

**International Terrorism**  
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**Lecture 9**  
**Weapons**  
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# 1- Conventional weapons

- kill a chosen target with a pistol or knife.
- Rifles are also readily available in many countries and could be used with precision by a marksman from a distance.



- Various kinds of automatic weapons and assault rifles have also become increasingly easy to obtain.
- lethal weapons: have also become available with the stockpiles of “surplus”.



- Bombs: Bombs can range from simple devices such as a grenade or a Molotov cocktail .



- more sophisticated device that can be detonated by remote control or by timers.
- Various kinds of bombs have been a mainstay of terrorist groups for many years. Approximately half of all terrorist attacks involve bombs.
- A mine that can be detonated by remote control, for example, can be used against a particular vehicle.
- With increasingly compact explosives, letter bombs and package bombs can be used to attack individuals.
- Car bombs have been a relatively recent addition to terrorist groups.

- Suicide bombings have become prevalent for some terrorist groups.
- Modern technology has also provided potential terrorists with many more weapons options. Surface-to-air missiles can be used against commercial aircraft as well as military ones.



## 2- Weapons of mass destruction

- Such weapons have generally included biological and chemical weapons, radiological bombs, and even nuclear devices.
- To date there has been no evidence that any terrorist organization has gained access to nuclear devices or to weapons grade uranium or plutonium.
- There is also the danger of a radiological weapon or a “dirty bomb” where
- a conventional bomb is loaded with materials contaminated by radiation so that that the death
- and destruction from the blast is increased. This is the easiest weapon of mass destruction that terrorists could construct and use.

- the use of nerve gas and anthrax. Anthrax is actually quite limited as a biological weapon because it is not contagious. The more deadly type of biological weapon would be one that was both deadly and contagious.