

# Homeland Security Report

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## Officer Safety Item - Pistol Lighter w/ Laser

This month's Officer Safety Item is a non-firing replica of a handgun made to be a working lighter. It comes complete with a laser sight on the top.

As if Law Enforcement doesn't have enough challenges, this is the type item that could force an Officer Involved Shooting. It could be used by a suspect to conduct an "Armed" robbery against an unsuspecting citizen or even as a toy by youth. This month it is on sale on the Internet for less than \$7.00.



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Law Enforcement and Security Professionals should be cognizant of look-alike weapons such as these. This type of item always places LE and citizens in jeopardy because of "Wrongful firings" or may force an Officer to hesitate when unsure of what they are facing. While the item is sold legally in the U.S. some lawyers are likely in wait for this one to cause tragedy.

The Homeland Security Report readership includes some elected officials and lawmakers. Items like these need to come off the market. My question to those readers: What are you going to do about it to keep our folks safe?

Source: <http://www.1strateknives.com/pistoltorch.html>

### **Be Aware – Be Safe – Be Alive**

#### **Have a Weapon to Share?**

If you have discovered a concealed weapon or other Officer Safety item, please share. This publication is published regularly as a free Public Service to keep our Officers safe.

If you have pictures or other Officer Safety info please send them to the email address below:

[admin@homelandsecuritygroup.info](mailto:admin@homelandsecuritygroup.info)

## Social Media in Law Enforcement

### **SOCIAL MEDIA IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Using Social Media to Improve  
Law Enforcement and Engage Citizens**

The Social Media In Law Enforcement Conference will held in Washington, DC on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, April 7th-9th, 2010 at the historic 1777 F Street, NW building.

#### **THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE:**

Adoption of social media by law enforcement is in a stage of exponential growth. Some law enforcement agencies have already experienced tremendous successes; while others are ready but don't know how to get started. The law enforcement field is ready to add another weapon to its arsenal. The Social Media In Law Enforcement (SMILE) conference will arm you with all the technical hands-on skills and the practical knowledge to enter the social media world with confidence.

#### **WHO'S SMILE-ING**

The current speaker line-up includes social media law enforcement professionals from four countries. Our subject matter experts will lead delegates through three law-enforcement-specific and information-packed intense days of social media education. The first is a hands-on day of training on Wednesday, Community Engagement on Thursday, and Crime topics on Friday.

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

From the Chief to the newest officer in the agency, PIOs, and Neighborhood Watch members, the SMILE conference is appropriate for anyone who is interested in social media and its many applications in the field of law enforcement, community engagement and crime prevention. Agencies all over the world are achieving successes with social media tools in areas including community policing, recruitment and retention, investigations, crime prevention, reputation enhancement / management as well as others.

The Social Media In Law Enforcement (SMILE) conference will address social media as community media, investigative techniques and cases studies, social media policy and strategy, legal issues, recruitment and retention and will also offer a full day of workshops on social media how-to(s), so you can leave with the hands-on skills you need.

#### **Something Different from The Typical Conference Format**

The conference will also include one evening Town Hall meeting.

**Thursday Night** - This Town Hall will provide everyone an opportunity to further explore and discuss at length issues concerning social media and law enforcement that could not be fully addressed during the plenary session. The Town Hall will be highly spirited, interactive and wrapped in a social media context.

For more information visit the conference website at: <http://www.thesmileconference.com>

To Press/Media: If you are interested in attending the conference, please submit a request to [lauri@lawscomm.net](mailto:lauri@lawscomm.net) or call 978-764-9887.

## Free Resources

In recent months, I've been posting a series of Free Resources in the form of trade journals, e-books, software trials, etc. While trying to ensure that each report has a large selection for you to sort through, inevitably, each month, the publisher offers new items. So, rather than making the HSR look like a large advertisement, I'll just post a few of the new, or popular resources that are available this month. According to the publisher, there are 92 new resources available to choose from.

To view the full list, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/kI93h6> There are 33 different subject areas to choose from. Just click on the RSS link to open the listing.

