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Terrorism in Western Europe

Western Europe continues to be a major site of international terrorist activity. Preliminary figures indicate the region suffered about 200 terrorist incidents--30 percent of the global total. Western European attacks were divided about equally into three categories:

- Attacks against US and NATO related targets by radical left European groups. This activity was especially intense last winter and, after a hiatus revived to some extent in the fall of 1985.
- Attacks against West European government targets by domestic terrorists. This often involved separatists and has dropped recently.
- Attacks staged by Middle Eastern terrorists. The number of Middle Eastern origin terrorist attacks doubled in 1984 to 62, and had exceeded that level even prior to the Rome and Vienna airport attacks. Until recently, the targets were mostly Middle Eastern--moderate Palestinians and Arabs and dissident exiles--but Western interests are increasingly being targeted.

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Middle Eastern origin terrorism is of special concern:

- It continues to increase with no drop in sight.
  
- It often involves state support, complicating counter-measures.
  
- It is more likely to involve crossborder activity, making multilateral counterterrorism cooperation imperative.
  
- Innocent Europeans have now become the casualties of Middle Eastern terrorists--often as innocent bystanders in attacks against Middle Eastern targets.

Palestinian activity has more than doubled worldwide--from 91 incidents in 1984 to over 200 for the first 11 months of 1985. The most active Palestinian group in Western Europe in 1985 was Abu Nidal. This group was responsible for six grenade attacks in several West European cities and for the Rome and Vienna airport attacks. Abu Nidal operations resulted in at least 27 dead and over 320 wounded last year.

Libya has also been a leading sponsor of terrorism in Western Europe, especially in 1984, when it conducted an assassination campaign against regime opponents living in exile

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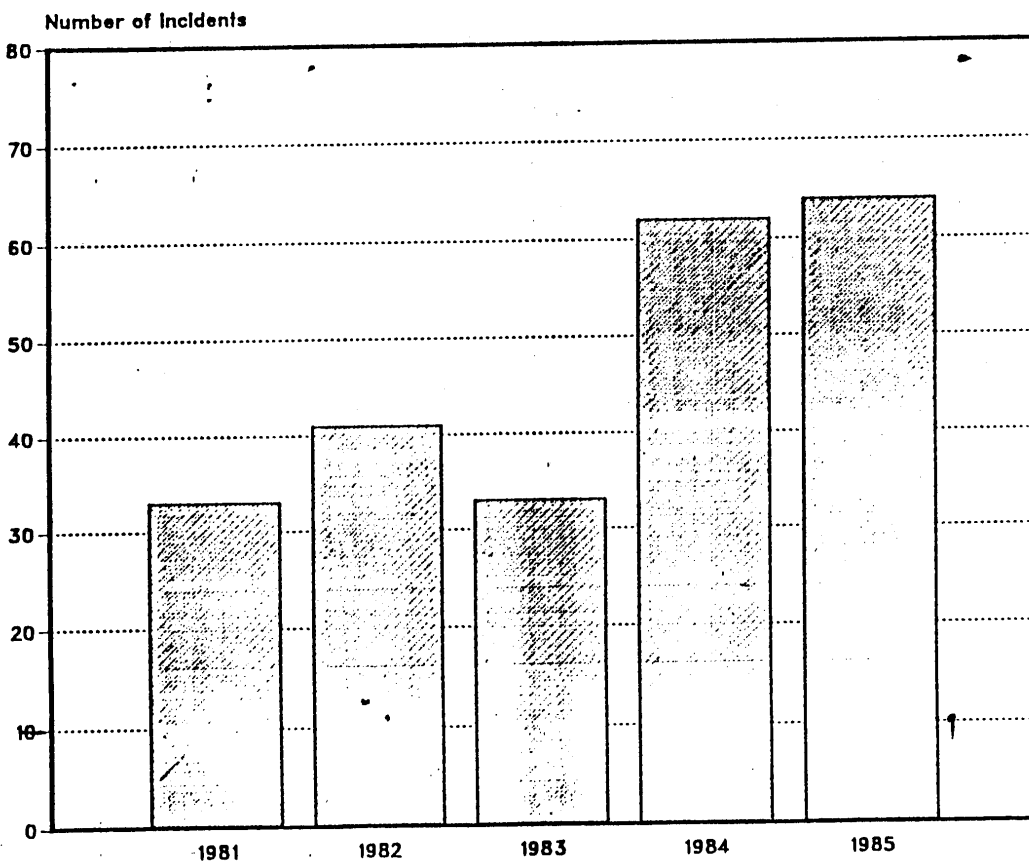
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there. After remaining relatively quiet during most of 1985, Libya is again moving to the forefront through its support to radical Palestinian groups such as Abu Nidal. The closer working relationship between Libya and Abu Nidal means that the international community, especially Western Europe and the Middle East, is confronted by a deadly combination: an active ruthless group willing to cause indiscriminate slaughter--the Abu Nidal group--and a regime in Tripoli willing to encourage and nurture that group and others like it.

