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Terror Attacks Trend Report:

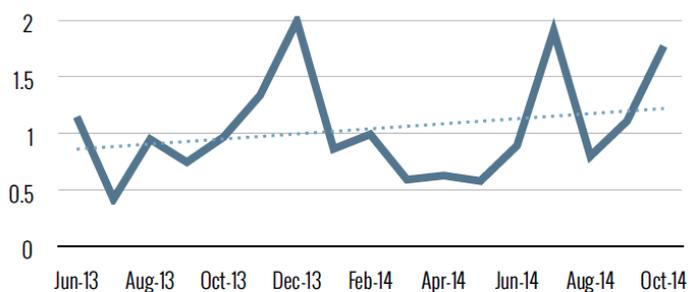
- After a relatively more peaceful month of September, October 2014 saw a return to a higher number of terror attacks, with **27 attacks throughout the country**. (Figure 1)

Figure 1: Number of Attacks Countrywide



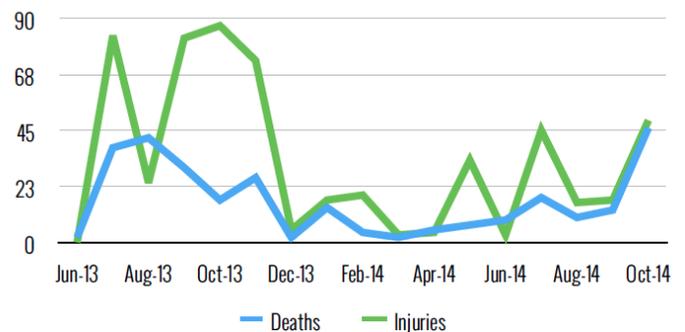
- Terror attacks have become increasingly deadly in Egypt, and this trend was continued in October, which was the **deadliest month in terms of terror attacks** in over a year. **48 were killed in October 2014**; 46 of these deaths occurred in North Sinai. (Figures 2 and 3)

Figure 2: Deadliness (average deaths per attack monthly)



- On October 24, 2014, **militants carried out the deadliest attacks in Egypt since the 2005 attacks in Sharm el-Sheikh**. The October attacks were carried out in three waves; two attacks at security check-points killed 33, and a third attack on an arriving ambulance was unsuccessful. The attacks have not yet been claimed.

Figure 3: Deaths & Injuries in Sinai Peninsula

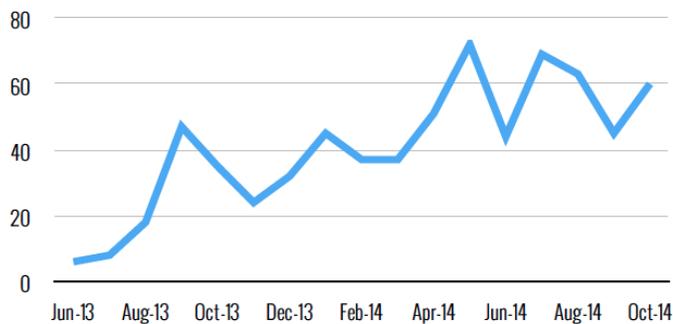


- Despite intensified military actions in the area **following the October 24 attacks, anti-state violence did not cease**: two shootings, a roadside bomb, and a coordinated attack on an armored vehicle left 12 injured in North Sinai after the October 24 attacks.
- On October 5, Sinai-based **Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis published a video that displayed the beheading of three men** and the shooting of a fourth. They claimed the men were Egyptian intelligence and Mossad collaborators.
- After releasing a series of videos condemning police violence at universities, **Ajnad Misr claimed an improvised explosive attack** at Cairo University on October 22 that left 11 injured.
- **Ajnad Misr also launched a new media arm**, Kanana Productions, including Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Wordpress pages.

Counter-terror Operations Trend Report:

- Counter-terror operations patterns mimicked terrorism trends. After a lull in September, the **number of operations returned to above average monthly rate for 2014**; thus far 2014 has seen an average of 52.3 operations per month and there were 60 in October. This was due in part to broad military operations in the Sinai Peninsula targeted toward eradicating militant strongholds. (Figure 4)

Figure 4: Number of Operations Countrywide



- As part of these efforts, the government began relocation of families on the Egypt-Gaza border in order to create a “buffer zone.” The **efforts will include the demolition of over 800 homes** in the first phase.
- Counter-terror operations resulted in the **deaths of 71 alleged terrorists** (all in the North Sinai province), 31 of whom were reported to be members of Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis.
- 203 alleged terrorists** were arrested in October 2014 – 73.9% of these were arrested for their suspected affiliation with the Muslim Brotherhood. At least 7 of these were arrested for their activities on social media. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Arrests Countrywide

