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Violent and bombing incidents in the period from 3 -9th April- 2015-04-15 Reduction of terrorist operations and Stability in the high rates in North Sinai

Introduction

A relative reduction in violence incidents rate, in the week from (3-9 April 2015), in conjunction with the security efforts to secure the facilities, and holding the community dialogue sessions in regarding of the Parliamentary elections laws, were called to by the prime minister Ibrahim Mehleb.

In this frame work the Parliamentary elections Observatory affiliated to the Local –International Joint Mission- Egypt 2015, is continue its monitoring all this incidents and analysis its indications and potential effects to the electoral process, and the democratic transformation process in Egypt, this is the 14th report has been issued in this series.

The most important violence and bombing incidents.

Friday 3 April

- An explosive device explode in sub road using by the military vehicles, in Al Mesaeeiad district in Al Arish city, North Sinai governorate, there were no human injuries or damages, the device were exploded by remote control about 20 minutes before the vehicles passing on the road, which helped not to exposure to any damages or injuries.
- An explosive device exploded in a military vehicle while it was passing on a sub road between Al Sheikh Zuied city and Al Ghora village, the explosion resulted in huge damages in the vehicle and three soldiers were wounded, and transferred to the military hospital in Al Arish city.
- Explosives experts in Cairo dismantled an explosive device inside Al Marg's parking," east of Cairo ", the security men suspected in a foreign body in a cartoon box , and they confirmed that it was a bomb, thus they reported the civil protection forces to take over it.
- Unknown gunmen attacked a Petroleum materials tank truck , in the entrance of (Fayoum Cairo) road, which resulted in leaking a quantities of petrol on the road, and the traffic were disturbed, the civil protection forces moved to the site of the incident, and fire vehicles also were moved to the site, and handled the situation to prevent the fire o the petrol, a report of the incident was filed and the prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- A police man was killed after masked gunmen fired on him near b y Nehmou village at Sanouras center, Fayoum governorate, his body was transferred to Fayoum general hospital, a report of the incident was filed and the prosecution were notified and took over the investigation.
- The security forces in Giza governorate thwarted a n attempt by terrorist elements to implants a bomb, during the prayer under a car was parking in front of Al Abed sweets shop, in Mosadak St in Dokii, one the security of the street noticed their moves the assailants ran away riding their car, and chased by the security services along on Mosadak St, and the security apparatus in Giza were notified to pursuit them.
- The explosives experts in North Sinai governorate dealt with a foreign bodyinside a plastic bag, in front of the housing building No 6(amended), in Al Salam suburb in El-Arish city, the polices forces and explosives experts combed the area to make sure it was free of any other explosives.

Saturday, April 4

- An explosive device exploded next to Al Wehda bridge in Fakous center, Shrkia governorate, which resulted in smashing the interfaces of some shops and a cars showroom, damages in some cars and making a 20*20 hall in front of the showroom, explosives experts moved to the site and combed the area to make sure it was free of any other explosives, the required report of the incident was filed, and the prosecution was notified to investigate.
- A stun grenade exploded in front of the Science Faculty of Al-Azhar university, Asyut governorate, after one of the administrative security of the faculty suspected in a plastic bag contained a foreign body, security get the students away of the foreign body, and imposed a security cordon consisted of the security men, it turned out that it was a stun grenade, and it exploded while the experts trying to dismantle it.
- An Improvised explosive device(IED) exploded in the vicinity of teachers club in Fayoum, during the event of the orphans day inside the club, which was organized by the Arab Association for Human Development and Community Service, the explosion did not resulted in any injuries, the explosives experts moved to the site of the incidents and combed the area to make sure it was free of any other explosives.
- A bomb exploded in front of Dr. Adel Abd El Mageed 's villa, the parliamentary candidate, in Al Dorous St at Fakous city, Sharkia governorate, which resulted in damages in the house 's interface, explosives experts combed the area in anticipation of the existence o any other bombs.
- An employee in north fakous court, Sharkia governorate, was killed while he was riding his car to chase terrorists on the dydamoun road, because they exploded an (IED) cars exhibit, and another one in the vicinity of a house and a Pharmacy, where he crashed into a tree and died right away.
- A terrorist element was wanted to investigate with him about the accusation of manufacturing makeshift grenades, was died in Al Tawabeq in Feisal region, Giza governorate, in a fire exchange between security forces and himself while the security raided the region to arrest them, the security forces inspected his house and found18 makeshift grenades and 18 pistol and automatic rifle, were taken under custody, the explosive experts were notified to deal with them.
- The explosives experts in Sharkia governorate, dealt with a foreign body was found nex to the railway track in Safet Al Hena village, by the people of Abu Hamaad center, which caused suspending the trains movement, and it turned out from the examination that it was a structure bomb, it was dismantled, and the area was combed, and the train movement was retuned.
- Two explosives devices exploded near by Ahmed Orabi school, next to Imbaba police station, Giza governorate, the explosion resulted in some damages in the school glass and the police car, there were no injuries or life losses, explosives experts and civil protection moved to the site of the explosion, it turned out that unknown assailants placed the tow bombs above the garbage heaps, the civil protection forces defused a third bomb was set to explode and it was found during the combing operations.

