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“Allah is our goal; the Messenger is our guide: the Koran is our law; Jihad is our means; and dying in the way of Allah is our inspiration.”

Creed of the Muslim Brotherhood (Ikhwan), 1928

“[The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas)] – which was bred in the bosom of *the mother movement*, “*The Muslim Brotherhood*” – restored hope and life to the Muslim nation and the notion that the flare of jihad has not died out and that the banner of Islamic Jihad is still raised.”

Per “the Action Plan for Palestine,” a portion of a resolution issued by the Guidance Office and the Shura Council of the International Movement to form “Palestine Committees,” October 1992

“The Ikhwan must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and “sabotaging” its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions.”

From *An Explanatory Memorandum: On the General Strategic Goal for the Group*  
The “Master Plan” of the Muslim Brotherhood for the conquest of North America, 1991

“[The Muslim Brotherhood] is a very heterogeneous group, largely secular, which has eschewed violence and has decried Al Qaeda as a perversion of Islam.”

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper in Congressional Testimony  
February 10, 2011

“The support networks for Radical Islam in this country will be stripped out and removed one by one.”

Republican nominee for President Donald J. Trump  
From a speech in Youngstown, Ohio, August 15, 2016

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# Executive Summary

Growing awareness and concern about sharia-supremacists doing business as the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) in the Middle East, Europe and here has finally prompted senior political leaders to take action. **Governors Greg Abbott** of Texas and **Ron DeSantis** of Florida have both effectively banned the Brotherhood in their states by designating it and one of its preeminent front groups, the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), as foreign terrorist groups. Their actions generally track with similar designations made by a number of U.S. allies in the Middle East and beyond.

For his part, President Trump has, with an Executive Order on November 24<sup>th</sup>, initiated “a process” tasking **Secretary of State Marco Rubio** and **Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent** to provide him a report by Christmas Eve about whether to make a similar designation of Brotherhood “chapters and subdivisions.” There is reason to believe that, all other things being equal, the official report will not recommend the designation of what the Brotherhood calls its “mother movement” and perhaps few, *if any*, of its associated entities.

The President’s directive affords a welcome opportunity to address the urgent need for **a national course-correction on U.S. policy towards sharia-supremacism and the Muslim Brotherhood as its preeminent champion**. The Victory Coalition wishes to contribute to that debate by submitting an independent “second-opinion” entitled, *The Choice: “Ban the Brotherhood” or Face “Civilization Erasure.”*

*The Choice* draws on an extraordinary analysis conducted fifteen years ago by an eminent group of national security practitioners and other patriots known as “Team B II.” Their report was sponsored by the Center for Security Policy and entitled, *Sharia: The Threat to America*. It powerfully refuted that era’s prevailing official view that the Muslim Brotherhood “eschewed violence” and therefore was moderate and a natural ally in the so-called “War on Terror” and the “violent extremists” waging it against us. Unfortunately, that view continues largely to guide U.S. policy today.

With the benefit of hindsight, however, it is clear that Team B II was right: The Muslim Brotherhood fully embraces sharia with its emphasis on achieving the global caliphate, through violent conquest wherever possible. Only in those instances where such jihad might prove counterproductive do the Brotherhood and its affiliates opt for other, not so much non-violent but *pre-kinetic* and often stealthy techniques to advance the same goal.

*The Choice* reprises Team B’s findings about sharia and its operationalization by the Muslim Brotherhood, together with insights from a powerful Victory Coalition briefing on December 12, 2025, to address responsibly and impactfully current and *very real threats* to our form of government and people emanating from the Muslim Brotherhood and its enablers in Qatar and Turkey.

The bottom line is that **we must jettison the irresponsible policies of the past** – including such practices as: officials embracing Brotherhood leaders and organizations; ignoring the ideological character and implications of sharia; focusing exclusively, and, at best, episodically, on *violent actions*, but remaining willfully blind to their true jihadist motivations; etc. – **in favor of more realistic and far more effective approaches**.

This report offers numerous insights into the serious inadequacies of our national security conduct to date, especially since the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks – insights from which specific prescriptions can be drawn for corrective action, both from the past fruits of the Team B II report and the contemporary

analyses of some of today's finest experts (found in the Appendices) that make this a **Team B II+ report**. Such insights include:

- **The threat we face today, both at home and abroad, is not simply “terrorism.”** That is just one weapon used by the jihadists who seek the destruction of America.
- **Sharia-supremacists of the Muslim Brotherhood stripe and their Qatari and Turkish sponsors who refrain, at least for the moment, from using widespread jihadist violence against us are *not* our reliable allies.** They are, instead, simply temporarily pursuing the same goal through other means. And they are taking full advantage of our preoccupation with the terrorist threat to profess to eschew violence and, thereby, seduce and subvert those responsible for public safety and national security.
- By responding so incompetently to the actual, present and growing danger posed by the Muslim Brotherhood, its proxies and allies, **such officials are actually inducing the sharia-supremacists to perceive that the realization of their pursuit of “civilization erasure” of the West and global domination is at hand.** That perception *requires them* doctrinally to redouble their efforts decisively *and violently* to conquer their infidel enemies.
- If we wish to prevent such a horrific outcome, **we must, among other things, take the following steps:**
  - **Consider and treat the Muslim Brotherhood** as we previously have the organizations seeking to destroy our country from within motivated by other totalitarian ideologies, **like Communism and Naziism, notwithstanding sharia’s masquerade as religious practice.**
  - **Ban the Muslim Brotherhood** through sweeping federal designation of the “mother movement,” as well as its various franchises, “chapters” and “subdivisions” as terrorist organizations.
  - Enforce to the fullest extent of the law, at both the federal, state and local levels, **President Trump’s commitment to “strip out and remove one-by-one the support networks for Radical Islam in America.”**
  - Use **proven counter-Mafia techniques to disrupt not only the penetration of our government and society by Muslim Brotherhood and allied operations, but wherever possible prevent the use of such networks for violent jihadist attacks.**
  - **Prepare the American people, our critical infrastructure and society more generally** for the prospect of violent revolutionary activity inside the United States – probably perpetrated by a ***combination* of jihadists, Chinese Communist military personnel and other leftists.** And,
  - **Enlist the public’s help** in such a “hardening” effort by equipping them to know *what to look for* in terms of relevant threat vectors here, a prerequisite for “seeing something” and then “saying something.” **Such crowdsourcing of the necessary situational awareness could prove indispensable to deterring, preventing and otherwise countering assorted perils now distinctly in prospect.**

President Trump, Secretaries Rubio and Bessent are respectfully urged to incorporate this Team B II+ report into their incredibly high-stakes review of U.S. policy towards the Muslim Brotherhood.

## Preface

On December 13, 2025, a leader of the Muslim Brotherhood-linked HTS terrorist group who was operating with Syrian government forces, carried out an act of jihad against U.S. troops in Syria, murdering two soldiers and a civilian interpreter and wounding others. The perpetrator was identified as Sufyan Muhammad Sheikh Qasim, and his attack brings home the nature of the regime run by the former top commander of HTS, and before that the Syrian affiliates of al Qaeda and ISIS: Ahmed “al Jolani” al-Sharaa.

It also took place on the eve of a key vote in the U.S. Senate to repeal the remaining so-called Ceasar Act sanctions on the Syrian government, despite mounting evidence that it remains committed, not to a unified nation, respectful of minorities’ rights and determined to live in peace with Israel.

Instead, al Jolani and his government epitomize, and are pursuing the agenda of, the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) – an organization dedicated to achieving the global triumph of Islam’s totalitarian sharia ideology and using wherever practicable violent means to do so.

This murderous attack is, therefore, not an isolated incident carried out by a deranged or depressed individual. It is symptomatic of what is being done by government-tied jihadists to Christians, Druze, Kurds, Alawites, Yazidis and others. As this report documents, the victims are now warning that al Jolani’s sharia-supremacists are no longer tolerating these minorities, even as dhimmis (effectively enslaved peoples), but are determined to *destroy them*. This appears to reflect the jihadists’ now-increasingly widely shared conviction that the final destruction of Western civilization at their hands is imminent.

This report will also make clear that, the elimination of remaining U.S. government sanctions on the Syrian government under these circumstances is not only seen for what it is by the Muslim Brotherhood and others who adhere to sharia – both in that country and elsewhere: namely, fresh evidence of Western Civilization’s utter and contemptable weakness. They must *and will* respond to it as sharia commands: by redoubling their use of violence to achieve decisive victory over us.

There is an alternative that must be seized, instead, if we are to avoid what President Trump’s new National Security Strategy describes as “civilization erasure” in not just Europe, but the United States and worldwide.

The body of this report draws heavily on the analysis of the Muslim Brotherhood contained in the 2010 Team B II book entitled *Sharia: The Threat to America*. Team B II was co-chaired by Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, U.S. Army (Ret.), former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and Lieutenant General Harry Edward Soyster, U.S. Army (Ret.), former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The Victory Coalition, which is sponsoring this “Team B II+” product, is extremely grateful to the Center for Security Policy and the sixteen surviving members of the original Team B II for the opportunity urgently to call the attention of a new generation of Americans and their leaders to this extraordinary – and much-needed – “exercise in competitive analysis.”

Frank J. Gaffney  
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# Introduction

On November 18, 2025, Texas Governor Greg Abbott designated the Muslim Brotherhood and its preeminent front group, the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), as foreign terrorist and transnational criminal organizations. He explicitly subjected those groups and “any persons promoting or aiding their criminal activities” to prosecution pursuant to state law. He subsequently directed his Department of Public Safety to open criminal prosecutions against these organizations and those associated with them.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis designated the Muslim Brotherhood and CAIR as foreign terrorist organizations in his state, as well. He directed Florida agencies to undertake “all lawful measures to prevent unlawful activities by these organizations, including denying privileges or resources to anyone providing material support.”

Between those two momentous developments, President Trump issued an executive order on November 24<sup>th</sup> putting in motion “a process by which certain chapters or other subdivisions of the Muslim Brotherhood shall be considered for designation as Foreign Terrorist Organizations.”

That process tasked Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent with submitting within thirty day (i.e., by Christmas Eve) a joint report to the President, concerning the designation of any Muslim Brotherhood chapters or other subdivisions, including those in Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt, as foreign terrorist organizations. It gave a further 45 days to “take all appropriate action...with regard to the designation of any Muslim Brotherhood chapters or other subdivisions designated as foreign terrorist organizations and specially designated global terrorists.”

There is considerable reason to believe that – between the explicit wording of the Executive Order and the pressures that are being brought to bear by the Muslim Brotherhood’s sponsors, Qatar and Turkey, and similarly supportive individuals within the U.S. government (notably, the Central Intelligence Agency) – the official report will *not* provide President Trump what he needs. Specifically, all other things being equal, he will remain unable to fulfill a solemn promise he made as the Republican nominee for President on August 15, 2016: namely, that a Trump presidency will “strip out and remove one-by-one the support networks of Radical Islam” in America.

Thus, there is an urgent need for a “second opinion” – a competitive analysis by accomplished national security professionals and other patriots of publicly available information leading to sound conclusions and actionable recommendations about the Muslim Brotherhood’s designation as a foreign terrorist organization. This report is presented in the prayerful hope that it will receive from the President and his senior subordinates the careful attention and positive response the times demand.



## **Team B II\***

The study entitled *Sharia: The Threat to America* produced by Team B II in 2010 was the result of months of analysis, discussion and drafting by a group of top security policy experts concerned with the preeminent totalitarian threat of our time: the legal-political-military doctrine known within Islam as “sharia.” It was designed to provide a comprehensive and articulate “second opinion” on the official characterizations and assessments of this threat as put forth by the United States government.

The authors, under the sponsorship of the Center for Security Policy, modeled this work on an earlier “exercise in competitive analysis” which came to be known as the “Team B” Report. That 1976 document challenged the then-prevailing official U.S. government intelligence estimates of the intentions and offensive capabilities of the Soviet Union and the policy known as “détente” that such estimates ostensibly justified.

Unlike the earlier initiative, in which a group of independent security policy professionals conducted at the request and under the sponsorship of the then-Director of Central Intelligence, George H.W. Bush, the present Team B II report was based entirely on unclassified, readily available sources. As with the original Team B analysis, however, this study challenged the assumptions underpinning the official line in the conflict with *today’s* totalitarian threat, which is currently euphemistically described as “violent extremism,” and the policies of co-existence, accommodation and submission that are rooted in those assumptions. f

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# 1. The Case for Banning the Muslim Brotherhood

## Excerpts from *Sharia: The Threat to America*\*

**The Muslim Brotherhood is the “vanguard”<sup>1</sup> or tip-of-the-spear of the current Islamic Movement in the world.** While there are other transnational organizations that share the MB’s goals (if not its tactics) – including al Qaeda, which was born out of the Brotherhood – the Ikhwan is by far the strongest and most organized.

