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~~Secret~~**Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—June 1997**

This description of incidents and situations is not meant to be a detailed accounting of all domestic terrorist incidents, but rather to provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide.

Asia**India**

On 8 June in Guwahati, Assam, a remote-controlled device exploded seconds after the Chief Minister of Assam's motorcade passed by. No one claimed responsibility, but the *United Liberation Front of Assam* and the *Bodo Security Force* have conducted similar attacks in the region.

Suspected Kashmiri militants bombed a freight train on 10 June in Jammu, injuring two persons, destroying one freight car and derailing nine others, and damaging 12 feet of track. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Sri Lanka

On 16 June in Vavuniya, a bomb attached to a bicycle exploded in a crowded market place, killing at least two persons and injuring some 25 others. No one claimed responsibility. The *Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam* (LTTE) is suspected.

Japan

The *Chukaku-Ha* claimed responsibility for two explosions at the home of a transport ministry official in Kawasaki on 17 June, which caused damage but no injuries.

Eurasia**Albania**

An unknown assailant threw a hand grenade at Albanian President Sali Berisha during his speech at a campaign rally on 4 June in the village of Shkallnuer. The device failed to detonate and bodyguards subdued the attacker. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Europe**Spain**

Three gunmen shot and wounded an insurance company worker on 10 June in Bilbao. The attackers fled the scene and blew up their getaway vehicle on a busy street, causing damage but no injuries. The *Basque Fatherland and Liberty* (ETA) organization claimed responsibility for the attack, adding that the victim was not the intended target and had been shot by mistake.

Authorities disarmed an explosive device found next to six Molotov cocktails left on the ground floor of a Durango office building on 14 June. The *ETA* claimed responsibility.

Turkey

On 3 June militants opened fire on villagers cleaning out a water pipe in the village of Dikbogaz in Siirt, killing four of them and a village guard and wounding three others. The *Kurdistan Workers' Party* (PKK) is suspected.

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