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## OVER-THE-ROAD-BUS INTELLIGENCE AWARENESS DAILY (OTRBIAD) REPORT

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### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & INCIDENT REPORTS

#### **Woman Accused Of Making Bomb Threat At Brownsville Bus Station Charged**

*KRGV, 2/20/2025*

[Brownsville, Texas] A woman was charged in connection with a bomb threat at the Brownsville bus station, according to police. A news release from the Brownsville Police Department said 49-year-old Liz Allen White was charged with terroristic threat causing public fear of serious bodily injury and false alarm of an emergency. Her bond was set at \$15,000. According to police, the incident led to disruptions at the bus station that led to the temporary evacuation of the area and immediate emergency response. A spokesperson for the Brownsville Fire Department previously said the woman was arrested after saying she had a bomb. No injuries were reported, and no explosives were found.

<https://www.krgv.com/news/woman-accused-of-making-bomb-threat-at-brownsville-bus-station-charged>

#### **Red Line Shooting: 13-Year-Old Boy Among 2 Wounded On CTA**

*FOX 32, 2/21/2025*

[Chicago, Illinois] Just before 10 p.m., officers were called to the 35th Street station for a report of a person shot on the train. Upon arrival, they found a 13-year-old boy with a gunshot wound to his arm. He was taken to Comer Children's Hospital where he was listed in fair condition. A 30-year-old man was also found with a gunshot wound to his bicep. Paramedics treated him at the scene but he refused to go to the hospital, police said. No arrests have been made. Police said both victims were "uncooperative." Police have not said where they believe the shooting happened or how many suspects were involved.

<https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/red-line-shooting-cta>

#### **Homeless Man Busted For Rape Attempt On Midtown Subway Train, Woman Saved By Construction Workers**

*New York Daily News, 2/21/2025*

[New York] A homeless man with more than three dozen arrests and a history of mental illness has been arrested for assaulting and trying to rape a woman on a Midtown subway train, police said Friday. Tyriek Martin, 34, was on a W train approaching the 42nd St. station in Times Square at about noon Thursday when he grabbed a 34-year-old woman, slammed her head into a pole, then threw her to the floor of

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the train car and tried to rape her, police said. Alone on the train with the attacker, the woman put up a fight and when the train pulled into the station she screamed for help, police said. When the doors opened, several construction workers jumped in and grabbed the suspect, holding him down until cops arrived. <https://www.nydailynews.com/2025/02/21/homeless-man-busted-for-rape-attempt-on-midtown-subway-train-woman-saved-by-construction-workers/>

## TERRORISM & EXTREMISM

### 1 Dead, 3 Wounded In France Knife Attack Labeled Islamic Extremism

*Associated Press, 2/23/2025*

[France] A passerby was stabbed to death and three police officers injured Saturday near a crowded market in eastern France. An Algerian man identified as an Islamic extremist with a schizophrenic profile was detained in the attack, the interior minister said. France's national anti-terrorism prosecutor's office took over the investigation. The attack happened in the city of Mulhouse, located in a region that borders Germany and Switzerland. Macron said the government has "complete determination" to respond to the attack, which he blamed on "Islamist terrorism." France has been on high alert for extremist threats. The victim was a 69-year-old Portuguese man, the anti-terrorism prosecutor's office said. The three injured included a parking control officer stabbed in the aorta and torso who remained hospitalized, Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau told reporters at the scene. The other two sustained lighter injuries. <https://apnews.com/article/france-knife-attack-mulhouse-islamic-extremism-05d6ce8a395e14b2a8a30f7c6aacc790>

**ANALYST COMMENTARY:** At approximately 4 p.m. on 22 February 2025 a 37-year-old Algerian man who had been residing illegally in France since 2014 stabbed eight people with a knife and a screwdriver, killing one, at a public market in Mulhouse, France while crowds attended a demonstration. Seven police officers were wounded, and a 69-year-old bystander who attempted to stop the attacker was killed. The attacker was on a terrorism watchlist and under a deportation order at the time of his attack due to prior non-violent terror-related crimes. French authorities have said the man was signing documents related to his most recent detention at a police station immediately prior to the attack, and during that process he refused to finish signing the papers, ran into the street, and started stabbing people. Witnesses claim the attacker allegedly exclaimed "Allahu Akbar" ("God is great") during the incident, and French authorities have labeled the incident as an act of Islamist terrorism. The attacker was arrested during the incident, and French authorities have also detained two of the attacker's family members as well as a "person who lodged with him," all of whom are being questioned in connection with the incident. It is unclear if they had prior knowledge of the attackers' plans, though law enforcement have said they believe there is no further threat to the public. The attacker had been arrested previously by French authorities for glorifying terrorist acts,

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including the 2023 Hamas attack against Israel, and was suspected of having schizophrenia. French authorities had tried to deport the man at least ten times in the past, though they were continuously unsuccessful in their attempts because Algeria allegedly refused to accept the man due to his criminal history. This incident marks the third Islamist terrorist mass stabbing incident in France since October 2023.