**The Muslim Brotherhood is now active in over 80 countries around the world.**<sup>2</sup> Each nation in which the Brotherhood has a presence is structured with an Organizational Conference (planning group), a Shura Council (legal body), and a General Masul (Leader) or “General Guide.” The “Supreme Guide” is the individual leader of the International Muslim Brotherhood (IMB) and is based in Cairo, Egypt.<sup>3</sup>

The MB’s “Civilization-Jihadist Process” (their term which will be described in depth below) is primarily conducted by groups posing as peaceable, “moderate” and law-abiding Muslim community organizations. Yet, the Muslim Brotherhood’s bylaws (viewable in English on the Ikhwan’s website<sup>4</sup>), MB doctrinal books published in English, and a series of Muslim Brotherhood strategic documents found in an FBI raid in Virginia in 2004 and entered uncontested into evidence in the largest terrorism-financing trial in American history, the 2008 Holy Land Foundation (HLF) trial in Dallas, Texas, make one thing plain: **The Ikhwan’s mission in the West is sedition in the furtherance of sharia’s supremacist agenda, not peaceful assimilation and co-existence with non-Muslim populations.**<sup>5</sup>

Thanks to the HLF trial, **it is now public knowledge that nearly every major Muslim organization in the United States is actually controlled by the MB or a derivative organization.** Consequently, most of the Muslim-American groups of any prominence in America are now known to be, as a matter of fact, hostile to the United States and its Constitution.

### What is the Muslim Brotherhood?

The Muslim Brotherhood was founded in Egypt in 1928. Its express purpose was two-fold: (1) to **implement sharia worldwide**, and (2) to **re-establish the global Islamic State (caliphate).**<sup>6</sup> Therefore, Al Qaeda and the MB have the same objectives. They differ only in the timing and tactics involved in realizing them.

The Brotherhood’s creed is: **“God is our objective; the Koran is our law; the Prophet is our leader; jihad is our way; and death for the sake of Allah is the highest of our aspirations.”**<sup>7</sup> It is evident from the Creed, and from the Brotherhood’s history (and current activities) detailed below, that **violence is an inherent part of the MB’s tactics. The MB is the root of the majority of Islamic terrorist groups in the world today.**<sup>176</sup>

The Ikhwan believes that **its purposes in the West are, for the moment, better advanced by the use of non-violent, stealthy techniques.** In that connection, the Muslim Brotherhood seeks to establish relations with, influence and, wherever possible, **penetrate: government circles** in executive and

legislative branches at the federal, state and local levels; the **law enforcement** community; **intelligence agencies**; **the military**; **penal institutions**; **the media**; **think tanks** and policy groups; **academic institutions**; non-Muslim **religious communities**; and **other elites**. The Brothers engage in all of these activities and more for one reason: **to subvert the targeted communities in furtherance of the MB's primary objective – the triumph of sharia.**<sup>8</sup>

## 2. The Muslim Brotherhood's Genesis

The defeat of the Ottoman Empire and its allies led to the Empire's dissolution as a unified entity in July 1923, and the establishment of the modern state of Turkey by Mustapha Kemal, who was given the title "Ataturk" or "Father of the Turks."<sup>9</sup> Determined to tie his country firmly to the West, Ataturk sought to diminish its Islamic character, notably by abolishing the caliphate in favor of secular rule. Ataturk also banned the growing of beards by men and wearing of headscarves by women; banned the call to prayer by muezzins; abolished the Turkish language's script and replaced it with Latin script; and made the Turkish military the custodians of secular tradition.

The dissolution of the caliphate and the transformation of Turkey from the center of the Islamic world to a secular nation did not sit well with some in the global Islamic community (ummah). One of those determined to restore the caliphate was Hassan al Banna, the son of a Muslim imam who lived outside of Cairo, Egypt. In 1928, he founded an organization known as the al-Ikhwan al-Muslimin, the Society of Muslim Brothers or the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), for the purpose of unifying the Islamic states under a new caliphate and subordinating all lands to the Caliph's rule pursuant to sharia.<sup>10</sup>

The Muslim Brotherhood's bylaws make clear the Ikhwan's objectives and means to achieve them:<sup>11</sup>

The Muslim Brotherhood is an International Muslim body which seeks to **establish Allah's law in the land** by achieving the spiritual goals of Islam and the true religion which are namely the following:

...F) The need to work on **establishing the Islamic State**;

G) The sincere support for a **global cooperation in accordance with the provisions of the Islamic Sharia**.

Chapter II, Article 3:

The Muslim Brotherhood in achieving these objectives depends on the following means:

...D) Make every effort for the **establishment of educational, social, economic, and scientific institutions and the establishment of mosques, schools, clinics, shelters, clubs, as well as the formation of committees to regulate zakat affairs and alms**;

E) The Islamic nation must be fully prepared to **fight the tyrants and the enemies of Allah** as a prelude to establishing the Islamic state."

By the early 1930's, the Brotherhood had developed a formal organizational structure around groups of men with special spiritual and physical training called "Battalions." By 1940, the Brotherhood created the "secret apparatus" which was the military wing of the Society of Muslim Brothers, and in 1943 abandoned the Battalions. The MB's military wing continues to operate today, and is referred to as the "Special Chapter." Its operations are known as "special work," meaning military fighting or operations.<sup>12</sup>

During the Second World War, and the years that followed, the **Brotherhood became increasingly aggressive and violent**, and called for the removal of all British forces (“non-Muslim Forces”) from Egypt (“Muslim Lands”), as required by Islamic Law (sharia). During the late 1940’s, the Brotherhood targeted Egyptian officials, British soldiers, and their families, and in December of 1948, a Muslim Brother assassinated Egyptian Prime Minister Mahmud Fahmi al-Nuqrashi.<sup>13</sup>

In February 1949, the Egyptian security services killed Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan al Banna in Cairo. The period following the assassination of al Banna was marked with significant MB violence

against the Egyptian monarchy and the British. After a ban on Brotherhood activities was lifted in 1951, the MB coordinated actively with Gamal Abdel Nasser and the young officers who overthrew King Farouk in 1952.

As soon as the Ikhwan felt powerful enough to confront the government on their own, however, it turned against the new president Nasser. Nasser launched a crackdown against the Brotherhood in 1954 that accelerated an exodus of many top Brothers and **the expansion of the organization around the world, including into the West.**

### 3. Movement of the Muslim Brotherhood into the West

Among the most prominent members of the Ikhwan during this transitional period were: Youssef Nada, Said Ramadan, Ghaleb Himmat, Mohamed Akef, and Yousef Qaradawi, who is today known as the International Muslim Brotherhood's "spiritual guide" and is a leading Islamic Legal scholar. Each of these men played an important role in **transforming the Ikhwan into the international Muslim mafia it is today.**

**The history of their penetration of Western societies in Europe is instructive for those seeking to understand how and the extent to which similar influence operations are being run against the United States.**

Of these men, Said Ramadan is particularly noteworthy as he was al Banna's assistant for years, married his daughter and became a driving force in the Brotherhood leadership after al Banna was killed by the Egyptian security services. His son, Tariq Ramadan, is a member of Brotherhood royalty and one of today's most assiduous practitioners of the stealth jihad. In January 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reversed a six-year ban on the younger Ramadan's entry into the United States. He has used his renewed access to American audiences to advance the Brotherhood's civilization jihad.<sup>14</sup>

Post-war Germany offered the Brotherhood a valuable safe haven in the heart of Europe, primarily because the Brothers had established a relationship with the Nazis during World War II and maintained ties to powerful Germans after the war. Additionally, the West Germans were especially welcoming of Syrians and Egyptians because of a state policy that offered assistance to any "refugees" from nations that formally recognized Bonn's rival, East Germany – something both Egypt and Syria did.

**The Brotherhood leadership, which insinuated itself into the societies of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and other European countries, established numerous front organizations for the Ikhwan – a pattern the organization follows aggressively around the world and especially in the West to this day.**

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In the 1960's, these senior Muslim Brotherhood leaders planned and built a huge complex known as the Islamic Center of Munich which became an important staging point for the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe. A new book by Ian Johnson entitled *A Mosque in Munich* describes the powerful force-multiplier this facility became for Ikhwan operations in Europe and beyond. It also reveals longstanding U.S. government ties to the Brothers, including Said Ramadan who contributed to the construction of this mosque.<sup>15</sup>

In 1973, several dozen Muslim Brothers attended a meeting of the Islamic Cultural Centres and Bodies in Europe in London, England in order to organize the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Europe. Ghaleb Himmat was present as the head of the Islamic Community of Southern Germany. While no agreement on strategy to develop a European Islamic network was reached, this meeting laid the foundation for such a plan.<sup>16</sup>

Four years later, the **senior Muslim Brotherhood leaders met in Lugano**, Switzerland, near the homes of Ghaleb Himmat and Youssef Nada to discuss the strategy for moving the Brotherhood

forward.<sup>17</sup> Yousef al-Qaradawi was among those present at this meeting. **One of the first actions taken afterwards was the establishment of the MB front known as the International Institute for Islamic Thought (IIIT). IIIT's role was to maintain the ideological purity and consistency of the Brotherhood's expanding operations.**

During a subsequent meeting in Saudi Arabia in 1978, the Brotherhood decided to set up IIIT near Temple University in Philadelphia, an institution where leading Islamic thinker and Muslim Brother Ismail Faruqi was teaching at the time.<sup>18</sup> Later, the IIIT moved its headquarters to Herndon, Virginia.

In the 1980s, Mohammed Akef (the MB's Supreme Guide for several years until early 2010), who was then serving as the imam at the Munich mosque, moved the MB's European headquarters into the Mark-field Conference Centre, a small community near Leicester in the UK.<sup>19</sup> The Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe (FIOE) is housed there and led by an Iraqi named Ahmed al-Rawi. It has become one of Europe's largest MB organizations.<sup>20</sup> The Markfield Conference Center is owned by the Islamic Foundation which is an affiliate of the Muslim Council of Britain – both Muslim Brotherhood front groups. Yousef al-Qaradawi is heavily involved with this entire network.

The Federation has become the starting point for a number of other Muslim Brotherhood entities, including the Institute for the Study of Human Sciences and the European Council for Fatwa and Research. The latter is headed by al-Qaradawi.<sup>21</sup>

In France, the Brotherhood has the Union of Islamic Organizations in France,<sup>22</sup> and its partner organization in Italy is the Union of the Islamic Communities and Organizations in Italy.<sup>23</sup> **Those groups work, respectively, with the French and Italian governments in order to advance the Muslim Brotherhood agenda and subvert their respective nations, while using claims of victimhood and demands for equality and tolerance to mask their true intentions and marginalize or silence critics.**

In the United Kingdom, the Muslim Council of Britain and Muslim Association of Britain are two of the most prominent MB organizations.<sup>24</sup> **Like their counterparts on the Continent, the MCB and MAB work with the British government at the highest levels toward the same end: subverting Her Majesty's Government and nation *from within*.**

The late 1990s saw the MB launching the Forum for European Muslim Youth and Student Organizations (FEMYSO), which is headquartered in Brussels. FEMYSO describes itself in its own literature as “a network of 42 national and international organizations bringing together youth from over 26 different countries,”<sup>25</sup> and credibly claims to be the primary organization in Europe for all Muslim youth. **This Muslim Brotherhood organization – like most of the Ikhwan's other fronts – has significant influence and appears to have encountered little resistance from European security services.**

In short, **Muslim Brotherhood organizations exist across Europe today.** As we shall see with respect to the MB footprint in the United States, virtually without exception, **the leading Muslim organizations across the continent are fronts for the Muslim Brotherhood. Even though the affiliation with the Brotherhood for most of these organizations is easily established, and the**



**true, seditious objectives of these organizations are readily discernable, most European governments are unwilling to face reality – let alone deal effectively with the threats posed by MB penetration of the highest levels of their societies.**

Take, for example, several cases in point: Two of the most prominent Muslim Brothers in Europe, Ghaleb Himmat and Yousef Nada, were designated as terrorism financiers by the U.S. Treasury Department in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. Treasury also deemed their bank, Al-Taqwa, as an entity that funds terrorism.<sup>26</sup> For his part, the Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader, Yousef al-Qaradawi, was named in the HLF trial as an unindicted co-conspirator for his involvement with that Hamas front.