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### Middle Eastern Origin Terrorist Incidents in Western Europe 1981-1985\*



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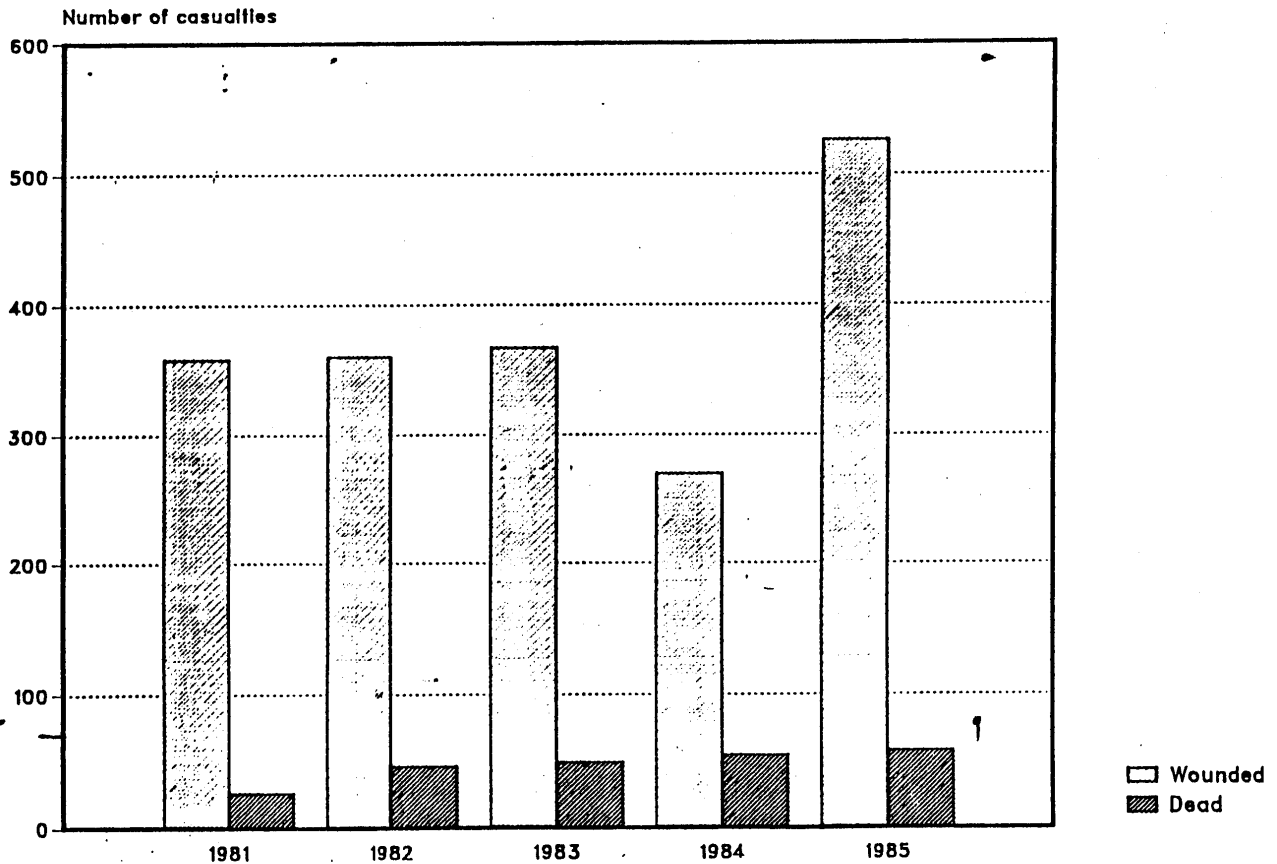
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ASSAULT				1	1	2
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BARRICADE NO HOSTAGE	1	1	4	1		7
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EXTORTION-HARASSMENT				5		5
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THEFT	1					1
NON-AIR HIJACKING					1	1
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### Casualties Resulting From International Terrorist Incidents In Western Europe, 1981-1985\*



