

# 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).

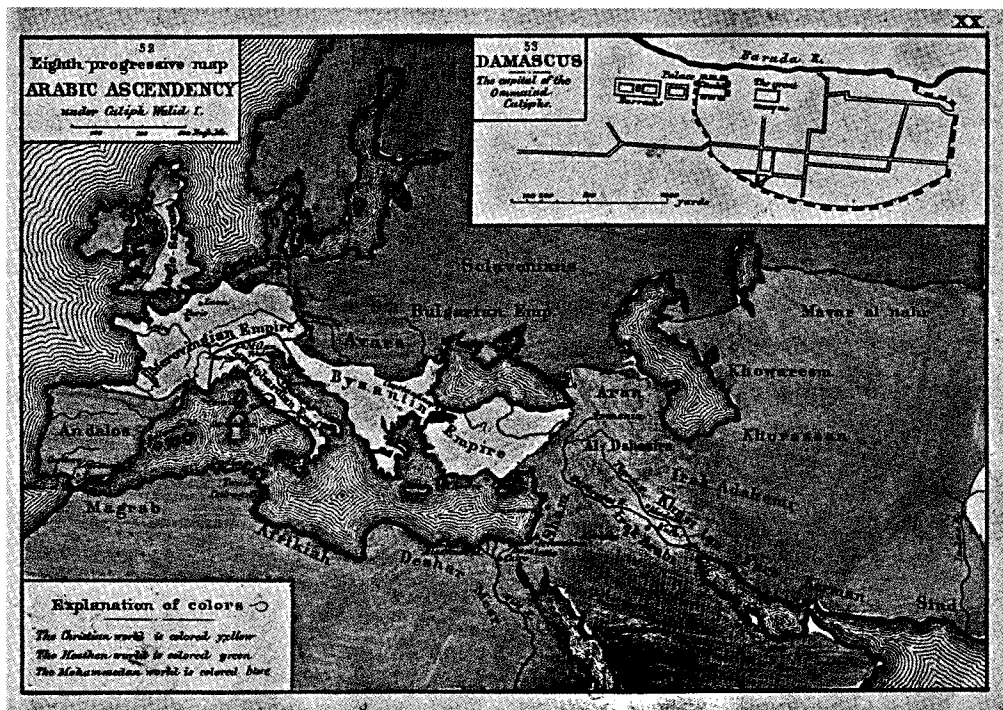
**A regular guy in Paraguay** accused of being a Bin Laden "sleeper," (*The Houston Chronicle*, February 19, 1999).

**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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