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### **Counter-Terrorism Activities**

#### **UN Sanctions Canadian-Sudanese Citizen**

UN has imposed sanctions on a former Montrealer with dual Canadian and Sudanese citizenship, who is alleged to have worked with Abu Zubaydah, Al Qaeda's operations chief in Afghanistan in 2001. The UN Security Council committee in charge of anti-terrorism sanctions against Al Qaeda and remnants of the Taliban added Abu Sufian Al-Salamabi Muhammed Ahmed Abd Al-Razziq to its sanctions list saying he was linked to the Al Qaeda terrorism network. Abd Al-Razziq, last known to be a member of a terrorist cell in Montreal, poses "a significant risk of committing acts of terrorism that threaten the security of US nationals and the national security," according to the US Department of State.

#### **Kurdish Terrorists Strike Tourist Centers**

A Kurdish group has claimed responsibility for a bomb blast that killed three people and injured dozens in a Turkish tourist resort on Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Firat News Agency, which has close links to anti-government Kurdish groups, reported that Kurdistan Liberation Hawks (TAK) had said they were behind the attacks. Monday's blast was the second consecutive day of attacks on Turkish resorts. TAK, a group tied to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), has said it also carried out four bombings on Sunday in Istanbul and the resort of Marmaris which wounded 27 people. The US, the EU and Turkey consider the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) a terrorist group.

For more information see: New York Times – subscription only

#### **Tamil Tigers Arrested in New York**

Two Canadians wanted on terrorism charges in Canada were arrested in New York after a meeting to buy anti-aircraft missiles, machine guns and other military equipment, says FBI agents. The men were arrested as part of a widening US anti-terrorism probe against the Tamil Tigers. The arrests bring to six the number of Canadians of Tamil descent in custody. Prosecutors in New York want all three men extradite to the US to face charges of providing support material to foreign terrorist organization.

For more information see: <http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/news/story.html?id=999d65c5-4361-4977-8e43-90c8bd6cccb&k=50204>

## **Morocco Arrests 56 in Raids on Terrorist Cells**

A number of arrests have been made in Rabat, Morocco, after cracking a militant Islamist cell that planned attacks on government targets. The number of detainees has risen to 56, including four women in five towns across the country. Security services broke up the cells and seized explosives and propaganda materials in early August. The Moroccan government has said the group was planning a far bigger attack than the Casablanca bombings in May 2003, which killed 45 people. Interior Minister Chakib Benmoussa stated that “The group was preparing to launch attacks on tourist sites and sensitive government facilities and to kill prominent personalities.”

### **Recent Events**

- 7-11 August, 2006: ICAO / AVSEC Screener Certification Program Workshop in Trinidad and Tobago
- 7-11 August, 2006: TSA National Program Development Workshop in Costa Rica.
- 21-25 August, 2006: DTRA Combat Support Assessment Division Joint Staff Mobile Training in Surinam.
- 21-25 August, 2006: TSA National Program Development Workshop in El Salvador.
- 21-25 August, 2006: ITRS Security Training in Grenada.
- 6-8 September, 2006: ICAO’s second Symposium on Machine Readable Travel Documents and Biometric Enhancement in Montreal, Canada. An exhibition of important related products and services will complement the symposium. For more information, see: [http://www.icao.int/icao/en/atb/MRTDsymposium/MRTD\\_06/index.html](http://www.icao.int/icao/en/atb/MRTDsymposium/MRTD_06/index.html).
- 11-16 September, 2006: ITRS Security Training phase II, St. Kitts.
- 11-15 September, 2006: TSA National Program Development Workshop in Nicaragua.

### **Future Events**

- 18-22 September, 2006: TSA National Program Development Workshop in Honduras.
- 25-29 September, 2006: ITRS Security Training phase III, St. Lucia
- 25-29 September, 2006: TSA National Program Development Workshop in Panama.

### **Latest News**

- **OAS Secretary General, Jose Miguel Insulza**, reaffirmed the urgent need for OAS member states to work together against terrorism. Mr. Insulza stated “that is not enough to combat terrorism; we must stay ahead of its activities to be able to impede them”. Thus, he stated, since terrorism is an international phenomena, collaboration must also be international. Insulza made his remarks at the OAS Headquarters as the Dominican Republic deposited legal instruments to ratify the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism. The Dominican Ambassador highlighted his government’s commitment to

strengthen its judicial system against terrorism and to reinforce cooperation among entities involved in the fight against terrorism.

For more information see:

<http://www.oas.org/main/main.asp?sLang=E&sLink=http://www.oas.org/newsclips>

- **The US Treasury Department named the Philippine and Indonesian branches of the International Islamic Relief Organization as fund-raisers for Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.** It has designated one of the Saudi-based organization's high-ranking officials, Abd Al Hamid Sulaiman Al-Mujil, as a fund-raiser for AlQaeda. The action means that no American can have any dealings with the two branches of the organization or with Al-Mujil and that any assets they have in the US will be frozen.
- **Canada tightens airport security.** Canadians are no longer allowed to board planes if they put water, toothpaste, contact lens solution or any other liquid in their carry-on baggage as part of unprecedented security measures put in place after British police foiled an alleged plot to blow up airliners. The changes will affect up to 160,000 passengers who board dozens of flights in Canada on a typical August day, the peak of the summer travel season, said Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon.

For more information:

<http://www.oas.org/main/main.asp?sLang=E&sLink=http://www.oas.org/newsclips%20>

- A Draft resolution for the **UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy** was presented by UN General Assembly's President during its Sixtieth Session. Its plan of action includes measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, measures to prevent and combat terrorism, measures to build states' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and strengthen the role of UN system in this regard, and measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism.
- **The UN Security Council called on Tuesday for closer cooperation between the United Nations and Interpol.** A resolution adopted unanimously by the 15-nation council said improved cooperation with the world police body could help both the United Nations and national governments better enforce sanctions like travel bans, arms embargoes and asset freezes. A July 2005 council resolution authorized Interpol to work with the council to better enforce those sanctions. Interpol, headquartered in Lyon, France, now keeps in its computers a Security Council list of more than 480 individuals and groups tied to al Qaeda or the Taliban. The data-sharing is intended to help the 192 U.N. member-nations fulfill their obligations to freeze their assets and prevent them from traveling or obtaining arms and other resources.