

selected headlines

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The International Problem of Islamic Terrorism

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Islamic terrorism is international in scope. To indicate the extent of the problem, below are several selections from press reports, followed by a list of selected headlines covering the first half of 1999.

The Clinton administration is stepping up efforts to help Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay fight what U.S. officials believe is a growing Islamic terrorist threat in those countries' border region, (*Dallas Morning News*, December 22, 1997).

In a synchronized operation, the police in five European countries [France, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Switzerland] raided the homes of people suspected of being Islamic militants today and detained at least 88, according to French Government officials, (*The New York Times*, May 27, 1998).

German regional minister outlines danger of Islamic fundamentalism, (*BBC Worldwide Monitoring*, August 9, 1999; Source: *Die Welt* website).

A Muslim cleric is running the risk of being deported after calling for attacks with biological weapons on western targets . . . In an open letter read out in mosques across Britain and published on the internet, Bakri [the cleric] called on Muslims to rise up in a jihad, or holy war, against America and its allies, (*Sunday Times [London]*, September 5, 1999).

Turkey: Nearly 4,000 Islamic fundamentalists arrested in last 10 years, (*BBC Worldwide Monitoring January 1, 1999*; Source: *Anatolia News Agency, Ankara*).

London-based Muslim groups head defends Yemen kidnappings, (*BBC Worldwide Monitoring, January 19, 1999*; Source: *Al-Jazeera TV, Doha, Qatar*).

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France convicts 107 for aiding Islamic insurgents in Algeria, (*Chicago Tribune*, January 24, 1999).

International: Arrests [in Uruguay] "foil attack on London," (*The Daily Telegraph*, February 2, 1999).

German prosecutors conduct searches in Islamic terror probe, (*AP Worldstream*, February 9, 1999).

Bin Laden bankrolled Egypt's Jihad: security official, (*Agence France Presse*, February 15, 1999).

Suspected aide to Bin Laden is arrested in Paris, (*Agence France Presse*, February 15, 1999).

Jordanian paper criticizes Britain's "Harbouring" of Muslim "terrorism," (*BBC Worldwide Monitoring*, February 17, 1999; Source: *Al-Dustur*, Amman, Jordan).

Prosecution links kidnapers to London-based fundamentalists, (*AP Worldstream*, February 18, 1999).

Hezbollah behind Tashkent bombs, Uzbek leader tells Israeli minister, (*BBC Worldwide Monitoring*, February 18, 1999; Source: *ITAR-TASS News Agency*, Moscow).

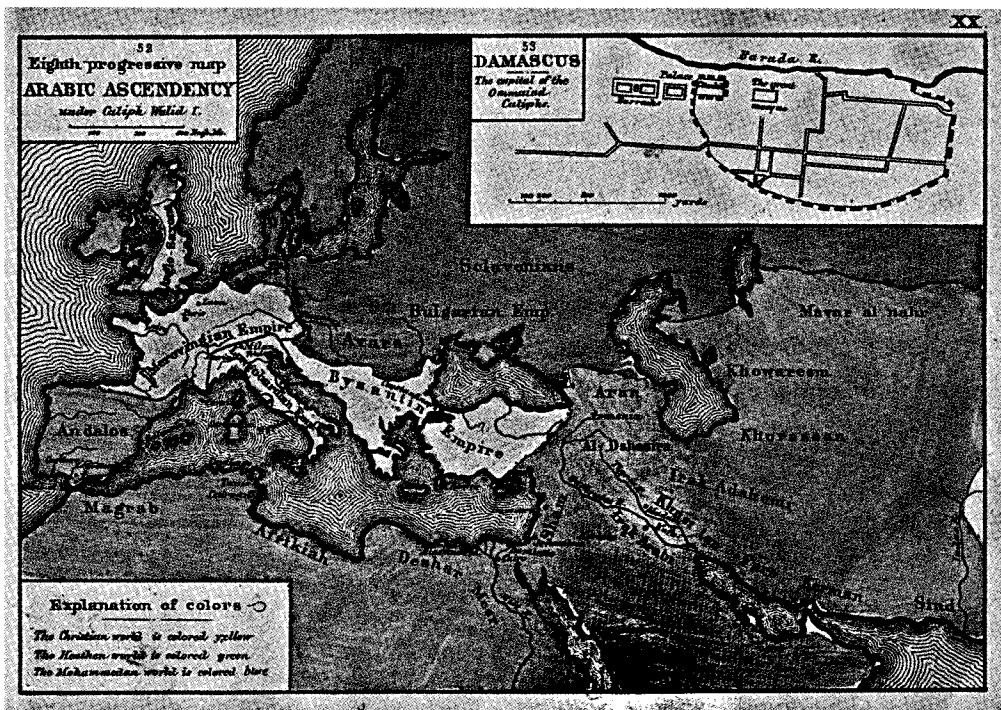
A regular guy in Paraguay accused of being a Bin Laden "sleeper," (*The Houston Chronicle*, February 19, 1999).

