

List of Attacks on American Diplomats and Congressional Responses, 1973–2012

Event	Victim	Detail	Country	Year	President	Secretary of state	Congressional hearings and investigations
1	Cleo Allen Noel, Jr.	Assassinated by Palestinian terrorists	Sudan	1973	Nixon	Rogers	
	George Curtis Moore	Assassinated by Palestinian terrorists	Sudan	1973	Nixon	Rogers	0
2	John S. Patterson	Kidnapped and murdered	Mexico	1974	Nixon	Kissinger	2
3	Rodger P. Davies	Shot by sniper	Cyprus	1974	Nixon	Kissinger	1
4	John Patrick Egan	Kidnapped and killed by insurgent	Argentina	1975	Ford	Kissinger	0
5	Charles McMahon	Rocket attack on Saigon airport	Vietnam	1975	Ford	Kissinger	
	Darwin Judge	Rocket attack on Saigon airport	Vietnam	1975	Ford	Kissinger	0
6	Francis E. Meloy, Jr.	Assassinated by terrorists	Lebanon	1976	Ford	Kissinger	
	Robert O. Waring	Assassinated by terrorists	Lebanon	1976	Ford	Kissinger	2
7	Adolph Dubs	Kidnapped and killed by terrorists	Afghanistan	1979	Carter	Vance	3
8	Steven J. Crowley	Shot by mob	Pakistan	1979	Carter	Vance	
	Bryan L. Ellis	Burned attempting to save life	Pakistan	1979	Carter	Vance	0
9	Charles Robert Ray	Assassinated by terrorists	France	1982	Reagan	Haig	0
10	Robert C. Ames	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Thomas R. Blacka	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Phyllis N. Faraci	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Terry L. Gilden	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Kenneth E. Haas	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Deborah M. Hixon	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Frank J. Johnston	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	5
	James F. Lewis	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Monique Lewis	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	William R. McIntyre	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Robert V. McMaugh	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	William R. Sheil	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
	Albert N. Votaw	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1983	Reagan	Schultz	
11	George Tsantes	Assassinated by terrorists	Greece	1983	Reagan	Schultz	1
12	A. A. Schaefelberger III	Shot by insurgents	El Salvador	1983	Reagan	Schultz	0
13	Leamon R. Hunt	Killed by Red Brigade	Italy	1984	Reagan	Schultz	0
14	Kenneth G. Crabtree	Killed in bombing	Namibia	1984	Reagan	Schultz	
	Dennis Whyte Keogh	Killed in bombing	Namibia	1984	Reagan	Schultz	0
15	Michael Ray Wagner	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1984	Reagan	Schultz	
	Kenneth V. Welch	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Lebanon	1984	Reagan	Schultz	12
16	Charles F. Hegna	Killed by gunmen on plane	Iran	1984	Reagan	Schultz	
	William L. Stanford	Killed by gunmen on plane	Iran	1984	Reagan	Schultz	0
17	Enrique Camarena	Killed by drug trafficker	Mexico	1985	Reagan	Schultz	4
18	Bobby Joe Dickson	Shot by gunmen	El Salvador	1985	Reagan	Schultz	
	Thomas T. Handwork	Shot by gunmen	El Salvador	1985	Reagan	Schultz	
	Patrick R. Kwiatkowski	Shot by gunmen	El Salvador	1985	Reagan	Schultz	0
	Gregory H. Weber	Shot by gunmen	El Salvador	1985	Reagan	Schultz	
19	William F. Buckley	Kidnapped and killed by terrorists	Lebanon	1985	Reagan	Schultz	0
20	William E. Nordeen	Car bombing	Greece	1988	Reagan	Schultz	0
21	Matthew K. Gannon	Airplane bombing	Scotland	1988	Reagan	Schultz	
	Ronald A. Lariviere	Airplane bombing	Scotland	1988	Reagan	Schultz	0
	Daniel E. O'Conner	Airplane bombing	Scotland	1988	Reagan	Schultz	
22	James N. Rowe	Shot by communists	Philippines	1989	H.W. Bush	Baker	0
23	Marie D. Burke	Murdered in her home	England	1989	H.W. Bush	Baker	0
24	John A. Butler	Shot in crossfire	Grenada	1989	H.W. Bush	Baker	0
25	Freddie R. Woodruff	Drive-by shooting	Georgia	1993	Clinton	Christopher	0
26	Gary C. Durell	Ambushed by terrorists	Pakistan	1995	Clinton	Christopher	
	Jacqueline K. Van Landingham	Ambushed by terrorists	Pakistan	1995	Clinton	Christopher	0
27	Nathan Aliganga	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	
	Julian Leotis Bartley, Sr	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	
	Molly Huckaby Hardy	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	
	Kenneth R. Hobson II	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	
	Prabhi G. Kavalier	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	8
	Michelle O'Connor	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	
	Sherry Lynn Olds	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	
	Uttamlal Tom Shah	Killed in bombing of Embassy	Kenya	1998	Clinton	Christopher	
28	Barbara J. Green	Terrorist attack	Pakistan	2002	W. Bush	Powell	0
29	Laurence M. Foley	Terrorist attack	Jordan	2002	W. Bush	Powell	0
30	James Mollen	Terrorist attack	Iraq	2004	W. Bush	Powell	0
31	Edward J. Seitz	Rocket attack	Iraq	2004	W. Bush	Powell	0
32	Barbara C. Heald	Rocket attack on U.S. Embassy	Iraq	2005	W. Bush	Rice	
	Keith E. Taylor	Rocket attack on U.S. Embassy	Iraq	2005	W. Bush	Rice	0
33	Stephen E. Sullivan	Terrorist attack	Iraq	2005	W. Bush	Rice	0
34	David E. Foy	Terrorist attack	Pakistan	2006	W. Bush	Rice	0
35	Steven Thomas Stefani, IV	Killed by bomb	Afghanistan	2007	W. Bush	Rice	0
36	John Michael Granville	Vehicle ambush	Sudan	2008	W. Bush	Rice	1
37	Brian Daniel Adkins	Murdered in his home	Ethiopia	2008	W. Bush	Rice	0
38	Terrence L. Barnich	Roadside bomb	Iraq	2009	Obama	Clinton	0
39	Ragaei Said Abdelfattah	Killed	Afghanistan	2012	Obama	Clinton	0
40	Glen A. Doherty	Terrorist attack	Libya	2012	Obama	Clinton	
	Ty Woods	Terrorist attack	Libya	2012	Obama	Clinton	
	Sean Patrick Smith	Terrorist attack	Libya	2012	Obama	Clinton	
	J. Christopher Stevens	Terrorist attack	Libya	2012	Obama	Clinton	

