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## THE TERROR PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

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**Abstract:** *The need to know as many details as possible regarding terrorists' psychological, physical and specialized training that is generated by terrorist groups' intention of brain washing of the new recruits, religious indoctrination and training based on models inspired by The Big Encyclopedia of Jihad, The letter from an al-Qaeda member, How to withstand and to confront special services' investigators requires now, more than ever, a special focus on understanding terrorist groups re configuration and a new approach to antiterrorist fighters' training. Al-Qaeda ("Qaidat al-Jihad"), after merging in June 2001 with al-Jihad (the Egyptian Islamic Jihad), holds training bases spread over the south, South-East Asia and Middle East. Beside these bases, it is a well-known fact that the terrorist group is very active through its European cells called White al-Qaeda or "the terrorists with white skin". This group reunites around 800 Bosnian mujahedins and its purpose is to expand al-Qaeda in Europe with the final aim of accomplishing the "Pan-Islamic Caliphate" worldwide.*

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### 1. Those devoid of pity

Social Sciences Researchers (Hudson, 1999, McCauley, 2002, Mansdorf, 2003, O'Connor, 2004, Zimbardo, 2004) concluded that terrorisms acts are not related to psychopathological and personality disorders. Terrorism, consequence of the group or organizational pathology gives a meaning for the individuals tempted by these groups. (Mansdorf, 2003). Analyzing the Americans militaries abuses against the Irak prisoners from ABU GHRAIB (Irak) American military prison, a military psychiatrist says that it is about the military acts done in a dangerous environment and without any supervision. (Taguba, 2004, in, Poponete, 2005).

According to the „novinite.com" site citing the Bulgarian magazine, „24 Cesa", AL- QAIDA enrolls Bulgarian students for religious Jordan Universities and tries to involve also young people from Romania, Bosnia, Macedonia and Kosovo country (<http://www.adevarul.ro>). The mosques, cafeterias, bookshops, or prisons are radicalism "incubators", where young Muslims are enrolls (<http://www.realitatea.net>). A confidential report, analyzed by „Associated Press", shows that *the method started up right after the attempts from September 11, 2001*, when it become difficult for the outside American or European borders Muslims to break the security counterterrorist system. According to up-mentioned report, not just once, the

terrorists consider that *their duties within this territories should be undertaken by local organizations. The individuals borne and living there takes the advantage of hardly setting of* ([http:// indexmedia.ro](http://indexmedia.ro)). The 19 years old, Swedish citizen, Bosnian descent, Mirsad Bektasevic, also surnamed *Maximus*, is one of them choosing the terrorism. The Bosnian police found in his house a real explosible arsenal, and also a self-murderer belt. The Police declared that the Swedish citizen intended to plot an attempt at one of the European embassy from Sarajevo. This case is just one of the example from the cases named by the American and Bosnian intelligent services named as: "an ample enrolment campaign for the terrorist within Balcanic states".

"The Washington Times" (2007) said: Al-Qaida has begun an ample enrollment volunteers campaign in order to involve them in the terrorist organization war against the America and its west allies in Iraq, Central Asia and Middle West. Currently, according to the "International Institute for the strategically studies" from Great Britain, the terrorist network Al-Qaida has more than 18.000 ready to fight militaries, the Iraq invasion by coalition ruled by the Americans speeding the volunteers enrolling process for the groups acts. The British Institute estimates that about 2.000 members and more than half from the Al-Qaida 30 leaders have been killed or capture and, almost 1.000 from organization militaries there are in Iraq. "The basic leadership is still sound and over 18.000 potential terrorists are still free, speeding up the recruitment for Iraq declared IISS, without any references for the mentioned information. The American officials (<http://www.adevarul.ro>) from security area assert that they have detected over 20 Muslims youth groups in North-East of the United States, in order to organize internal terrorist centre. Any group could be able to commit a terrorist act generating victims. Rebel youngsters are the first to be oriented towards terrorist organizations (Gurr, 1970).

Placed at the periphery of community, being born into a disadvantaged environment, haunted by an inferiority complex and feeling

unfulfilled, psychopaths of terror try to take revenge on a society in which they could not fit, on a way of life incompatible with their deviant psychology.

A survey performed on 250 terrorists from Germany revealed that 25% of the enquired people had lost one parent before reaching 14 years, 79% had had arguments with their parents and 33% had described their fathers in a hostile manner (Brad, 2004).

