

# Revolutionary Islam in the Americas – An Open Source Threat Assessment Part of the “Connecting the Dots” Series

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Most Americans have devoted little attention to the Islamic revolution entrenching upon the homeland and advancing toward our southern and northern borders. As Islamists within work to undermine our interior, jihadists without are reconnoitering our borders with an eye on attacking our homeland. This threat environment did not develop in a vacuum. Whitewashing at the highest levels, widespread apathy and a disproportionately tolerant public mindset has created excellent conditions for the exploitation of America's generous freedoms -- freedoms that we will lose if we lack the collective resolve to take corrective action. A concise threat assessment follows to help Americans understand the nature and extent of the threat our country is facing. If we hold dear our liberty and Judeo-Christian values, our citizenry and its leadership can no longer meet the threat with inaction and irresolution.

## **The Threat from Within:**

Islamist infiltrators, a fifth column within America's midst, have introduced our homeland to a progressive set of revolutionary objectives. In typical revolutionary fashion, they are methodically building up a sizeable, vocal and politically active minority group; exploiting our fundamental domestic systems to consolidate their base of power; asserting human rights to gauge the durability of our existing laws, and manipulating public sympathies that will eventually be used to support a popular uprising or intifada. If our leadership continues to treat this proliferating homegrown threat with hesitancy, it will eventually lead to a full fledged insurrection or holy war in order to accomplish a subversive ascension to power, which will result in the ejection of our country's established political, economic, social, educational and religious systems that do not accommodate the new actuality. Jihad, by principle, is offensive, and lionized in all facets of Islamic life, across all socioeconomic strata. Our progressive, multicultural nation continues to be the perfect breeding ground for shielding Islamists who are working to overthrow our country. The Ummah within America is predominately engaged in subtly altering our domestic landscape. This cultural jihad is the diplomatic process used to spread the Islamic ideology domestically, which brings with it a da'wah, invitation, and an expectation that Americans will submit to Islam. There are numerous da'wah projects and centers operating in America today that work to mitigate our suspicions, appraise our mind set, attract new converts, and put an American face on Islam. If Americans reject the da'wah, a holy war will follow. Stealth Islamist activities include revisionist teaching within our schools; propagandizing in our workplaces; indoctrinating the disaffected on our streets and within our prisons; masquerading as moderates before our media; exploiting our laws in our courts; creating front organizations in our communities, and infiltrating highly sensitive posts within our government and intelligence community. More overt and aggressive Islamization within America includes the hotly contested Cordoba Initiative Islamic community center and mosque at 45-51 Park Place in New York, which “moderate” founder Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf has warned must be implemented, repeatedly citing national security concerns, which, taken within historical context, amounts to a not-so-veiled threat. Recognized as a rabat or connector in the Muslim world, the planned project carries with it deep symbolic meaning for Islam and an ominous message for America. A rabat harkens back to the bloody conquests of the Islamic prophet Muhammad, who created the structure to facilitate his raids. It served as a point of contact at the heart of the infidel territories he raided, which enabled him to ready his ghazis or raiders for upcoming ghazvas or raids by providing them with a locally centralized place of refuge for rest, nourishment, prayer, and guerrilla training. Rauf, imam of the Masjid al-Farah Mosque in Lower Manhattan, is also implementing a strategic plan with key dates and tasks to measure the “Islamicity” of countries through both their governance and society using an Islamic legal benchmark for Shari'ah compliance. He spearheads a team of Islamic legal scholars with controversial ties for this ambitious undertaking, called the Shari'ah Index Project. Meanwhile, other charismatic imams are peddling subversive Wahhabist teachings in America's mostly Saudi-funded mosques. Jamaat ul-Fuqra cadres are training for Islamic military