- The explosives experts and civil protection forces in Luxor governorate dealt with an unknown bag found inside a bus in Esna city, Luxor, when the Esna point check searching the bus, initial disclosure it was noticed wires comes out of it, the bus was evacuated from the citizens, until it was handled, the area was combed to make sure it was free of any other explosives.
- 6 persons belong to the MB fired on two members of AL Nour Salafist party, in Kerdasa area, at Giza governorate, because they refused to participate in the MB's terrorist plans of targeting and burning public facilities, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- A group of masked men burned the member of Al Nour party Mohamed Abduel Gwad's shop, in Bani Magdoul village in Kerdasa center, Giza governorate, using Molotov cocktails and fled, which resulted in smashing the shop's glass interface, while the people were rushed to put the fire out before it damages all the shop's contents.

Sunday 5 April

- A sound exploded inside the mechanic room in the local unit at Monshaa't Radwan village of Abu Kabeer, Sharkia governorate, which resulted in smashing the glass of 6 cars 6 belonging to the local unit, explosives experts moved to the site of the incident, the examination revealed that unknown assailants placed the sound bomb inside the mechanic room, a report of the incident was filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.
- A police man was killed and two citizens were wounded in a bomb explosion in security services site on the top of 15th may bridge, by unknown assailants, the explosion also resulted in crashing a part of the bridge wall, the explosive experts moved to the site and during combing the area another bomb was found planted inside a street lighting , near the security booth, the bomb was handled and dismantled.
- The security forces in North Sinai governorate succeeded in exploding a bombed car in the south of El Sheikh Zuied, the car was carrying tons of explosives, the investigations revealed that the car belonged to care service company, it was dedicated to transport garbage, but it was stolen by the terrorist elements, the forces also succeeded in shelling a "Cruz" car belonging to the terrorist elements which resulted in killing12 of the rerrorists of "Ansar Bait Al Maqdes" organization.
- Unknown gunmen attacked a security camp of the armed forces, in Al Zohour district, north of El Sheikh Zuied, by heavy weapons and mechanisms, and the security orces responded intensively to the attackers, there were no injuries, the military and police forces forced the attacker to escape in the middle of desert and olives cultivation.
- Unknown gunmen fired on a security ambush in Abu Tawela which located on the international road Arish Rafah, there were no injuries in the military forces, where the military forces fired them back which forced them to escape.
- 8 civilians were injured because of two unknown shells fall on houses in Rafah boarder city with Gaza, North Sinai governorate, they were transferred to the hospital or treatment.

