out military raids on December 17, in which more than 30 al Qaeda members were killed, and another on December 24.

Opposition groups said about 50 civilians were killed, including women and children.

The New York Times has said Washington gave hardware, intelligence and other support to Yemeni forces for the raids.

"We call on all Muslims ... to throw out all unbelievers from the Arabian Peninsula by killing crusaders who work in embassies or elsewhere ... (in) a total war on all crusaders in the Peninsula of (Prophet) Mohammad," the statement said.

Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab is charged with trying to blow up a Delta Airlines plane as it approached Detroit on a flight from Amsterdam with almost 300 people on board. Besides al Qaeda, Yemen is also grappling with a Shi'ite revolt in the north and a separatist movement in the south with both complaining of social and economic discrimination, something the government denies.

On Monday, a spokesman for the northern rebels rejected as "fictitious" reports that rebel leader Abdul-Malik al-Houthi had been killed in the fighting, Al Jazeera TV's website said. Yemen's national security chief Ali Mohammad Al-Ansi told a state-run website that 29 al Qaeda members had been arrested.

"There will be more operations awaiting terrorist elements and their nests," the Defense Ministry website quoted an unidentified security official as saying.