All three of these individuals have, nonetheless, been allowed to continue doing business with and, in some cases, actually *in* Europe.<sup>27</sup>

One reason for Europe's unwillingness to confront and counter the danger posed by the Muslim Brotherhood and its operatives is that in **parliamentary politics of some nations, Muslim communities are increasingly seen as critical voting blocs.**<sup>28</sup> To the extent that the Ikhwan is able to capitalize on such perceptions long before Muslims achieve majority status in the demographics of a number of European nations, **it has greatly facilitated the MB's efforts to insinuate sharia into and otherwise exercise influence over these states.**

Growing unease about the success of the Islamicization of Europe has begun translating into push-back, however – most notably in the Netherlands, where Geert Wilders' party rooted in opposition to sharia has garnered unprecedented support. The question is: Will it amount to much and, if so, will it happen in time?

## 4. The Muslim Brotherhood in America

In 1953, Princeton University hosted a group of “prominent Muslims” for an “Islamic Colloquium.” Brotherhood delegates asked for and were granted a meeting with President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who agreed to the meeting on advice from his defense and intelligence advisors, who saw it as an opportunity for the U.S. to influence the Muslim world and use them against the communists.

One of the delegates at the meeting was the “Honorable Saeed Ramahdan, Delegate of the Muslim Brothers,” as described in the official White House documents. A now-declassified CIA documents recording the events of this meeting described Ramadan as follows: “Ramadan seems to be a Fascist, interested in the grouping of individuals for power. He did not display many ideas except for those of the Brotherhood.”<sup>19</sup>

It is critical to recall the MB’s aforementioned bylaws, and specifically that the approved “means” to achieve the Ikhwan’s objectives in America includes this mandate: **“Make every effort for the establishment of educational, social, economic, and scientific institutions and the establishment of mosques, schools, clinics, shelters, clubs.”**

As the Muslim Brothers “settled” in North America, they did so according to their stated bylaws. At the University of Illinois in Urbana, the Ikhwan created its first front organization in North America, the **Muslim Students Association (MSA)** in 1963. Today, MSA chapters are present on many college campuses across the country, serving as **recruiting nodes for the MB and, in some cases for violent jihadist organizations....**As will be explained further in the following pages, out of the MSA came nearly every Muslim organization in America today.

Initially, as MSA chapters sprang up on American campuses, they presented Islam in public as an acceptable alternative to other religions, never mentioning **its revolutionary aspects**. **In recent years, MSA members have become ever-more-aggressive in their demands for accommodations and silencing all who oppose them.**<sup>29</sup>

In the 1970s, a number of trade organizations were formed by the Brotherhood for the purpose of insinuating its members more deeply into American society. These included the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), the Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers (AMSE), the Islamic Medical Association (IMA), the Muslim Communities Association (MCA), and others. The Brothers also formed other student groups in the 1970s, including the Muslim Arab Youth Assembly (MAYA) and Muslim Youth of North America (MYNA).<sup>30</sup>

In 1973, the Saudis created an important new enabler of Brotherhood operations in the United States and domination of American Muslim communities: **the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT)**. NAIT “controls” approximately 80 percent of the titles/deeds to the mosques, Islamic organizations and Islamic schools in this country.<sup>31</sup> **Typically, along with such ownership comes Saudi-trained and appointed imams, text-books for the madrassas, jihadist literature and videos for the bookstore, paid hajj pilgrimages (the obligatory trip to Mecca) and, in some cases, training for jihad.**

In 1980, the Brotherhood created a new organization to extend the footprint made possible by the swelling ranks of Muslim Students Association alumni. It brought together most of its groups under

the authority of the **Islamic Society of North America** (ISNA), which is today the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in North America.

The creation of ISNA ushered in an era of massive growth of the Movement in North America. Through the 1980s and 1990s, the Brotherhood created hundreds of new organizations and built hundreds of mosques and Islamic schools across North America. It did so primarily with funding from Saudi Arabia.<sup>32</sup>

## **Breaking the Code**

In August of 2004, an alert Maryland Transportation Authority Police officer observed a woman wearing traditional Islamic garb videotaping the support structures of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in Maryland, and conducted a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Ismail Elbarasse and detained on an outstanding material witness warrant issued in Chicago, Illinois in a Hamas case.

The FBI's Washington Field Office raided Elbarasse's residence in Annandale, Virginia, and in the basement of his home, a hidden sub-basement was found. In the sub-basement, **the FBI discovered the archives of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America.** The documents *confirmed* what investigators and counterterrorism experts had previously suspected and contended about the myriad Muslim-American groups in the United States – namely, that nearly all of them are controlled by the MB and, therefore, as sharia dictates, are hostile to this country, its Constitution and freedoms. **The documents make clear their sole objectives are to implement Islamic Law in America in furtherance of establishing the global caliphate.**<sup>33</sup>

## **The Holy Land Foundation Trial<sup>34</sup>**

Between July and September 2007, prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas, Texas along with attorneys from Main Justice (DOJ), working with FBI case agents and analysts from the FBI Dallas Field Office tried the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLFRD or simply HLF) and its senior leadership in U.S. Federal Court, Northern District of Texas. At the time, **HLF was the largest Muslim charity in North America, and funneled money and assistance to Hamas overseas in support of their terrorist operations.** Hamas had been designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) by the U.S. government in 1995.

In the course of the HLF trial, scores of exhibits and testimony were introduced into evidence uncontested by the defense. Taken together, they provided unprecedented insights into the web of connections among a handful of alleged Hamas front groups that have operated on American soil throughout the 1990s to this day. **This network serves as a central node in the Muslim Brotherhood's wider U.S. organizational infra-structure.** HLF was the largest Hamas front organization ever prosecuted by the U.S. government; its trial was the largest in the history of official efforts to counter terrorism financing in America.

On October 22, 2007, after 19 days of deliberation, a jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on any of the charges against the defendants. U.S. District Judge Joe A. Fish declared a mistrial after a decision could not be reached.

In September 2008, the second Holy Land Foundation trial began. On November 24, 2008, after six weeks of testimony and seven days of deliberation, the jury convicted HLF and five of its leaders on charges of providing material support to Hamas. As the Department of Justice stated at the time:

“The government presented evidence at trial that, as the U.S. began to scrutinize individuals and entities in the United States who were raising funds for terrorist groups in the mid-1990s, the HLF intentionally hid its financial support for Hamas behind the guise of charitable donations.”

HLF and these five defendants provided approximately \$12.4 million in support to Hamas and its goal of creating an Islamic Palestinian state by eliminating the State of Israel through violent jihad.

Commenting on the verdicts, Patrick Rowan, Assistant Attorney General for National Security, observed:

Today’s verdicts are important milestones in America's efforts against financiers of terrorism. For many years, the Holy Land Foundation used the guise of charity to raise and funnel millions of dollars to the infrastructure of the Hamas terror organization. **This prosecution demonstrates our resolve to ensure that humanitarian relief efforts are not used as a mechanism to disguise and enable support for terrorist groups.**”<sup>35</sup>

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It should be emphasized that **all these defendants were proven to be leaders of Hamas in the United States and, therefore, Muslim Brothers.**

## 5. “Civilization Jihad” in the Brotherhood’s Own Words

### An Explanatory Memorandum

One of the most critical documents found at the FBI raid in Annandale, Virginia in 2004 entered into evidence during the HLF trial was the Muslim Brotherhood’s Strategic Plan for North America entitled, *An Explanatory Memorandum: On the General Strategic Goal for the Group*.<sup>36</sup> It was written by a member of the Board of Directors for the Muslim Brother in North America and senior Hamas leader named Mohammed Akram. **This document was approved by the Brotherhood’s Shura Council and Organizational Conference in 1987, and it establishes the mission of the Muslim Brother in North America** in the following passage:

The process of settlement is a “Civilization-Jihadist Process” with all the word means. The Ikhwan must understand that their work in America is **a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within** and “sabotaging” its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers **so that it is eliminated and Allah’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.**<sup>36</sup>

In other words, **the Ikhwan’s strategy for destroying the United States is to get us, specifically our leadership, to do the bidding of the MB for them. They intend to conduct Civilization Jihad by co-opting our leadership into believing a counterfactual understanding of Islam and the nature of the Muslim Brotherhood, thereby coercing these leaders to enforce the MB narrative on their subordinates.**

At the ground level, this means that when police officers, federal agents, military personnel, or any another Americans who have sworn an oath to protect and defend the Constitution challenge their leadership with facts, the latter is faced with a hard choice: admit a lack of understanding of the threat and that he or she has been duped, or the leader must suppress the facts and his subordinates in the interest of protecting his or her professional reputation.

Copious anecdotal evidence obtained from law enforcement professionals, federal agents, and military service members suggests that there is considerable suppression of the facts about shariah and efforts by the Muslim Brotherhood and its allies to bring it to America. This behavior frequently impedes ongoing investigations and countervailing efforts.

For instance, police officers in a number of communities around the country have been pushed out of their Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) or counterterrorism positions by their chiefs or deputy chiefs for factually articulating that certain MB operatives working with their police leadership are, in fact, hostile to the United States and the police department in question.<sup>37</sup> A similar phenomenon has also been evidenced within the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other federal, as well as state and local, entities.<sup>38</sup> **That is what is meant by “‘sabotaging’ Western Civilization by ‘their hands.’”**

### The Muslim Brotherhood’s ‘Phased Plan’

We know from, among other things, the Elbarasse trove of MB documents, that the goal of destroying Western Civilization from within is to be achieved by the Brotherhood in accordance

with a “phased plan.” The plan is a stepped process modeled directly after Sayyid Qutb’s *Milestones* and the shariah doctrine of progressive revelation.

One such document is an undated paper entitled, “Phases of the World Underground Movement Plan.”<sup>39</sup> It specifies the five phases of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in North America. They are described, together with comments about the Ikhwan’s progress in realizing each goal as follows:

***Phase One:*** Phase of **discreet and secret establishment of leadership.**

***Phase Two:*** Phase of **gradual appearance on the public scene and exercising and utilizing various public activities** (It greatly succeeded in implementing this stage). It also succeeded in achieving a great deal of its important goals, such as **infiltrating various sectors of the Government.** Gaining religious institutions and embracing senior scholars. Gaining public support and sympathy. Establishing a shadow government (secret) within the Government.

***Phase Three:*** **Escalation phase, prior to conflict and confrontation with the rulers,** through utilizing mass media. Currently in progress.

***Phase Four:*** **Open public confrontation with the Government** through exercising the **political pressure approach.** It is aggressively implementing the above-mentioned approach. **Training on the use of weapons domestically and overseas in anticipation of zero-hour. It has noticeable activities in this regard.**

***Phase Five:*** **Seizing power** to establish their Islamic Nation under which all parties and Islamic groups are united.<sup>40</sup>

**This document offers a chilling operational insight into the mindset, planning, and vision of the Islamic movement in North America.**

## 6. How the Brotherhood Operates

The Elbarasse archives and close observation of the Brotherhood's operations reveal **the following as the most important of the techniques employed by the Ikhwan in America to achieve the seditious goals of its civilization jihad:**

- Expanding **the Muslim presence** by birth rate, immigration, and refusal to assimilate;
- Occupying and expanding **domination of physical spaces**;
- Ensuring **the “Muslim Community” knows and follows MB doctrine**;
- Controlling **the language** we use in describing the enemy;
- Ensuring we **do not study their doctrine (sharia)**;
- Co-opting **key leadership**;
- Forcing **compliance with sharia** at local levels;
- Fighting all **counterterrorism efforts**
- Subverting **religious organizations**;
- Employing **lawfare** - the offensive use of lawsuits and threats of lawsuits;
- Claiming **victimization / demanding accommodations**;
- Condemning **“slander”** against Islam;
- Subverting **the U.S. education system**, in particular, infiltrating and dominating U.S. Middle East studies programs;
- **Demanding the right to practice sharia in segregated Muslim enclaves**;
- **Demanding recognition of sharia in non-Muslim spheres**;
- **Confronting and denouncing Western society, laws, and traditions**; and
- **Demanding that sharia replace Western law.**

Note that many of the foregoing techniques entail, in one way or another, **influencing and neutralizing the American government at all levels.**

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### Mapping the Brotherhood

The “**process of settlement**” outlined in the *Explanatory Memorandum* and in published Muslim Brotherhood doctrine, such as *Toward a Worldwide Strategy for Islamic Policy*<sup>41</sup> and *Methodology of Dawah Ilallah in American Perspective*<sup>42</sup> has been **operationalized in the United States by one MB-related front group after another**, starting with the very first, the Muslim Student Association (MSA), and continuing to the present day. As noted above, **through this process, the Muslim Brotherhood has, as a matter of historical fact, established, built and maintained control over most of the prominent Muslim organizations in America.**

The identified MB fronts and the other, as-yet-unknown groups share an inherent enmity for the United States and the West. It follows that when any friendly entity – to include federal, state and local law enforcement or intelligence units in the United States, other public officials, media organizations and religious institutions – works with individuals representing a self-described “Muslim” group, there is the probability those with whom such outreach is being conducted and the group with whom it is being undertaken, are actually *hostile* to the United States.