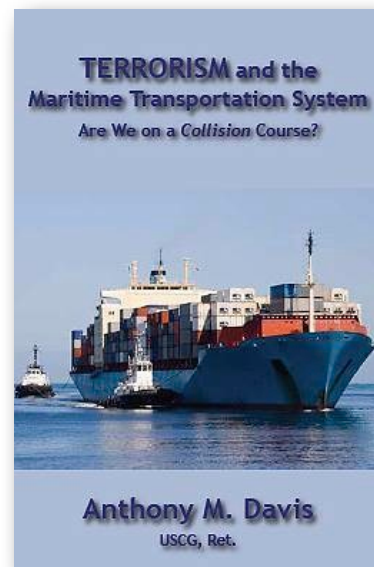
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<p><i>"How the ABC's of Leadership Behavior Impact Safety Management Systems"</i></p>	<p><i>Solutions for emergency management &amp; homeland security: fire, police, EMS, justice &amp; communications.</i></p>	<p><i>For safety, industrial hygiene, environmental, health &amp; emergency, and fire &amp; security.</i></p>	<p><i>To explore innovative applications, integrate wireless data, scan industry news and compare equipment features.</i></p>

View the Full List of FREE Resources at: <http://tinyurl.com/kI93h6>



See The Video Trailer of the book at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IONoskZuYGs>



If a maritime incident occurs, the local First Responder and Law Enforcement personnel will likely be the first on scene. This book provides an overview of some of the issues our folks will have to face. An understanding of the environment is vital if responders are to be effective and not place their self in jeopardy.

**[Get YOUR Copy Today](#)**

## Keeping Children Safe Online

Children present unique security risks when they use a computer—not only do you have to keep them safe, you have to protect the data on your computer. By taking some simple steps, you can dramatically reduce the threats.

### What unique risks are associated with children?

When a child is using your computer, normal safeguards and security practices may not be sufficient. Children present additional challenges because of their natural characteristics: innocence, curiosity, desire for independence, and fear of punishment. You need to consider these characteristics when determining how to protect your data and the child.

You may think that because the child is only playing a game, or researching a term paper, or typing a homework assignment, he or she can't cause any harm. But what if, when saving her paper, the child deletes a necessary program file? Or what if she unintentionally visits a malicious web page that infects your computer with a virus? These are just two possible scenarios. Mistakes happen, but the child may not realize what she's done or may not tell you what happened because she's afraid of getting punished.

Online predators present another significant threat, particularly to children. Because the nature of the internet is so anonymous, it is easy for people to misrepresent themselves and manipulate or trick other users (see [Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks](#) for some examples). Adults often fall victim to these ploys, and children, who are usually much more open and trusting, are even easier targets. The threat is even greater if a child has access to email or instant messaging programs, visits chat rooms, and/or uses social networking sites (see [Using Instant Messaging and Chat Rooms Safely](#) and [Staying Safe on Social Network Sites](#) for more information).

### What can you do?

- **Be involved** - Consider activities you can work on together, whether it be playing a game, researching a topic you had been talking about (e.g., family vacation spots, a particular hobby, a historical figure), or putting together a family newsletter. This will allow you to supervise your child's online activities while teaching her good computer habits.
- **Keep your computer in an open area** - If your computer is in a high-traffic area, you will be able to easily monitor the computer activity. Not only does this accessibility deter a child from doing something she knows she's not allowed to do, it also gives you the opportunity to intervene if you notice a behavior that could have negative consequences.
- **Set rules and warn about dangers** - Make sure your child knows the boundaries of what she is allowed to do on the computer. These boundaries should be appropriate for the child's age, knowledge, and maturity, but they may include rules about how long she is allowed to be on the computer, what sites she is allowed to visit, what software programs she can use, and what tasks or activities she is allowed to do. You should also talk to children about the dangers of the internet so that they recognize suspicious behavior or activity. The goal isn't to scare them, it's to make them more aware.
- **Monitor computer activity** - Be aware of what your child is doing on the computer, including which web sites she is visiting. If she is using email, instant messaging, or chat rooms, try to get a sense of who she is corresponding with and whether she actually knows them.

