

REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S LIBERATION PARTY/FRONT



This group is a splinter faction of the Turkish People's Liberation Party, which was formed in 1978. The group was renamed in 1994 after factional infighting. It has a Marxist ideology and is virulently anti-US and anti-NATO.

REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT PARTY (RUF)



The RUF was formed in Sierra Leone in the 1980's by student followers of Libya's Colonel Qaddafi. Members are a loosely organized force that fought a 10-year civil war to seize control of the diamond-producing regions of the country.

SHINING PATH (SENDERO LUMINOSO)



The 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.

TALIBAN



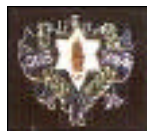
The Taliban movement was started in 1994 by a senior mullah (Islamic priest), Mohammed Omar, in the southern Afghanistan city of Kandahar. The name "Taliban," which means "student," refers to the movement's origins in Islamic religious schools, or madrasas; however, most members knew war all their lives and attended the madrasas only for rudimentary religious training.

TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT



Tupac Amaru is a Peruvian Marxist-Leninist revolutionary movement formed in 1984 by organizations from the radical left. Its objective is to rid Peru of imperialism and to establish a Marxist regime.

ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA)



The UDA, the largest loyalist paramilitary group in Northern Ireland, was formed in 1971 as an umbrella organization for loyalist paramilitary groups. It remained a legal organization until 1992, when the British government proscribed it.

UNITED SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF COLUMBIA



The AUC—commonly referred to as the paramilitaries—is an umbrella organization formed in April 1997 to consolidate most local and regional paramilitary groups, all of whom seek to protect economic interests and combat FARC and ELN insurgents locally.

ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCES (UVF)



The UVF is a loyalist paramilitary group formed in Ireland in 1966. It takes its name from the UVF of the first World War, which was mobilised in 1912 as a Protestant/Unionist militia to oppose the Home Rule campaign for a separate Irish parliament.

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Law enforcement officers should be on the watch for these emblems and/or named groups during traffic stops and other contacts. 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. Some of these groups appear on the US Secretary of State's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations, or are groups that are believed to incorporate violence in the pursuit of their political objectives.

17 NOVEMBER

Established in 1975, this radical leftist group was named for the November



1973 student uprising in Greece that protested the military regime. The group is anti-Greek establishment, anti-US, anti-Turkey, anti-NATO, and is committed to the expulsion of US bases from Greece, the removal of Turkish military presence from Cyprus, and the severing of Greece's ties to NATO and the European Union.

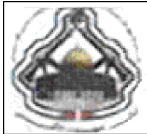
ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION (ANO)

This Palestinian group was founded by Sabri al-Banna (AKA: Abu Nidal) when he split from the PLO in 1974. It is made up of various functional committees to include political, military and financial. Nidal died in 2002, but the new leadership of the organization is unclear.



AL-AQSA MARTYRS BRIGADE

The al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade comprises an unknown number of small cells of FATAH-affiliated activists that emerged at the outset of the current "intifadah" to attack Israeli targets. It aims to drive the Israeli military and settlers from the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Jerusalem, and to establish a Palestinian state.



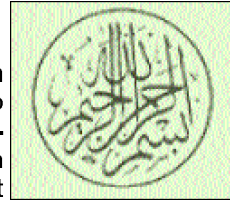
AL-IKHWAN AL-MOSLEMOON (Muslim Brotherhood Movement)

Al-Ikhwan was formed in 1928 by a 22-year-old school teacher as an Islamic revivalist movement. It was founded after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the subsequent ban of the Caliphate system of government that had united Moslems for hundreds of years. It has branches in over 70 countries.



AL JIHAD

Al Jihad is an Egyptian Islamic terrorist group associated with AL-QA'IDA. 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.



AL-QA'IDA, AKA: Al Qaeda, "the Base," the Islamic Army, 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, the Islamic Salvation Foundation, The Group for the Preservation of the Holy Sites

Al-Qa'ida is arguably the most well-known and most dangerous Islamic terrorist organization in the world. It was established around 1990 by a Saudi millionaire, Usama Bin Ladin, to bring together Arabs who fought in Afghanistan against the Soviet invasion. The current goal of the organization is to "reestablish the Muslim state" throughout the world. Al-Qa'ida works with allied Islamic extremist groups to overthrow regimes it deems "non-Islamic" and remove Westerners from Muslim countries. Groups affiliated with al-Qaida have conducted numerous bombings and other violent attacks throughout the world that have resulted in the deaths of thousands of civilians. Al-Qaida's membership may be between several hundred to several thousand. Note: Al-Qa'ida troops sometimes have used a black flag with an inscription of the Islamic "declaration of faith."* Similar symbols and flags are used by other Islamic organizations, including some groups that share the vision of reinstating the "Khalifa," the Islamic kingdom. The Islamic declaration of faith is also incorporated in some Islamic countries, including Saudi Arabia.

