

Appendix A Terrorist Threat to Combatant Commands

"US interests are spread throughout the world. So, every Muslim should carry out his real role to champion his Islamic nation and religion. Carrying out terrorism against the oppressors is one of the tenets of our religion and Shari'ah."

- Al Qaeda Statement, October 10, 2001

General

On 17 April 2002, the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff announced the 2002 Unified Command Plan, which established 5 Combatant Commands with geographic responsibility. These commands are:

- U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM)
- U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM)
- U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM)
- U.S. European Command (USEUCOM)
- U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM)

Figure A-1 shows the world with the various areas of responsibility.



Figure A-1: The World with Commanders' Areas of Responsibility

¹⁶¹ Department of Defense, *Special Briefing on the Unified Command Plan*, by Donald H. Rumsfeld, (Department of Defense News Briefing Transcript presented at the Pentagon, Wednesday, 17 April 2002 – 11:30a.m); available from http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Apr2002/t04172002_t0417sd.html; Internet; accessed 18 November 2002.

This appendix addresses the terrorist threat facing each one of these commands. Each Combatant Command Area of Responsibility (AOR) is listed reflecting the terrorist groups that are physically based within it, plus other groups that either have a presence or have operated within the AOR. We must realize, though, that any terrorist group that has the manpower and financial resources can operate within an AOR if its objectives dictate an operational requirement to do so. Not all groups listed will profess to target U.S. interests, but all listed could easily do so.

This material should be considered suitable for general orientation. Since the information on terrorist groups is dynamic and changes frequently, actual planning and threat assessments should utilize appropriate intelligence products from the commands listed. The major input for this section comes from the United States Department of State report entitled: “Patterns of Global Terrorism 2002”, dated April 2003¹⁶² (located at <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2002/>), and the Center for Defense Information list of known terrorist organizations¹⁶³ (<http://www.cdi.org/terrorism/terrorist-groups-pr.cfm>). Information listed for USNORTHCOM was also obtained from the FBI publication, *Terrorism in the United States 1999*¹⁶⁴ (located at <http://www.sas.org/Terrorist/archive/FBIterror99.pdf>) and the *Historical Dictionary of Terrorism*.¹⁶⁵ An * indicates past history of anti-U.S. activity.

U.S. Northern Command

<i>Groups Physically Based In AOR</i>	<i>Strength</i>	<i>Anti-U.S. Activity</i>
<i>Animal Liberation Front (ALF)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Aryan Nations*</i>	150 – 500	Yes
<i>Christian Identity affiliated groups*</i>	Varies	Yes
<i>Earth Liberation Front (ELF)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional Puertorriquena (Armed Forces for Puerto Rican National Liberation (FALN))*</i>	< 50	Yes
<i>Jamaat ul-Fuqra*</i>	200	Yes
<i>Ku Klux Klan affiliated groups*</i>	9,000 – 20,000	Yes

¹⁶² Department of State, Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, *Patterns of Global Terrorism 2002* (Washington, D.C., April 2003), 99-146.

¹⁶³ Christopher Hellman and Reyko Huang, *List of Known Terrorist Organizations* (Washington: Center for Defense Information Terrorism Project, 2001), 1-31; available from <http://www.cdi.org/terrorism/terrorist-groups-pr.cfm>; Internet; accessed 24 October 2002.

¹⁶⁴ Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Counterterrorism Threat Assessment and Warning Unit, Counterterrorism Division, *Terrorism in the United States 1999*, Report 0308, (Washington, D.C., n.d.), 50-51.

¹⁶⁵ Sean K. Anderson & Stephen Sloan, *Historical Dictionary of Terrorism* (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, Inc, 2002).

<i>Loosely affiliated ad hoc groups*</i>	Varies	Yes
<i>Los Macheteros (Puerto Rico)*</i>	< 40	Yes
<i>Militias/Patriot/Conspiracy affiliated groups*</i>	Varies	Yes
<i>Neo-Nazi affiliated groups*</i>	Varies	Yes
<i>Posse Comitatus groups*</i>	1,000 – 3,000	Yes
<i>Skinhead affiliated groups*</i>	2,500 – 3,500	Yes
<i>World Church of the Creator (WCOTC)*</i>	Unknown	Yes

Table A-1: Terrorist Groups Based in USNORTHCOM

<i>Other Groups Operating or with Presence in the AOR</i>	
<i>Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (IG)</i>	<i>Japanese Red Army (JAR)*</i>
<i>Al Qaeda*</i>	<i>Kach</i>
<i>Cambodian Freedom Fighters (CFF)</i>	<i>Kahane Chai</i>
<i>HAMAS</i>	<i>Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front (FPMR)*</i>
<i>Hizballah*</i>	<i>Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK)*</i>

