

Fundamentalist Islam

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Introduction

■ Your Instructor

- 30 Years a public safety dispatcher
- 21 years with San Bernardino Police Department
- BA in Psychology, BS in Biology
- Terrorism Awareness Instructor since 2001.
- Helped to develop SBPD Counter Terror Training.

Terms

- Terrorism
 - Violent actions
 - To further political or social objectives
 - Targets civilian population
 - Intended to coerce government or its population.



Terms

- International Terrorism
 - Targets Americans or American interests
 - May be on foreign or US soil
 - Directed, financed, or implemented under foreign involvement.



Terms

■ Jihad

- Struggle, strive, fight
- Justified war not “holy” war
- Traditional rules of Jihad are not observed by militant Muslims.

Fatwa – edict



Terms

- Caliphate – office of the Caliph
- Caliph – Successor to Muhammad
- Dar al Islam
 - House of Islam
 - Muslim Territory
- Dar al Harb
 - House of War
 - All other territory



Shari'a

- Islamic Law
- All encompassing
- No distinction between religious and secular.



Five Pillars of Islam

- Shadaha – Profession of faith – “There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet.”
- Salat – Ritual Prayer – Five times a day.
- Zakat – Taxes – primarily for the poor but also to cover state expenses.
- Sawm – Daily fast during Ramadan
- Hajj – Pilgrimage to Mecca

Rise of Modern Islamic Fundamentalism

- Failure of all else
- Oil Boom
- Iranian Revolution – 1979
- Islamic victory over the Soviets in Afghanistan.
- Perception of American weakness.



1972 – Munich Olympic Games

- Black September – Palestinian Group
- Took over dorm occupied by Israeli athletic dorm.
- Killed athlete in their rooms and kidnapped others.
- German Police ill prepared



Groups

- Al Qaeda
- Hezbollah
- Jama Islamiyah
- Local Jihadists
- LeT



Al Qaeda

- “The Base”
- Evolution of the Soviet Jihad
- Launch of the Global Jihad
- 1998 Fatwa
 - America is desecrating Mecca and Medina
 - Muslims should not face attacks from infidels.
 - Support for Palestinian brothers



Al Qaeda

- Goals - Change over time
- Establish a new Caliphate
- Key Leaders
 - Osama Bin Laden
 - Saudi
 - Part of the Soviet Jihad
 - Wahabist
 - Civil Engineer
 - No former Islamic training



Al Qaeda

- Dr Ayman Al-Zawahiri
 - Egyptian
 - Originally part of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt
 - MD
 - Islamic Scholar
 - Brings legitimacy to Al Qaeda



Attacks

- 1993 – World Trade Center Bombing
- 12/31/1999 – failed LAX Millennium bombing.
- 2000 – U.S.S. Cole
- 9/11/2001
- Djerba and Istanbul bombings



Attacks

- Luxor, Egypt 11/1997
- Six suspects, dressed in police uniforms.
- Fired indiscriminately into crowd of tourists.
- 62 killed

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- Mass Casualties
- Economic Dislocations
- Synchronized attacks
- Return to previous targets
- Painstaking planning.



“Typical Al Qaeda Recruit”

- From middle or upper class families
- Nearly all from intact families
- Largely college educated
- Most majored in natural sciences or engineering.
- Most spoke more than two languages.
- Many were not religious when they joined.

Utopian Goals of the recruits

- Establishing the rule of God on Earth
- Attaining martyrdom in the cause of God
- Purification of the ranks of Islam from the elements of depravity
 - Takfir – apostates, heretics, and non Muslims.

Hezbollah

- Established in 1992, in Tehran
- Protector of Lebanese Shiites
- Legitimate political and social programs
- Recent Ties to Colombian cocaine trade for fund raising.



Goals and Attacks

- Fight to keep U.S., France, and Israel out of Lebanon.
- Expand Power and establish an Islamic state.
- Attacks
 - 1983 - US Embassy bombing
 - 1983 – Marine Barracks Bombing
 - 1985 – TWA Hijacking
 - 1992 – Israeli Embassy Bombing, Buenos Aires
 - Continued rocket attacks on Israel

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- Sophisticated clandestine and military tradecraft.
- Suicide Bombings



Jemaah Islamiya

■ History

- Originated in Yemen in 1969
- Established pirated radio station and went underground
- 1982 – Took current name
- 1980-1990, Trained and fought in Soviet Jihad
- Cast lot with Al Qaeda

Goals

- Establish Dar al-Islam movement
- Preach Jihad
- Creation of Caliphate in South East Asia.
- Primarily in Indonesia
 - 207 Million Muslims



Attacks

- 8/2000 – Attempted assassination of Philippine Ambassador.
- 10/2002 – Bali Bombing #1
- 8/2003 – Marriott Bombing, Jakarta
- 9/2004 – Australian Embassy Bombing
- 10/2005 – Bali Bombing #2

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- Car Bombings
- Suicide Bombings



Local Jihadists

- Independent Islamic movements developing alongside Al Qaeda
- Home Grown Jihadist movements
- Goals
 - Attack enemies of Islam
 - Contribute to Al Qaeda's Global Jihad
 - Pursue local Jihadist's goals

Groups and Attacks

- Groups
- Moroccan GSPC, Algerian GLA, Jammat Al-Fuqra (USA), Abu Sayaff
- Attacks
 - 2004 – Madrid train bombing
 - 2005 – London Underground
 - 2007 – Fort Dix Plot
 - 2007 – Glasgow Doctor's Plot
 - 2008 – Toronto Cell
 - 2008 – London Liquid Explosive plot

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- Car Bombings
- Suicide Bombings
- IEDs
- Kidnappings and beheadings



Good news and Bad News

- Good news
 - American Muslims tend to be less inclined to accept radical Islam.
 - Plots for attacks are smaller in scope
 - Muslims communicate more openly with others in the U.S.



The Bad News

- Radicalization is happening in the U.S.
- Jihadist attacks have occurred in the U.S.
- Conspiracies have been uncovered.



Lashkar – e - Tayyiba

- LeT
- Pakistan based
- Backed and trained by Al Qaeda
- Also backed by ISI (Pakistani Intelligence)
- Islamic State in Kashmir and Mumbai



Mumbai India

- Careful planning
- Specialized Training
- Extensive surveillance
- Knowledge of the terrain
- Hostage and barricade attacks
- Hit and run attacks
- "Show no mercy"



Conclusions

- Questions
- "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."
Edmund Burke

