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589. Mickolus, Edward F. **Terrorism, 1988-1991: A Chronology of Events and a Selectively Annotated Bibliography.** Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press, 1993. 916p. (Bibliographies and Indexes in Military Studies, no.6). \$125.00. HV6431.M498. 909.82'8. LC 92-46525. ISBN 0-313-28970-0.

If anyone believes that the number of terrorist acts has declined in the recent past, they only need look at Mickolus's update to his three previous books monitoring worldwide terrorism. Mickolus abstracts approximately 3,000 media accounts of terrorist acts in this latest edition, and he updates numerous 1960-1987 incidents that were abstracted in earlier editions of the chronology. He includes an extensive topical bibliography covering regional approaches to terrorism, nuclear threats, hijacking and hostage-taking, narcotics trafficking, state-supported terrorism, media coverage, counterterrorism activities, and other issues.

Mickolus relies on the definition of terrorism used in previous editions to determine what events are included in the text, but unfortunately he does not provide that definition here. The lack of an index is a more serious defect, for the text is arranged chronologically, with no access points other than date. Notwithstanding these limitations, *Terrorism, 1988-1991* will be an essential volume for those who research, study, or teach in this area. [R: Choice, Oct 93, p. 270]—**James S. Heller**