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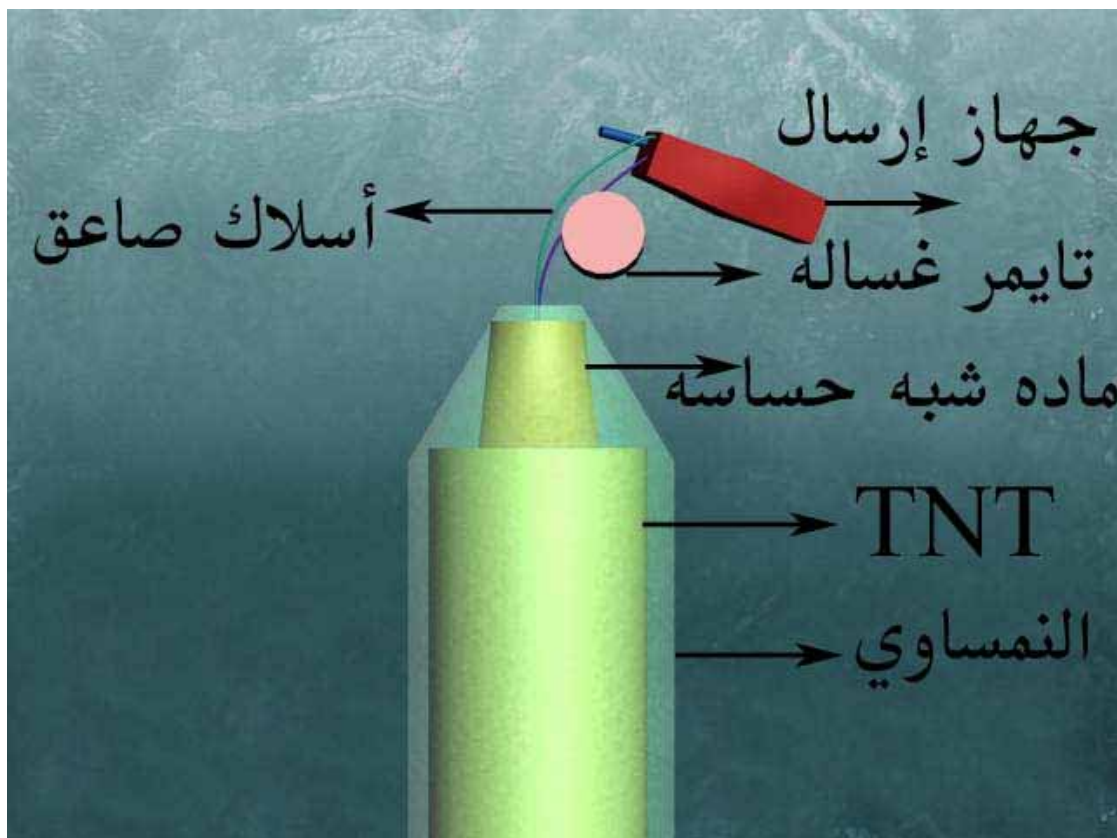
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**Graphic:** A diagram from the PowerPoint presentation on how to construct IEDs (see Item 3) recommends using RDX on top of compressed, solid TNT. "The type of explosives you use will depend on the skills of your terrorist cell," the writer says.



## Orientation/Introduction:

Please review the introduction to the Terror Web Watch at [Intel Report](#).

## Item 1: Jihadists issue their own "Security Report" for their operations in Pakistan ([Country Profile](#))

This "security review for Pakistan for the month of April" was posted "as a service for Mujahideen." The group publishing it calls itself the "Islamic Media Observatory" and maintains an email address with the ".uk" extension, implying they are operating out of the United Kingdom ([Country Profile](#)). The report mostly follows the counter-terror efforts of the government. The section on the government's involvement with foreign countries may be relevant as it may impact targeting – the government's involvement with foreign intelligence is obviously a focus for this group and others and, therefore, may become a desired target for operations.

Excerpts from the five-page security review follow:

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Security Report for the Month of April, 2005

A list of people arrested for suspicion of involvement in al-Qaeda or Jihadist organizations:

(Secret/Limited Use)

	Name	Nationality	Date of Arrest	Place Arrested	Charge
1	Sarmad Abdullah	Chechen	4/1/2005	Peshawar	Suspected of involvement with al-Qaeda
2	Aziz Khan	Afghani	4/1/2005	Peshawar	Suspected of involvement with al-Qaeda
3	Musa [unknown]	Uzbek	4/1/2005	Peshawar	Suspected of involvement with al-Qaeda
4	Oweiss [unknown]	Pakistani	4/1/2005	Peshawar	Suspected of involvement with al-Qaeda
5	Hamad [unknown]	Tajik	4/1/2005	Peshawar	Suspected of involvement with al-Qaeda
6	Nesyan [unknown]	Russian	4/1/2005	Peshawar	Suspected of involvement with al-Qaeda
7	Ahmed Sheshrab	Turkish	4/1/2005	Peshawar	Suspected of involvement with al-Qaeda
8	Mawlawi Omar Siyal	Afghani	4/2/2005	Karachi	Involvement with the "Baqia Allah" group
9	Mohammed Abbas	Pakistani	4/2/2005	Karachi	Involvement with the "Baqia Allah" group
10	4 people	Iraqi	4/11/2005	Near Peshawar	Involvement with al-Qaeda
11	Mujawari Mohammed Saif	Algerian	4/12/2005	Near Peshawar	Involvement with al-Qaeda
12	Mehdi Ribah	Algerian	4/12/2005	Near Peshawar	Involvement with al-Qaeda
13	Mawlana Mohammed Nafis	Pakistani	4/25/2005	Karachi	Involvement with the Army of Mohammed
14	Mufti Yassin	Pakistani	4/25/2005	Karachi	Involvement with the Army of Mohammed