## Keeping Children Safe Online - Continued...

- **Keep lines of communication open** - Let your child know that she can approach you with any questions or concerns about behaviors or problems she may have encountered on the computer.
- **Consider partitioning your computer into separate accounts** - Most operating systems (including Windows XP, Mac OS X, and Linux) give you the option of creating a different user account for each user. If you're worried that your child may accidentally access, modify, and/or delete your files, you can give her a separate account and decrease the amount of access and number of privileges she has. If you don't have separate accounts, you need to be especially careful about your security settings. In addition to limiting functionality within your browser (see [Evaluating Your Web Browser's Security Settings](#) for more information), avoid letting your browser remember passwords and other personal information (see [Browsing Safely: Understanding Active Content and Cookies](#)). Also, it is always important to keep your virus definitions up to date (see [Understanding Anti-Virus Software](#)).
- **Consider implementing parental controls** - You may be able to set some parental controls within your browser. For example, Internet Explorer allows you to restrict or allow certain web sites to be viewed on your computer, and you can protect these settings with a password. To find those options, click Tools on your menu bar, select Internet Options..., choose the Content tab, and click the Enable... button under Content Advisor. There are other resources you can use to control and/or monitor your child's online activity. Some ISPs offer services designed to protect children online. Contact your ISP to see if any of these services are available. There are also special software programs you can install on your computer. Different programs offer different features and capabilities, so you can find one that best suits your needs. The following web sites offer lists of software, as well as other useful information about protecting children online:
  - **GetNetWise** - <http://kids.getnetwise.org/> - Click Tools for Families to reach a page that allows you to search for software based on characteristics like what the tool does and what operating system you have on your computer.
  - **Yahooligans! Parents' Guide** - <http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/parents/> - Click Blocking and Filtering under Related Websites on the left sidebar to reach a list of software.

Source: US-CERT

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## New FREE Resource



### Defense Technology International

Defense Technology International (DTI) is the one publication focusing on the critical role of defense technologies in programs, policies, programs and funding, providing readers with integrated intelligence and global perspective in Land, Sea, and Air. For military officers, government officials and lead system integrators involved in air, land or sea defenses, DTI provides unprecedented coverage of the technologies that are driving new strategies and procurement plans to fight today's unconventional warfare and evolving threats.

**Free Magazine**

Geographic Availability: U.S. Only

Get This New Resource at:

<http://bit.ly/cc9sQ8>

## Terrorism, Security and Moving Forward

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After the Christmas Day bombing attempt, the Government Accountability Office published a report entitled, *"Homeland Security: Better Use of Terrorist Watchlist Information and Improvements in Deployment of Passenger Screening Checkpoint Technologies Could Further Strengthen Security."*

Actually, their report reiterates some things that have been said for quite sometime. Yet, vigilance costs money, and expects people to do their jobs. Those with the ability to incorporate legislative and regulatory changes are often focused on other agendas. Then, when something does happen, the soapboxes are dusted off, the airwaves are plagued by rhetoric and then it fades away.

Many years ago when I first began as a Maritime Investigator, my boss told me, "Regulation is written in blood." At first, I wasn't sure what he meant. Over time, it all began to make sense and rang true. In 1993, there was a tragic accident near Mobile, Alabama. An Amtrak train attempted to cross a bridge just moments after a Warrior and Gulf Tug hit the bridge, knocking the rails out of alignment. The train was thrown from the bridge and into the dark waters below killing 47 people. The guy piloting the tug, didn't know where was going, didn't know how to use the equipment and was not familiar with the waterway.<sup>1</sup> How could that happen you say? Regulation didn't require it. It took nearly EIGHT YEARS to get regulation into the system requiring a tug pilot to know what they are doing, where they are going and have records to prove it.

