

Suicide Bombing Awareness Guide

Suicide bombing operations are especially dangerous because:

- no escape route is necessary
- mobility and concealment offers operational flexibility
- no perpetrators are alive for post-blast interrogation

INDICATORS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

- Suspects wearing baggy or heavy clothing to conceal device
- Irritable, uncomfortably, sweaty, or display other signs of nervous behavior
- Hold a backpack or package in an unusual or delicate manner
- Have wires or electric switches hanging from or connected to his/her clothing
- Avoid security personnel or cameras

Suicide tactics are often employed against soft targets (buses, schools, malls) high-density, public areas

DO NOT rely solely on conventional perceptions of suicide bombers for identification. Focus on behavior and situational context.



Peroxide-Based Explosives Awareness

Peroxide-based explosives are commonly used in suicide operations

THEY ARE SENSITIVE TO:

- HEAT
- SHOCK
- FRICTION

INDICATORS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

- POWDERY, WHITE SUBSTANCE
- COOLING OR LAB EQUIPMENT
- SUSPICIOUS PURCHASES OF INGREDIENTS BELOW
- STRONG ACIDIC ODOR



INGREDIENTS:

TATP

- Acetone (paint thinner, nail polish remover)
- Hydrogen peroxide (disinfectants, bleach, hair dye)
- Strong mineral acid such as hydrochloric or sulfuric (batteries)

HMTD

- Hexamine fuel tablets (camping stoves)
- Hydrogen peroxide (disinfectants, bleach, hair dye)
- Weak acid such as citric

These materials are easily obtainable from chemical labs, hardware stores, beauty shops, and medical supply stores.



Bomber would likely transport peroxide-based explosives in a portable cooler and handle the material very delicately.