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Attacks for which hearings were held or reports written

Event 2: Mexico 1974

- House Committee on Internal Security, "Terrorism, Part 2," May 14–16, 1974
- Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Internal Security, "Terroristic Activity Part 4: International Terrorism," May 14, 1975

Event 3: Cyprus 1974

- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, "Cyprus, 1974," August 20, 1974

Event 6: Lebanon 1976

- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Special Subcommittee on Investigations, "Assassination of American Diplomats in Beirut, Lebanon," July 27, 1976
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Operations, "Security Procedures at U.S. Embassies," April 1979 to June 1980

Event 7: Afghanistan 1979

- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Operations, "Security Procedures at U.S. Embassies," April 1979 to June 1980
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations issued Senate Report 96-127 on May 10, 1979, expressing concerns about the failed security provided by the government of Afghanistan to American diplomats
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, "Crisis in the Subcontinent: Afghanistan and Pakistan," May 15 and September 26, 1979

Event 11: Lebanon 1983

- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Operations, "U.S. Embassy Bombing in Beirut," June 28, 1983
- Senate Committee on Armed Services, "Situation in Lebanon," October 31, 1983
- House Committee on Armed Services, "Review of Adequacy of Security Arrangements for Marines in Lebanon and Plans for Improving that Security," November to December 1983
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Report, "The Security of American Personnel in Lebanon," October 1984

- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, "Diplomatic Security," July 16 and 24, 1985

Event 12: Greece 1983

- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs, "Legislation to Combat International Terrorism: 98th Congress," November 1983 to September 1984

Event 16: Lebanon 1984

- House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations, "Special Hearing on the Bombing of the U.S. Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon, Sept. 20, 1984," September 25, 1984
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, "FY85 Embassy Security Supplemental Authorization," September 28, 1984
- House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Report, "U.S. Intelligence Performance and the September 20, 1984, Beirut Bombing," October 4, 1984
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security, and Science, "International Terrorism: 1985," March 21 and June 25, 1985
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, "Diplomatic Security in Beirut," June 13, 1985
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, "Islamic Fundamentalism and Islamic Radicalism," July 15 and September 30, 1985
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, "Diplomatic Security," July 16 and 24, 1985
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Operations, "Diplomatic Security Construction Program," November 20, 1985
- Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism, "Libyan-Sponsored Terrorism: A Dilemma for Policymakers," February 19, 1986
- House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, "Terrorism," February 28 and May 15, 1986
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, "Diplomatic Security Act," April 30, 1986