Ok, that was a rail incident. Here we going on NINE YEARS after the September 11, 2001 terror attacks by aircraft against our nation. Since that day, we've seen Richard Reid attempt to explode an aircraft with his "shoe bomb". Al-Qaeda attempted a replay of their 1995 "BOJINKA" effort to destroy multiple aircraft over the Pacific Ocean; only this time the aircraft were departing the UK. Now, we've seen Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab try another version of the shoe bomb.

I was at the scene of the July 17, 1996 TWA-800 crash. Spread out across the floating debris field, were bits and pieces of aircraft, luggage and clothing...but no life. Our adversaries want to kill and duplicate this scenario because a free society is seen as a threat to them. They want to kill because they justify these actions in the name of religion.

I've said this over and over again: Al-Qaeda ALWAYS repeats their attacks, particularly if they get it wrong. We saw this with an earlier attempt at bombing a U.S. Navy ship before they hit the USS Cole. The BOJINKA attempt failed, the attempt to destroy aircraft with liquid explosives failed. Reid and Abdulmuttalab failed. Al-Qaeda will try again and we don't need political inaction and rhetoric to help them get there.

It's easy after the fact to point fingers. In a sense, I admit that I've been doing that because I feel the State Department has some culpability in the December attempt. They were notified by the father of the bomber, they dropped the ball and now the department is laying low. It's also easy to say the Intelligence Community is failing. Many folks expect the IC to be what Hollywood has defined for them. I know this isn't popular but...Hollywood lies. There are many good people trying to do the right things within the legal guidelines established for them. That is a truism for the IC, Law Enforcement and for the TSA screeners receiving constant blame at airports.

During the last few years, and particularly this last year, we've seen our lawmakers (from both sides of the aisle) focusing on issues inconsistent with policies of the citizens that put them there. Our Congress and Senate receive a pension for life after only one term. Shouldn't we expect them to focus on making the nation safer and stay consistent with the national voice of the citizens? It took me 20-years to get a military pension that they keep whittling away. Our legislators should be focusing on effective (and yet, unburdening) regulation. Our intelligence and law enforcement agencies need People, Processes, Training and Resources to do the job.

The GAO report is not a piece of groundbreaking news. Yet, it does make some good points. The full report is available at: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10401t.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> Labaton, S. (1994, June 22). Barge Pilot Blamed in Fatal Amtrak Wreck. Retrieved from New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com/1994/06/22/us/barge-pilot-blamed-in-fatal-amtrak-wreck.html>

## Gang Resources

### Comprehensive Approach to Gangs

- [A Guide to Assessing Your Community's Youth Gang Problem](#)
- [OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model: Planning for Implementation](#)
- [Best Practices to Address Community Gang Problems](#)
- [Gang Suppression and Intervention: Problem and Response](#)
- [Gang Suppression and Intervention: Community Models](#)
- [Addressing Community Gang Problems: A Model for Problem Solving](#)
  - This document is also available as a [plain text file](#).
- [Addressing Community Gang Problems: A Practical Guide](#)
  - This document is also available as a [plain text file](#).
- [The Comprehensive Strategy: Lessons Learned From the Pilot Sites](#)
  - This document is also viewable online as a [Web page](#).
- [Implementing the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model](#)
  - This document is also available as a [plain text file](#).

### More Free Resources

				
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## 2010 Conference

2010 International Terrorism and Organized Crime Conference from August 2nd (Monday) thru August 6th (Friday)

The conference is designed to provide 36 hours of updated information on Terrorism and Organized Crime investigations along with supplying data on gangs and other criminal groups impacting society today.

It will furnish attendees with training in how to deal with these types of investigations as well as how to combat them. The training is directed toward all levels of law enforcement, including street officers, detectives, educators, and administrators. The conference will be comprised of lectures, presentations and handout materials from internationally and nationally recognized experts in terrorism and organized crime investigations.

### **Registration Fees:**

Advance: \$425

On-Site: \$475

To qualify for the advance registration fee, your registration form must be received by Friday July 15, 2010.

### **P.O.S.T. Certification:**

The five-day conference is P.O.S.T. certified and attendees can receive up to 32 hours of P.O.S.T. credit.

