







MIDDLE EAST ISLAMIC TERRORIST GROUPS

|  | Hezbollah (Means "Party of Allah") | Hamas ("Hamas" means enthusiasm or zeal) | Al-Qaeda (Meaning, "the base") | Taliban (The word "Taliban" is Pashto for "students") | ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) |
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| FOUNDED | 1985 | 1987 | 1988 | 1994 | 1999 |
| LOCATION | Southern Lebanon | Based in the Gaza Strip | Pakistan | Afghanistan & Pakistan (TTP) | Iraq and Syria |
| RELIGION | Shiite | Anti-Israel | Sunni | Sunni | Sunni |
| DESCRIBED | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political party. • A Shi'a Islamist militant group and political party based in Lebanon • Their paramilitary wing is the Jihad Council. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Islamic organization • Born along with the First Intifada • Parent organization: Muslim Brotherhood • Hamas receives its funding largely from Saudi Arabia and Iran. <p><i>The enemy of my enemy is my friend</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al-Qæda is a global militant Islamist organization founded by Osama bin Laden and others • Claims to be avenging wrongs committed by Christians and Jews against Muslims | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamic fundamentalist political movement in Afghanistan. • Second group in Pakistan to take over government in Pakistan. Want to impose Sharia Law. • Battles and wars: Civil war in Afghanistan, War in Afghanistan, War in Afghanistan (2015–present) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jihadist extremist militant group and self-proclaimed caliphate led by and mainly composed of Sunni Arabs from Iraq and Syria • President Obama called them "not Islamic" and as Al-Qaeda's "jayvee team" • They have already begun the eradication of the borders of Iraq and Syria |
| GOALS | Supports Shai power inside Lebanon | Overthrow Israel and establish a Palestinian Islamic state | Overthrow Muslim rulers they deem as apostates to establish an Islamic caliphate across the Muslim world | Originally help Afghan refugees from the Soviet Union. Now they aspire to power in Afghanistan. | Create a state under a Caliph in Muslim-majority lands |
| SELECTED ATTACKS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1983 US Marine barracks in Lebanon suicide bombing • 1983 US Embassy in Beirut suicide bombing • 1985 TWA flight 847 hijacking | • Multiple and continual rocket attacks on Israel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2000 USS Cole suicide bombing • September 11, 2001 in Washington DC and NY city suicide bombing | • They are responsible for most insurgent attacks in Afghanistan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Jordanian pilots burned alive in a cage. • James Foley a freelance journalist covering Syrian civil war. |
| SYMBOL or FLAG |  |  |  |  |  |