Table A-2: Terrorist Groups with Presence in USNORTHCOM

U.S. Southern Command

<i>Groups Physically Based In AOR</i>	<i>Strength</i>	<i>Anti-U.S. Activity</i>
<i>Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front (FPMR), (Chile)*</i>	50 - 100	Yes
<i>Morzanist Patriotic Front (FPM), (Honduras)*</i>	Unknown (Est. small)	Yes
<i>National Liberation Army (ELN), (Colombia)*</i>	3,000 – 5,000	Yes
<i>Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), (Colombia)*</i>	9,000 – 12,000	Yes
<i>Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) (SL), (Peru)*</i>	400 – 500	Yes
<i>Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), (Peru)</i>	≤100	None
<i>United Self-Defense Forces/Group of Colombia (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia) (AUC), (Colombia)</i>	6,000 – 8,150	None

Table A-3: Terrorist Groups Based in USSOUTHCOM

Other Groups Operating or with Presence in the AOR	
<i>Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (IG)*</i>	<i>Irish Republican Army (IRA)</i>
<i>Al Qaeda*</i>	<i>Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK)*</i>
<i>Hizballah*</i>	

Table A-4: Terrorist Groups with Presence in USSOUTHCOM

U.S. European Command

Groups Physically Based In AOR	Strength	Anti-U.S. Activity
<i>Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, (al-Aqsa), (Occupied Territories)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Al-Jama'a al-Islamiyyah al-Muqatilah bi-Libya, a.k.a.: Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, Fighting Islamic Group, Libyan Fighting Group, Libyan Islamic Group, (Libya) (Listed in the 2001 State Department Report – Deleted in 2002)</i>	Unknown (Est. > 100)	None
<i>Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), (Congo)</i>	Few hundred	None
<i>Anti-Imperialist Territorial Nuclei (NTA), a.k.a.: Anti-Imperialist Territorial Units, (Italy)*</i>	20	Yes
<i>Armed Islamic Group (GIA), (Algeria)</i>	Unknown (Est. < 100)	None
<i>Army for the Liberation of Rwanda (ALIR), a.k.a.: Interahamwe, Former Armed Forces of Rwanda (ex-FAR), (Rwanda)*</i>	Est. several thousand	Yes
<i>'Asbat al-Ansar (The League of the Followers), (Lebanon)*</i>	300	Yes
<i>Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA), a.k.a.: Euzkadi Ta Askatasuna, (Spain)</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	None
<i>Continuity Irish Republican Army (CIRA), a.k.a.: Continuity Army Council, (Northern Ireland)</i>	< 50	None
<i>Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), (Occupied Territories)</i>	500	None
<i>First of October Antifascist Resistance Group (Grupo de Resistencia Anti-Fascista Primero de Octubre) (GRAPO), (Spain)*</i>	Unknown (Est. < 24)	Yes

<i>HAMAS (Islamic Resistance Movement), (Occupied Territories)</i>	Unknown	None
<i>Hizballah (Party of God), a.k.a.: Islamic Jihad, Revolutionary Justice Organization, Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, (Lebanon)*</i>	Several hundred	Yes
<i>Irish Republican Army (IRA), a.k.a.: Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA), the Provos, (Northern Ireland)</i>	Several hundred	None
<i>Islamic International Peacekeeping Brigade (IIPB), Chechnya</i>	400	None
<i>Japanese Red Army (JRA), a.k.a.: Anti-Imperialist International Brigade (AIIB), (Lebanon) *</i>	6	Yes
<i>Kahane Chai (Kach), (Israel)</i>	Unknown	None
<i>Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), a.k.a.: Kurdistan Freedom and Democracy Congress (KADEK), Freedom and Democracy Congress of Kurdistan, (Turkey)</i>	4,000 – 5,000	None
<i>Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, a.k.a.: Al-Jam'a al-Islamiyyah al-Muqatilah, Fighting Islamic Group, Libyan Fighting Group, Libyan Islamic Group, (Libya)</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	None
<i>Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), (Uganda)</i>	Est. 1,000	None
<i>Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF), (Northern Ireland)</i>	Approx. 300	None
<i>Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group (GICM), (Western Europe)</i>	Unknown	None
<i>New Red Brigades/Communist Combatant Party (BR/PCC), a.k.a.: Brigate Rosse/Partito Comunista Combattente, (Italy)</i>	< 30	None
<i>Orange Volunteers (OV), (Northern Ireland) (Listed in the 2001 State Department Report – Deleted in 2002)</i>	Approx. 20	None
<i>The Palestine Islamic Jihad (PIJ), (Syria)</i>	Unknown	None
<i>Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), (Syria)</i>	Unknown	None
<i>Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), (Syria)</i>	Several hundred	None