All California residents who fills out the Santa Ana College application will also receive college credits.

Deputy District Attorneys can receive MCLE hours for classes which are MCLE approved. This conference is co-sponsored by the Orange County D/A's Office, which is approved by the CA State Bar as a MCLE provider.

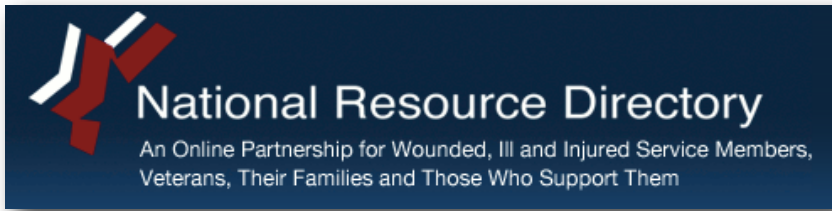
Attendees seeking credit from STC participating agencies, please contact your training coordinator regarding receiving STC credit for this conference.

For more information: Visit the conference website at: [http://www.agiac.com/conference\\_2010.htm](http://www.agiac.com/conference_2010.htm)



This page is a good resource of Terrorist profiles, methods and tactics, along with other interactive maps and a calendar.

Visit the site at: <http://www.nctc.gov/site/index.html>



## What is the National Resource Directory?

The National Resource Directory ([www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov](http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov)) is an online tool for wounded, ill and injured Service Members, Veterans, their families and those who support them. It provides access to thousands of services and resources at the national, state and local levels to support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration.

## Who supports the National Resource Directory?

The National Resource Directory (NRD) is a collaborative partnership among the Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs. The information contained within the NRD is from federal, state and local government agencies; Veterans service and benefit organizations; non-profit and community-based organizations; academic institutions and professional associations that provide assistance to wounded warriors and their families.

## Why was the National Resource Directory created?

The NRD was created to support the needs identified by wounded, ill and injured Service Members, Veterans and their families by providing a comprehensive online tool of available resources. The NRD is part of a larger effort to improve wounded warrior care coordination and access to information on services and resources, key goals identified by both the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors (Dole-Shalala Commission) and Title XVI, "Wounded Warrior Matters," of the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.



## The National Resource Directory offers information on:

- Benefits & Compensation
- Education & Training
- Employment
- Family & Caregiver Support
- Health
- Homeless Assistance
- Housing
- Transportation & Travel
- Other Services & Resources



### The Driving Test

A professional juggler, driving to his next performance, is stopped by the police.

"What are you doing with these matches and lighter fluid in your car?" asks the police officer.

"I'm a juggler and I juggle flaming torches in my act."

"Oh yeah? Let's see you do it," says the officer.

So the juggler gets out and starts juggling the blazing torches masterfully.

A couple driving by slows down to watch. "Wow," says the driver to his wife. "I'm glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they're giving now!"

### Terrorism Calendar

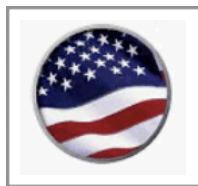
- **March 1, 1921. MONGOLIA**  
Founding of the MPRP  
The Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP), the ruling Marxist party in Mongolia, was founded.
- **March 1, 1971. JAPAN.**  
Formation of Japanese Red Army  
Terrorist leader Fusako Shigenobu formed the Japanese Red Army (JRA) in Beirut, Lebanon.
- **March 1, 1973. SUDAN.**  
U.S. Diplomats Killed  
U.S. Ambassador Cleo Noel and Deputy Chief of Mission George Moore were assassinated in Khartoum during the seizure of the Saudi embassy.
- **March 2, 1977. LIBYA**  
People's State Established  
The official name of Libya was changed to the "Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya."
- **March 2, 1980. EL SALVADOR.**  
Archbishop Romero Assassinated  
Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero assassinated by a presumed right wing death squad. The anniversary has been marked in succeeding years by leftist terrorist attacks, including attacks on American interests.
- **March 2, 1991. IRAQ, KUWAIT, MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA.**  
Ceasefire Ends Gulf War  
Iraq signs ceasefire agreement with allied forces ending the Persian Gulf War.
- **March 3, 1972. SUDAN**  
Unity Day  
Anniversary of the Addis Ababa Accords that ended the insurgency against the central government and granted southern Sudan wide regional autonomy on internal matters.
- **March 4, 1982. COLOMBIA**  
Extradition Treaty in Effect  
The U.S.-Colombian Extradition Treaty, aimed in part at drug traffickers, came into effect. The Colombian Supreme Court later invalidated the treaty.

