

# NC4™ Incident Monitoring Center



## ALERT SUMMARY: DHAHAB BOMBING

**DATE**  
April 24, 2006

**TIME**  
1915 local

**LOCATION**  
South Sinai Peninsula  
Dhahab, Egypt

### INCIDENT SITUATION

At 19:15 local time on April 24, three bombs exploded in Dhahab, Egypt, killing 24 people and injuring 60 others. The bombs exploded simultaneously in the popular tourist town on the South Sinai Peninsula in three locations: the Al Capone Restaurant, outside a supermarket and jewelry store, and near a bridge entrance.

Because the nature of the bombings was strategic in terms of its synchronization and timing with the Eastern Orthodox Easter season, Sinai Liberation Day, and an annual Egyptian spring holiday, the crime was handled as terrorism. Egyptian police arrested thirty suspects, alleged domestic terrorists, who might be responsible for two previous attacks to the peninsula.

Inconclusive evidence suggests some correlation between the bombings and Salafists, hard-line al Qaeda sympathizers, making it difficult to discern the objective of the act. While the attack occurred during the height of tourist season when many Israeli and European tourists were in the area, most casualties were Egyptian tourists.

### NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provides ongoing updates to members as the incident unfolds through the National Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC). NIMC analysts follow the incident using official government sources as well as national and international media sources. In this case, our sources alerted us to the bombings one half hour before major news networks broadcasted the incident. In following the story, we used media coverage such as the ABC News article "Triple Terror Strike in Egypt: 30 Arrested."

### Selected NIMC Updates:

Reuters reports three explosions at tourist bazaar in Sinai town of Dhahab. (4/24/2006 13:39 EST)

CNN and Reuters report at least 100 people possibly dead or injured in Dhahab explosions. (4/24/2006 14:10 EST)

Egyptian security officials report 22 fatalities, 150 injuries in Dhahab bombings. (4/24/2006 14:41 EST)

Egyptian security officials now report at least 30 fatalities. (4/24/2006 15:07 EST)

Casualty tally at 30 fatalities, 150 injuries. Egyptian president declares this a terrorist act. (4/24/2006 16:04 EST)

Egyptian officials declare 23 fatalities in Dhahab, less than previously reported. (4/24/2006 21:27 EST)

Egyptian police arrest 30 people in connection with Dhahab's bombings. (4/25/2006 19:38 EST)

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- Incident Channels:** NIMC Incidents, Alert Profiles-Create/Modify, Active Incidents, NIEF Incidents, NIMC Map with Refresh, NIMC in Google Earth
- Special Events:** Avon Par 2006 Winter Olympics
- NJNYICT Transportation:** Transportation Incidents, Transportation Alert Profiles
- User Profile Administration:** My Profiles
- Facility Management:** Create Facilities, Facility Status, Facility Map

The 'Incident Detail' section includes:

- Incident Title:** Terrorism (Bombing)
- When:** 2006-04-24 10:26 PDT
- Where:** Local Bazaar, Dhahab, South Sinai, Egypt
- Synopsis:** Egyptian security officials report 22 people killed, 150 injured in Dhahab bombings. Egyptian security officials are reporting that 22 people were killed and another 150 injured in simultaneous Dhahab bombings. One bomb took place at the Ghazala market, the second at the Mashrabya hotel, and the third on a pedestrian bridge.
- What:** Dhahab is a tourist resort on the Sinai peninsula and if this was a terrorist attack, it would be the largest in Egypt since last July's bombings in Sharm al-Sheikh, 75 km southwest of Dhahab. It is the height of tourist season and the start of [Imore...](#)
- Special Program/Event:** N/A
- Last Updated:** 2006-04-24 11:46 PDT by NC4 Analyst 46
- Notification Rule:** Do Not Send

At the bottom of the incident detail, there are three icons: a red triangle for 'Extreme', a green checkmark for 'Multiple', and a yellow paperclip for 'Attachment(s)'. Below these icons are 'Forward', 'Comment', and 'Cancel' buttons.