The Muslim Brotherhood’s own *Explanatory Memorandum* identifies the following groups under the heading “a list of our organizations and the organizations of our friends”<sup>43</sup>:

- Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)
- Muslim Student Association (MSA)
- The Muslim Communities Association (MCA)
- The Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS)
- The Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers (AMSE)
- Islamic Medical Association (IMA)
- Islamic Teaching Center (ITC)
- North American Islamic Trust (NAIT)
- Foundation for International Development (FID)
- Islamic Housing Cooperative (IHC)
- Islamic Centers Division (ICD)
- American Trust Publications (ATP)
- Audio-Visual Center (AVC)
- Islamic Book Service (IBS)
- Muslim Businessmen Association (MBA)
- Muslim Youth of North America (MYNA)
- *ISNA Fiqh Committee (IFC)*
- ISNA Political Awareness Committee (IPAC)
- Islamic Education Department (IED)
- Muslim Arab Youth Association (MAYA)
- Malaysian (sic) Islamic Study Group (MISG)
- Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP)
- United Association for Studies and Research (UASR)
- Occupied Land Fund (OLF)
- Mercy International Association (MIA)
- Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)



- Baitul Mal Inc (BMI)
- International Institute for Islamic Thought (IIIT)
- Islamic Information Center (IIC)

Several of the preeminent Muslim-American organizations in the United States today (notably, the Council on American Islamic Relations the Muslim Public Affairs Council and the Islamic Free Market Institute) had not been established at the time in 1991 when this document was adopted by the Muslim Brotherhood.

As will be discussed below, **the ties of such groups to the Muslim Brotherhood can nonetheless be readily established** by the involvement in their founding and/or operations of individuals associated with other Ikhwan fronts.

In order to be considered by the Muslim Brotherhood to be one of “our organizations” or an “organization of our friends,” **all of these entities had to have embraced the aforementioned Ikhwan creed: “Allah is our goal; the Messenger is our guide; the Koran is our law; Jihad is our means; and martyrdom in the way of Allah is our inspiration.”**

As we have seen, **the actualization of the Muslim Brotherhood creed demands the triumph of sharia globally and the re-establishing the caliphate on a global basis.** This end-state will entail **subordinating to sharia the governing system of non-Islamic nations like ours (and Muslim nations not currently adhering to Islamic law)** and, in due course, **the destruction of such alternatives.**

**The inherently seditious nature of the Muslim Brotherhood’s agenda and its incompatibility with Western civilization and governments is typically obscured in the Free World by the assertion that the Ikhwan only seeks to achieve its objectives through non-violent means.** As a result, **the Brothers, their allies and proxies are all-too-often considered to be *acceptable and reliable partners for governments* seeking to counter violent jihad.**

Such openness to the Ikhwan is astounding not only because of the toxic nature of the MB’s ambitions. It also ignores the fact that **Brotherhood doctrine recognizes that violence must be used when needed to achieve sharia’s supremacist objectives.** For example, **the Brotherhood bylaws call for Muslims to “fight the tyrants” when necessary to establish the Islamic State, indicating violence is approved when the time is appropriate.**

Even more dispositive is the fact that **the U.S. State Department-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, Hamas, was formed out of the Palestinian Muslim Brotherhood. In addition, jihadi organizations such as al Qaeda sprang out of the Muslim Brotherhood and have among their leaders senior Muslim Brothers.**

These realities underscore the inadvisability of any “outreach” to American Muslim organizations that espouse sharia, whether or not they acknowledge a tie to the Muslim Brotherhood.

## Understanding the Depth of Muslim Brotherhood Control

To reiterate, **most Muslim organizations in North America are controlled by the Muslim Brotherhood or a derivative group (Hizb ut-Tahrir, Tablighi Jamaat, Jamaat-e-Islami, etc.).** If an individual is the president, vice president, executive director, general secretary, board member or otherwise carries a significant leadership title within a Muslim organization controlled by the Muslim Brotherhood in America – particularly if he is responsible for the group’s financial affairs, or sits on the Fiqh Council of North America – **he is a Muslim Brother.** The Ikhwan simply will not entrust such stature and responsibility to anyone unless he enjoys the trust that derives from being a member in good standing of the Muslim Brotherhood.

There are seemingly a few exceptions to this rule. Females have been utilized more often of late as “leaders” in several of these organizations (notably, the Muslim Students Association and the Islamic Society of North America) in order to project a softer image for these hostile organizations. This is particularly useful in confusing non-Muslims insofar as it would appear that such groups could not adhere to sharia’s misogynistic practices and yet confer upon women positions of true responsibility.

Even a cursory examination, however, of the views of the current ISNA president, Ingrid Mattson, and former MSA President Hadia Mubarak reveals their philosophies are *right in line* with Muslim Brotherhood doctrine. And, in both organizations, the male leadership within the Brotherhood continues to make operational decisions, despite the title conferred upon such women.

A second exception to this rule involves some of the more recently established Muslim American organizations, especially where younger men and women are at the helm.

While they are not technically Brotherhood fronts, the message is nonetheless communicated in fairly explicit terms to these newer groups at major MB conferences (such as the annual ISNA conclaves): So long as these organizations observe the policy and doctrinal parameters set by the Brotherhood, they will be afforded access to the Brotherhood’s infrastructure and financial support.<sup>44</sup>

On the other hand, **historically any Muslim individual or organization that does *not* embrace sharia and the MB line has not been able to gain broad recognition as a Muslim-American force in America. Instead, they are systematically ostracized, delegitimized and, in some cases, directly threatened.**

We saw this in the Alamoudi network’s bid to marginalize the Islamic Supreme Council of America, a Sufi organization led by Sheikh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani who warned often about Muslim Brotherhood operations against the United States as they were being put into place. **The Brotherhood’s strong-arm tactics are made all the more effective by the Ikhwan’s ability to demonstrate that its doctrine is in line with Islamic law and backed by the threat of declaring the deviating Muslim an “apostate,”** undercutting the authority and any opportunities for leadership among Muslims of those working against the MB.<sup>45</sup>

As a result of this modus operandi, the Muslim Brotherhood is able not only to prevent any appreciable challenge to its efforts to dominate the Muslim-American community. It is also able to exercise effective control over nearly all the Muslim organizational infrastructure in the United

States, *including most of those Muslim-American groups that are nominally outside its network*. In any event, the latter pale by comparison in terms of their influence to those U.S.-based Islamic groups that are Ikhwan operation.

## 7. The Muslim Brotherhood's Infrastructure in America

The following are among the most worrisome of the Muslim Brotherhood front groups operating in the United States:

### *The Muslim Student Association*

As we have seen, the Muslim Student Association was the first Muslim Brotherhood entity formed in the United States at the University of Illinois, Urbana campus in 1962-63. **The MSA has chapters at nearly every major college and university campus in the United States making it the most visible and influential of all Islamic student organizations in North America. The MSA is a point of recruitment for the Muslim Brother-hood and for jihadis.**

The MSA's own website previously noted that all major Muslim organizations in America grew out of the MSA.<sup>46</sup> These references have been removed from the MSA website, however. It is nonetheless indisputable that among the MSA's offshoots are: the Islamic Medical Association (IMA), the Muslim Arab Youth Association (MAYA), the Association of Muslim Social Scientists, the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), and the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).<sup>47</sup>

While presenting itself as just another moderate Muslim group working on college campuses, **MSA in fact promotes a sharia-based Islamic agenda dedicated to spreading Islam among North American youth by way of an aggressive *dawa* program. The ideology that underpins the MSA mission is the same ideology as defines the Muslim Brotherhood and al Qaeda. The MSA perspective is global and its aspirations are closely linked to those of the "global Islamic Movement."**<sup>48</sup>

A succession of MSA leaders have made statements condemning the United States and/or calling for the killing of all Jews.<sup>49</sup> **Several MSA presidents have publicly supported jihad, and in the case of at least one, Omar Hammami from Alabama, have actually participated in violent jihad overseas.**<sup>50</sup> MSA members routinely express admiration and support for terror organizations such as Hamas and Hizballah and for the foundational leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood such as Hasan al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb.<sup>51</sup>

In addition to promoting aggressive political influence and intimidation operations like "Israel Apartheid Week" on many campuses, **MSA chapters are also focal points for efforts to impose sharia blasphemy rules or otherwise control speech.** To this end, members frequently engage in disruptive actions aimed at preventing speakers from exposing students to information about sharia Islam, jihad and their tar-gets – notably, the United States and Israel – that would be deemed "offensive" or otherwise contrary to the ambitions of the Ikhwan.

### *The Islamic Society of North America*

In 1980, the Muslim Brotherhood created the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) "to be a nucleus for the Islamic Movement in North America."<sup>52</sup> From the time of its founding in Plainfield,

Indiana, ISNA has been run by the senior leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood's Movement in the United States and Canada, and has emerged as the largest of the MB fronts in North America.

ISNA's prominent role in the Ikhwan operations in America is suggested by its listing at the top of the Explanatory Memorandum's roster of its front groups. The subheading on that list is: "Imagine if they all march according to one plan." **ISNA was established as an umbrella organization to help foster such a plan, and ensure that all MB organizations "march" according to it.**

Over the past three decades, thanks largely to its numerous chapters, its "over <sup>53</sup> community and professional organizations in North America,"<sup>54</sup> its substantial resources and aggressive influence operations, **the U.S. government has accorded ISNA considerable stature as its leading "educational" and "outreach" partner in the Muslim-American community.** For agencies with national and homeland security responsibilities like the White House, the FBI, the State, Defense and Homeland Security departments and the intelligence community to confer such legitimacy on ISNA is all the more astounding given the results of the aforementioned successful prosecution of Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development in the Northern District of Texas in 2008.

**ISNA and the HLF Trial:** As this report discusses elsewhere, this trial was the largest involving Hamas and terrorism financing in U.S. history. In the course of its proceedings, the Justice Department established ISNA's role as a leading Muslim Brotherhood organization and its hostility to U.S. interests. In particular, thanks to evidence of financial transactions between ISNA and Hamas that the government introduced, along with scores of MB documents, it became clear that **the Islamic Society of North America directly supports Hamas and its operations.**

On the basis of such evidence, ISNA was named an unindicted co-conspirator in the HLF trial. ISNA, along with the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT), filed a motion with the court to be removed from the unindicted co-conspirator list....**The judge ruled against ISNA and NAIT, left them on the list of Unindicted Co-conspirators in the HLF trial and permitted the public release of that list.**

### *North American Islamic Trust*

The North American Islamic Trust was created by the Saudis in 1973 and is often called "the bank" for the Muslim Brotherhood in North America. The following description of NAIT and its function was found on the website of its parent organization, ISNA:

...NAIT supports and provides services to ISNA, MSA, their affiliates, and other Islamic centers and institutions.

**NAIT holds titles to mosques, Islamic centers, schools and other real estate to safeguard and pool the assets of the American Muslim community, develops financial vehicles and products that are compatible with both the sharia and the American law, publishes and distributes credible Islamic literature, and facilitates and coordinates community projects.**<sup>55</sup>

...The ISNA website goes on to say that NAIT **“ensures conformity to the Islamic purpose(s) for which their founders established them.”** Since the MB exists to further the Islamic Movement, in pursuit of bringing the world under sharia and with the end goal of re-establishing the global Islamic State (i.e., the caliphate), **NAIT serves, as a practical matter, as both an enabler and, through its financial leverage, an enforcer of the collective pursuit of those objectives.**

As noted in connection with the foregoing discussion of ISNA, NAIT was also an unindicted co-conspirator in the HLF trial. In the course of those proceedings, numerous checks and other documents were made a part of the public record detailing financial transactions between NAIT and known Hamas entities.

NAIT joined ISNA in requesting its name be removed from the unindicted co-conspirator list in the HLF trial. **This motion was denied by the judge due to the overwhelming evidence that NAIT, in fact, serves as a support structure for the terrorist group Hamas.**

### ***The Council on American Islamic Relations***

The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) was created in 1994 by the leadership of Hamas following a meeting of its senior U.S. operatives in 1993 in Philadelphia....