- March 4, 1991. UNION of SOVIET SOC. REPUBLICS.**  
 Baltics Seek Independence  
 Voters in Estonia and Latvia on March 3, 1991 approved seeking independence from the Soviet Union. Lithuania's parliament approved independence on March 11, 1991. However, Baltic independence did not actually come until after the Soviet Union began to disintegrate following the collapse on August 21, 1991 of the coup against President Mikhail Gorbachev.
- March 4, 1994. UNITED STATES**  
 Arab terrorists were found guilty of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing on this day.
- March 5, 1965. BAHRAIN.**  
 NFLB Was Founded  
 The National Front for the Liberation of Bahrain (NFLB) was founded.
- March 6, 1836. UNITED STATES.**  
 This day is anniversary of the fall of the Alamo, commonly recognized by militant groups.
- March 6, 1988. UNITED KINGDOM.**  
 Terrorists Killed In Gibraltar  
 Three terrorists of the Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) were killed when Special Air Service (SAS) personnel attempted to arrest them in Gibraltar. The three were part of a PIRA effort to bomb a British Army ceremony.
- March 8, 1913. UNITED STATES.**  
 First U.S. Income Tax Day
- March 8, 1989. CHINA (People's Republic of)**  
 Martial Law in Tibet  
 Martial law was imposed in Tibet by Chinese authorities following three days of violent pro-independence protests.
- March 9, 1918. UNITED STATES**  
 Birthday of George Lincoln Rockwell, past leader of the American Nazi Party.
- March 9, 1983. SERBIA-MONTENEGRO.**  
 Turkish Ambassador Attacked  
 Armenian terrorists attacked the Turkish ambassador, killing one Yugoslav student and wounding the ambassador and his driver.
- March 10, 1979. IRAN, IRAQ, SYRIA, TURKEY (Kurdish Regions)**  
 Death of Kurdish Leader  
 Death of Kurdish leader Mullah Mustafa Barzani
- March 11, 1966. INDONESIA.**  
 Suharto Takes Power  
 President Sukarno issues the supersemar decree, turning over executive authority to Major General Suharto and initiating a new era of rule in Indonesia.
- March 11, 1990. CHILE**  
 Return to Civilian Rule  
 The inauguration of president Patricio Aylwin on this date marked the return to democratically elected civilian rule in Chile following the Pinochet military regime.
- March 11, 1990. SPAIN**  
 A commuter train bombing in Madrid, Spain killed 200 and injured 1500. Al-Qaeda is suspected of playing a part in this incident.
- March 12, 1993. INDIA.**  
 Bombs Rock Bombay  
 A series of bomb attacks in Bombay left over 250 people dead.
- March 13, 1966. ANGOLA.**  
 Founding Of UNITA  
 The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) was founded
- March 15, 1962. ANGOLA.**  
 Founding Of the FNLA  
 The National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) was founded.

