

Re: Jamming IEDs

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On 2005-01-25, Dan Holdsworth <dan1701usenet@ntlworld.com> wrote:

- > *It could be argued that stupidity and ineptitude/lack of technical*
- > *clue already make wire-based command systems more likely. It takes*
- > *knowledge to make a wireless detonation system.*

Arguing that the enemy is stupid is generally a shortcut to disaster... Some are, but certainly not all of 'em. Also, it only takes one smart guy to organize and equip many of the stupid ones to operate smartly.

- > *It takes considerably less smarts to wire up a detonator to that*
- > *load of dodgy explosives your friend Mo nicked last month, and bribe*
- > *your rather simple young nephew to wait a block away for the convoy,*
- > *and detonate the device by ramming one wire onto each pole of a*
- > *stolen car battery.*

You are assuming that the bombers are working alone and without any kind of organization or support network for know-how and equipment. I don't think that's the case in Iraq... If it were, the resistance wouldn't have continued this long.

- > *Let's face it, the average bomber ain't all that smart. Attacking*
- > *American soldiers is stupid at the best of times, and suicidal if*
- > *they can see you, and think you're in any way dodgy. US Soldiers*
- > *have this little habit of trigger-happiness that is not being helped*
- > *any by people continually sniping at them, and blasting them;*
- > *further infuriating them is the sort of thing only a madman could*
- > *contemplate.*

That sounds just like what English might have said about American rebels during US war of independence, or what Germans might have said about resistance fighters in Europe during WW2... that to resist them is a stupid thing to do and likely to get you killed.

That kind of an arrogant trigger-happy attitude is only likely to alienate local people and give the bombers exactly what they want, thus proving that doing those terrorist attacks is a successful strategy.

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(Note: I'm *not* comparing England of 1700's, Germany of WW2 and US now as countries or regimes here, just the situation of the their soldiers versus the enemy resistance.)

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