- The security forces in Giza killed the chef and founder of Agnad Meser organization which targeting military and police member in Greater Cairo, he was killed in fire exchange in a residential building in Giza governorate.
- The civil protection forces in Aswan city dismantled a structure bomb was planted in a residential building in Al Aqaad district, Aswan, the building including a set of police officers rest houses, there were no injuries or losses, a report of the incident was filed and the prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- Administrative security officers at Cairo University found a structure bomb, it was a box contained a set of wires, the explosives team transferred the foreign body outside the campus, and cut the wires of the bomb, and it was handled without any damages.
- The security forces in North Sinai governorate thwarted an armed attack was waged on El Sheikh Zuied police station, when unknown gunmen riding 4x4 cars fired from close range at the police station, a clashes between them and the police forces was on for 10 minutes, there were no injuries among the police forces.
- The security apparatus n Gharbia governorate found a foreign body on the top of Al Nahaas bridge in Tanta city, the explosives expert moved to the site, and the foreign body was handled, the examination revealed that it was a structure bomb and was not contain any explosives, the area was combed to make sure it was free of any other explosives.
- Unknown gunmen fired bullets on the assigned services team to guard Abu Al Matammeer police station, in El Beheira governorate, there were no injuries, a report of the incident was filed and the security apparatus of El Beheira governorate work hard to identify the perpetrators of the incident and arresting them.
- A recruit and three others were shot by gun bullets when a gunmen fired on the security ambush located in front of Angel Raphael church in Hannoville area west of Alexandria, a report of the incident was filed and the prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- Security forces in North Sinai governorate managed to shell a car belong to terrorist elements were preparing to attack the military forces in North Sinai, which resulted in killing 12 Takfirist of Ansar Bayt Al Maqdis the terrorist organization in El Sheikh Zuied.
- The civil protection forces and explosives experts in Dakahlia governorate dealt with a foreign body was found on the ring road in Al Mansoura city, near by the Meser academy, a security cordon was imposed and the area was combed ,also a report of the incident was filed, and the prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.

Monday, 6 April

- Unknown gunmen attacked El Sheikh Zuied police station, and fired two RPG on the police station building, there were no injuries, a violent clashes and continuous shooting took place latter, in order to prevent and repel any attacks may target the forces by the terrorists again .
- Explosives experts in Qena governorate dealt with a homemade structure bomb, in parks complex in Qena city,, it was contained a set of wires, timer and a number of chalk

limestone fingers, it turned out that it was free of explosive materials, a report of the incident was filed, and the prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.

- Explosives experts in Giza governorate dealt with a n explosive device suspected by the administrative security officers at Cairo University, while they were combing the vicinity of area in front of the University guesthouse, the area was combed by doges in anticipation of the existence of any other explosives.
- The security forces North Sinai governorate, handled "RPG" attack while they were chasing a gunmen group was targeting a security force in the vicinity of A Goura arenear AlGoura airport, south of El Sheikh Zuied city.
- The security forces Ismailia governorate, arrested three students accused them to manufacturing explosive devices, to use them in targeting the military and police forces, homemade bombs contained explosive materials and work by remote were found, also the forces found a "Mini-lab" students were using it, it contained large amounts of sodium nitrate and potassium hydrochloride, copper and carbon electrodes and electric batteries and test tubes.
- An bomb exploded next to security forces camp in Al Aqaad area in Aswan city, it resulted in three persons were wounded, the injuries were transferred to Aswan university hospital, the security leaders and civil protection forces moved to the site of the explosion to comb the area and make sure it was free of any other explosives.
- The armed forces succeeded in thwarting the explosion of a bombed car with a huge amount of explosives, driven by a suicidal, after his trying to storm the Goura military ambush at the south of Sheikh Zuied city, where the forces exploded the car once it tried to storm the ambush by shooting it.
- Explosives experts and civil protection forces in El Beheira governorate dealt with a foreign body was found in the vicinity of Mar Girgis church in downtown, the civil protection forces imposed a security cordon around the area and combed it to make sure it was free of any other explosives.
- The explosives experts and civil protection forces in Alexandria defused a ahomemade bomb found in Meser railway station in Alexandria, there were no injuries, a report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.
- The civil protection forces of Giza security directorate defused an explosive device was found inside a fish bag in the train tunnel at the Giza railway station, the station was evacuated from citizens fearing of its potential explosion, explosive experts combed the vicinity of the area in anticipation of the existence of any other explosives.
- The civil protection forces in Sharkia governorate dealt with a foreign body was found next to the house of conference party's general secretary, in Al Sarhana district in Hehya city, there were no injuries or damages, the experts combed the area to make sure it was free o any other explosives.
- The civil protection forces in Aswan dismantled a foreign body in front of a police officer's rest house in Al Aqaad area in Aswan, it turned out it was a homemade bomb consisting of a set of wires and two batteries connected to a camera, there were no injuries or damages, a