- March 15, 1999. IRELAND.**  
Murder of Rosemary Nelson  
Rosemary Nelson was a prominent Catholic human rights lawyer in County Armagh. She was killed by a car bomb believed to have been planted by a Protestant loyalist; it is possible there was collusion in the murder by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.
- March 16, 1921. TURKEY**  
Soviet-Turkish Border Treaty  
Signing of the Soviet-Turkish border treaty that ended Armenian hopes of establishing an independent state.
- March 16, 1977. LEBANON.**  
Kamal Jumblatt Assassinated  
Syrian agents assassinated kamal Jumblatt, former leader of the Progressive Socialist Party. His son, Walid, assumed the party leadership, continuing Druze control of the party.
- March 16, 1978. ISRAEL, LEBANON.**  
Invasion by Israeli Forces  
Palestinian guerrillas staging raids on Israel from Lebanese territory drew punitive Israeli raids on Lebanon, and two large-scale Israeli invasions. The Israelis withdrew in June after the U.N. Security Council created a 6,000-man peacekeeping force for the area, called UNIFIL.
- March 16, 1978. ITALY.**  
Premier Aldo Moro Kidnapped  
The red brigades kidnapped Italian premier Aldo Moro. His body subsequently was found on May 9, 1978.
- March 16, 1984. MOZAMBIQUE.**  
Signing of the Nkomati Accord  
The governments of Mozambique and South Africa signed the accord, which committed both countries to cease hostile acts against one another and to search for ways to increase economic cooperation. In the wake of this, Mozambique severely restricted the African National Congress (ANC) and South Africa cut off all assistance to the Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO).
- March 16, 1988. UNITED KINGDOM.**  
Milltown Massacre  
At the funeral service of the three terrorists killed in Gibraltar (3/8/88), a Protestant extremist gunman, Michael Stone, attacked the mourners with hand grenades and a pistol, killing three. His original intent was to kill IRA leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness who were attending. He was captured and sentenced to life in prison.
- March 16, 1988. IRAQ.**  
Halabja Chem. Weapons Attack  
Iraqi forces used chemical weapons against the civilian population in the Kurdish village of Halabja.
- March 18, 1962. ALGERIA**  
Signing of the Evian Accords  
Accords signed by France and the National Liberation Front (FLN) which ended a revolt by Algeria against French colonial rule.
- March 18, 1968. PHILIPPINES.**  
Founding of the MNLF  
The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) was founded.
- March 18, 2000. TAIWAN.**  
Presidential Elections  
The elections will pit KMT heir-apparent Lien Chan, the protégé of incumbent Pres. Teng hui, versus James Soong, former member of the KMT, but now running as an independent candidate, and Taipei Mayor Chen Shui-bian, Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) candidate. Soong for the moment appears to be the frontrunner. A key issue in the race is what will be the future president's stance with China regarding the reunification of the island with the mainland.
- March 19, 1988. UNITED KINGDOM.**  
Soldiers Murdered At Funeral  
Two British soldiers were dragged from their car by a mob, beaten and then taken to a remote area near Belfast's Milltown cemetery and shot dead. The two had driven their car into an area of a funeral procession for a victim of a Protestant gunman who killed three persons at funeral for terrorists.
- March 19, 1992. IRAN, ISRAEL, JORDAN, MIDDLE EAST.**  
Jerusalem Day  
Day proclaimed by the late Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979 to demand the "liberation" of Jerusalem. Falls on the last day of Ramadan.

