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**Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—March 1997** [ ]

*This description of incidents and situations is not meant to be a detailed accounting of all domestic terrorist incidents, but rather to provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide.* [ ]

**Asia**

**China**

A crude pipe bomb exploded on a bus in a busy shopping area in Beijing on 7 March, killing three persons and injuring eight others. A Uyghur separatist group called the *Eastern Turkestan Freedom Organization* claimed responsibility. [ ]

**India**

On 15 March in the Nalbari District of Assam, suspected *United Liberation Front of Assam* militants ambushed a vehicle owned by the manager of a tea plantation, killing the manager's wife and two police escorts. [ ]

Four unidentified gunmen shot and killed a Kashmiri journalist and his security guard on 16 March in Srinagar. The victim, the eighth Kashmiri journalist killed since 1989, produced a television program called *Kashmir File*. [ ]

**Philippines**

On 17 March suspected members of the *Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)* fired rocket launchers into a market in Isabela, Zamboanga, wounding three persons. [ ]

**Sri Lanka**

On 16 March *Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)* militants detonated a Claymore mine in the path of a bus in Maradankerni, killing two civilians and injuring eight others. [ ]

**Europe**

**Spain**

On 2 March suspected *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* militants hurled several Molotov cocktails at the Pamplona home of a member of the Navarre regional parliament, causing major damage to the residence but no injuries. [ ]

Two gunmen shot and killed a prison psychologist as he walked to work in San Sebastian on 11 March. One assailant was apprehended and identified as a member of *ETA*. [ ]

On 26 March unidentified assailants threw incendiary devices at a building in Pamplona housing the region's Catholic archdiocese, causing minor damage but no injuries. Authorities suspect youth members or sympathizers of *ETA*. [ ]

**Turkey**

On 8 March a bomb exploded in front of a Turkish Air League office in Istanbul, causing minor damage but no casualties. No one claimed responsibility. Authorities later arrested eight members of the *Greater Eastern Islamic Fighters Front (IBDA-C)* in connection with the bombing. [ ]

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