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## Asia

*Pakistan*

On 4 May near Sialkot on the Indian border a timed explosive device detonated on a passenger train, destroying the tracks and damaging one carriage. [ ]

On 16 May in Karachi two explosions occurred in the Gulshan-E-Iqbal residential area, killing two persons and injuring 18 others. [ ]

On 24 May three armed men hijacked a Pakistani International Air (PIA) flight from Gwadar to Karachi, ordering the pilot to fly to India. The Pakistani Air Force forced the plane to land in Hyderabad. The hijackers, believing they were in India, left the plane to negotiate the release of the 29 passengers and four crew members and were captured by Pakistani commandos. One commando and one hijacker were injured by gunfire. The hijackers are thought to be Baluchi student dissidents protesting anticipated Pakistani nuclear tests in Balochistan Province. [ ]

*Sri Lanka*

On 12 May a claymore mine exploded in Vavuniya, killing at least eight persons and wounding at least 10 others traveling in two vehicles. Five of the dead were members of the Democratic People's Liberation Front (PLOTE); the other victims were passing by when the mine detonated. PLOTE is a former Tamil rebel group that cooperates with security forces against the *Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)*. The *LTTE* is probably responsible. [ ]

On 14 May a suspected *LTTE* suicide bomber assassinated a popular top army commander, Brig. Larry Wijeratne, and his two bodyguards when the bomber jumped in front of the brigadier's jeep. The attack occurred as he was leaving a ceremony in Point Pedro to celebrate his new post in Colombo. [ ]

On 17 May the recently elected mayor of Jaffna was shot and killed in her home by two assailants who also wounded a member of the municipal council. A previously unknown group called the *Sangilian Force* claimed responsibility. The group is reportedly a front organization for the *LTTE*, and the government considers the *LTTE* its primary suspect. [ ]

## Europe

*Spain*

On 3 May a large crowd of *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* supporters hurled Molotov cocktails and other objects at police during a local holiday celebration in Matiena. No injuries were reported, but the rioters damaged two banks. [ ]

An unidentified gunman shot and killed a Popular Party politician as he left his home in Pamplona on 6 May. Police suspect *ETA* involvement. [ ]

A gunman shot a retired civil guardsman at a bus stop in Vitoria on 8 May. The victim died the following day at a local hospital. The *ETA* organization is suspected. [ ]

Police experts defused two letter bombs, one each sent to the Public Prosecutor's Office and the home of a university professor in San Sebastian on 12 May. Authorities believe the two bombing attempts were carried out by *ETA*. [ ]

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