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On 9 July in Karachi's busy central district, two bombs exploded within minutes of one another. One timed device exploded under a car in the main business district, injuring two persons and damaging several shops and vehicles. The second bomb exploded at the office of *The Dawn*, Pakistan's largest English-language newspaper, causing panic but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility. []

Philippines

On 9 July guerrillas from the *Moro Islamic Liberation Front* attacked the town of Pigcaayan with grenades and mortars, causing at least 2,000 Muslim and Christian residents to flee. Police and military engaged the militants in an intense battle after the raid. No casualties were reported. []

On 14 July in Manila, unidentified gunmen assassinated the deputy chief of the National Electrification Administration and wounded his driver. No one has claimed responsibility, and police have not determined a motive. The *Alex Boncayo Brigade*, which previously has targeted officials they perceive as corrupt, may be involved. []

Sri Lanka

On 30 June in Kalutara, the Secretary General of the Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP) was attacked and gravely injured during a visit to a prison. The attackers are suspected members of the *Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)*. The EPDP is a former militant Tamil political party that holds the largest block of votes of any Tamil party. Devananda has escaped previous assassination attempts by the *LTTE*, which considers him a traitor and a threat to the cause of Eelam. []

On 7 July in Pulukunawa village, Ampara district, *LTTE* rebels attacked a police patrol, killing 12 officers and wounding 14 others. Military officials stated that the attack probably was staged to mark the 11th anniversary of the *LTTE's* first suicide bombing. []

On 15 July a member of Parliament was returning home with his family and a police escort after attending a festival in Vavuniya Town when a Claymore mine exploded, killing him, his four-year-old son, two police officers, and one member of the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam. The victim's wife and three police officers were injured in the blast. Police blame the *LTTE*, based on analysis at the scene and the fact that the *LTTE* is the only group using Claymore mines for assassination. []

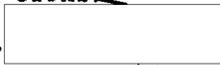
On 16 July police confiscated three *LTTE* suicide kits and cyanide capsules hidden in a grocery store in Colombo. The seizure increased concern that *LTTE* was planning another terrorist operation during the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation conference, held in Colombo on 29-31 July. Leaders from seven South Asian countries were expected to be in attendance. []

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