In an analysis of the meeting entered into evidence at the HLF trial, the FBI stated that **“all attendees of this meeting are Hamas members.”**<sup>56</sup> Among those present were Omar Ahmad and Nihad Awad – the two founders of CAIR. **Ahmad and Awad were both recorded in numerous intercepted conversations discussing Hamas’ plans for America.** On the tapes, Omar Ahmad was described as a leader of the Islamic Movement in the United States and a proposal was made to **create a new public relations arm for the organization** not connected with the Brotherhood’s other entities, to include the HLF.

Less than a year after this meeting, CAIR was formed with Omar Ahmad and Nihad Awad at the helm. Ahmad and Awad were both senior leaders of the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), of which Ahmad was the President. **The IAP’s chairman was designated terrorist and Hamas leader Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook**, who was also the chairman of the United Association for Studies and Research (UASR) and the Occupied Land Fund (OLF). The latter subsequently became the Holy Land Foundation (HLF).

**Marzook was at the time the leader of Hamas in the United States and one of the top three Hamas leaders in the world.** The U.S. Treasury Department designated him as a terrorist (SDT-145769). IAP, UASR, and OLF are all listed in the Explanatory Memorandum as Muslim Brotherhood affiliated organizations, and all are Hamas entities.

**The Action Plan for Palestine:** Another MB document entered into evidence at the HLF trial entitled “Islamic Action for Palestine” was dated October 1992.<sup>57</sup> It details **the International Muslim Brotherhood’s creation of “Palestine Committees” to serve as leading Hamas elements in countries around the world for the purpose of raising money, recruiting jihadis and their supporters,** and using propaganda to support the Palestinian cause:

With the growth of the blessed Intifada and the spread of the spirit of Jihad amidst the children of Palestine and the nation, it became incumbent upon the remainder of the Ikhwan to play a role in attributing this Intifada and this Islamic action to Palestine. Therefore, a resolution was issued by the Guidance Office and the Shura Council of the International Movement to form “Palestine Committees” in all the Arab, the Islamic and the Western nations whose job it is to **make the Palestinian cause victorious and to support it with what it needs of media, money, men and all that.**<sup>58</sup>

This “resolution” was issued by the senior ranks of the leadership of the International Muslim Brotherhood as part of a global strategic move to **draw support to the Palestinian cause and the leadership of that cause, Hamas**, officially known as the Islamic Resistance Movement.

The Islamic Resistance Movement: With the increase of the Intifada and the advance of the Islamic action inside and outside Palestine, the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), provided through its activities in resisting the Zionist occupation a lot of sacrifices from martyrs, detainees, wounded, injured, fugitives, and deportees and it was able to prove that it is an original and effective movement in leading the Palestinian people. **This movement – which was bred in the bosom of the mother movement, “The Muslim Brotherhood” – restored hope and life to the Muslim nation and the notion that the flare of jihad has not died out and that the banner of Islamic Jihad is still raised.**<sup>59</sup>

**CAIR is Hamas:** In other words, according to a Muslim Brotherhood document entered into evidence by the prosecution – *and stipulated to by the defense attorneys as being true or at least what it purports to be* – **the founders of CAIR have been officially identified as members of the Ikhwan’s Palestinian franchise, the jihadist terror organization known as Hamas.** In addition, another piece of Holy Land Foundation trial evidence, the organizational charts for the Central (Palestine) Committee’s Executive staff, includes Omar Ahmad as the President of the IAP.

In light of the massive amount of evidence that CAIR is a Hamas entity operating in the United States on behalf of Hamas, CAIR and its president, Omar Ahmad, were both named as unindicted co-conspirators in the HLF trial. Like ISNA and NAIT, CAIR petitioned the court to have its name removed from the Unindicted Co-conspirator List...**As with ISNA and NAIT, the presiding judge ruled against CAIR and left it on the list of Unindicted Co-conspirators in the HLF trial and permitted the list’s publication.**

**It was not until June 2008 that the FBI formally cut off all official relations with CAIR**, ending, at last, its bizarre practice of having Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood conducting “sensitivity training” for Bureau personnel. Unfortunately, **the FBI’s leadership at the Bureau’s headquarters and some Special Agents in Charge at field offices around the nation continue to work with CAIR and other hostile entities** over the objections of subordinates and evidence demonstrating why these entities are hostile.

### *Muslim American Society*

**The Muslim American Society’s...founding directors, Omar Soubani, Jamal Badawi, and Ahmad Elkadi, are three of the most prominent Muslim Brothers in the world.**

- **Omar Soubani** was also listed as a “**Member of the Board of Directors**” of the **Muslim Brotherhood in North America** in evidence entered at the HLF trial.<sup>60</sup> His name appears as well on the list of members of the Palestine Chapter in America, making him **a member of the Designated Terrorist Organization, Hamas.**
- **Jamal Badawi** is today **one of the world’s senior Muslim Brothers.** He is a member of the Fiqh Council of North America, one of the most influential and prominent Muslim Brotherhood organizations in the country. He was also a named unindicted co-conspirator in the HLF trial.
- **Ahmad Elkadi** was the **General Masul, or General Guide, of the Muslim Brotherhood in America** from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s. In that capacity, he was the **leader of the Ikhwan in America for nearly 10 years.**

The fact that these three men founded the Muslim American Society makes MAS a significant Muslim Brotherhood operation. The MAS merged with the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), in 2000. ICNA is listed in the Ikhwan’s *Exploratory Memorandum* as an MB-affiliated organization.

A further indication of the MAS’ real role was provided in the course of a terrorism trial against a jihadist named Sabri Benkahla. When the case was heard before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the prosecution noted: “**MAS was founded as the overt arm of the Muslim Brotherhood in America.**”

As such, the Muslim American Society has been **more directly politically active than ISNA.** Today, MAS is a national organization with nearly 50 chapters and is known for its alliances with such far-left groups as the North Korea-affiliated organization called International ANSWER. Through its 501(c)(4), the MAS Freedom Foundation, the Muslim Brotherhood has **a vehicle for engaging directly in lobbying activities and trying to influence elections.**

### ***Fiqh Council of North America***

The Fiqh Council of North America, previously called the ISNA Fiqh Committee, is a known member of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement and is listed in the *Explanatory Memorandum*’s roster as such.<sup>61</sup> The purpose of the Fiqh Council is to ensure the activities of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America are in compliance with sharia.

The Arabic term “fiqh” means “comprehension” or “understanding” and is related to Islamic Legal scholars’ comprehension of Islamic jurisprudence. Ensuring their activities are compliant with sharia is of the utmost importance to the Brotherhood, hence the North American Council.

The Founding Trustees of the Fiqh Council were Jamal Barzinji, Taha al-Awani, and Abdurahman Alamoudi.

- **Jamal Barzinji** was **one of the first Muslim Brothers to come to the United States** in the late 1950’s. Of Iraqi origin, Barzinji helped establish the entire first generation of Muslim organizations in America. He was present at significant international Muslim Brotherhood meetings and his home and offices were raided by the U.S. government after the attack on September 11, 2001.



- **Taha al-Awani** has been the leader of several significant Muslim Brotherhood entities, to include the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT). He is also a **significant leader in the international MB Movement**.
- **Abdurahman Alamoudi** is the Muslim Brother whose exploits as **an Al Qaeda financier and Hamas operative** have been previously detailed. Alamoudi admitted to his role in a plot with two UK-based al Qaeda operatives to kill then-Saudi Crown Prince, now King, Abdullah. He is currently serving a 23-year sentence on terrorism-related charges at Colorado's Supermax prison.

**The Fiqh Council works closely with ISNA which requires each of its chapters to constitute sharia arbitration panels. *These represent a ready-made infrastructure for insinuating sharia into America as a parallel legal code*, notwithstanding the U.S. Constitution's Article VI, which establishes it as "the supreme law of the land."**

### ***The Muslim Public Affairs Council***

The Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) was formed in 1986 as the Political Action Committee for the Islamic Center for Southern California, one of the largest Wahhabi mosques in America.<sup>62</sup> In 1988, the Political Action Committee separated from the Islamic Center of Southern California and became the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

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MPAC's role in the Muslim Brotherhood Movement is significant. **It is an aggressive propaganda arm for the Ikhwan, contributing through *taqiyya* and disinformation to the MB's efforts at information dominance in the United States.** For example, MPAC attacked the language used to describe the events of September 11, 2001 detailed in the 9/11 Commission Report. MPAC **demand[ed] an end to the use of words such as *jihad*, *ummah*, caliphate, sharia and others in relation to terrorist doctrine.**

**In subsequent years, the National Counterterrorism Center, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have all issued strategic counterterrorism documents devoid of these terms.**

## Conclusion

The “process” President Trump initiated with his Executive Order of November 24<sup>th</sup> is a welcome opportunity to address the urgent need for **a national course correction on U.S. policy towards sharia-supremacism and the Muslim Brotherhood as its preeminent champion.**

It is clearly no longer acceptable to ignore these very real threats to our form of government and people. **We must jettison the irresponsible policies of the past** – including officials embracing Brotherhood leaders and organizations, ignoring the ideological character and implications of sharia, focusing exclusively, and, at best, episodically, on *violent actions*, but remaining willfully blind to its true motivations, etc. – **in favor of more realistic and far more effective approaches.**

This report offers numerous insights into the serious inadequacies of our national security conduct to date, especially since the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks – insights from which specific prescriptions can be drawn for corrective action, both from the past analysis of Team B II and the contemporary analyses of some of today’s finest experts (found in the Appendices) that give rise to a Team B II+. These include:

- **The threat we face today, both at home and abroad, is not simply “terrorism.”** That is just one weapon used by the jihadists who seek the destruction of America.
- **Sharia-supremacists of the Muslim Brotherhood stripe and their enablers in Qatar and Turkey who refrain, at least for the moment, from using widespread jihadist violence against us are *not* our reliable allies.** They are, instead, simply temporarily pursuing the same goal through other means. And they are taking full advantage of our preoccupation with the terrorist threat to profess to eschew violence and, thereby, seduce and subvert those responsible for public safety and national security.
- By responding so incompetently to the actual, present and growing danger posed by the Muslim Brotherhood and its proxies and allies, **such officials are actually inducing the sharia-supremacists to perceive that the realization of their pursuit of “civilization erasure” of the West and global domination is at hand.** That perception *requires them* doctrinally to redouble their efforts decisively *and violently* to conquer their infidel enemies.
- If we wish to prevent such a horrific outcome, **we must, among other things, take the following steps:**
  - **Consider and treat the Muslim Brotherhood** as we previously have the organizations seeking to destroy our country from within motivated by other totalitarian ideologies, **like Communism and Naziism.**
  - **Ban the Muslim Brotherhood** through sweeping **federal designation of the “mother movement” as well as its various franchises, “chapters” and “subdivisions as terrorist organizations.**
  - Enforce to the fullest extent of the law, at both the federal, state and local levels, **President Trump’s commitment to “strip out and remove one-by-one the support networks for Radical Islam in America.”**

- Use proven counter-Mafia techniques to **disrupt not only the penetration of our government and society by Muslim Brotherhood and allied operations**, but wherever possible **prevent the use of such networks for violent jihadist attacks**.
- **Prepare the American people, our critical infrastructure and society more generally** for the prospect of violent revolutionary activity inside the United States – probably perpetrated by a *combination* of **jihadists, Chinese Communist military personnel and other leftists**. And,
- **Enlist the public’s help** in such a “hardening” effort by equipping them to know *what to look for* in terms of relevant threat vectors here, a prerequisite for “seeing something” and then “saying something.” **Such crowdsourcing of the necessary situational awareness could prove indispensable to deterring, preventing and otherwise countering assorted perils now distinctly in prospect.**

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# Appendix A

## Is the Muslim Brotherhood a Threat to America?

Excerpts of Remarks by Charles “Sam” Faddis

From a Victory Coalition Briefing entitled:  
[“Prevent Civilization Erasure: Start by Banning the Brotherhood”](#)

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My reaction when anybody asks me about the Brotherhood and whether it’s a threat – speaking broadly – is always a little bit of puzzlement. I understand the question, but I don’t really understand why it *needs* to be asked, because **the Brotherhood’s entire purpose is the destruction of Western civilization and the subjugation or assimilation of anybody who does not adhere not just to Islam, but to its particular interpretation of Islam.**

Going back to its genesis in the years following World War I, all of its leaders, from day one, have framed this as a struggle. This is not about freedom. It’s not, “Leave me alone and let me worship in my own way,” or any of these quintessentially American ideas.