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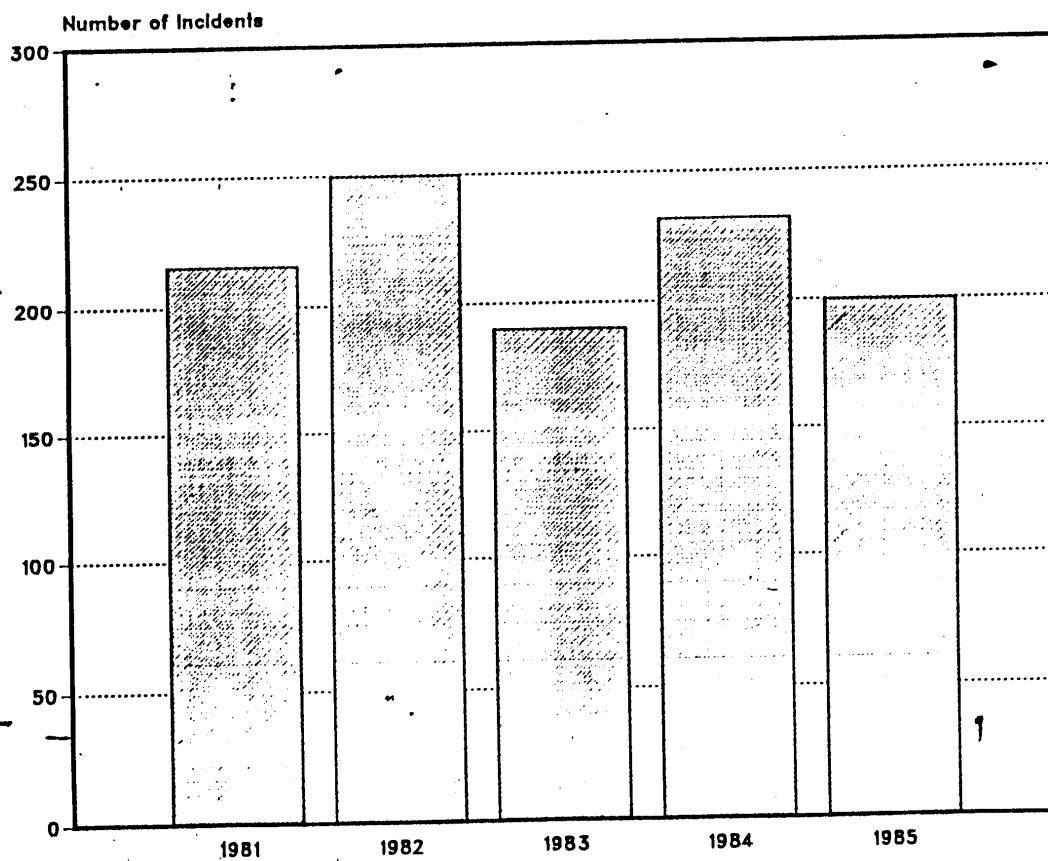
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83	50	368	418
84	55	270	325
85	58	527	585
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### International Terrorist Incidents in Western Europe 1981-1985\*



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ARSON	26	49	29	39	27	170
ASSAULT				1	1	2
BARRICADE HOSTAGE	4	5	2			12
BARRICADE NO HOSTAGE	7	6	10	2		25
BOMBING	118	158	94	124	112	606
EXTORTION-HARASSMENT				9		9
TERRORIST SKYJACKING	2		2	2	2	8
KIDNAPING	6	1	5	2	1	15
SABOTAGE-VANDALISM	1		2	10	4	17
THEFT	6	1	5	2		14
NON-AIR HIJACKING					1	1
	216	250	190	232	188	1,076

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