*"There is no god but Allah, and Muhammed is his messenger."



AUM SHINRIKYO, AKA: Aum Supreme Truth

A cult 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.



DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (DFLP)

The DFLP is a Marxist-Leninist and formerly pro-Soviet group founded in 1969 when it split from the PFLP. The DFLP espouses the belief that Palestinian goals can only be achieved by a popular revolution of the working class. They have conducted numerous small bombings and minor assaults on Israeli targets. Its strength is estimated at 500.



EUZKADI TA ASKATASUNA (ETA)

Founded in 1959, ETA is a Marxist group that aims to establish an independent homeland for the Basque people based in northern Spain and southwest France.



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.



FIRST OF OCTOBER ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE GROUP

The First of October was formed in 1975 as the armed wing of the illegal Communist Party of Spain during the Franco era. The group advocates the overthrow of the Spanish government and its replacement with a Marxist-Leninist regime.



HIZB UT-TAHRIR

Hizb ut-Tahrir was formed in 1953. Its stated goal is to fight against non-Islamic nations, values, and cultural influence and to work to establish an Islamic world government.



KAHANE CHAI (KACH)

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



GREATER SYRIAN PARTY

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



INTERNATIONAL SIKH YOUTH FOUNDATION

This foundation is sponsored by expatriate and Indian Sikh groups who want to carve out an independent Sikh state called Khalistan (Land of the Pure) from Indian territory.



KURDISTAN WORKER 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.



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.



ISLAMI JAMIAT TALABA

Formed in 1947 after the creation of Pakistan, the Islami Jamiat Talaba is considered the largest student organization in Pakistan. Its goal is to promote Islamic values and it has ties to the fundamentalist group, Jamaat-e-Islami.



LASHKAR E-TAYYIBA (LT)

The LT is the armed wing of the Pakistan-based religious organization, Markaz-ud-Dawa-wal-Irshad (MDI)--a Sunni anti-US missionary organization formed in 1989. One of the three largest and best-trained groups fighting in Kashmir against India, it is not connected to a political party. The LT leader is MDI chief, Professor Hafiz Mohammed Saeed.



HIZBALLAH (Party of God), AKA: HEZBOLLAH, HIZBOLLAH

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.



IZZ AL-DIN AL-QASSIM BRIGADES

The Brigades is considered the military arm of HAMAS.



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.



LOYALIST VOLUNTEER FORCE (LVF)



The LVF is an extremist terrorist group that formed in Ireland in 1996 as a splinter of the mainstream loyalist UVF. The LVF is composed of hardliners formerly associated with the UVF who refused to accept the loyalist cease-fire.

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 in Colombia. It has conducted weekly assaults on oil infrastructure (pipelines bombings), has inflicted massive oil spills, and has practiced extortion and bombings against US and other foreign businesses.

NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA)



The NPA is the military wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines. Formed in 1969, it is a Maoist group that aims to overthrow the government through guerrilla warfare.

ORANGE VOLUNTEERS (OV)



The OV first appeared in Ireland about 1998-99 and is comprised largely of disgruntled loyalist hardliners who split from groups observing the cease-fire. The OV seeks to prevent a political settlement with Irish nationalists by attacking Catholic civilian interests in Northern Ireland.

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.

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.

PEOPLE AGAINST GANGSTERISM AND DRUGS (PAGAD)



Formed in 1996 in Cape Town, South Africa, PAGAD and its Islamic ally Qibla view the South African government as a threat to Islamic values. The two groups promote greater political voice for South Africa.

POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP), AKA: The Red Eagles, The Red Eagle Group or Gang, The Hahul 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 split from the PFLP in 1968, claiming it wanted to focus more on fighting and less on politics. It 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.

REAL IRA (RIRA)



The Real IRA was formed in early 1998 as the clandestine armed wing of the 32-County Sovereignty Movement, a "political pressure group" dedicated to removing British forces from Northern Ireland and unifying Ireland.

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.