## **Syrian Suspect In Berlin Holocaust Memorial Stabbing Wanted To Kill Jews, Investigators Say** *Associated Press, 2/22/2025*

[Berlin, Germany] The suspect in a stabbing attack at Berlin's Holocaust Memorial that seriously injured a Spanish tourist is a Syrian refugee who apparently wanted to kill Jews, investigators said Saturday. The 19-year-old suspect was arrested on Friday evening, nearly three hours after the attack, when he approached officers with blood on his hands and clothes. Police and prosecutors said in a statement that the victim sustained life-threatening injuries to the neck when he was attacked with a knife. The 30-year-old underwent an emergency operation and was put into an artificial coma for a while, and his life is no longer in danger, they added. The suspect arrived in Germany in 2023 as an unaccompanied minor and successfully applied for asylum, investigators said. He lives in Leipzig. The attack took place two days before a German national election in which migration has become a top issue, pushed to the forefront by five deadly attacks involving immigrants over the past nine months. <https://apnews.com/article/germany-berlin-holocaust-memorial-stabbing-suspect-f55c1f363184d81c68858692542880bc>

## **Terrorism and Targeted Violence (T2V) in the United States: Weapon Types** *START, 1/2025*

This research brief examines the weapons that were used, or were intended to be used, in 1,306 terrorism and targeted violence crimes that were committed in the United States from January 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. The data for this brief come from the forthcoming Terrorism and Targeted Violence (T2V) in the United States database, which includes comprehensive information on foiled, failed, and successful attacks in the U.S. and its territories that were designed to have a significant impact on public safety or the security of critical infrastructure and key resources. The data include terrorism events, premeditated hate crimes, school-based targeted violence, workplace targeted violence, and public mass violence events that were motivated by personal grievances. More information about the T2V database can be found in the "About T2V" section at the end of this brief. The analysis presented here explores how often the perpetrators of T2V events used or planned to use various weapons, including firearms, explosives, incendiary devices, and vehicles. It also examines the average lethality of attacks based on the types of weapons used in the incidents.

[https://www.start.umd.edu/t2v/static/files/T2V\\_Weapon\\_Brief.pdf](https://www.start.umd.edu/t2v/static/files/T2V_Weapon_Brief.pdf)

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**ANALYST COMMENTARY:** In January 2025, the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) published a research brief sharing data they had collected on 1,306 terrorist and targeted violence incidents in the U.S. from January 2023 to July 2024. Of note, according to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) definition, “targeted violence” in this context refers to “any incident of violence that implicates homeland security and/or [DHS] activities, and in which a known or knowable attacker selects a particular target prior to the violent attack.” More specifically, START claims their brief includes data from “terrorism events, premeditated hate crimes, school-based targeted violence, workplace targeted violence, and public mass violence events that were motivated by personal grievances.” The START data found that during the studied timeframe, firearms were involved in 745 terrorist and targeted violence attacks and plots, making up 57 percent of the total attacks studied. Law enforcement were able to intercede and prevent 407 (54.6 percent) firearms attacks and plots, and another 22 (3 percent) of firearms attacks and plots failed due to equipment and operator errors. The remaining 316 (42.4 percent) of firearms attacks and plots resulted in perpetrators “successfully” employing their firearms against their targets. Despite the preference attackers had for firearms attacks, attackers who used fire as a weapon via arson and incendiary devices had a significantly higher success rate, with 84.5 percent of the approximately 250 incendiary attacks recorded during the timeframe deemed successful. Essentially every vehicle attack recorded during the timeframe was also deemed successful. Firearms accounted for 87.1 percent of all victim fatalities and 63.8 percent of all victim injuries during the recorded attacks, with 1.84 casualties reported per firearm attack. The only other attack method that approached this casualty rate was vehicle ramming style incidents, which were found to have a casualty rate of 1.77 per attack.