For them, the world exists in two pieces: the lands they already control—the “lands of Islam”—and the lands they describe as “lands of war,” which is everybody else. **In the lands of war, they are waging war to assimilate, subjugate, or destroy those who are non-believers – non-believers according to their interpretation.**

That has been their mission from day one.

**Their ideology, their doctrine, their written statements are indistinguishable from those of al-Qaeda. In fact, they are foundational to al-Qaeda.** In that sense, al-Qaeda was an offshoot of Brotherhood ideology. I mention al-Qaeda not because it’s the only group we should worry about, but because most Americans know what al-Qaeda is – they’ve seen it kill thousands of Americans here at home.

**Ideologically, there’s no difference. That’s the Muslim Brotherhood. And it’s not just ideology. The Brotherhood, in a pragmatic, concrete way, is lashed up with Islamic terrorist groups around the globe.**

**The other element is that the Brotherhood, like a lot of Islamic groups, is very good at deception and misdirection. They play on the fact that many people in the West, because they have a secular mindset, are reluctant to view things in religious or ideological terms.**

**In essence, the Brotherhood will lie to you, deceive you, say whatever serves their goals at a given moment. One of the ways they do that is by having a central hub, broadly speaking, and then chapters or groups in various countries. The chapters will adopt whatever form or tactic seems most productive and advantageous in that environment. All of that is tactical. It doesn’t change the goal.**



It's a really dangerous organization. It boggles my mind that they're still allowed to operate, that they haven't been designated long ago. A significant number of our allied nations in the Middle East banned them quite some time ago—they had the guts to come out and say, "These guys are terrorists," and designate them as such.

**Their goal is not coexistence. It's not "let's all get along and do our own thing." Their goal is to destroy you. Whatever lies they need to tell to your face, whatever spin they need to put on it, they will. They do it very effectively. And they're helped by having folks with deep pockets, like the Qataris.**

[Regarding then-Director of National Intelligence General James Clapper's 2011 claim that the Muslim Brotherhood is "a largely secular organization" that has "eschewed violence"] I'd say it is **either the most ignorant statement one could possibly imagine – which I think is far too charitable – or it's one of the most bald-faced deliberate lies you can imagine.**

First, **there is absolutely *nothing* secular about the Muslim Brotherhood.** That's insane. It is an expressly radical Islamic organization. Its purpose, again, is spreading Islam and subjugating people. If the Brotherhood takes over, there isn't going to be anything secular, because by definition they don't believe in it. Everything is subject to sharia.

So, from the start, that statement makes no sense. I have to assume it's deliberate deception.

When I worked the street running operations, our approach when dealing with people like the Brotherhood, al-Qaeda, or any of these groups was: We're at war. If I'm sitting in a room with a member of al-Qaeda trying to get him to work with us, the bedrock of that conversation is: "You can work with us, or we can kill you." That's the reality. We both understand we're in a war, and only one of us can win.

There is no possibility of compromise. **There is nothing secular about their agenda. Statements like Clapper's suggest, unfortunately, that he's effectively playing for the other side in this context.**

**As for the idea that they're "non-violent": Islam was spread at the point of a sword. There is no serious repudiation of violence in Brotherhood doctrine. None. You don't have to hunt for subtleties in their theology. Foundationally, they are about subjugating, assimilating, converting, or destroying you. Whatever method they're using in a particular place at a particular time is driven only by tactical advantage. If tomorrow they need to shift tactics, they will. The goal remains the same.**

This is not about coexistence or even voluntary conversion. You will either be subjugated, or you will be eliminated. Go back to their founding documents. It's all there.

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# Appendix B

## What is a “Terrorist Organization”?

Excerpts of Remarks by Robert Spencer

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What exactly *is* a “terrorist organization”?

**Most people assume it’s a violent group that pursues mayhem and destruction for some fanatical goal, and that the means overshadow any rational end. In practice, the U.S. government tends to understand the Islamic world and its various organizations – including the Muslim Brotherhood – as either “terrorist” or “moderate.” If an organization isn’t blowing things up, the assumption is that they’re the “good guys,” moderates we don’t need to be concerned about, *and indeed should encourage.***

**The Muslim Brotherhood has taken tremendous advantage of this distinction. Through its proxy organizations in the United States—notably, the Council on American–Islamic Relations (CAIR), as well as the Islamic Society of North America, the Muslim American Society, and others – they have convinced law enforcement and intelligence organizations that the Brotherhood and its various groups are benign, and that the U.S. government should actually work with them.**

This has been the policy of the U.S. government since at least the Obama administration, and in key ways since the [George W.] Bush administration. The thinking has been: “Because they’re not violent, they must be harmless.” **No serious understanding has ever been displayed of the overall goals of the Brotherhood and its proxy groups, or of the reality that terrorism is a *means to an end, not an end in itself.***

**Terrorism is an *instrument* of jihad. There are many other instruments of jihad. The point of jihad is...the hegemony of Islamic law – Sharia – over the world.** That involves the forced subjugation of non-Muslims to second-class status within an Islamic society. Non-Muslims are required to conform to a series of humiliating and discriminatory regulations that remind them every day of the earthly price of rejecting Muhammad and Islam.

If they would accept Muhammad and Islam, those humiliating and discriminatory regulations would immediately cease for them. They would join the larger Islamic community and have full equality of rights. But because the Qur’an teaches that non-Muslims will suffer in this world as well as in the next – and that Muslims are the executors of Allah’s punishment against unbelievers – it is a fundamental duty of Islamic society to ensure that those unbelievers do indeed suffer in this world. The deprivations Islamic law prescribes are the mechanism for that suffering.

So, the goal of [jihadist] terrorism is not simply to sow random mayhem. It is not destruction for its own sake. It is designed to destabilize an infidel society so that it is ultimately destroyed and replaced by an Islamic society. That's the whole idea behind [such] terrorism.

There are many other ways to pursue that goal, and the Muslim Brotherhood, in its own words...says it is pursuing in North America what it calls a "civilization jihadist process." They write that "the Brothers must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and sabotaging its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers." That is just as much of a jihadi enterprise as terrorism.

Therefore, we must understand that the U.S. government's distinction between "terrorists" and "moderates" is entirely false and based on fantasy. It rests on a wrong understanding of what Islam and jihad are about.

The first step toward truth and reality that the U.S. government can and should take is to understand that groups such as CAIR, ISNA, MAS, and others are pursuing – by peaceful means – the *same* goal that al-Qaeda, ISIS, and similar groups are pursuing by violent means.

When they befriend politicians, when they gain influence and power within intelligence organizations, including the FBI, when they build relationships with law enforcement through "outreach" programs and offer to explain Islam so officials can "understand these new communities" – *all of that is in pursuit of this civilization-jihadist process*. It is designed to ensure the ultimate fall of the U.S. government and its replacement by an Islamic government. It is *not* a gesture of friendship. It is not mutual cooperation. It is not "good-faith outreach." It's all part of this program.

This is extraordinarily difficult for many American officials to grasp. They've been completely gulled – fooled – by the idea that CAIR and other groups are offering good-faith help to stop terrorism and "build bridges" with Muslim communities.

Sayyid Qutb, the foremost Muslim Brotherhood theorist of the twentieth century, wrote that Muslims must build "bridges" with non-Muslims across the West, but that they must understand it is a *one-way* bridge: the bridge is for converting the non-Muslims to Islam. It is not to build mutual understanding, or to help people of different faiths become friends, or to live together in coexistence and mutual respect. It is designed for the *hegemony of Islam*—nothing more, nothing less.

When you say this to American officials, however, they've been conditioned by these same groups – and their allies on the left – to believe that you're being bigoted, racist, and "Islamophobic." They're told that you're trampling on an olive branch, that instead of meeting a gesture of friendship with friendship, you're rejecting it. That's naïve in the extreme.

It shows a lack of understanding of the Muslim Brotherhood's own program – as outlined in the explanatory memorandum – and of Islamic theology itself, which is supremacist and expansionist to its core. It does *not* envision, under any circumstances, Muslims and non-Muslims living together as equals in a society in which the rights of both are respected.

Until that is understood, whether the Muslim Brotherhood is designated this or that really doesn't matter. **It is a terrorist organization and should be designated as such. But it also must be understood at all levels of the U.S. government that there is more to terrorism than violence that the supremacist agenda is much broader than just blowing things up. It is indeed a civilization jihad for civilization *erasure*, as President Trump said, and that is the goal of the entire constellation of Muslim Brotherhood groups in the United States.**

Until that's understood, we haven't even gotten to Square One.

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# Appendix C

## No Time to Signal Weakness to the Global Islamic Movement

Excerpts of Remarks by Dr. David Wurmser, PhD

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**Two forces are acting like adrenaline shots for the Muslim Brotherhood and are leading them to make what is essentially a civilizational lurch forward.**

First is the taking of Damascus. **This is the first time in a thousand years that Sunni Arabs are in control of Damascus. It is the symbolic reinvigoration of the Umayyad Empire, which is really the heart and soul of Sunni Islam. It’s seen as a signal from Allah that history now resumes on behalf of the Muslims, under Allah’s encouragement.** That’s why He “gave them back” Damascus—to lead and resume where they left off in the global expansion of Islam.

The second factor is **their supreme confidence that Europe is falling – that Europe is becoming Muslim.** Among the Muslim Brotherhood in the Middle East, anchored to Syria and Damascus, it is a given that the West has lost its will. The evidence is how Europe is failing to respond effectively to the Muslim Brotherhood on its own soil.

This is giving the Brotherhood such a sense that the age of having to navigate, cooperate, accept dhimmi arrangements and non-Muslim “protected” minorities is over. Now, the *non-protected* have to be eliminated. There are only two protected communities under Islam: Christians and Jews. The rest, like Yazidis and others, are heretics and so forth. Those are to be eradicated. Even the *dhimmis*—Christians and Jews—are only temporarily tolerated until Islam resumes its march. Then they also have to convert.

Right now, when you talk to the heads of these various communities, you keep hearing the same thing: *“What has worked for us for a thousand-plus years isn’t working and won’t work.”* What worked for them as minorities under Islamic control were three basic principles: **keep your head down, grovel, and be “holier than the Pope” in adapting to the dominant ideology.** So when there was Arab nationalism, they were more Arab nationalist than the Arabs.

They’re saying: *That won’t work anymore.* The forces they face want forced conversion or forced elimination. There is no appeasing this monster anymore.

This is the civilizational strength, the civilizational confidence – the volcano – that is erupting in Damascus. And the fact that Assad or others may wear suits and navigate somewhat cautiously doesn’t impress any of the minorities. They feel it. They are on that front line, like...in Osgiliath facing Mordor. They know it. They’re not guessing.

What's striking is that *even some Christian communities that were most anti-Israeli* in the region – for example, elements of the Greek Orthodox Church in Syria, which were once epicenters of Arab nationalism and anti-Israel sentiment among Christians – have now said, “That’s it, we’re done. We can’t cooperate with this regime; we can’t obey this regime.” One leading figure came out recently and said they have no hope dealing with this anymore.

**What’s going on in Europe is integrally linked to what’s happening in the Middle East. The sense of civilizational confidence and offensive coming out of Syria and Damascus is going to invigorate Islamist forces inside Europe and ultimately in the United States.**

**Who’s behind this? The Muslim Brotherhood, anchored to Qatar and Turkey. They’re using this fervor to invigorate Muslims in Europe and America, while at the same time trying to disarm us from within – causing confusion and division inside the West.**

By and large, this is what we’re facing, and you can feel it when you’re on the ground in the region.

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## Appendix D

### Will the U.S. Government Actually Ban the Brotherhood?

Excerpts of Remarks by Maj. Stephen Coughlin, Esq. U.S. Army (Ret.)

From a Victory Coalition Briefing entitled:  
[“Prevent Civilization Erasure: Start by Banning the Brotherhood”](#)

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What I’d like to do is throw a degree of skepticism over what’s going on. **I’m not sure we’re not seeing a certain amount of theater.**

I base that on the idea that, for me, going back to October 2023, our group at Unconstrained Analytics classified the October 7th Hamas attack as a *color revolution* operation....And reading into it, we see the role of the left in everything we’re seeing.

So, I’d like to start with that alliance, because **these forces are interoperable**. “Everything, everywhere, all at once”—that’s the phrase that’s often used. **We talk about “civilization erasure,” which could be translated into cancel culture, which could be translated into “destroy the culture,” or the Marxist concept of “ending culture.” We’re seeing this happen across the board.**

At the political-warfare level, Marxist intersectional attacks have been joined by the Muslim Brotherhood and the broader Islamic movement.

