

European terror alerts

Security services in Europe have raised the terrorist threat level to “high” after intelligence – from a German national of Pakistani origin – that Mumbai-style commando raids in European cities were planned

TARGETS – PAST AND PRESENT



London, Jul 7, 2005

Four suicide bombs on morning rush hour tubes and buses kill 52 people, injure 700. Second wave of attacks fails

Airliner bomb plot, Aug 2006:

Failed plot to bring down multiple U.S.-bound airliners with liquid explosives – three convicted

Madrid, Mar 11, 2004:

Bombs on four rush-hour trains kill 191 people and injure 1,700



NW England, Apr 2009

Alleged “mass casualty attack” plot – but no convictions



Shoe bomber, Dec 22, 2001

Failed attempt to blow up flight from Paris to Miami by **Richard Reid**

Barcelona, Jan 18, 2008

Suicide bombing of metro failed – 11 jailed

SUSPECTS

Intelligence sources have said plots originate with militants in Pakistan

Lashkar-e-Taiba: Main target India. Believed to be behind 2008 Mumbai attacks

Al Qaeda: Nine-year war has taken toll but group retains ability to direct or inspire international activities

Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan: Aim to overthrow Pakistani government but also behind 2009 **Times Square** bomber