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Confronting the suicide-bomber threat.

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Although the United States has yet to be plagued by the type of routine belt-bomb suicide attacks that Israel experiences, many experts believe that it is only a matter of time before this tactic makes its way across the Atlantic. Fortunately, there are indicators of and preventive measures for these kinds of attacks, says retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Malcolm Nance, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. intelligence community's Combating Terrorism program and an expert in suicide terrorism.

Among the warning signs that reveal a suicide bomber are unseasonable garb, obvious disguises (such as a police uniform with a security guard badge), and profuse sweating, says Nance, who spoke at an ASIS International Virtual Forum. Another sign is a well-coiffed, perfumed appearance, which Nance calls "ritualistic hygiene" in preparation to meet one's maker.

With regard to prevention and detection at a business, Nance stresses the importance of countersurveillance, specifically having some way to evaluate every person who approaches your site or facility, including how they walk and what they are wearing. He also emphasizes the benefits of metal detectors at entrances and of making sure that personnel are aware that suicide attacks are a real risk.

Potential suicide bombers should not be approached, Nance says, nor should they be negotiated with, lest they try to lure more security and law enforcement officials closer to them. If an attack is clearly imminent, officers should shoot the person in the head—not the body, where the explosives would be located (of course, shooting should be a last resort, and security should be certain that they are indeed dealing with a suicide bomber). Israeli officers have stopped attacks at the last moment by grabbing the bomber's hands, kneeling on his wrists, and cuffing him.

In addition to warning away other persons who may still be in the area, says Nance, officers should move away from the scene, because the bomber might have a fail-safe detonator or a colleague of the attacker might detonate the explosives remotely. A bomber's remains should never be touched for the same reason, Nance says.

Perhaps Nance's most intriguing suggestion is that potential targets hire "mission-specific screeners," as is done in Israel. One looming question is whether this strategy is feasible for such businesses as shopping malls or data warehouses.

These screeners need a high level of training on topics such as spotting concealed explosives and dealing with unexploded ordnance. They must also be well paid, Nance says. That begs the question of whether businesses see the threat as significant enough to invest in the extra training and compensation given the rarity of suicide bombings in the United States.

Jim Francis, senior vice president, security services group, Kroll Inc., thinks that mission-specific screeners are not likely to become the norm any time soon. He agrees, however, that in some circumstances, private security officers might be expected to identify suicide bombers, which would warrant extra training, though not necessarily at the level of a mission-specific screener.

"There would be certain areas and certain venues where having some level of training and observational skills and some level of understanding of behavior pattern recognition would be necessary," Francis says. For example, he cites New York's Grand Central Station as that type of venue. Extra training might involve awareness of when and why to be suspicious as well as how to intervene and question, he says.

But on a widespread scale, such a high level of observation would be impractical, Francis says. "Thinking we can muster a high-level force for every target is a pipe dream."

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