warfare in the rural hamlets dotting our country and Muslim youth are scaling the walls at the CAIR-owned-and-operated Buffalo-based Islamic paramilitary compound a stone's throw away from Canada. Islamist organizations that make up the terrorist infrastructure within the United States include the Muslim Brotherhood, al-Qaeda, Hizb'allah, HAMAS, and "palestine" Islamic Jihad, most of which are actively planning attacks against our homeland and enjoy state support and cleric-level sanctification to employ nuclear, biological, chemical, and other weapons of mass destruction in their anticipated holy war against the West. There is an exponential post-9-11 upsurge of individuals appearing on the U.S. terrorism watch list, and a growing trend of American-bred Islamists traveling abroad for jihadist training and returning to recruit for operations and to assist major Islamist groups here with identifying potential targets and planning attacks against our homeland. All of these multistage revolutionary activities are a continuous, collaborative Islamist effort to transmute our federal republic into a Shari'ah state. Qur'anic injunctions and the consequential global Islamic revolutionary reality fly in the face of the mantra that Islam is a religion of peace and coexistence, which simply suffers from a few radicals hijacking the religion. There are no shortages of imams and scholars lauding jihad, no deficiencies in funding for martyrdom operations, no scarcity of recruits for jihadist training, no lack of missions to carry out, and no few states struggling with Islamic hegemony. What the worldwide Ummah understands, and Westerners do not, is that Muslims steering jetliners into buildings; blowing up holy sites, embassies, dance halls, pizza parlors, buses, trains, subways, hotels and schools; training children in the politics of oppression and victimization; in the arts of beheading, maiming, hostage-taking, assassination, hijacking, looting, insurrection and war gaming are neither radical nor extreme. They are anti-Western Islamic activists faithfully acting out the tenets of their religion; the dictates set forth in their Qur'an and Ahadith, all sanctified by Allah; all confirmed by Muhammad's living example on waging offensive jihad. Muhammad's later revelations calling for offensive jihad during the height of his spiritual adventurism and bloody campaigns abrogate his earlier seemingly conciliatory utterances that he delivered when he was just an oddity building up a following. All of this runaway bloodletting justified today in the name of freedom fighting, human rights and self-determination will morph tomorrow into Islamic triumph over every religion, system, and nation if our global village continues to collectively lack the resolve to stop it. That jihad is considered a "divine" institution whose purpose is to extend Islam into non-Islamic territories and being fully engaged in it is a sacred duty incumbent upon the entire worldwide Muslim community, reveals much about the muted Muslim response to the resurgent holy war/conquest over non-Muslim nations, and explains why there is little call for reform. Those few Muslims who do raise their voices in earnest against revolutionary Islam are bucking the very tenets of their religion and will eventually be compelled to make a choice: join the jihad or face execution by the Islamic sword. Rather than "radical" Islam, America is grappling with Islam revealed, and sanitizing it is whitewashing a lethal problem and granting it time to mutate until it is strong enough to dictate the terms of our very existence. In every respect, Islam is a clear and present danger to our country.

### **The Threat from Our Southern Border:**

The Islamist reach into Central and South America, regions plagued with weak governance, political instability, corruption and poverty, and lacking supervision of their waterways and airfields, must be seen, inter alia, within the context of Iranian posturing in South America as a means of advancing its aggressive anti-U.S. foreign policy objectives. Iran established several offices throughout the region and is nurturing bilateral relations with oil-rich Venezuela, and Bolivia, Ecuador, Brazil, Nicaragua and Mexico. The strengthening Iran-Venezuela alliance is of particular concern. Reports are surfacing regarding plans of a joint deployment of intermediate range ballistic missiles in Venezuela capable of reaching U.S. cities. Host to state sponsors of terrorism, haven for Islamist non-state actors and champion of autocracies, Venezuela continues to ride a wave of anti-American sentiment by spearheading a caudillo-mullah alliance in the region. With Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's rise in prominence, Iran's regional reach has a potential to expand to Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Peru, Columbia and Chile. Hizb'allah runs a base in Venezuela and a training camp off its coast in nearby Isla Margarita, its logistical hub. Venezuela has accommodated Russian military exercises within its territorial waters; has been arming itself with Russian fighter jets, helicopters and Kalashnikov rifles, and has cemented an agreement with Russia for licensed production of Kalashnikov rifles on its soil. Currently, a deal is in the making for Venezuela to purchase a weapons package from Russia that includes Russia's S-300PMU air defense systems originally destined for Iran – a move that would facilitate Iranian attempts to bypass new United Nations sanctions. Venezuela and Nicaragua are engaged in Iranian-sponsored dredging operations to deepen the channel along the San Juan River that borders Nicaragua and Costa Rica, with the goal of creating a "Nicaragua Canal" to link the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and thus create a substitute for the strategically and economically important Panama Canal. Venezuela also routinely falsifies identification documents from its consulate in Columbia for Middle Eastern Islamists traveling to unknown destinations, and nearby Ecuador issues diplomatic passports to Islamists. The fundamentalist Sufi al-Murabitun is

