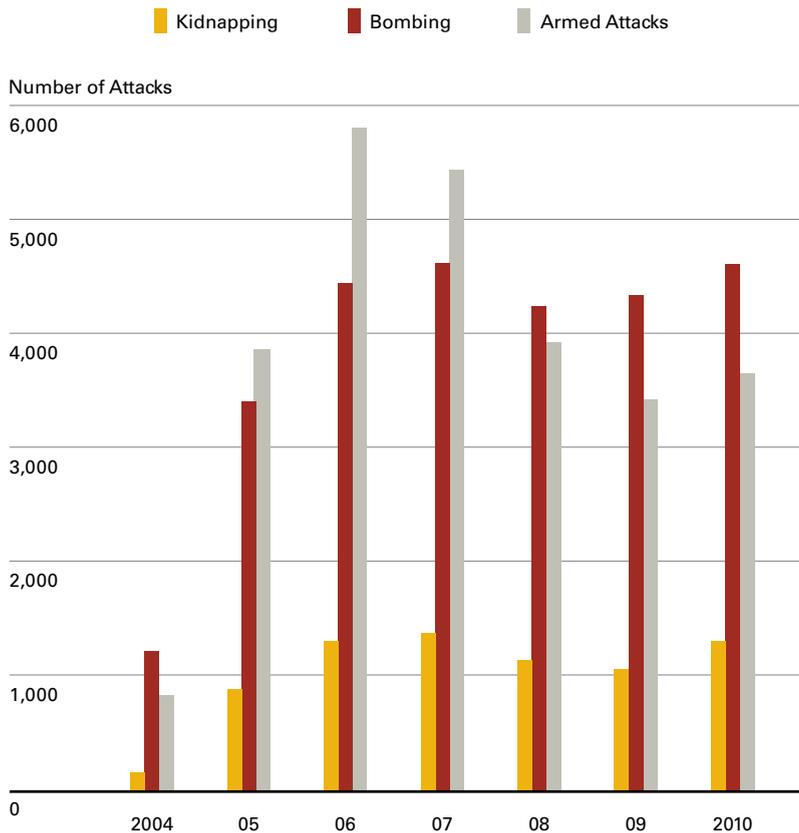


Trends in Armed Attacks

In 2005, the number of armed attacks using small arms exceeded bombings as the most prevalent terrorist tactic worldwide—for the first time since the US Government began keeping records. The rise in armed attacks in Iraq after 2005 accounts for one-third of the total of armed attacks. As the Iraqi conflict subsided from 2007 onward, bombings once again supplanted small arms attacks. The overall number of armed attacks remains high, occurring primarily in countries that suffer from civil disorder, insurgency, or a high terrorist threat such as Afghanistan, Israel, India, Thailand, and Pakistan. The chart on this page details patterns of kidnappings, bombings, and armed attacks over much of the past decade.

Patterns in Armed Attacks



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