

Kelley Attacks Terrorism, Urges More Public Concern

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FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said yesterday that terrorism is the ultimate evil in our society but few Americans seem concerned unless their lives are involved.

Terrorists killed 11 and injured 72 victims last year through 89 bombings and other violence, and the toll grows each year, Kelley said.

"I'm not saying that our nation is in imminent danger of being devastated by terrorists but I do consider terrorism a very real and growing problem," Kelley told a news media meeting sponsored by the American Security

Council, a military industrial lobby group.

"And I think it's vital that Americans involve themselves in the effort to stem terrorist acts before they reach crisis intensity," Kelley said.

"Still, I think to most Americans the terrorist threat is a remote and abstract thing...." he said. "But the families of those killed and maimed have perceived it."

Kelley said that while he was police chief in Kansas City, colleagues arrested a man who admitted he "was planning to bomb my home. Take my word for it, nothing can bring the evil of terrorism in perspective more quickly

for a person than to learn he is a target."

He said law enforcement officers are frequent targets and 43 officials have been killed and 152 injured by terrorist violence.

"Incredibly, some otherwise law-abiding people provide moral and material support to terrorists, apparently for idealistic reasons," he said. The best that can be said about such people is that they are terribly misguided.

"Make no mistake about it, the true terrorist is ...committed to an extent that is difficult for rational people to comprehend," he said. "They are not political activists. They are criminals. And their number seems to be growing."

52 Killed by Bombs In '75, FBI Reports

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The FBI reported yesterday that bombings in the United States and Puerto Rico killed 52 persons during the first 11 months of 1975—more than double the toll for the same period of 1974.

The 1975 report showed there were 1,898 incidents, which, in addition to causing death, injured 262 persons and caused \$25 million in property damage. During same 1974 period 1,874 incidents killed 23 persons, injured 189, and caused \$8.6 million damage, the FBI said.

The FBI said leading targets of the 1975 bombings were residences, which were involved in 535 attacks; commercial operations and office buildings, 446; vehicles, 241; school facilities, 155, and law enforcement personnel and facilities, 73.