report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.

- The explosives experts managed to dismantle an explosive device within a block of gypsum, with wires comes out of it and a large electrical circuit, a mobile chip and metal pipes inside them materials they most probably are explosives, and quantities of iron nails and staples, the explosive device was placed inside a tunnel beside the SOS police station, in the third department of Ismailia, a report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.
- Unknown gunmen attacked Abu Tawila ambush on Arish Rafah international coastal road in the North Sinai governorate, the attack caused a Bedouin woman killed and her body was transferred to the hospital, there were also ire exchange ended when the gunmen escaped through the farms, the concerning authorities were notified to investigate.
- Terrorist elements attacked a regular sentry in Al Sealine area, Senouras, Fayoum governorate, which resulted in his injured by a gun shots, and his gun was stolen and his broken, the injured was transferred to Al Agouza police hospital to be treated, a report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.

Tuesday 7 April

- The civil protection forces in Giza governorate dealt with foreign body, it was reported by Imbaba industrial secondary school for boys' principal, that it was found in front the school gate, there were no injuries, a security cordon was imposed around the area and combed it to be sure it was free of any other explosives.
- Members of MB lives in Ezbet A l Shareif, Al Harbeen center department, broke the isolating of the medium voltage electricity tower which passing behind their house, they also attack electricity technician Shoubrakhit electricity Engineering, whene he traied to fix the damage, a report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.
- A number o gunmen took over a governmental vehicle belonging to the quarries project in the office of North Sinai governorate, in down town Al Arish, when masked men stopped it in Al Arish, and ordered its driver to get off it and drive it to unknown distention.
- Unknown assailants fired bullets on first Shoubra El Khaima police department building, and fled, the security forces combed the vicinity of the department to arrest the terrorist elements.
- An employee at Fayoum university was killed, he was targeted by MBs elements while he was back to his home in Matrtares, Fayoum, the fired on him the full bullets safe of an automatic weapon, which resulted his immediate death, claiming his cooperation with the security a report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.
- Explosives experts in Sohag governorate dealt with a foreign body found under 2 line "Cairo / Aswan " block, the examination revealed that it was a structure bomb, a report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.

• Explosives experts in Qena governorate defused three homemade bombs were planted in Souq Al Sehreeg, next to Sidi Abduel Rehim Al Qenawy, a security cordon was imposed in the vicinity of the mosque and the area, the explosives experts defused the bombs without any damages, a report of the incident were filed and the prosecution was notified and took over the investigation.