Italian Secret Services fear Islamic terror in year 2000, (*BBC Worldwide Monitoring*, February 19, 1999; Source: *ANSA News Agency Database*, Rome).

London-based Islamic leader threatens to blow up planes: report, (*Agence France Presse*, February 25, 1999).

Czech Republic: Islamic rebel allegedly behind terrorist threats [against US and British embassies in Prague], (*BBC Worldwide Monitoring*, February 26, 1999; Source: *CTK News Agency*, Prague).

UK: Muslims called on to wage Jihad against West (*Periscope Daily Defense News Capsule*, March 1, 1999).



Germany arrests Islamic leader as terror suspect, (*AP Worldstream*, March 25, 1999).

Trial opens [in Brussels] against 11 suspected of links with Islamic militant group, (*AP Worldstream*, March 29, 1999).

Uzbekistan cracks down on Islamic fundamentalism, (*National Public Radio*, April 13, 1999).

Islamic fundamentalist bombers arrested in Istanbul, (*Deutsche Presse-Agentur*, April 16, 1999).

Kazakh security official concerned about spread of Islamic fundamentalism, (*BBC World Monitoring*, April 18, 1999; Source: *Interfax News Agency*, Moscow).

France asks jail in Islamist case, (*AP Worldstream*, April 21, 1999).

Islamic extremists kill kidnapped Pakistani industrialist: police, (*Agence France Presse*, April 21, 1999).

Philippine military identifies new Muslim rebel leader, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, April 21, 1999; Source: *The Manila Times website*).

Muslim extremists said behind Jakarta bombing, bank robbery, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, April 22, 1999; Source: *Media Indonesia*, Jakarta).

Austrian authorities interrogate Egyptian Muslim extremist, (*AP Worldstream*, April 22, 1999).

British team in Yemen to investigate militant Islamic preacher, (*AP Worldstream*, April 23, 1999).

Morocco's Hassan keeps Islamic fundamentalists in check, (*Deutsche Presse-Agentur*, April 24, 1999).

Military court [Amman, Jordan] sentences nine Muslim militants to jail, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, April 27, 1999; Source: *AP Worldstream*).

Suspected Hezbollah leader deported [from Brazil] to Iran, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, April 28, 1999; Source: *ABC Color*, Asuncion).

Twenty-two Islamic fundamentalists captured in southeastern Turkey, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, April 28, 1999; Source: *Anatolia News Agency*, Ankara).

Kazakh security official accuses foreigners of spreading Islamic extremism, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, May 12, 1999; Source: *ITAR-TASS News Agency*).

Egyptian Islamist risks expulsion after arrest in Canada: lawyer, (*Agence France Presse*, May 12, 1999).

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Radical Islamic gang leader sentenced to nine years for Brussels shoot-out, (*AP Worldstream*, May 14, 1999).

Uzbek police arrest member of Islamic religious extremist organization, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, May 17, 1999; *Source: Khalq Sozi, Tashkent*).

Twenty-four Islamic fundamentalists captured in southern Turkey (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, May 19, 1999; *Anatolia News Agency, Ankara*).

Police [in Tashkent] arrest member of "Islamic religious extremist" organization, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, May 19, 1999; *Source: Khalq Sozi, Tashkent*).

Islamist held in Canada denies links with Bin Laden (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, May 19, 1999; *Source: Al-Hayat, London*).

Police [in England] hold Islamic cleric, (*Manchester Guardian Weekly*, March 21, 1999).

Islamists threaten to kill all foreigners in Yemen, (*Agence France Presse*, May 25, 1999).

"**Islamic extremists**" kill four, toll from Algiers blast rises, (*Agence France Presse*, May 26, 1999).

Prosecution [in Cairo] orders 23 Muslim extremists held for interrogation, (*AP Worldstream*, May 27, 1999).

Terrorist bombs kill three [in Algeria], army eliminates 20 Islamic fighters, (*Agence France Presse*, May 29, 1999).

Indian troops and Islamic militants in close combat in Kashmir (*Agence France Presse*, May 30, 1999).

Jordan hands over Algerian Islamist to France, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, June 11, 1999; *Source: Al-Hayat*).

Turkish police arrest 13 suspected pro-Islamic militants, (*AP Worldstream*, June 15, 1999).

Crackdown is ordered [in Bangladesh] on Islamic militants, (*India Abroad*, February 12, 1999).

Dagestan launches anti-Wahhabi campaign in response to terrorist attack, (*BBC Summary of World Broadcasts*, June 22, 1999; *Source: NTV, Moscow*).

Algerian hardliners threaten "bloodbath" in Belgium, (*Agence France Presse*, June 27, 1999).

Islamic militant expects attacks on U.S. targets, (*The Associated Press*, June 28, 1999).

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