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Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—May 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

People's War Group guerrillas detonated a landmine on 17 May in the Behbubnagar District of Andhra Pradesh State, killing five policemen and wounding another.

Sri Lanka

On 11 May in Morawewa, in eastern Trincomalee District, 400 *Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)* guerrillas attacked a police post, killing 14 policemen and seven civilians, and wounding 14 other policemen and five civilians. The *LTTE* used firearms, mortars, and rocket-propelled grenades and burned station-owned motorcycles and jeeps.

Eurasia

Tajikistan

An assailant threw a handgrenade at Tajik President Emomali Rahmonov and his entourage on 30 April while they were headed to a theater in Khujand (Khodzent) to honor a local university. The blast killed a student and a teacher and injured the president, and some 58 others, including government officials. Authorities arrested the assailant at the scene.

Europe

Spain

Assailants shot and killed an off-duty policeman at a Zierbana restaurant on 3 May. The *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* organization is probably responsible.

Turkey

In Istanbul, two gunmen shot and wounded the mayor of Kucukcekmece on 8 May. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Militants fired rockets at several government buildings in Derik and Mardin Province on 19 May, causing minor damage. The *Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)* is suspected.

On 20 May two gunmen opened fire on a bus traveling between Hani and Diyarbakir, killing two passengers and wounding seven others. No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but the *PKK* is suspected.

United Kingdom

Authorities defused a bomb in a Catholic neighborhood in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on 7 May. No one claimed responsibility, but police suspect a loyalist paramilitary group planted the device.

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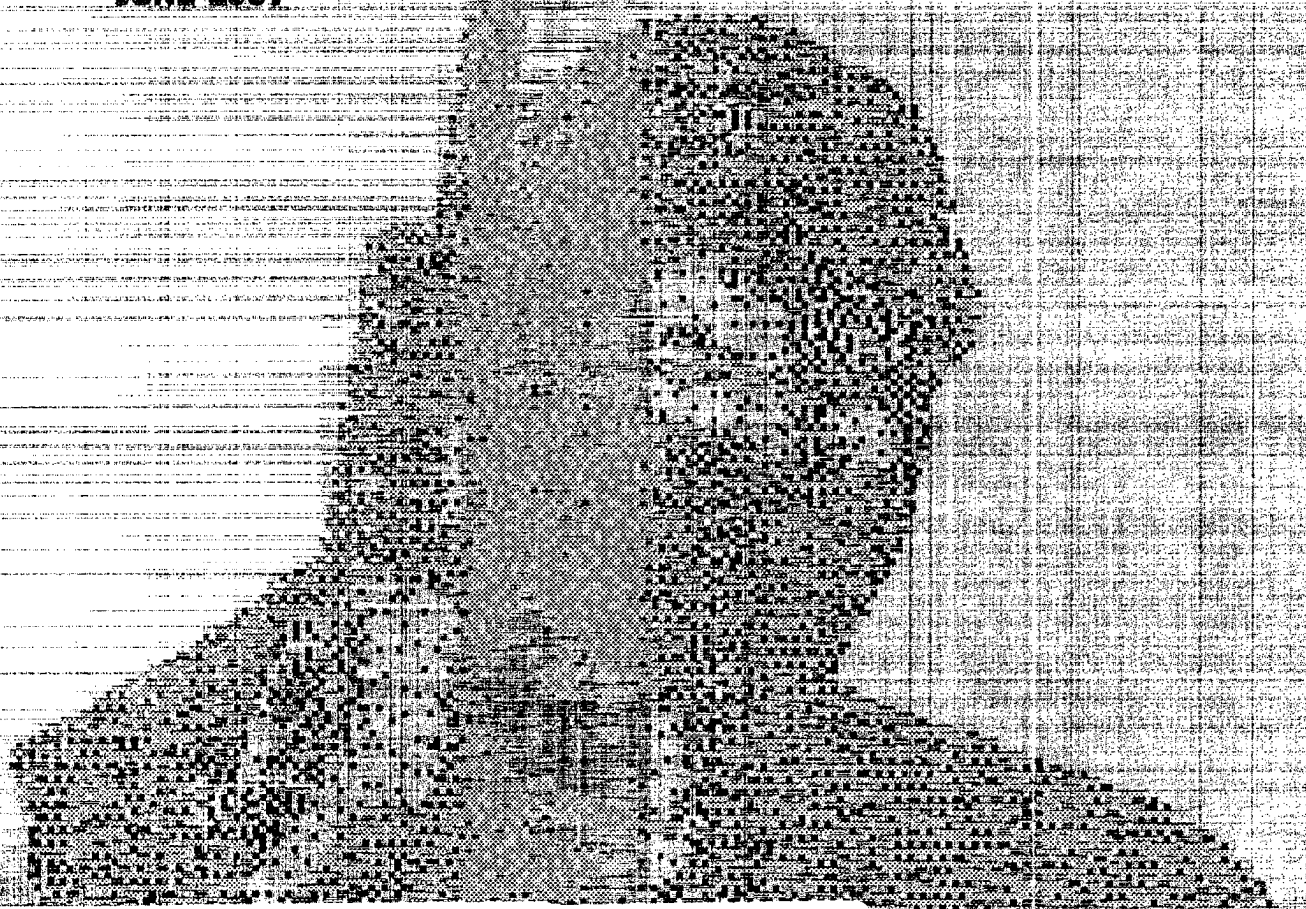
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