### The Security Situation in the Capital Islamabad

The capital Islamabad has not seen any security tension during the month of April, after security measures were strengthened all around the city. Laws have been passed that allow for the inspection of vehicles and banning tinted glass on automobiles. The number of police has been increased in front of offices and main government institutions. Checkpoints have been established around the city.



### The Situation of Foreigners in Pakistan:

On April 12, the American General consulate in the city of Karachi was closed for security reasons until the 15th of April. Gregory Crouch, spokesman for the embassy, announced that the consulate had closed because of growing fear regarding its security.

### New Security Developments:

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, Pakistani Interior Minister Aqtab Ahmed Khan emphasized that strict security measures have been put into place to guarantee the safety of foreigners in Pakistan.

### Most important explosions during the month:

Location of Explosion	Type of Bomb	Date of Explosion	Killed	Injured	Material Losses	Group Responsible
Quetta/Baluchistan	Grenade	4/10/2005	2	5	-	Unknown
Banjar Airport/Baluchistan	Missiles	4/11/2005	-	-	Airport	Unknown
Waziristan	Timed device	4/14/2005	1	3	Car	Unknown
Miran Shah	Timed device	4/14/2005	-	A child	-	Unknown
Near Quetta/Baluchistan	Timed device	4/20/2005	-	-	Electric tower	Local group
Near Quetta/Baluchistan	Timed device	4/21/2005	-	-	Electric tower	Local group
Sindh/Baluchistan	Timed device	4/25/2005	-	A woman	Electric tower	Unknown

.... Most important activities of the Pakistani government with regards to cooperating with foreign nations:

On April 5, a secret report indicated that a joint investigative team of the American Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and Pakistan's FIA were cooperating and sharing information and the results of investigations. The FIA was also cooperating with Interpol. The goal was to create a joint counterterrorism team.

On April 18, the Third Congress agreed to diplomatic and military provisions to adjust its role in working with Afghanistan and the United States. These would strengthen the cooperation and information sharing aspect of its role and make its counter-terrorism operations more effective. An official statement declared that the members of the Third Congress had begun their report on the success of the general military operations to combat terrorism that have already taken place, in order to encourage cooperation and the exchange of intelligence information and to improve their results. The members of the Third Congress received a counter drug trade working group which was formed on their suggestion. They also decided to reconvene in June 2005.

On April 30, a team of important officials in the security apparatus in Pakistan headed toward the United States to take classes and receive training in the most modern security developments...

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Links: Al-Qaeda ([Group Profile](#)), United States ([Country Profile](#))

This is the only "security report" of its kind that has been seen so far online for the purpose of Mujahideen operating in an area. It would be an interesting development if this became a regular publication or expanded to other countries or regions, as these types of groups have not issued this sort of publication previously.

## Item 2: From the manuals of al-Qaeda trainer Abu Musab al-Suri: "Presenting the Soldiers with the Method of the Remote Control"

Abu Musab al-Suri is believed to be Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's primary spiritual mentor also an influential tactical trainer of the Jordanian-born terrorist (see more in last week's Terror Web Watch ([Intel Report](#))).

Abu Musab al-Suri, whose theaters of operation have ranged from Syria to Pakistan to Algeria to various European countries remains at large. Many of his ideological books and training materials have recently been



made available online (For descriptions of Abu Musab's al-Suri's poisons and chemicals manuals, see Terror Web Watch 4-22-05 ([Intel Report](#)) and 4-29-05 ([Intel Report](#))).

This particular manual is entitled "Presenting the Soldiers with the Method of the Remote Control." The 46-page manual contains lessons on how to wire explosives so that they can be detonated by a remote device. He explains in the introduction the importance of using explosives that are remotely detonated as a way to compensate for asymmetries in force.

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In this age, it jars the soul of the believer to see the enemies of God – the Jews and the Christians – race and compete to own the most destructive weapons they can, as the Muslims fall farther and farther into insignificance...but Muslims guard the honor of their religion jealously, and they learned about military preparation in all of its types, and terrorizing the enemies of God became the most important of all obligations, the closest thing to God, for as God says: "Terrorize the enemies of Allah and oppose them..." For terrorism of this type is something to be praised, to be striven toward, to call people to do. It is something from which dignity may be derived...and I tell you, my brother Mujahid, sources of power in this age have changed and diversified. You might say that the wars today are different than wars of past eras, in terms of being able to destroy from afar. Perhaps this is the secret that was revealed in the interpretation of the saying of the Prophet: "Power lies in [the use of] archery."

