



Russia's volatile North Caucasus

Moscow is to deploy 37,000 police and Interior Ministry troops, an army Spetsnaz brigade, and a heavily armoured train in a bid to counter threats to the Winter Olympics. The Kremlin has been fighting a growing Islamist insurgency in the North Caucasus for two decades

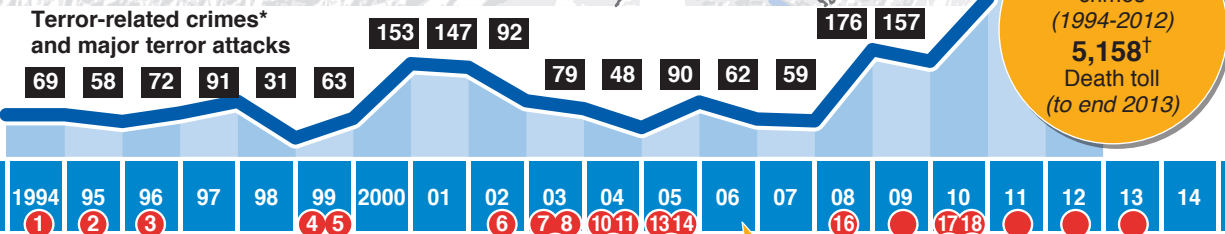


Doku Umarov: Al Qaeda-linked leader of insurgency has called for attacks on Winter Olympics



Feb 2014: Winter Olympic Games

May 2012: FSB security agency seizes weapons in Abkhazia. Arms include shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles, mortars, explosives, 10,000 rounds of ammunition



2,329 Terror-related crimes (1994-2012)
5,158[†] Death toll (to end 2013)

1 1994-96: Separatist war in Chechnya ends with withdrawal of Russian troops. Rebels adopt ultra-orthodox **Salafist** form of Islam
Killed: 50,000-80,000

2 1995: Chechen gunmen, led by **Shamil Basayev**, take 1,500 people hostage in hospital in Budyonovsk
Killed: 166

3 1996: Chechen rebels take 2,000 people hostage in Kizlyar
Killed: Up to 100

4 1999: Bomb attacks in Buinaksk, Moscow and Volgograd
Killed: 340

5 1999-2009: Second Chechen War
Killed: 14,000-plus

6 2002: Government HQ in Grozny attacked. Insurgents attack Moscow theatre, taking 800 hostages
Killed: 200

7 8 9 2003: Bomb attacks on Kislovodsk train, Mozdok and Znamenskoye
Killed: 149

10 11 12 2004: Flights from Moscow to Sochi and to Volgograd blown up. Siege at school in Beslan led by **Basayev**. Attack on Nazran and bombing of train in Moscow
Killed: 558

2006: **Shamil Basayev** killed. **Doku Umarov** becomes leader

13 14 15 2005: Attacks on Russian troops in Nalchik, Sernovodskaya, Makhachkala
Killed: 169

16 2008: Georgia and Russia fight five day war over separatist republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia
Killed: 100-plus

2009: Bombing of **Nevsky Express** train between Moscow and St. Petersburg
Killed: 28

17 18 19 20 21 22 2010: Insurgent attacks in Stavropol and throughout Kabardino Balkaria, North Ossetia, Chechnya, Ingushetia and Dagestan. Two bombings in Moscow
Killed: 154

2011: Suicide bombing at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport
Killed: 31

2012: Dagestan becomes centre of insurgency
Killed: 700

Dec 29-30, 2013: Two suicide bomb attacks kill 34 people in Volgograd
Killed: 491 (to Dec 31)