- Senate Report 99-304, “Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986,” to accompany H.R. 4151, May 20, 1986

Event 18: Mexico 1985

- Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Children, Family, Drugs, and Alcoholism, “International Narcotics Control Report,” March 13, 1985
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. International Narcotics Control Program, March 19, 1985
- House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, “Drug Enforcement Administration Reauthorization for FY86,” May 1, 1985
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, “U.S.-Mexican Cooperation in Narcotics Control Efforts,” July 17, 1986

Event 28: Kenya 1998

- Senate Committee on the Judiciary, “U.S. Counter-Terrorism Policy,” September 3, 1998
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, “FY2000 Foreign Affairs Budget and Embassy Security for a New Millennium,” February 24 to April 21, 1999
- House Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, “Foreign Relations Authorization for FY2000-FY2001: Security of U.S. Missions Abroad,” March 12, 1999
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, “Examining the Work of the Overseas Presence Review Panel,” November 10, 1999
- House Committee on International Relations, “Changing American Diplomacy for the New Century,” February 2, 2000
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, “2000 Foreign Policy Overview and the President’s Fiscal Year 2001 Foreign Affairs Budget Request,” February 9 to March 23, 2000
- House Committee on International Relations, “State Department Domestic Security Lapses and Status of Overseas Security Enhancements,” May 11–17, 2000
- House Committee on International Relations, “Progress on Implementing Overseas Presence Advisory Panel Recommendations,” June 15, 2000

Event 27: Sudan 2008

- House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, “Fortress America Abroad: Effective Diplomacy and the Future of U.S. Embassies,” January 23, 2008

Event 41: Libya 2012

- House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, “The Security Failures of Benghazi,” October 10, 2012
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, “Attacks in Benghazi,” November 13 to December 13, 2012
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, “Attack on the U.S. Mission in Benghazi,” November 14–29, 2012
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, “Benghazi and Beyond, Part I: What Went Wrong on September 11, 2012 and How to Prevent It from Happening at Other Frontline Posts,” November 15, 2012
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, “Benghazi Attack, Part II: The Report of the Accountability Review Board,” December 20, 2012
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, “Benghazi: The Attacks and the Lessons Learned,” December 20, 2012 to January 23, 2013
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, report, “Flashing Red: A Special Report on the Terrorist Attack at Benghazi,” December 30, 2012
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, “Benghazi: The Secretary of State’s View,” January 23, 2013
- Senate Committee on Armed Services, “Department of Defense’s Response to the Attack on U.S. Facilities in Benghazi, Libya, and the Findings of Its Internal Review Following the Attack,” February 7, 2013
- House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations, “State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for 2014, part 5,” February 13 to April 24, 2013
- Senate Committee on Armed Services, “U.S. Africa Command and Transportation Command,” March 7, 2013
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, “Securing U.S. Interests Abroad: The FY2014 Foreign Affairs Budget,” April 17, 2013

- “Interim Progress Report for the Members of the House Republic Conference on the Events Surrounding the September 11, 2012 Terrorist Attacks in Benghazi, Libya,” April 23, 2013
- House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, “Benghazi: Exposing Failure and Recognizing Courage,” May 8, 2013
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa, “The Terrorist Threat in North Africa: Before and After Benghazi,” July 10, 2013
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, “Embassy Security and Personnel Protection Act,” July 16, 2013
- Democratic Staff, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, “Status Update on Investigation of Attacks on U.S. Personnel and Facilities in Benghazi,” September 2013
- Staff Report, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, “Benghazi Attacks: Investigative Update Interim Report on the Accountability Review Board,” September 16, 2013
- House Committee on Foreign Affairs, “Benghazi: Where is the State Department Accountability?,” September 18, 2013
- House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, “The Defense Department’s Posture for September 11, 2013: What Are the Lessons of Benghazi?,” September 19, 2013
- Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, “Review of the Terrorist Attacks on U.S. Facilities in Benghazi, Libya, September 11-12, 2012, together with Additional Views,” January 15, 2014
- House Committee on Armed Services, “Majority Interim Report: Benghazi Investigation Update,” February 2014
- House Select Committee on Intelligence, “Benghazi Talking Points and Michael J. Morell’s Role in Shaping the Administration’s Narrative,” April 2, 2014
- House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, “Benghazi, Instability and a New Government: Success and Failures of U.S. Intervention in Libya,” May 1, 2014