

(IV) Other Groups

**GREATER SYRIAN PARTY**

This group is located in Lebanon and Syria with supporters in North America.



# Law Enforcement Guide to Terrorist Groups and Their Known Emblems

Law enforcement officers should be on the watch for these emblems and/or named groups during traffic stops and other contacts with middle eastern subjects. These emblems may be found on jewelry, documents, auto stickers, and other forms of advertisement. Their display may indicate membership in these groups and/or financial/general support for the listed groups.

(I) Palestinian and other groups that operate directly against Israel that appear on the Secretary of State's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

**DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (DFLP)**



The DFLP is a Marxist-Leninist organization founded in 1969 when it split from the PFLP (see below). The DFLP conducted numerous small bombings and minor assaults on Israeli targets. Its strength is estimated at 500.

**IZZ AL-DIN AL-QASSIM BRIGADES**



The Brigades is considered the military arm of Hamas (see below).

**HAMAS (Islamic Resistance Movement)**



Hamas is a Palestinian terrorist group known for suicide bombings that target Israeli and possibly Western citizens. It receives funding from Palestinian expatriates, Iran, and private benefactors in Saudi Arabia.

**HIZBALLAH (Party of God)**



Hizballah is a Lebanese Shi'ite terrorist group known for car bombings that target Westerners and Israelis. Organizational aid comes from Iran and Islamic support groups in Europe and North America.

AI-QA'IDA, AKA: Al Qaeda, "the Base," the World Islamic Front for Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders, the Islamic Army for the Liberation of the Holy Places, the Usama Bin Laden Network, the Usama Bin Laden Organization



Al-Qaeda troops used the black Islamic flag of Caliphate, which is the negative image of the white Taliban flag.

Some Islamic organizations refrain from using personalized emblems or flags and instead use the symbol of a black flag or banner with the Islamic "declaration of faith" inscribed on it. That includes several organizations that share the vision of reinstating the "Khalifa," the Islamic kingdom. One such organization that operates here in the US is the Al-Muhajiroun, which has a presence in New York City.

\* "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger." This phrase is also incorporated in flags of Islamic countries such as Saudi Arabia.



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### KAHANE CHAI (KACH)



This group was founded by Israeli-American rabbi Meir Kahane to restore the biblical state of Israel. Groups affiliated with them have threatened to attack government officials, Arabs, Palestinians, and Israelis. It receives support from sympathizers in the United States and Europe.

### PALESTINE ISLAMIC JIHAD (PIJ)



Originating among militant Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, the PIJ is committed to the creation of an Islamic Palestinian state and the destruction of Israel through holy war. It has also identified the US as an enemy and opposes moderate Arab governments.

### POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP) AKA, The Red Eagles, The Red Eagle Group or Gang, The Halhul Gang or Squad



The PFLP is a Marxist-Leninist group founded in 1967 by George Habash, who was a member of the PLO before splitting away. It is violently opposed to Arafat's PLO and has used hot-air balloons and motorized hang gliders to carry out cross-border terrorist attacks.

### POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE - GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC)



The PFLP-GC is violently opposed to Arafat's PLO. Its leader is Ahmad Jabril and has close ties to both Syria and Iran. It has used hot-air balloons and motorized hang gliders for cross-border attacks. Its strength is estimated to be several hundred.

### (II) Non-Palestinian groups that are on the Secretary of State's list of Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

#### AL JIHAD



Al Jihad is an Egyptian Islamic terrorist group associated with Al Qaida. It specializes in armed attacks against Egyptian government officials. Its strength is not known, but probably has several thousand hardcore members and another several hundred sympathizers. It operates in the Cairo area.

#### AUM SHINRIKYO, AKA: Aum Supreme Truth



Acult established in 1987 by Shoko Asahara, Aum aims to take over Japan and then the world. In 1995, Aum released sarin nerve gas on several Tokyo subway trains. It is estimated to have 9,000 members.



#### KURDISTAN WORKERS PARTY (PKK)



The PKK seeks to establish an independent Kurdish state in southeastern Turkey. Its primary targets are Turkish government security forces in Turkey and Western Europe. The PKK has bombed tourist sites and hotels, and has kidnapped foreign tourists.

### LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE)



The most powerful rebel group in Sri Lanka, the Tigers use overt and illegal methods to raise funds, acquire weapons, and publicize its cause. They target government personnel and political/military leaders in Colombo. Political assassinations and bombings have become common. Its strength is estimated to be over 10,000.

### MUJAHEDIN-E KHALQ ORGANIZATION (MEK)



The MEK runs a worldwide campaign against the Iranian government using terrorist violence. It supported the takeover in 1979 of the US Embassy in Tehran. In April 1992, it conducted attacks on Iranian embassies in 13 different countries. Its strength is estimated at several thousand.

### NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN)



The ELN is a pro-Cuban, anti-US guerrilla group formed in January 1965. It conducted weekly assaults on oil infrastructure (pipelines bombings), has inflicted massive oil spills, and practiced extortion and bombings against US and other foreign businesses.



### REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC)



The largest, best-trained, and best-equipped insurgent organization in Colombia, the FARC conducts armed attacks against Colombian political, economic, military, and police targets, and has started bombing oil pipelines. Its strength is 8,000 - 12,000.

### SHINING PATH (SENDERO LUMINOSO, SL)



Shinning Path is the larger of Peru's two insurgencies, and is among the world's most ruthless guerrilla organizations. It uses bombs in rural areas, including the US Embassy. Its strength is estimated at 1,500 - 2,500.

### (III) Groups that are not on the terror list but may incorporate some violent aspects.

#### AL-IKHWAN AL-MOSLEMOON (Muslim Brotherhood Movement)



Al-Ikhwan was formed in 1928 and has branches in over 70 countries.

#### FATAH, AKA: The Movement for the National Liberation of Palestine



Led by Yasser Arafat, Fatah carried out terrorist attacks in 20 countries (including the United States), killing or injuring almost 900 persons. Its strength is estimated at 6,000 - 8,000.

#### PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO)



The PLO was founded in 1964 as a loose umbrella organization made up of divergent ideological groups who share the common goal of an independent Palestinian state.