<i>Qibla and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (PAGAD), a.k.a.: Muslims Against Global Oppression (MAGO), Muslims Against Illegitimate Leaders (MAIL), (South Africa)</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	None
<i>Real IRA (RIRA), a.k.a.: True IRA, (Northern Ireland)</i>	100 – 200	None
<i>Red Hand Defenders (RHD), (Northern Ireland)</i>	Approx. 20	None
<i>Revolutionary Nuclei (RN), a.k.a.: Revolutionary Cells, (Greece)*</i>	Unknown (Est. to be small)	Yes
<i>Revolutionary Organization 17 November, a.k.a.: 17November, (Greece)*</i>	Unknown (Est. to be small)	Yes
<i>Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C), a.k.a.: Devrimci Sol, Revolutionary Left, Dev Sol, (Turkey)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Revolutionary People's Struggle (ELA), (Greece)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Revolutionary Proletarian Initiative Nuclei (NIPR), (Italy)*</i>	Approx. 12	Yes
<i>Revolutionary United Front (RUF), (Sierra Leone)</i>	Est. Several hundred	None
<i>Riyadus-Salikhin Reconnaissance and Sabotage Battalion of Chechen Martyrs (RSRSBCM), (Chechnya)</i>	≤ 50	None
<i>The Salafist Group for Call and Combat (GSPC), (Algeria)</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	None
<i>Special Purpose Islamic Regiment (SPIR), (Chechnya)</i>	≤ 100	None
<i>The Tunisian Combatant Group (TCG), a.k.a.: Jama'a Combattante Tunisienne, Tunisian Islamic Fighting Group, (Tunisia)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Turkish Hizballah, (Turkey)</i>	Est. several hundred	None
<i>Ulster Defense Association/Ulster Freedom Fighters (UDA/UFF), (Northern Ireland)</i>	Est. 2,000 – 5,000	None
<i>Zviadists, (Georgia)</i>	Unknown	None

Table A-5: Terrorist Groups Based in USEUCOM

Other Groups Operating or with Presence in the AOR	
<i>Abu Nidal Organization (ANO)*</i>	<i>Aum Supreme Truth (Aum)</i>
<i>Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (IG)*</i>	<i>Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK)*</i>
<i>Al-Jihad*</i>	<i>Palestine Liberation Front (PLF)*</i>
<i>Al Qaeda*</i>	

Table A-6: Terrorist Groups with Presence in USEUCOM

U.S. Central Command

Groups Physically Based In AOR	Strength	Anti-U.S. Activity
<i>Abu Nidal Organization (ANO), a.k.a.: Fatah Revolutionary Council, Arab Revolutionary Brigades, Black September, Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims, (Iraq)*</i>	Few hundred	Yes
<i>Al-Badhr Mujahidin (al-Badr), (Pakistan)</i>	Several hundred	None
<i>Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (IG), a.k.a.: Islamic Group, (Egypt)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Al-Ittihad al-Islami (AIAI), a.k.a.: Islamic Union, (Somalia)</i>	2,000 +	None
<i>Al-Jihad, a.k.a.: Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Jihad Group, Islamic Jihad, (Egypt)*</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	Yes
<i>Al-Qaeda, a.k.a.: Qa'idat al-Jihad, (Afghanistan/Pakistan)*</i>	Several thousand	Yes
<i>Ansar al-Islam (AI), a.k.a.: Partisans of Islam, Helpers of Islam, Supporters of Islam, (Iraq)</i>	Approx. 700	None
<i>Harakat ul-Ansar (HUA), (Pakistan)*</i>	Several thousand	Yes
<i>Harakat ul-Jihad-I-Islami (Movement of Islamic Holy War) (HUJI), (Pakistan)</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	None
<i>Harakat ul-Mujahidin (Movement of Holy Warriors) (HUM), (Pakistan)</i>	Several thousand	None
<i>Hizb-I Islami Gulbuddin (HIG), (Afghanistan/Pakistan)*</i>	Several hundred	Yes
<i>Islamic Army of Aden (IAA), a.k.a.: Aden-Abyan Islamic Army (AAIA), (Yemen)*</i>	Unknown	Yes