## SECURITY & SAFETY AWARENESS

**NPR Story On Train Hopping Raises Safety Concerns, Industry Officials Say**  
*Trains.com, 2/20/2025*

Railroad industry officials have raised concerns about a recent National Public Radio story that they say glorifies train hopping, a practice that is both dangerous and illegal. The Feb. 17 story, “Train hoppers ride the rails across America — and you can tag along,” stunned officials from the Federal Railroad Administration, the Association of American Railroads, and Operation Lifesaver. The story by NPR reporter Manuela López Restrepo does point out that train hopping is an illegal pastime that has claimed lives. But the bulk of the story romanticizes the modern hobo lifestyle, which in the social media era has attracted people who post YouTube videos of their exploits. Some of the videos have been viewed hundreds of thousands of times. None of this sits well with rail safety advocates. “Massive 400,000-pound locomotives pull heavy railcars at high speeds, creating a deadly environment for trespassers. More than 95% of rail-related injuries and fatalities involve trespassing and grade crossings,” an AAR

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spokesperson says. <https://www.trains.com/trn/news-reviews/news-wire/npr-story-on-train-hopping-raises-safety-concerns-industry-officials-say/>

## City Makes Changes To Bus Stop To Improve Safety, Visibility

KGUN 9, 2/21/2025

[Tucson, Arizona] Nearby residents and business owners have expressed concerns with safety issues at the bus stop off Speedway and Alvernon. The City of Tucson's Department of Transportation and Mobility, along with the Tucson Police Department, partnered with Transit and provided this statement: "safety enhancements were made this week to the bus stop off Speedway and Alvernon. These modifications included fencing and rock which will improve visibility and transit safety." ... The city has offered some long-term solutions via email to Pawlak and other nearby residents such as: Explore adding a luminaire to adjacent light pole— DTM (Department of Transportation and Mobility) will investigate. Begin process to move traffic controller cabinets away from the shelter— this will take 6 months. Permanent fencing— Needs further analysis. Install a lean post or squatting bench in place of long bench. It is not clear when these long-term solutions will begin. Moving forward, Pawlak hopes the city communicates more efficiently with concerned residents. <https://www.kgun9.com/news/community-inspired-journalism/midtown-news/city-makes-changes-to-bus-stop-to-improve-safety-visibility>

## Sweden Investigates Suspected Sabotage Of Undersea Telecoms Cable

BBC, 2/21/2025

[Europe] Swedish police have been investigating the suspected sabotage of an undersea telecoms cable in the Baltic Sea, connecting Germany and Finland. A series of undersea cables and gas pipelines have been damaged in suspected attacks since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, prompting Nato to launch a monitoring mission in the sea last month. The Swedish coastguard has dispatched a research vessel to the east of Gotland, which is the country's largest island and the reported location of the latest breach. Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson has said the government is aware of the cable break and added it "must be seen in the context of the current serious security situation".

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy5nydr9rqvo>

## CYBERSECURITY

### Bybit Hack: \$1.4B Stolen from World's 2nd Largest Crypto Exchange

HackRead, 2/21/2025

Bybit, the world's second-largest cryptocurrency exchange, has confirmed today that it suffered a major security breach resulting in the theft of approximately \$1.4 billion worth of Ethereum. The stolen funds were taken from one of the exchange's cold wallets, which are designed to store cryptocurrency offline

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and are generally considered highly secure. Bybit CEO Ben Zhou addressed the situation in a statement, acknowledging the incident and confirming that the company is currently conducting a thorough investigation to determine the exact cause of the breach and the extent of the damage. While the details of the attack remain undisclosed pending the investigation, Zhou reassured users that Bybit has the financial capacity to cover the losses and that customer funds remain safe. He emphasized that trading and other platform operations are continuing as normal. <https://hackread.com/bybit-hack-billion-stolen-largest-crypto-exchange/>

**ANALYST COMMENTARY:** On 21 February 2025, cryptocurrency exchange Bybit announced that it had experienced a hack, and that approximately 400,000 Ethereum cryptocurrency valued at approximately \$1.46 billion had been stolen, marking the largest crypto hack in history. Blockchain researchers have attributed to the North Korean APT Lazarus Group, which has been around since 2009 and has a longstanding history of perpetrating cyber theft activity, cyber espionage, and other disruptive cyber acts to further the North Korean government's priorities. The group is believed to be trained by the Chinese government, and has been tied to significant cyber incidents, including the 2017 WannaCry ransomware outbreak, which impacted over 200,000 computers across 150 countries and caused billions in damages. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the group allegedly targeted multiple major pharmaceutical companies with phishing attacks, though their motivations for doing so remain unclear. In 2022, the U.S. government linked Lazarus to the \$620 million cryptocurrency theft from the Ronin network, used for the popular online game Axie Infinity. At the time, it was the largest crypto heist ever recorded. Since 2022, the group has been primarily linked to cyber theft operations, and have been credited with stealing over \$300 million worth of crypto assets in 2023 – approximately 17 percent of the total crypto losses recorded during the entire year.

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