Unacceptability of the established order, secretly considered a form of disguised oppression, represents the most frequent type of profile for the psychopathic terrorist. Strange or psychopathological behaviors (Delcea, 2006), noticeable in a series of terrorists from groups such as AUM (*The Supreme Truth*), a Japanese group or ANO (*Abu Nidal Organisation*), amplify violence, their actions lacking any form of compassion for the victims. It results from the same research that 33% had been formerly convicted by a juvenile court.

## 2. Institutionalized judgment

Irrespective of the unclear purposes for which terrorists are ready to sacrifice their lives, regardless the unlimited violence they use, as well as the total lack of scruples they prove, these people, the real professionals of terror, do not share anything with the other kind of terrorists *who want to save the world, to make it a better place*, through a crime. Completely opposite to the type of psychopaths – known under the name of *lonely wolves* and described above, normally, terrorists think and act in an institutionalized way, being members of a group, political organization or religious extremist faction. It is interesting to remember that psychic disorder is incompatible with political or religious terrorist "status" (Delcea, 2006). The people who act in groups similar to these are likely to have normal psychical state but they have been, most probably, brought up to hate. Cold, calculated and well trained, these so called professionals of terrorist attacks very often serve specific interests that are not related to theirs. They practice terrorism as a



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job, without passion, but persistently. All the aspects presented above are needed in order to understand the *genesis of terror*, taking into account that the structure of the terrorist group as well as the *terrorist's profile* has recorded substantial changes.

Within the group, the leader's responsibilities are to manage all the activities and to constantly bring in narcissism doses (Frattasio, 2006) for those without love and gratitude. Terrorist attacks planned by terrorist organizations are, most of the time, the answer to frustrations built up during the struggle for power or for getting rid of unwanted situations by violent criminal means. Turning their causes into a war is highly important for terrorists, as they look to test faith through military confrontations (Powers, 1971).

By understanding terrorist psychology, specialized structures can take the most appropriate *measures to fight* terrorism. Needless to point out that the interest for the *antiterrorist profile* is equally demonstrated by terrorist groups such as ANO, ETA, ASG (*the Group Abu Sayyaf*), al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (*The Egyptian Islamic Group IG*), Asbat al-Ansar (*the League of the Followers*) or PFLP (*The Popular Front for Palestine's Freedom*).

### 3. Theory: "death for death"

*Experimentation of contemporary terrorism* was possible in some South American countries where, at the same time with revolutionary factions, a series of terrorist organizations such as *The Freedom Army Forces* from Venezuela, *Cinconceros* from Honduras, *Tupamaros* from Uruguay, *The Anticommunist Alliance* from Argentina appeared.

The activity of these organizations has served as a model for Europe, offering a

source of inspiration and support for terrorist groups such as: *Baader – Meinhoff* and *2nd of July Movement* from Germany, *The Red Brigades* from Italy, *The Secret Army* from France, *ETA* from Spain or *IRA* from United Kingdom. As time goes by, terrorism has developed to new stages of violence, the theory of "*death for death*" was launched and the cooperation with terrorist organizations from far away situated areas as, for instance, *The Red Japanese Army* appeared as a new phenomenon. On May 30, 1972, a group of Japanese terrorists arrived at Tel Aviv, with an Air France airliner and opened fire in Lod airport. 27 people died and 80 were injured. In this context, besides the revitalization of *Muslim Brothers Organization*, other groups appeared such as: *Hezbollah*, *Hamas*, *The Palestinian Islamic Jihad*, as well as Osama Bin Laden's *al-Qaeda* (Andreescu, 2002).

Nowadays, no one do not deny three well-known facts; let's point them to remember everybody:

**First** : over seven years United States has occupied the most sacred land of Islam, the Arabian peninsula, plundering its riches, commanding to its rulers, blustering its neighbor converting its units from Peninsula into a spearhead in order to conquer the Muslim border people. In the past, if some doesn't believe that is about an foreign invasion, now, all the peninsula inhabitants agree with this theory. The best argue is the American offence against the Iraq people, using the Peninsula as a outpost, even that its rulers are against using their territory for this purpose, but they are weak.

**Secondly**, despite the important destructions caused by syon-crusader Alliance to the Iraq people, and despite awful numerous deaths over one million, ... despite all these, the Americans try again to commit terrifying massacres, the prolonged blockade after the awful dividing and destroying war

hasn't been enough for the Americans. So they are coming to destroy the rest of this people and to humiliate its Muslims borderers.