engaged in prolific missionary activities in the region, playing the colonial “oppression” card to the marginalized populace and advocating collective “reversion” to Islam to empower and ready them for a revolt against “imperialistic” America. The region’s Muslims from the Levant, South and Southeast Asia, and the Caribbean Basin have been successful in intermarriages with the indigenous peoples. Jamaat al-Muslimeen remains a resilient Islamist force in Trinidad and Tobago, while the lawless Tri-border Area (TBA) of Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil with its geographical extremes that camouflage illicit activities, hosts jihadist groups, a sizeable Arab immigrant populace, and European-passport-carrying Middle Easterners with little knowledge of European languages. Iran has deployed intelligence assets and Revolutionary Guards operatives along the TBA and its proxy, Hizb’allah, runs a regional logistical/operational base; conducts paramilitary training, and is engaged in extensive operations involving drug smuggling, counterfeiting U.S. currency, money laundering and fundraising. Another Hizb’allah fundraising hot spot is in Iquique, at Chile’s northern end; at its southern end, Punta Arenas sports the flag and colors of “palestine.” Hawala, which facilitates anonymous movement of TBA funds to the Middle East, is established in the region, where Islamists help launch “legitimate” Arab-owned businesses by providing interest-free Shari’ah financing and accepting paybacks with principal-based “donations.” HAMAS, the Egyptian Gammat al-Islamiyya and al-Qaeda all have a presence in the TBA area. Al-Qaeda, which networks with Hizb’allah and Islamic Jihad in Latin America, is engaged in counterfeiting digital technology, money laundering, human, drug and uranium smuggling operations, and manufacturing non-conventional weapon systems in Latin America, and it is casing our border with Mexico, a country with a growing Muslim population. Elements of the network are active in the common border area of Columbia, Peru and Ecuador, and operate in Honduras, Nicaragua, and Uruguay. With the continual involvement of Hizb’allah, HAMAS, al-Qaeda, and Lebanese Shi’ite expatriates in narcotics production and/or smuggling in Latin America, Mexican drug traffickers will readily assist the Islamists in heavily infiltrating our southern border. Latin America’s propagandized Muslim converts will enthusiastically facilitate the resulting incursions into our southern border states.

#### **The Threat from Our Northern Border:**

Islamists are casing our largely unmanned 4,000-mile long northern border with Canada, where under-screened and uncontrolled immigration is creating a threat environment for the overworked security apparatus, especially to the west. Puget Sound, Washington, an area rich in natural cover, and the porous border area of Port Angeles are draws for U.S.-bound illegal aliens dodging sparse U.S. and Canadian border security forces. Legal and illegal Aliens of Special Interest Countries flying into Canada under relaxed visa regulations present another security challenge for Canadian law enforcers, whose efforts to track these groups are frustrated by a three-day requirement to purge international flight entry records. The influx of Muslim immigrants exploiting the loose immigration policy makes Canada a magnet for Islamists seeking to use its vast territory as a staging ground for attacks against America. Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) reports that, with the exception of the U.S., Canada has more active international terrorist groups than any country in the world. Hizb’allah and other Shiite Islamist organizations; HAMAS, al-Qaeda, Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Armed Islamic Group of Algeria, Ansar al-Islam, and other Sunni groups all have a presence in Canada. Canadian Islamists reinforcing insularity among their immigrant Muslim minority groups provide fertile ground for saturation in conservative Muhammadan dictums aimed to steer their large reservoir of impressionable youth toward these jihadist groups. Muhammad defined “oppression” as opposition to Islam’s advance and artfully used this watchword as his rallying cry to wage offensive jihad to rid Muslims of impediments. Islamists use the watchword today to arouse Muslim anger and channel it into martyrdom operations, purportedly to free oppressed Muslim brethren and defend Islam’s honor. The dangerous combination of self-isolation and religious dogma have spawned second- and third-generation Canadian born Muslims, and converts, who are actively engaged in promoting violence, recruiting operatives and physically training for jihad in Canada and abroad, and participating in the resulting operations. High-profile jihadist attacks against the West to which Canadian Muslims are linked include 9-11 and the London transit system bombings. Other Islamist activities include maneuvering to establish tribunals and to institute Shari’ah law as a parallel legal framework to the existing body of civil laws until Islam is strong enough to usurp Canada’s legal system. Should the predicted demographic shift favoring Muslims in the religious landscape continue, the Islamists’ goal of making Canada’s legal system obsolete will be realized – a scenario envisioned by Muslims seeking a Shari’ah state enveloping the Americas.

