



- 1) October 6: ISIS's Wilayat Aden-Abyan (**Yemen**) claimed four suicide attacks on military and political facilities used by Saudi, Emirati and Yemeni officials in **Aden**.
- 2) October 9: ISIS's Wilayat Khorasan (**Afghanistan-Pakistan**) launched its first attack in **Kabul**, launching four IEDs allegedly targeting Shi'a worshippers in a religious hall.
- 3) October 10: Two suicide bombers killed more than 100 attendees at a peace rally in Turkey's capital **Ankara**, the deadliest attack in **Turkey's** modern history. Turkish authorities later claimed ISIS's leadership in Syria directed the attack.
- 4) October 12: **Russian** authorities detained ten individuals suspected of planning an attack on **Moscow's** public transit system. Officials claimed some in the group had trained with ISIS in **Syria**.
- 5) October 14: ISIS's Wilayat Tarabulus (**Western Libya**) opened a Sharia court in **Sirte**, on Libya's central coast. The court has administered executions, burned textbooks, and mandated that women wear hijabs.
- 6) October 16: ISIS's Wilayat **Bahrain** claimed its first attack, a shooting on a Shi'a mosque in eastern **Saudi Arabia**. The new affiliate may consist of Bahraini militants who intend to launch attacks in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.
- 7) October 22: ISIS released its first Hebrew-language video, following an Arabic-language video series celebrating recent violence in **Jerusalem** and encouraging supporters to attack Jews, Hamas and Fatah in **Israel and Palestine**.
- 8) October 22: Sources within Al-Qaeda's **Somali** affiliate al-Shabaab claim a high-ranking leader pledged allegiance to ISIS, following several months of rumored defections to ISIS and arrests within al-Shabaab.
- 9) October 24: ISIS claimed a triple-IED attack on a gathering for a Shi'a religious holiday in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. ISIS previously claimed attacks in Bangladesh on September 29 and October 3.
- 10) October 31: ISIS's Wilayat Sinai (**Egypt**) claimed it downed a **Russian** commercial jet in retaliation for Russia's air campaign in Syria. The cause of the crash is not confirmed as of November 2.

## ISIS-Linked Regional Activity: October 2015

*ISIS targeted Shi'a civilians in Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan before and during celebrations for Ashura, a Shi'a religious holiday in October 2015. ISIS's affiliates and supporters also targeted Sunni Arab rituals in Turkey and in Yemen. ISIS is attempting to rally the Muslim world against Israel simultaneously, encouraging supporters to attack Jews and rival Palestinian groups. ISIS's regional strategy depends upon victory against all three foes. It also depends upon the defeat of foreign powers in the region, including Russia. ISIS intends to target Russian interests outside of Iraq and Syria, as evinced by its claim to have downed a Russian jet over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.*