

Evolution of the terrorist threat and U.S. response, 1983-2001

The Building Threat: Pre-1993

Year	"Big picture" view	Selected, major terrorist events	U.S. institutional responses to terrorism
1979	Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Lebanese civil war already underway.		
1980			First FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force established in NY City.
1981			
1982	Jun. Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Sep. U.S. Marine peacekeeping presence established in Lebanon following assassination of Lebanese President.		
1983		18 Apr. Bombing of U.S. embassy in Beirut. 63 killed, including CIA's Middle East director. 120 injured. (Islamic Jihad.) 23 Oct. Marine barracks bombing in Beirut. 241 Marines killed. French base attacked. (Islamic Jihad.)	
1984	26 Feb. U.S. Marines depart Lebanon.	16 Mar. CIA officer William Buckley kidnapped in Beirut. Other U.S. citizens not connected to the U.S. government are kidnapped over the next two years. 12 Apr. Hezbollah bombed restaurant near U.S. airbase near Torrejon, Spain, killing 18 U.S. servicemen. 83 injured.	