

Counterterrorism Chief testifies about information sharing under the PATRIOT Act

“Section 203 of the Act authorizes information sharing between law enforcement and the intelligence community. As such, it complements and is complemented by other provisions of the Patriot Act that facilitate such information sharing, most notably Sections 218 and 504. **These provisions collectively have knocked down the so-called “Wall” between law enforcement and intelligence - a wall that impeded our efforts to combat international terrorism.** Prior to the Patriot Act, widespread misunderstandings about the “Wall” hindered the flow of information in two directions: it hindered intelligence information from being passed to prosecutors, and it also hindered prosecutors and criminal investigators from sharing certain types of law enforcement information with the intelligence community and other national security officials.” Read Counterterrorism Chief Sabins full testimony: http://www.usdoj.gov/ag/sabintestimony4_19.pdf ***To deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes***

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<http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html>

Jihad comes to Small Town USA

It happened again this week. I came out of the office to find a flyer under my windshield wipers inviting me to a special informational presentation on God and family values, and how to bring them back to the forefront in America. My eyes were riveted to the address on the flyer: the session was being held at a nearby mosque. **The Imam gave a brief speech calling for the protection of Allah on the mujahideen fighting for Islam throughout the world, and reminded everyone that it was their duty as Muslims to continue in the path of jihad.** The woman leading the session, Nafisa, told of the concerns she had regarding her daughters in the public school system. She complained about the influence of the MTV culture, and seemed concerned about the rampant sexuality that pervaded all facets of American life, from TV to movies and on into the school system. She then began to discuss Islam, focusing on the commonalities it has with Christianity. **The sales pitch had clearly begun.** While in the previous section, then men had quoted over and over again sura from the Qu’ran calling for violent jihad, the women’s session focused on the “gentler” side of Islam. The same Imam who demanded that the men continue in the path of jihad did a complete 180 degree turn in this session, stressing instead the suras that promoted the “brotherhood” between Muslims, Christians, and Jews. **“After all, we worship the same God, and follow the teachings in the books he gave each of us. We are all the same, we are all People of the Book,” he stressed. The differences between the sessions were striking. Clearly the second session was a recruiting session.**

Full story: <http://www.lauramansfield.com/psk/DesktopDefault.aspx>

Jurors deliberate in al-Timimi trial

A federal jury is weighing whether an American Islamic scholar declared war on America in 2001 or, as defense attorneys contend, he was a hapless victim caught up in a massive dragnet of Muslim Americans. Authorities say al-Timimi, a first-generation Iraqi-American scientist and internationally known Islamic lecturer, inspired a group of young men who attended his lectures in a storefront mosque near the nation's capital to travel to Pakistan and train to join the Taliban five days after the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. Al-Timimi, who recently received a doctorate from George Mason University for his work in cancer research, was indicted as the spiritual leader of the so-called paintball jihad last year.

Full story: http://pittsburghlive.com/x/tribune-review/trib/regional/s_325562.html

UPDATE:

Islamic Scholar Ali Al-Timimi *Convicted*

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=705180>

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Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

Very quietly, the Pentagon is building a new espionage network to target terrorists

In the second week of December 2003, U.S. Special Forces captured an Iraqi man named Fawzi Rashid, a top insurgent leader in Baghdad. Rashid was carrying a letter from Saddam Hussein, *U.S. News* has learned, that was less than a week old. It would prove to be the key break in the 10-month manhunt for the Iraqi dictator. Military intelligence specialists, working with the Green Berets, persuaded Rashid to identify the courier who had delivered the letter. Two days later, the courier led U.S. forces to Saddam's grim spider hole. **That's precisely the model for the ambitious effort now underway to overhaul the Pentagon's creaky intelligence operations.**

Full story: <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/news/articles/050425/25spies.htm>

Gov't offers rewards for terror suspects



The State Department is offering rewards of up to \$5 million each for information leading to the capture and conviction of two terror suspects believed to have links to the al-Qaida network. The two Tunisia-born suspects, Abderraouf Jdey (left) and Abdelaziz Boussora, (right) are believed to have "extensive histories of extremist terrorist threats and links" to the network headed by Osama bin Laden. **They are being sought in connection with possible terrorist threats in the United States.**



Full story: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/politics/wire/sns-ap-us-terrorism-reward.1.4336188.story?coll=sns-ap-politics-headlines&ctrack=2&cset=true>

For descriptions of Jdey and Boussora see FBI SEEKING INFORMATION War on Terrorism link at <http://www.fbi.gov/terrorinfo/jdey.htm> and <http://www.fbi.gov/terrorinfo/boussora.htm>

Moussaoui case may spark execution fight



Now the real trouble begins as the case of Zacarias Moussaoui hurtles toward a conclusion and the life of the admitted terrorist conspirator hangs in the balance. Next comes the penalty phase in the criminal prosecution of the 36-year-old French citizen, who says the endgame of his flight training for 747 airliners was a strike on the White House, separate from the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. As chilling as Moussaoui's admissions are, international hostility to executions and the need for cooperation in President Bush's fight against terrorism raise an intriguing question: Does the Bush administration really want to put this man to death? The answer Friday was an unequivocal yes, as prosecutors basked in the glow of a victory that brought deep expressions of gratitude from relatives of Sept. 11 victims