Wednesday 8 April

- The MB students and administrative security at Cairo University clashes by hands and belts after the security prevented them of claiming the commerce college's main gateway to hang offensive banners against the government, armed forces, police and the university administration, once the clashes started one of the MB student claimed the gate and chanted slogans against the university administration, in addition to their attack on two of the college students were refusing the slogans the MBs were chanted, until the administrative security interfered to suppurating them, and drive them away from the clashes site.
- The explosives experts in Ismailia governorate, dismantled two structure explosive devices, they were consisting of two pipe length 30 cm tightly closed, and an electricity wires out of it and connected a battery and electronic panel and bulb, remote control bomber, there were unknown materials inside it, and it was placed on El Sheikh Zayed sub-train station's pavement, a report of the incident was filed and the prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- Unknown gun men riding a car stormed El Marg post office, and threaten the employees and steal 100 thousand pounds, then they ride the care and fled out, a report of the incident was filed and the security apparatus are work hardly to chase the offenders and arrest them .
- Unknown assailants fired a mortar shell on Al Zoheiry village in El Sheukh Zuied area, North Sinai governorate, which resulted in killing 12 people and wounding other 5, the injuries were transferred to Al Arish general school.
- An explosive device exploded in the military vehicles's path, they were took over the combing operation and chasing the elements of Ansar Bayt Al Maqdis organization, in Al Mesaieed area, which resulted in the death of two recruits at least, and the wounding of three others, the forces combed the area in anticipation of the presence of other explosives, the bodies were lifted, and the injuries received treatment.
- An IED exploded in a power adaptor next to Port Saied security forces park's fence, in Al Dawahy district in Port Saied, which led to destroying the adaptor and power outage of young graduates housing area, the civil protection vehicles and explosives experts moved to the site of the explosion, and combed the area to make sure it was free of other explosives.
- The security apparatus in Alexandria dismantled a homemade bomb was placed next to the building of the Model School Ajmi district, the vicinity area was combed, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified and take over the investigation.
- The security forces in Fayoum governorate thwarted a student attempt to implant an explosive device consisting of a cartoon box contained some Molotov cocktails, nearby Al fayoum general hospital, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified and take over the investigation.

- The military forces thwarted targeting a military vehicles during their passage on the international road " Arish- Rafah", and the sub roads in south El Sheikh Zuied area and Rafah.
- A Takfirist element was injured while he was planting an explosive device in south of El Sheikh Zuied area, North Sinai governorate, he was arrested and transferred to Al Arish hospital under tight security.
- The explosives experts and civil protection forces in Ismailia dismantled two explosive devices, they were planted in front of AlTal Al Kabeir police center, and another one inside the general park in Abu Suier, using a water hoses, the vicinity of the area was completely scanned, and samples of the materials found inside the device were sent to the criminal lap to be examined.
- Unknown gunmen riding 4x4 cars attacked El Sheikh Zuied police station, North Sinai governorate, by RPJ sells which resulted in killing two recruit and wounding about 6 others from the police forces with serious injuries, the security forces combed the area to track down the perpetrators and arrest them.
- Unknown gunmen set fire in a car transferring fuel tanks for the Army, right after it came out of Al Zohour camp in El Sheikh Zuied, , North Sinai governorate, they stopped it and threaten the driver to leave it and set ire on the car.
- The security forces in North Sinai governorate killed 5 gunmen belong to Asar Bayt Al Maqdis organization, during clashes between the armed forces and the Extremists while they were waging a crackdown on extremist sites in Northern Sinai.
- The explosives experts in Aswan governorate dealt with a foreign body, it was a black bag left in front of the headquarters of the State council, in Al Mehata Sq in Aswan governorate, it was handled by using water hoses, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- The security forces in Bani Suief governorate found three explosive devices and banners contain abusive phrases for army and state institutions, in a MB's house in Bani Hedar village, of El Wasta center, north of the governorate, the forces could not arrest, but he escaped so the police could not arrest him, the explosives devices were dismantled, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- Unknown assailants fired a shell on a house in Al Zoheir village, in the south of El Sheikh Zuied, which resulted in killing a woman and wounding 6 others, the injuries were transferred to El Sheikh Zuied hospital for treatment.

Thursday April 9

• The civil protection forces in Sharkia governorate defused an explosive devices contained 5 lbs of explosives, it was placed under an electricity tower, behind a textile factory in Menyat Al Qamh center, aimed to explode the textile factory, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.

