

Note from AFA President -- Terrorism

AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic leaders, DOCA members, last week one of you sent me a compendium of terrorist attacks world-wide – it came from a very inflammatory web site ... and several of my board members counseled against sending it to you. What it caused me to do was to see if I could find an authoritative source for such a compendium. This past weekend, I found one. It is on the US National Counter Terrorism Center website -- <https://wits.nctc.gov/FederalDiscoverWITS/index.do?N=0>

The site takes some "maneuvering" to get the information you might want. Here are some of the things I did to get access to the info I wanted. Note the site pops up with a begin date and end date of all of 2009. I next went to select a report by country; then hit "Generate a Report"

Secondly, hit the map button to show a map of the world ... and the number of attacks per country. [Note: my system asked me if I wanted the information using only a secure connection – and to get the map, you have to say, No.]

My Observations:

- I was surprised that there were almost 11,000 attacks in over 80 countries last year, killing almost 15,000 and wounding over 32,000
- It was not surprising that Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan had the most. However, I was surprised that India was #4
- I was also surprised that Somali and Democratic Republic of Congo had more large attacks than Afghanistan (ones that had 20 or more casualties)

Play with the site a bit and give me feedback on it. [I know it is not exactly accurate – as the US is cited with having 14 attacks ... with 8 of them in Georgia. When I clicked on Georgia, it showed the attacks occurring in the country of Georgia.]

For your consideration.

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