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Per the request you submitted via the GTD website please note that the data download/disc includes the following files:

- GTD 1970-2015 data file, including data on terrorist attacks between 1970 and 2015
- GTD 1970-1991 data file, including data on terrorist attacks between 1970 and 1991
- GTD 1992-2011 data file, including data on terrorist attacks between 1992 and 2011
- GTD 2012-2015 data file, including data on terrorist attacks between 2012 and 2015
- GTD 1993 data file, including cases collected in an effort to reconstruct the missing 1993 data (see below for additional information)
- GTD codebook, explaining the variables and coding schema for the GTD
- Global Terrorism Database *Terms of Use*

Please note that the data in the first file is identical to the data in the second, third, and fourth files. The second, third, and fourth files are provided for users who require a limited number of rows per file.

Regarding the fifth file, users should be aware that prior to the transfer of the original GTD data from Pinkerton Global Intelligence Services (PGIS) to START, all records of terrorist attacks during 1993 were lost. Several efforts were made to recover these incidents from original news sources. Unfortunately, due to the challenges of retrospective data collection for events that happened more than fifteen years ago, the number of cases collected for 1993 is only 15% of the number reported by PGIS. As a consequence we exclude all 1993 attacks from the GTD data to prevent users from misinterpreting the low frequency in 1993 as an actual count. However, we provide the reconstructed 1993 cases for those researchers who would find value in exploring these incidents. Together, with the PGIS recorded marginal counts for each country provided in the GTD codebook, analysts can use these data to interpolate values for the missing 1993 cases.

It is the policy of the Department of Homeland Security to protect the privacy of individuals. The information you have requested from the Global Terrorism Database may contain information related to specific individuals. DHS requires that you take every possible precaution to protect this information and that you use it for the purpose of advancing the understanding of terrorism. If you encounter any information about yourself that you believe to be inaccurate and wish to have removed from the database, please contact me at [gtd@start.umd.edu](mailto:gtd@start.umd.edu).

A web-based interface for the GTD, including additional information on the data and its usage, is available at [www.start.umd.edu/gtd](http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd).

Thank you for your interest in the Global Terrorism Database. We hope that you find it to be a useful tool. If you encounter any problems with the enclosed CD or its contents, please contact the GTD team via email at [gtd@start.umd.edu](mailto:gtd@start.umd.edu). We welcome your feedback on the data and its application to your work.

Sincerely,

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