- **March 19, 2003. IRAQ**  
Operation "Iraqi Freedom" began  
US and coalition forces began a bombing campaign against IRAQ
- **March 20, 1995. JAPAN.**  
Tokyo Subway Sarin Gas Attack  
Aum Shinri Kyo cult deposits two containers containing sarin poison gas in the Tokyo subway system. The incident results in 12 persons killed and up to 5000 hospitalized. In terms of casualties created, this is the most serious terrorist incident of 1995.
- **March 21, 1949. ISRAEL.**  
Palestinian Solidarity Day  
Arab solidarity day with the Palestinian people against Israel.
- **March 21, 1960. SOUTH AFRICA.**  
Sharpeville Massacre  
Police shot and killed sixty-nine blacks at a rally in the township of Sharpeville, south of Johannesburg
- **March 21, 2000. IRAN, IRAQ, MIDDLE EAST, TURKEY.**  
Kurdish New Year  
Kurdish New Year celebrated. The Kurdish New Year in past years has been the occasion for rioting that has killed dozens.
- **March 22, 1945. MIDDLE EAST.**  
Arab League Founded  
The Arab league or league of Arab states was founded. The league has 20 members plus the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).
- **March 22, 1955. LAOS.**  
Founding of the LPRP  
The Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP), the state communist party, was founded.
- **March 23, 1956. PAKISTAN**  
Islamic Republic Established  
The National Assembly adopted a new constitution that rejected Pakistan's status as a dominion and became an "Islamic Republic" within the commonwealth. Also known as "Pakistan Day."
- **March 23, 1962. PAKISTAN**  
New Constitution Adopted  
A new constitution was promulgated by president Ayub Khan.
- **March 24, 1972. UNITED KINGDOM.**  
Northern Ireland Direct Rule  
On March 24, 1972, the British government imposed direct rule on Northern Ireland
- **March 24, 1986. LIBYA.**  
U.S. Sinks Libyan Patrol Boats  
The U.S. Navy forces crossed the "line of death" in the gulf of Sidra and engaged Libyan patrol boats. Four Libyan vessels were sunk or damaged and a SA-5 radar site was crippled.
- **March 24, 1989. UNITED STATES**  
The Exxon Valdez grounded in Prince William Sound, and spilled nearly 11 million gallons of oil.
- **March 24, 1999. SERBIA-MONTENEGRO.**  
Start of Nato Airwar  
NATO commenced an aggressive air campaign against Slobodan Milosevic and the Yugoslav army on this date. The goal was to force the removal of all Serb troops and special police from the province of Kosovo.
- **March 25, 1821. GREECE**  
War of Independence Began  
The Greek war of independence against the Ottoman Empire began. This is celebrated as a national holiday.
- **March 25, 1975. SAUDI ARABIA.**  
King Faisal Assassinated  
King Faisal was assassinated by a deranged Kinsman and was succeeded by his brother, prince Khalid.
- **March 26, 1971. BANGLADESH.**  
Independence Declared  
Bangladesh declares its independence from Pakistan.

- **March 26, 1978. JAPAN.**  
Anti-Narita Struggle Begins  
Japanese radical leftists initiated a period of violent struggle against New Tokyo International Airport (NTIA) at Narita, taking over the airport's control tower. The opening of the airport subsequently was postponed.
- **March 26, 1979. EGYPT, ISRAEL.**  
Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty  
The Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty led to full Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai by April 1982 in return for peaceful and full diplomatic relations.
- **March 26, 1997. UNITED STATES**  
On this date thirty-nine members of the Heaven's Gate Cult were found in a Rancho Santa Fe mansion, having committed mass suicide.
- **March 29, 1969. PHILIPPINES.**  
New People'S Army Founded  
Founding of the New People's Army (NPA), the military arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).
- **March 29, 1985. CHILE.**  
Day of the Combatants  
Radicals mark the anniversary of the deaths of three communist party members and university professors, apparently at the hands of government agents, as a kind of unofficial memorial to Pinochet-era terrorists. Bombings and other terrorist attacks have taken place to commemorate this date.
- **March 30, 2000. ISRAEL, OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.**  
Land Day  
Protests by Israeli Arabs against alleged expropriation of Arab property. Violent protests and attacks against Israelis have occurred on this date.
- **March 31, 1959. CHINA.**  
Dalai Lama Flees Tibet  
Tibetans rebelled against Chinese rule and the Dalai Lama fled to India. The Chinese, saying the "agreement" between Beijing and Lhasa was broken, subsequently established heavier military control over Tibet.
- **March 31, 1986. GERMANY.**  
Friendship Association Bombed  
The German-Arab Friendship Association in West Berlin was bombed, injuring seven people. Syria allegedly aided the attack.
- **March 31, 1992. LIBYA.**  
U.N. Imposes Sanctions  
The United Nations Security Council voted to impose wide sweeping sanctions on Libya for its refusal to surrender two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan American flight 103. Under the sanctions all countries must bar flights to or from Libya, prohibit any arms deals and significantly reduce the staff of Libyan embassies and consulates. The sanctions took effect on 4/15/92.



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