- An electricity cabin was set on fire in Roshdy in down don Cairo, which led to suspending the traffic movement in the streets leading to it after two fire vehicles moved to the site to control the fire, the fire was put out without any injuries, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- Electricity column exploded in the fourth block at the first district in new Damietta city, which led to set fire in it, the civil protection forces were notified to control the fire and put it down, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- The explosives and civil protection officers in Aswan dismantled a structure bomb and defused it, it was consisting of two iron pieces connected with wires to a mobile telephone and switch key, it was found next to the Military Court in Aswan city, a report of the incident was filed and prosecution was notified to take over the investigation.
- Explosives experts in Sharkia governorate dismantled a homemade bomb found near by the Al Ahli Bank next to the Religious institute in the city, there were no injuries among the passing citizens, the required report of the incident was filed.
- The armed forces I North Sinai governorate exploded,7 explosive devices were planted by the terrorist elements in Al Laftat area, it was target the forces during manager the fighting operations, there were no damages.

Quantitative analysis of the bombing and violence incidents:

Distribution of violence incidents by the nature of the target entities

Targets	# of incidents	Governorates	
Police and armed forces	33	North Sinai, Fayoum, Giza, Cairo, Aswan, Beheira, Ismailia, Qalyobia	
Citizens gathering places	22	Cairo, Giza, North Sinai, Fayoum, Sharkia, Luxor, Dakahlia, Gharbia, Qena, Bani Suief, Aswan	
Universities and Schools	8	Asyut, Giza, Alexandria, Sharkia	
Railways	5	Alexandria, Sharkia, Giza, Ismailia, Sihag	
Electricity and high pressure towers	5	Sharkia, Port Saied, Cairo, Damietta	
Political figures	4	Sharkia, Giza	
Worship houses	2	Alexandria, Beheira	
Total	78		



The results in the previous table indicating that army and police forces took the lead among the targets of the violence incident which were witnessed last week with 33 from total 78violent incidents, targeting citizens gathering places came in the second place with 22incident, Universities and Schools followed by 8 incidents, Railways, electricity and high pressure towers came next by 5 incidents for each, Political figures followed with 4 incidents, and at last Worship houses came in the bottom with two violent incidents.

Distributio	on of violenc	e incidents	by governorates:

Governorates	# of incidents	Governorates	# of incidents
North Sinai	23	Qalyobia	1
Giza	12	Luxor	1
Sharkia	9	Dakahlia,	1
Fayoum	7	Gharbia,	1
Aswan	5	Port Saied	1
Ismailia	4	Asyut	1
Alexandria	3	Sohag	1
Cairo	3	Bani Suief	1
Beheira	2	Damietta	1
Qena	2		

Distribution of violence incidents by governorates



The indicated results in the above table highlights that North Sinai took the lead among the governorates that have witnessed violence incidents by 23 incidents, followed by Giza with 12 incidents, followed by Sharkia with 9 incidents, Fayoum came next by 7 incidents, Aswan followed with 5 violent incidents, Ismailia came next by 4 incidents, Cairo and Alexandria followed with 3 incidents for each, El Beheira and Qena came next by two incidents for each, Qalyobia, Luxor, Dakahlia, Gharbia, Port Saied, Asyut, Sohag, Bani Suief and Damietta came in the last by one incident for each.

The significance of bombings and violence incidents:

The figures of bombings and violence incidents conducted by terrorists in different Egyptian governorates over the last week indicate the following observations:

- Reducing rates of bombing and violence incidents witnessed by the countries, where the countries witnessed 78 violent incidents this week for 94 incidents in the last week, with a reduction by almost 17%.
- continued targeting of the Egyptian police and armed forces greatly for the second week in row, with 33 violent incidents from the all 78, by 43%.
- Sinai steel in the heart of the terrorist scene for the second week in row, where the terrorist activities witnessing an Intensification at the last two weeks.

- Continuation of targeting the services facilities such as railway lines, Electricity and high pressure towers and Universities and Schools to influence people's life, with 18 incidents ,by 23% from the total figure of the violence incidents, it is interesting to consider increasing the number of terrorist incidents targeting Universities and Schools (8 incidents).
- The terrorist groups' return to target the political figures, where this week witnessed 4 attempts to attack political figures supporting the June 30 revolution.
- Continuation the widespread of bombings and violence incidents witnessed in the countries by the various Egyptian governorates, where it distributed on 19 governorates this week.