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Abu Nadal Organization

A free-lance terrorist organization named after Abu Nadal and established in 1973. Nadal was assumed to be an agent of Iraq's Saddam Hussein. His organization was based in Baghdad and was religious and politically affiliated. This organization carried out over 90 operations killing about 1,000 people in the Middle East, Europe, and India primarily targeting Palestinians and Arab governments. The Nadal organization ceased to function in the 90's after its leader was sentenced to death. Nadal died in 2002.

Al Qaeda

Islamic organization established by Osama Bin Laden in the 1980s. Bin Laden's goal was to establish a pan-Islamic Caliphate throughout the world. In successfully achieving his goal, he directed Islamic extremist groups to overthrow regimes that were non-Islamic. This organization has approximately several thousand members and still growing today. Al Qaeda has cells in numerous countries and suspected of many involvements such as the bombings in Yemen, Kenya, and Nairobi. This organization also has had activities in the U.S. (9/11) and the bombings of U.S. helicopters in Somalia with bombings of troops in Aden, Yemen in 2002.

Red Brigades

The Red Brigade/Communist Combatant Party organized in Italy. Its main purpose was to oppose the Italian government and Italy's alliance with U. S. and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Red Brigades were active in the 70's and 80's. The organization's primary goals were to overturn Italy's capitalist government and replace with a Communist regime. One of the Red Brigades most notorious acts was the assassination of Silvio Berlusconi, an advisor to the Italian government.

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Al Qaeda

Al Qaeda is a terrorist group who started in the pre 9/11 years, with a centralized leadership consisting of mostly Egyptians. According to Rollins (2005), "Osama Bin Laden was acting as the chief executive officer who issued orders and solicited ideas from subordinates."

Currently, Al Qaeda is scattered throughout many countries and is mostly controlled by its main location in Pakistan. According to Rollins (2005), Al Qaeda serves as the vanguard of a religious movement that inspires Muslims to join the Jihadi movement. The goal of the Al Qaeda terrorist group is to conduct a global caliphate to control or change everyone's religious beliefs through violent actions.

According to the background information summaries (2010), "Jamaat-ud-Dawa ("Party of the Calling") is a Pakistani fundamentalist Islamist organization officially designated as an alias of Lashkar-e-Toiba, a terrorist organization blamed for several hundred attacks inside India, especially in the disputed territory of Kashmir." Jamaat-ud-Dawa also describes themselves as a charity organization to help schools and other organizations but they deny any involvement as a terrorist organization.

Ethnic Uighur Islamist Organization

The ethnic Uighur Islamist organization is a terrorist group that originated from China and is dedicated to independence from China and establishment of an Islamist state. Haq, the leader of the ethnic Uighur Islamist organization threatened to attack the Beijing Olympics. Haq trained many terrorist members in explosives and various terrorist techniques. Background information summaries (2010). After his leadership of the organization, Haq was eventually reported dead by a U.S. missile attack.

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