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About the Compiler: Eric Price is a Professional Information Specialist formerly associated with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Currently he is an Editorial Assistant with ‘Perspectives on Terrorism’.
The history of terrorism can be traced to the 1st century BCE, although the modern history of terrorism does not begin until the French Revolution. Subdue by terror the enemies of liberty, and you will be right, as founders of the Republic. Robespierre’s sentiment laid the foundations for modern terrorists, who believe violence will usher in a better system. For example, the 19th century Narodnaya Volya hoped to end Tsarist rule in Russia. But the characterization of terrorism as a state action faded, while the idea of terrorism as an attack against an existing political order became more prominent. Common ground on terrorism: Soviet-American cooperation against the politics of terror. New York: W.W. Norton, 1991. HV6431 .C6473 1991 Birnbaum. Terrorism in the United States: the nature and extent of the threat and possible legislative responses: hearings before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, One Hundred Fourth Congress, first session, April 27 and May 24, 1995. Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1997. Y 4.j 89/2:s.hrg.104-757. The history of terrorism is a history of well-known and historically significant individuals, entities, and incidents associated, whether rightly or wrongly, with terrorism. Scholars agree that terrorism is a disputed term, and very few of those labeled terrorists describe themselves as such. It is common for opponents in a violent conflict to describe the other side as terrorists or as practicing terrorism. Depending on how broadly the term is defined, the roots and practice of terrorism can be traced at least to the 1st-century AD Sicarii Zealots, though some dispute whether the group, w