So, I think we need to assess what we’re seeing with **the idea of declaring the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization in the context of its larger ongoing alliance with the left, with intersectionality as their common point of attack.**

On the left, “hate speech” is completely interoperable with the term “Islamophobia.” That is not accidental; it has been deliberately constructed that way.

So, for me, I look at the current situation and ask: What has me greatly concerned?

**You have key leaders of this administration, including family members, raking in hundreds of millions—if not billions—of dollars in “relationships” with Persian Gulf countries, notably including Qatar and Saudi Arabia. You have the current administration’s closeness to Qatar, which essentially hosts and funds the Muslim Brotherhood. Qatar has oversight of the International Union of Muslim Scholars (IUMS), which issues calls that ripple through the global network.**

This past summer, for example, you could literally see IUMS issue a statement, and then the Saudi-based Muslim World League back it up with more neutral language – calling for “defensive jihad,” which in classical doctrine creates a mandatory obligation wherever you are.

That's Monday or Tuesday. Then Friday you see events on U.S. college campuses and European campuses, tied to events in Gaza. You can trace the messaging back through Turkey, Qatar, and beyond.

**Turkey, meanwhile, is running the Diyanet – its religious affairs apparatus – and effectively exercising operational control over parts of the Brotherhood, especially in the United States. Turkey has its “vassal” militia leaders in Syria and elsewhere – forces we might label ISIS-aligned, doing what ISIS does, but under Ankara’s umbrella. And you see the administration’s closeness to people like Zohran Mamdani and others ideologically aligned with this network.**

What greatly concerned me this weekend was a meeting in Doha where administration leaders went, and the U.S. ambassador to Syria basically said the greatest model for governing multi-cultural entities was the Ottoman Empire. We saw a memorandum of understanding signed with Turkey. **Turkey is effectively encircling Israel right now with diplomatic and military moves.**

**We’ve seen the administration bring pressure to bear against Israel in a unilateral way *on behalf of the Muslim Brotherhood’s interests in Gaza.*** So the question I have is: with all that going on, how do we understand language about “declaring the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization”?

I have to confess I’ve seen similar language before – about designating the Brotherhood – drafted in ways that didn’t really affect anything real. My concern is that the same people who are “lining up at the trough” or getting backslapping kudos at events are the ones running the organizations that are engaged in the terrorism. It feels Orwellian.

So, for me, I worry that, when we look at the larger picture, something is grossly out of balance. **Two contradictory things can’t both be true. On the one hand, we see all this deep integration with Qatar and Turkey; on the other, we see talk about designating the Brotherhood, but perhaps in a way that’s more symbolic than real.**

Alongside Qatar and Turkey, we have the **Pakistani ISI’s presence**, well-known inside the United States within these Islamic movement groups. I’m concerned about how **CAIR is joined at the hip with the U.S. Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO), which functions as an umbrella group.** Within that structure is an entity that represents Muslim organizations in hiring employees at state, local, and federal levels – including within national law enforcement and the national security and intelligence apparatus.

When I see all that, then hear language about the Brotherhood being declared a terrorist organization, I worry it might be *more theater than reality.*

We saw, forty-five to sixty days ago, a public warning that terrorism in the United States was “imminent,” and then a rash of incidents and protests. Then things went quiet again. There’s a part of me that thinks the Islamic movement is running the table on us—and running it big-time.

So I don’t mean to be a wet blanket. But **looking at the larger picture—the investments, the influence, the alliance with the left—I question whether designating the Brotherhood will be done in a way that really affects U.S.-based activity.**



On one hand, you could name a few entities that don't truly impact the Brotherhood's core operations and build slowly toward something that would matter. That could be a win *if it's real*. On the other hand, you could end up doing essentially nothing.

Alongside Hamas running wild under the banner of "Unity of the Fields," fully interactive with the left on street actions, I'm concerned that what we're seeing is highly coordinated. When we talk about declaring the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization, I want to make sure we're not dealing with more theater.

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# Appendix E

## A Case Study of “Civilization Erasure”: The U.K. Ignores the Muslim Brotherhood Threat

Excerpts of Remarks by Peter McIlvenna

From a Victory Coalition Briefing entitled:  
[“Prevent Civilization Erasure: Start by Banning the Brotherhood”](#)

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I don’t come to this as an expert in the way your other illustrious panelists do. I come as someone living in a country – in a city – that has become Islamized very quickly.

I share the concerns many of you in the U.S. have: that things aren’t moving fast enough; that there are statements being made which are contradicted by events. I understand all that. But I’ve looked back at what we’ve talked about in the U.K. regarding the Muslim Brotherhood, which is completely free to operate here with no restrictions.

In fact, **London and the U.K. are really [an MB] base of operations, not only for Britain but into Europe.** We’ve had only one Member of Parliament who has seriously raised the issue: **Nigel Farage.** I’ve always had concerns about Nigel addressing Islam directly, but he recognizes the threat of the Muslim Brotherhood.

He asked the government, in a question in January, whether they were going to proscribe the Muslim Brotherhood. Of course, the response was “No.” He has said twice this year, at different conferences, that when Reform UK comes into government, they will ban the Muslim Brotherhood. So, credit to Nigel – but he’s the only MP we have talking this way.

I watch many of your figures in the States who speak boldly, with courage, and who seem to understand the problem. There does seem to be a wave behind what many of you have been doing in the U.S., and I think that’s **why the “Ban the Brotherhood” initiative fits this current moment. There is public appetite. There is media engagement. There are at least political statements. We’ll see whether the political will lies behind them.**

We have very little political pushback here. At least you have *some*. We have virtually none. We have no media. Despite all the conversation in the U.S., I don’t think I’ve seen a single newspaper article in the U.K. discussing this. It simply isn’t on our agenda. I think the last government report on the Brotherhood was in 2015, under David Cameron.

That 2015 report concluded that **the organization exerted significant influence in the U.K. It talked about a network of possibly hundreds of different groupings – national Muslim organizations, student bodies, charities, mosques, and so on.** And although the Brotherhood directly controls only a relatively small number of mosques – somewhere between ten and forty

out of about two and a half thousand – there are these hundreds of entities we haven’t really mapped in the U.K.

The report said the Brotherhood had significant influence and noted extremist elements, but concluded that *because it wasn’t carrying out acts of terrorism itself on U.K. soil, it was essentially acceptable. So, it was given a kind of clean bill of health* and has barely been mentioned since 2015. Nigel Farage may be the only one in the last couple of years to mention it in Parliament.

The Brotherhood has significant sway over the largest U.K. Muslim student organization, the Federation of Student Islamic Societies, and influence over many others. They operate quietly, through front organizations most people don’t recognize.

One public-facing group people might know is **Islamic Relief Worldwide**. You see their adverts all over the London Underground. It’s an international organization, but based in Birmingham, the U.K.’s second city – which has changed beyond recognition from its English roots.

Islamic Relief has a budget of around \$350 million a year. Many have raised concerns about it. Israel banned it in 2014. The United Arab Emirates banned it in 2014. The U.S. has had numerous reports questioning it. In 2021, many financial ties were cut.

Germany has expressed concerns, and so on. Yet, it’s allowed to operate freely here, with a third of a billion dollars in yearly revenue, and with impunity. They’re not only allowed to operate; they’re heavily advertised as a charity.

On the state level, Qatar has enormous sway in the U.K. in terms of property and business investments. Qatari assets in the U.K. exceed £100 billion – about \$130 billion. Qatari-owned businesses generated roughly £53 billion in turnover in 2022 and employ about 160,000 people. Qatar has embedded itself deeply in London and across industries. There are big military sales: Qatar has bought 24 Typhoon aircraft and is due to buy more, plus LNG deals, and so on.

But my frustration, and this is what I want to leave you with, is that **I see utter silence on the Brotherhood issue here. Some of it may be related to “Islamophobia” narratives. We talked earlier about an “Islamophobia” definition, which in effect tries to legalize Muslim blasphemy law by the back door. That creates fear about discussing these issues. It fits into the grooming-gang issues and other scandals—the whole difficulty of engaging Islam in public debate.**

I think that’s why we have complete silence on the Muslim Brotherhood. Germany, France, and the U.K. have expressed concerns about extremism, but they haven’t gone as far as Austria, which banned the Brotherhood in 2021.

So, I’m just glad you’re actually voicing this issue in the U.S. As Frank has said many times, at least you have politicians putting themselves on record that they’re concerned.

I hope many more states follow Texas and Florida in announcing bans – and that this continues to apply pressure on the Trump administration.

That's my bit from the U.K.: You are streets ahead in actually engaging this problem. We won't even grasp the nettle here.

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## Appendix F

### Muslim “Mafia”: How to “Strip Out and Remove” The Support Networks of the Muslim Brotherhood in America

Excerpts of Remarks by Trevor Loudon

From a Victory Coalition Briefing entitled:  
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The Muslim Brotherhood, at its inception, was partially founded by Egyptian army officers who were also members of the Egyptian Communist Party. So **from the beginning there’s been intertwining between the Brotherhood and the communist movement. We still see that today in America.**

Nihad Awad and CAIR work very closely with Democratic Socialists of America, with the Communist Party USA, with the Party for Socialism and Liberation, with Freedom Road Socialist Organization, and others. Nihad Awad himself, before he founded CAIR and became an open Hamas supporter, was a leader of the General Union of Palestinian Students, which was affiliated with the World Federation of Democratic Youth – a Soviet front.

So, we have to understand: **they use communist tradecraft. They use front groups. They use cut-outs. They use information operations and influence operations. They know how to ingratiate themselves and to lie successfully to achieve their ends.**

**They have deeply penetrated our system.** Through CAIR, they are allied with many members of Congress and the U.S. Senate – mainly Democrats, but one or two on the other side as well.

**We should regard them as a major subversive threat *on a par* with the Communist Party, Democratic Socialists of America, and similar organizations—which, again, they work closely with.**

**So how do you deal with them?**

**You treat infiltration like an organized-crime problem.** You do what Thomas Dewey did in the 1930s going after Murder Inc. He set up an “untouchable” squad. He interviewed about 1200 young men to get a small elite team that went after that Mafia murder gang that nobody could touch.

They arrested low-level guys and offered them immunity if they would rat on those above them. They worked their way up the chain, and in two years they had the leaders of Murder Inc. in the electric chair. It was over.

That's what we need: **an elite unit set up, either in the FBI or outside it – *preferably people not tainted by the FBI's or CIA's recent past.* Bring in people from the IRS, sheriff's departments, special forces, and so on, and give them a mandate to go after all foreign infiltrators. It doesn't matter where the chips fall; you just keep going up the chain.**

Start catching low-level people and getting them to roll on those above them.

Meanwhile, **the President could issue an executive order offering a three-month amnesty to all foreign and domestic enemies of the United States. Meaning: if you leave the country within three months, we won't pursue you; we won't seize your assets; you can go and never come back.**

Hundreds of thousands of operatives would leave the country – Chinese, Muslim Brotherhood, cartel operatives, and others. For those who remain, and any American traitors:

**At the end of three months, if you haven't come forward, told everything you know, and applied for amnesty, we are coming after you – and we are not going to do any prisoner swaps or show mercy. You'll be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.**

**That would cause a massive meltdown of every foreign influence operation in the country.** The Brotherhood operative paying off a senator wouldn't know if the senator had taken a deal and was wearing a wire; the senator wouldn't know if the Brotherhood operative had taken a deal and was wearing a wire.

**We could cause a huge breakdown in these operations with the political will to do it. You wouldn't have to fire a shot.** You wouldn't even have to jail that many people. But you would drive tens of thousands of enemies out of the country, and you would get enough evidence and court cases that the American public would finally understand the threat.

**We have to use “organized-crime 101” against the Muslim Brotherhood and other infiltrators, because they are operating like organized crime: secret, covert, tightly knit, compartmentalized. You can only destroy them if you have a strong carrot for informants and a big stick for those who don't inform.**

That's how you take down the Mafia, and that's how you have to take down the Muslim Brotherhood operating in this country.

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# Appendix G

## Political Warfare: Electoral Jihad and Banning the Brotherhood

Excerpts of Remarks by Hon. George Rasley, Esq.