<i>Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), (Uzbekistan)*</i>	< 1000	Yes
<i>Jaish-e-Mohammed (Army of Mohammed) (JEM), (Pakistan)</i>	Several hundred	None
<i>Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (Army of the Righteous) (LT), (Pakistan)</i>	Several hundred	None
<i>Lashkar I Jhangvi (Army of Jhangvi) (LJ), (Pakistan)*</i>	< 100	Yes
<i>Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK or MKO), a.k.a.: National Liberation Army of Iran (NLA), People's Mujahidin of Iran (PMOI), National Council of Resistance (NCR), National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), Muslim Iranian Student's Society, (Iraq)*</i>	Several thousand	Yes
<i>Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) (Iraq)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Sipah-I-Sahaba/Pakistan (SSP), (Pakistan)</i>	Unknown	None

Table A-7: Terrorist Groups Based in USCENTCOM

<i>Other Groups Operating or with Presence in the AOR</i>	
<i>Al-Jama'a al-Islamiyyah al-Muqatilah bi-Libya</i>	<i>Japanese Red Army (JRA)*</i>
<i>Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM)*</i>	<i>Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK)</i>
<i>HAMAS</i>	<i>Libyan Islamic Fighting Group</i>
<i>Hizballah*</i>	<i>Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group (GICM)</i>
<i>Hizb ul-Mujahidin (HM)</i>	<i>Palestine Islamic Jihad (PIJ)</i>
<i>Jamaat ul-Fuqra*</i>	<i>Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC)</i>
<i>Jamiat ul-Mujahidin (JUM)</i>	<i>The Tunisian Combatant Group (TCG)*</i>

Table A-8: Terrorist Groups with Presence in USCENTCOM

U.S. Pacific Command

<i>Groups Physically Based In AOR</i>	<i>Strength</i>	<i>Anti-U.S. Activity</i>
<i>Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) (Philippines)*</i>	200 - 500	Yes

<i>Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) (Philippines)*</i>	Approx. 500	Yes
<i>Al-Ummah, (India)</i>	Unknown	None
<i>Aum Supreme Truth (Aum), a.k.a.: Aum Shinrikyo, Aleph, (Japan)</i>	1,500 – 2,000	None
<i>Cambodian Freedom Fighters (CFF), a.k.a.: Cholana Kangtoap Serei Cheat Kampouchea, (Cambodia)</i>	Unknown (Est. < 100)	None
<i>Chukaku-Ha (Nucleus or Middle Core Faction), (Japan)</i>	3,500	None
<i>The Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), (Nepal)*</i>	Several thousand	Yes
<i>Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army (CPP/NPA), (Philippines)*</i>	> 10,000	Yes
<i>Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), (China)*</i>	Unknown	Yes
<i>Harakat ul-Jihad-I-Islami/Bangladesh (Movement of Islamic Holy War) (HUJI-B), (Bangladesh)</i>	> Several thousand	None
<i>Hizb ul-Mujahidin (HM), (India-Kashmir)</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	None
<i>Jamiat ul-Mujahidin (JUM), (India-Kashmir)</i>	Unknown	None
<i>Jemaah Islamiya (JI), (Malaysia and Singapore)*</i>	Unknown (Est. several hundred)	Yes
<i>Khmer Rouge/The Party of Democratic Kampuchea, (Cambodia)</i>	100 - 500	None
<i>Kumpulan Mujahidin Malaysia (KMM), (Malaysia)*</i>	70-80	Yes
<i>Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), a.k.a.: World Tamil Association (WTA), World Tamil Movement (WTM), Federation of Associations of Canadian Tamils (FACT), Ellalan Force, Sangilian Force, (Sri Lanka)</i>	Unknown (Est. 8,000 – 10,000)	None

Table A-9: Terrorist Groups Based in USPACOM

<i>Other Groups Operating or with Presence in the AOR</i>	
<i>Abu Nidal Organization (ANO)*</i>	<i>Harakat ul-Mujahidin (HUM)</i>
<i>Al-Badr Mujahidin (al-Badr)</i>	<i>Hizballah*</i>
<i>Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (IG)*</i>	<i>Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM)</i>

<i>Al Qaeda*</i>	<i>Japanese Red Army (JRA)*</i>
<i>Harakat ul-Ansar (HUA)*</i>	<i>Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT)</i>
<i>Harakat ul-Jihad-I-Islami (HUJI)</i>	<i>Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK)*</i>

Table A-10: Terrorist Groups with Presence in USPACOM

*Groups marked with an asterisk have conducted operations in one or more areas against U.S. targets.