#### **The Threat on the High Seas:**

Maritime terrorism is increasingly playing a role in the Islamic global jihad. Sea-based piracy follows a longstanding Arabian practice of bounty raids or ghazu, conducted in the tradition of Muhammad’s land raids, and the practice will prove to be a potent weapon in the hands of Islamist revolutionaries who have America in their trajectory. The current lack of governance in at risk states, the lure of heftily paid ransom, and the success of the

pirates despite deployed multi-national naval and air forces is creating a proliferation of piracy on the high seas that is luring Islamist revolutionaries into its fold. Islamic terror on the high seas commands the attention of an international audience, and the brazen acts send a message that the Islamic revolutionary movement is commanding, while the nations are powerless to stop its advance. The bounty from these raids funds Islamist movements such as al-Qaeda, al-Shabaab, and Jemaah Islamiyah, which, in turn bolsters Islam's spheres of influence. There are pirate hot spots in Central and South America, including near Columbia, Venezuela and Brazil. Meanwhile, piracy runs rife near Nigeria, continues unabated off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden nearby Yemen -- two unstable states where al-Qaeda has been regrouping -- dips down into the Kenyan and Tanzanian coasts, and piracy activities near the Indian Sub-continent extend down to Indonesia and to other areas of Southeast Asia.

### **The Threat from Ground Zero:**

During any multiple-track peace negotiations, America will continue to pressure Israel to relinquish the Golan Heights to Syria, which will result in renewed hostilities culminating in an eastern offensive by heavily armored forces from the Arab-Muslim bloc. A formidable natural tank barrier with critical territorial features, especially the mountain ridge of the eastern Golan overlooking Damascus, the topographical edge this range provides is vital to Israel's security, and is not replaceable in a tradeoff with technology and early warning systems. Israel will also be pressured into a "two-state solution" that will require her to relinquish 95% of Judea and Samaria to accommodate another belligerent de facto Arab state. As these important mountain ridges become judenrein, or emptied of their Jewish presence, to accommodate the new reality, so will the only genuine democratic check in this strategic area of the Fertile Crescent region vanish. A nuclear-armed Iranian Axis and proxies Hizb'allah and HAMAS to Israel's north and south will then rendezvous upon the surrendered hilltops along with Asbat al-Ansar, Jaljalat operatives, and an assortment of nationalistic Islamist factions from Gaza, Judea and Samaria. The axis, proxies and splintered Islamist groups will coalesce into a localized united front, which will mutate into a formidable military-fortified militia that will result in a congealed global Islamist revolutionary force with advance capabilities. The apocalyptic Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, will order the positioning of rockets and advanced anti-aircraft missiles throughout this newly gained high ground, which will pose an existential threat to the dramatically downsized State of Israel forced to fend for herself in the coastal plains. Ahmadinejad will also compel an amalgamation of states and emirates in the region, resulting in the dissolution of territorial borders to make way for a caliphate enveloping the Greater Middle East. This development will significantly elevate Islam's sphere of influence and radically alter the existing global balance of power. Conventional and non-conventional Islamist military campaigns will then press deep into Asia and Africa, where at-risk states will fall. This will result in expanding the reach of the caliphate. Concurrently, an unprecedented supreme multifaceted jihad will erupt from the Fertile Crescent region, which will embroil the remaining free world in conventional open warfare between nuclear-armed countries. Convinced that his time has come to usher in the arrival of the Islamic messiah, al-Mahdi, Ahmadinejad will wrest control of the highly symbolic Jerusalem. From this influential platform, he will seek to exalt Islam to the status of official supreme religious world order. Emboldened by the sweeping Islamist advances, imams from all persuasions will unite to incite the Ummah – worldwide Muslim community – to foment revolutionary activity within the respective host countries. The ensuing widespread insurrections will bring about subversive ascensions to power. Muslims refusing to join the onslaught will face the Islamic sword in accordance with Shari'ah law. Such developments will propel Islam toward its revolutionary goal of dominating all peoples, systems, religions and countries.