

## Female suicide bombers – Chechnya

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### Abstract

Several leading researchers identified some important factors explaining why terrorist groups use women to conduct suicide attacks and perform critical operations as part of their overall strategy. This can include tactical advantages: increased number of operatives, increased media attention and psychological impact.

The incident in the Dubrovka theater in Moscow in 2002, where forty-one Chechen terrorists, including 19 women, held about 800 people for three days as hostages until Russian forces entered the building, moved the Black Widows into the spotlight as terrorists with the most suicide attacks in Russia.

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