From a Victory Coalition Briefing entitled:  
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December 12, 2025

**I want to start by commending President Trump for *starting* this process. It’s a process overdue by decades, if not a century. But let’s all be honest and understand that it’s a *political* process. We’re not giving the Muslim Brotherhood the SAT here. It’s a political process that will assess, based on political criteria, whether or not these designations are appropriate.**

**We have to recognize...the necessity of *political will*, and that’s where this audience comes in. It is absolutely crucial that our viewers communicate with their legislators – Members of Congress – about how important this is.**

**We have a model from the past. There’s a tendency in our government now to say, “If you’re not shooting at us, you’re not a terrorist.” That’s a very recent way of thinking. At the beginning of the Cold War, and before, we paid great attention on Capitol Hill to *subversive organizations*. The House Un-American Activities Committee and a similar Senate committee conducted many hearings exposing subversive organizations. The Muslim Brotherhood and its affiliates and associates here clearly fall into that category.**

We really should look at their goal in terms of what we’re seeing, and what Peter talked about. It should be no surprise that Islamists targeted Great Britain as one of their first major targets for cultural jihad. It’s the cultural fountainhead of the Anglosphere. Our laws, language, literature, art, music, and so forth largely originated there. And the British have been, frankly, very easily subverted—primarily because of what I’ll loosely call “colonial guilt,” which has severely weakened their leadership class.

**We need to strengthen our own leaders and make sure—in this political decision-making process—that they have the spine and backbone that Governor Abbott and Governor DeSantis have displayed by designating the Muslim Brotherhood and CAIR in their states.**

Looking at Texas, we see the same dynamic frankly that we saw in Great Britain: Texas is probably the country’s strongest repository of traditional American values. **If Texas falls, America falls. Texas does not, at its elite level, have quite the same weakness of leadership as Britain, but it does appear to have some who can be bent by greed. The mayor of Plano, Texas, seems to be an obvious example.**

So, at the political level, in addition to reinforcing the need for action, **we need to make sure we *vote in* people who are attuned to this threat and *vote out* those who have been bent to the will of the jihadists. It's particularly dangerous to allow anyone who is tainted with these associations into positions of power or authority. In my opinion, no one associated with these Islamic organizations should be trusted with a position in national security or anywhere else in our government.**

Again, this is a political decision: don't hire these people.

We need to make sure viewers understand that **the decision to preserve our culture—to win this fight with the jihadists—lies with them in their own communities. It's not just a government problem.** We need to rally churches and Jewish leaders, many of whom have been missing in action. We see, for instance, the Pope saying “we can all get along” rather than leading the Church against this threat. He might profit from reading his predecessor Leo XIII's admonitions about battling pagans and Islamists.

So, I'll close by saying: **Don't count on the government to do anything *unless you demand their action*. And don't count on the government to be your only line of defense. You need to talk to your fellow congregants at your church. You need to let your neighbors, your civic leaders, and your civic organizations know about this threat and get them into the battle.**

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# Appendix H

## Excerpts of Testimony of Hon. Joe Kent, Director, National Counter Terrorism Center

House Committee on Homeland Security on  
"Worldwide Threats to the Homeland"

December 11, 2025

Despite the progress that we've made so far in the Trump Administration, **the threat posed by terrorists of all brands remains very high.** Right now, we've made significant progress under President Trump's leadership. We have the Jihadis of ISIS and Al-Qaeda on the run in Iraq and Syria, thanks to the decisive action and the strikes that we've taken there recently since President Trump took office in January.

However, **we have a persistent threat from the individuals that were allowed into this country by the previous administration. The number one threat that we have right now, in my view, is the fact that we don't know who came into our country in the last four years of Biden's open borders. What we have identified is alarming,** and I want to share that with you today.

We just recently put out **a warning of the heightened risk of terrorist attacks posed to the homeland by terrorists pretty much of all stripes, but in particular, from ISIS and from Al-Qaeda.** NCTC has been crunching the numbers and going through the sheer volume of known and suspected terrorists that are in the country that came in under the Biden Administration.

So far, **NCTC has identified around 18,000 known and suspected terrorists that the Biden Administration let come into our country.** These are individuals, who, under normal circumstances, would never be allowed to enter our country because of their ties to Jihadist groups like ISIS and Al-Qaeda. Yet, the Biden Administration not only let them into the country, in many cases, facilitated their entry into the country. Just like the entry of the Afghan terrorists who committed the terrorist attack here just before Thanksgiving, killing one of our National Guard members and wounding another, that Afghan was brought into the country as a group of **over 100,000 Afghans who were brought here during the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan.**

**These individuals, despite what has been reported, were not vetted properly to come into the United States. The individual terrorist who committed the attack in DC, he was vetted to serve as a soldier in Afghanistan. The Biden Administration essentially used his tactical level vetting as a ruse to bring him here and to bring him into our communities,** and we've seen the tragic results of that.

**Now that Afghan, that attacker, that terrorist, is just one of 88,000. We've identified 2,000 of that group of 88,000 who have ties to terrorist organizations. We're working right now hand in hand with DHS and with the FBI, to run down this 2,000 — the Afghans who came here under Allies Welcome who have ties to terrorist organizations — and additionally, the other 16,000 individuals of ties to terrorist organizations that Biden let into our country. That is**

probably the top terrorist threat that we face right now, and *that doesn't include the individuals who came here illegally through the open border*. That number alarmingly remains unknown at this time. We're trying to figure out who those individuals are as well.

Also adding to this elevated threat, we have ISIS and Al-Qaeda that have found sanctuary in places like Afghanistan and Syria due to the transitional nature of those governments. And also, again, in Iraq and some of the hinterlands of Iraq. And these terrorists are able to communicate and spread their propaganda and a lot of their know-how, thanks to the proliferation of encrypted apps and also due to just the internet writ large. **The new terrorist tactic that we're seeing more and more is moving away from very deliberate cellular attacks that we can infiltrate easily while they communicate into an inspirational methodology where you have key members putting out media and putting out how-to guides to reach out and to touch individuals inside the United States.** We recently disrupted one of those attacks just before Halloween, thanks to the work of the FBI, with support from really the entire US intelligence community and the joint terrorism task force model in Michigan. That plot touched multiple states and had ties to ISIS inside Iraq and Syria.

Another issue that we are addressing right now, thanks to the decisive leadership of President Trump is the scourge of fentanyl, gang and cartel violence under President Trump's leadership. We've designated these cartels and gangs as terrorist organizations, and we've done that rightfully so. These individuals, these terrorists, have killed hundreds of thousands of Americans. As these Angel Families will tell you firsthand, what President Trump has done by designating them as terrorists has allowed us to turn the tools of the Intelligence Community against them and predominantly watchlist them as terrorists, to prevent them from ever coming into America in the first place. To date, **we've added about 35,000 of these narco-terrorists to our terrorist watch list, and we've stopped just around 6,000** of these terrorists from ever entering our country, from setting foot inside of America so they can no longer kill Americans with impunity.

These are just some of the issues that we're covering 24/7/365 at the National Counterterrorism Center.

# Appendix I

## Article by Richard Pollock, “Holiday Terror”

An Open Source Assessment by an Accomplished Investigative Reporter

### A Holiday Warning Troubling Clouds...

By Richard Pollock

December 9, 2025

I know traditionally this is the time of year when we seek a quieter time of life and hope for a warm, loving family holiday. We try to capture good cheer in the air.

That’s why it is so disconcerting for me to write this column. Through multiple interviews over the past month, **I’ve learned that counter terror experts are privately and publicly expressing alarm that major terror attacks are being prepared throughout the United States.**

J. Michael Waller, who I’ve known for two decades last week told me that, the risk of terror attacks in the United States “is by far the most grave in our history.”

Officially, Waller is a senior analyst for Strategy at the Century for Security Policy. But he’s also a highly regarded analyst in military and counter terror affairs. He has been an instructor with the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg. He also has been a guest lecturer at the FBI Academy. He is a soft-spoken man who rarely is an alarmist.

But Waller told me that **“our detection and enforcement systems are overwhelmed. We’re not just talking about individual terrorists and jihadists, but organized terror networks and their legal support systems, and state-sponsored covert intelligence networks whose cadres are professionally trained and strategically deployed.”**

His grave assessment is shared by John Guandolo, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, who recently reached out to me. He’s also a Marine Corps combat veteran from the first Gulf War and most importantly, was a counter terrorism expert as an FBI Special Agent beginning right after the 9/11 attacks.

He told me, **“Al Qaeda cells have embedded themselves across major urban centers in the US. This has been confirmed by intercepted communications, financial tracking, and human intelligence. The attack strategy by Al Qaeda is designed to sow confusion and cripple emergency response.”**

Sara Adams [concurs](#). She's a former CIA targeting officer and analyst with extensive experience in the Middle East, Europe, and South Asia. She warns that **"A war is coming to the U.S. homeland—whether you like it or not."**

She claims the U.S. faces new suicide bombings along with "a Mumbai-style hostage/assault in Washington, D.C., and mass-casualty urban attacks where you live, work and play targeting churches, hospitals, malls, transit, and first responders."

She adds, **"A terrorist plot of this scale has never been set into motion here, with al-Qaeda leading on one front and ISIS on another."**

Aligned with these warnings is an official warning by the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC). The warning was to state and local officials of "Al-Qa'ida's resurgence of calls for attacks in the homeland." They cited the "persistent and enduring threats" of Al-Qa'ida and its Yemen-based affiliate, al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

I hope these experts are wrong. But **now there also is mounting evidence that individual Islamic Jihadis are ramping up inside the United States.**

In the last five weeks alone, there have been an unusual number of federal arrests of radicalized Muslims who allegedly were planning terror attacks. Here is what we know:

On October 31, [according](#) to the Justice Department, five Muslims "were charged for having firearms that would be used in a conspiracy to provide material support to ISIS. The federal complaint sets forth grievous allegations of a radical Islamic terror plot involving AR-style rifles, shotguns, handguns, and other tools for a tactical assault."

The arrests, three from the Muslim-dominated city of Dearborn, Michigan didn't make much news. Two more were later arrested in New Jersey.

Then there is Mohammad Dawood Alokozay, 30, of Fort Worth, Texas. He was arrested on November 23 and has been federally charged with threatening to build a bomb, conducting a suicide attack and kill Americans. As alleged, Alokozay, a former Afghan citizen, threatened to conduct a suicide attack on the other participants as well as "infidels," a common term for Westerners.

The next day, on November 24, University of Delaware student Luqmaan Khan, age 25, [was arrested](#) with a [with a huge cache of guns](#), body armor and a notebook filled with plans to shoot up his school. Khan told FBI investigators that martyrdom is "one of the greatest things you can do" and "a goal," according to court filings.

And, as we all know, two days later, on November 26, Rahmanullah Lakanwal 29 of Belleville, Washington gunned down two National Guardsmen in the nation's capital, killing one. Lakanwal told relatives "I am living with Tablighi." Tablighi is an Arabic word that means to "inform" or "convey" and it refers today to [Tablighi Jamaat](#), a global Islamic missionary movement.

Waller says that the open borders policy of President Biden was a great opportunity for our enemies. “Any adversary would be a fool not to have taken advantage of the open borders policy to infiltrate their people here without detection. There is no way to discern who most of them are. They can hide comfortably among welcoming religious and ethnic communities, with shelter from sanctuary cities and the politicians and judges bent on keeping them here.”

Guandolo agrees. **“The problem is we do not know how many are in the U.S. We do know millions of people entered the United States during the Biden administration, many were military aged males from hostile countries, and many are still in the United States.”**

But he is more specific. Guandolo claims, **“We also know Al Qaeda brought at least 1000 soldiers into the U.S. in the last year to execute their latest operation which we expect between now and end of February. This will be a series of widescale nationwide attacks in at least 5 states. No local or state police, nor the FBI are prepared for what is coming.”**

The prospect that a terrifying mass-casualty attack may soon hit Western cities has not been lost on the Israelis.

On November 27, Israel’s National Emergency Authority director general, Avichai Kahana oversaw an unusual strategic exercise simulating a scenario in which a massive wave of immigration of Jews takes place in a short period of time.

One possible scenario that could lead to the a flash of immigration would involve a terrorist attack against the Jewish community in a Western country. Kahana noted that in some countries, Israel already has “possible warnings” that in one night, riots will break and Jews will want to pack up and leave immediately.

We know we’re living in unusual times. We have seen the West face increasingly militant pro-Islamic groups join forces with some of their anti-Israel progressive allies to attack Jews and isolate and demonize Israel.

Is this the beginning of a spectacular set of coordinated Islamic attacks in the United States? Are these experts right?

I certainly hope they’re wrong. But we also have to be aware that **we are witnessing an unprecedented rise in Islamic militancy throughout the world.**

Let’s hope for peace during the holidays and into our future.



The Victory Coalition's mission is to champion the need for victory over those determined to impose Sharia – whether by violent jihad or the stealthy, subversive kind – on Americans here at home, their friends and allies and Western Civilization worldwide.

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