**Thirdly**, if the Americans' purposes within these wars have been religious and economical, other purpose is to redound to the small Jewish state and to call away from the Jerusalem's invasion and from killing Muslims there. The best proof in this way is their ambition to destroy Iraq, the strongest Arabian state, and their efforts to divide all the states from the area, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Sudan, in order to make them weak states, and using their weakness and dissensions between them to ensure the Israel continuity and the crusades occupation steadiness within the Peninsula. All this crimes and sins committed by the Americans represents a war declaration against Lord Allah, his messenger, prophet Mohamed, and against the Muslims. Also the ullemas from the whole Islam history agree that Jihad is every Muslim's duty if the enemy is destroying Muslims countries. Indeed, Bin-Qadamah imam in "Al-Mughni", al-Kisa'I imam in "Al-Bada'i", al-Qurtubi in his interpretation and al-Islam sheik in his book said: "In order to defeat the enemy, the war is in defense of peace and faith and as ullemans said is a duty. Nothing is more sacred than the faith except the sending away enemy that attacked faith and life". For these reasons and obeying to God we give the following FATWA (February 23 1998) towards all Muslims: the decree of killing Americans and their civil and military allies – is mandatory for every Muslims capable to accomplish in every country in order to release al-Aqsa mosque and the Holy City [Mecca] and for the defeating and disabling no more threatening any Muslims. Carrying out the demand of the Great Allah, "fight against all unfaithful and fight all together", and "fight till it won't be any more wrangle or oppression and till justice and faith in Allah will gain". The Great Allah also said, You should fight for Allah and for the weak and ridden, aggrieved - women and children crying "Allah, save us from this city where we are ridden. Rise up the one who helped us!" Helped by Allah, we call

all the faithful Muslims which want to be rewarded by Allah, to kill the Americans, plunder their money wherever and anytime they find them out. Also is calling for the Muslims ullemas, rulers, youth and soldiers to fight against the Satan American armies and against the allies of Devil's worshippers and to shatter them as an example. The Great Allah says: "Oh you believer, obey to Lord and to his messenger when He calls you for achieving the goal offering life. For your notice, Allah is joined in with every soul and all of us will obey him." Allah also says: "Oh you believer, what happened to you, you are ask to follow God, you're so strongly against! You'd rather have this life instead the hereafter one? Your heart's easiness will be less than the hereafter one. And if you do not tend, He will awfully punish you and will call somebody else instead you; but you won't be able to hurt Him. Cause Allah is all-powerful." Also says the all-powerful God: "Do not weak self will and do not despond. You should be strong if your faith is real".

#### 4. Prognosis

By researching the evolution of the terrorist phenomenon, it can be anticipated that *terrorism will persist* most surely in future, *growing quantitatively and qualitatively, especially as there have already been some states which seek terrorists support* to achieve their aims as follows:

1. *Totally achieving the political goals:* in spite of general opinion, *terrorism is an efficient mean for meeting a political demand.* If the terrorist organization is affiliated to a political group (terrorist group), and the purposes are upheld by the majority of civil population involved within the conflict, the victory is just a matter of time. The most well known cases are the following: state of Israel establishment, for the HANAGAH and IRGUN organizations; *the South Lebanon emancipation from the Israelite occupation*, for the siit organization Hezbollah; *disestablishment of Apartheid politics in South of Africa*, for "UmKhonto we Sizwe".

2. *Collateral economical impacts:* the fight effort can temporary influence the region





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or country economy. In certain cases the results could be for a long term, especially, in areas depending on tourism industry, such as: *the second Intifada and the Hamas self-murder attempts* which strongly affected the Israel tourism industry; the *attempts committed by Jemaah Islamiyah* in Bali, an isle with a majority Hindu population, from Indonesia, for whom the tourism is the major industry.

3. *Partly achieving the political goals:* the Spanish troops backing from Irak before time by the changing the course of elections in Spain, following the March 11 2004 Madrid attempts claimed by Al - Qaida; "Good Friday Accords" – IRA; getting supplementary rights for the Quebec French Canadians – FLQ are just a few reasons justifying the terrorist acts.

4. *Begining a war:* the terrorist act can be use by the political state bodies as an alibi in order the begin fights. The most well known examples are: *Sarajevo attempt*, used as an pretext for the First World War; *the September 11 2001 attempts* used as an argument for the Irak incursion.

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All these are possible due to the fact that: *modern air transport* ensures an unprecedented mobility at a global level ([www.sri.ro](http://www.sri.ro)); *radio, the TV, digital communications via satellite, the Internet* allow almost instant access to vital information for terrorists, ensuring, at the same time, a global audience; *modern weapon systems, new generation of explosives, of global positioning systems, remote control systems* will become more and more accessible and easy to find on the weapons black markets, *modern society* offering new vulnerabilities, new *targets* to terrorists.

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