We must also consider the fact that the best weapon available in terms of destructive power are explosives – and so, the use of explosives [by remote control] undoubtedly increases our strength and our effectiveness...Consider how good it would be to blow up the infidel armies from a distance of hundreds of meters, to rip apart their bodies, while maintaining between you and them this long distance: to tear down the tyrants, while between you and them is this protection. This can be done by using a remote control device or a timing device. This will cut down on the number of casualties in the ranks of the Mujahideen, which is an obligation to anyone who has the power to do it...this is especially useful in the situation of fighting without a state or a place to establish the Mujahideen.

[end translation]

Abu Musab goes on to give a lengthy course in basic electronics, circuits, and wiring to explain how remote controls can be hooked up to explosive devices. He mentions that he gleaned the importance of this technique from his time spent with Algerian terrorists. The interesting thing about this document is that it is dated November 2001. Because Abu Musab al-Suri is probably Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's primary mentor and spiritual leader, this document looks like it may have been Zarqawi and his network's inspiration for the extensive use of remote controlled IEDs which are proving so hazardous currently to Coalition efforts.

### **Item 3: Power point presentation on constructing IEDs and car bombs posted on Jihadist website.**

A detailed PowerPoint presentation has been put on the Internet that shows how to make explosives modeled specifically on "the devices used in Iraq [[Country Profile](#)] and Chechnya." Detailed descriptions and a few diagrams and pictures accompany the presentation, which explains how to build IEDs that are detonated by a remote control or by the timer from a washing machine. The manual recommends the use of solid compressed TNT inside of missile shell, with RDX packed on top, and explosive filament (such as cortex) used as the detonator.

The second part of the 56-slide presentation shows how to "daisy chain" several bombs together with cortex in order to make a very powerful car bomb. The author, who identifies himself only as "AL-Bashk," says that "in Iraq, the Americans have sought a solution to the this problem, but all they have found are partial solutions, like sending out the Iraqi National Guard in their stead...in the end, there is no real solution for them..."



The document says that, in Iraq, the use of these two weapons is important to the resistance "because it means the resistance controls the main streets of the country...which is an element of power...the Americans reconsider 1,000 times before going out into the main streets of the country."

The document is complete with a Yahoo address that aspiring Jihadists may email their questions or "to get any points clarified."

#### **Item 4: Chechen jihad leader emphasizes his desire to attack within Russia ([Country Profile](#)).**

A news report from the Arabic language Internet portal reported on an interview with Chechen leader Dokku Umarov, in which he affirmed the "determination of the resistance to carry out large operations on Russian territory." Dokku Umarov is the Chechen insurgency's commander for the southwest front. The interview was conducted by a correspondent for "Radio Liberty," a radio station which serves the Caucasus and Central Asia.

#### **Item 5: Calls to kill anyone involved in the making of the short film "Submission."**

The world was shocked by the brutal slaying of Dutch film maker Theo Van Gogh for his making of a short movie, entitled "Submission" ([Terrorist Incident](#)). The movie portrayed Somali Dutch parliamentarian Ayaan Hirsi Ali talking to God about the abuse of women in Muslim society during a prayer session (the video can be obtained through TRC). Hirsi Ali wears a transparent black chador with verses from the Koran stenciled onto her naked body. She has received numerous death threats and travels with a security team. In February, TWW reported that calls to kill her had been renewed ([Intel Report](#)). Now, it seems, unable to attack the heavily guarded Hirsi Ali, the Jihadist community will fulfill its desire for blood with "anyone who helped in the making of the film." A posting on the UK-based site *al-Tajdeed al-Islami* (the Islamic Renewal) called for Muslims to continue to try to kill Hirsi Ali but also to go after anyone who worked on the film, especially the Arabic calligraphers who stenciled verses from the Koran onto Hirsi Ali's body. Of Van Gogh's killer, now in a Dutch prison, the posting said: "It is not this man who is really in prison; rather, it is the Dutch who are now in a prison of fear and terror, day and night."

#### **Item 6: Video Available: Hamas ([Group Profile](#)) drills in the nighttime streets of Gaza**

This half-hour video showcases Hamas operatives in Gaza. It first shows off their homemade weapons - Qassim rockets and mortars made from propane tanks, which are used in the region for cooking. It then shows drills in an orchard by day and in the streets of Gaza by night.

The video is notable because it blatantly displays or tries to portray that Hamas operatives, whose faces are covered, are in the Preventive Security Services (PSS) – the supposedly legitimate Palestinian police force. It does this by showing off the uniforms, weapons, and combat boots worn by the Hamas operatives in the video – all of which at least resemble, if not in fact are, those issued to PSS officers.

The video is available upon request.

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