Full story: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=697641>

Homeland Security demands long-term commitment

Zacarias Moussaoui's guilty plea last week in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and his admission that he was training for a separate, post-9/11 attack on the White House, reveal a chilling truth about al Qaeda, the new secretary of homeland security said today. **"They are very, very patient,"** Michael Chertoff said. **"So we are looking inside the country and outside the country at sleepers or agents who are waiting, biding their time, conducting surveillance, waiting for the moment,"** Chertoff said. **"And it may be a moment that comes years from now when they launch their attack."** This demands vigilance, constant monitoring of intelligence, and being "prepared for anything."

Full story: http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Apr2005/20050425_744.html

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U.S. Military's Elite Hacker Crew



The U.S. military has assembled the world's most formidable hacker posse: a super-secret, multimillion-dollar weapons program that may be ready to launch bloodless cyberwar against enemy networks -- from electric grids to telephone nets. The group's existence was revealed during a U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee hearing last month. Military leaders from U.S. Strategic Command, or [Stratcom](#), disclosed the existence of a unit called the Joint Functional Component Command for Network Warfare, or JFCCNW. In simple terms and sans any military jargon, **the unit could best be described as the world's most formidable hacker posse. Ever.**

Full story: <http://www.wired.com/news/privacy/0,1848,67223,00.html>

Also see

Watchdogs Sniff Out Terror Sites

<http://www.wired.com/news/privacy/0,1848,66708,00.html>

Surveillance Works Both Ways

<http://www.wired.com/news/privacy/0,1848,67216,00.html>

Minuteman founder leaving border early but volunteers to remain

The chief organizer of civilian volunteers who are spending the month watching for illegal immigrants and smugglers along the Mexican border is pulling out of the Minuteman Project early. Jim Gilchrist, will leave Arizona on Wednesday and plans to appear before the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus next week in Washington

Full story: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0418minuteman18-ON.html>

(See the Minuteman Project website for more information and photographs.)

<http://www.minutemanproject.com/Photos.html>

Arizona Border Patrol chief cites need for more resources, personnel



The chief of the Border Patrol's busiest sector says his force needs more personnel and resources, including new fences, in order to control escalating violence in certain border areas. **"I don't believe at this point that we have operational control of the border, but we're getting there, and that's the goal,"** Chief Michael Nicely told *Government Executive* during a recent interview. He is in charge of the **Border Patrol's Tucson sector, which covers about 260 miles of mostly barren land and has the highest rate of illegal immigration in the country.**

Full story: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0405/042505c1.htm>

1,193 *Mara Salvatrucha* Members Arrested in Mexico

Mexican authorities have arrested 1,193 *Mara Salvatrucha* gang members since 2003, according to the Undersecretary for Population, Migration, and Religious Affairs. Mexico is actively and efficiently fighting the gang problem but the numbers of gang members are increasing. Mexico is working with the U.S., Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador to fight the *Maras*. In 2004 Mexican authorities arrested 612 *Maras*; in 2003 there were 517 arrests. So far in 2005 there have been 64 *Maras* arrested.

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Man arrested for alleged threats against federal judge

The FBI arrested a man on Tuesday after he allegedly threatened to kill a federal judge in Brooklyn "just like Atlanta" - an apparent reference to the slaying of a judge in that city last month. Wazir Kahn, 19, of Queens, was ordered held without bail on charges alleging he threatened U.S. District Judge Raymond Dearie and made bomb threats. If convicted, Kahn faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Full story: <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/mld/ledgerenquirer/11433724.htm>

Europe's Mujahideen

Where Mass Immigration Meets Global Terrorism

The new *mujahideen* are European born and bred and products of a little noticed convergence of migratory networks and terrorist cells. In addition, European Muslim recruits can form the al Qaeda cells most apt to plot a course in the United States. The second-generation terrorists speak European languages, handle computers, surf the internet, exchange e-mail, and are familiar with post-industrial infrastructures and customs. Unlikely to be watchlisted, the new *mujahideen* not only navigate a modern society but can enter the United States freely.

Full report: <http://www.cis.org/articles/2005/back405.pdf>

Al Qaeda in Kosovo



At the April's international police conference held in Sofia, Bulgaria reiterated that Islamic terrorism is creeping up in the Balkans. Earlier in March, the Bulgarian spy chief Kircho Kirov issued a more specific warning on presence of al Qaeda in the Balkans and bluntly stated that extremists with links to Osama Bin Laden's Al Qaeda network are present in the Balkans and are infiltrating other European countries. In a joint NATO-Bulgarian report published in March 2005, Kirov cites Kosovo as a direct source of regional instability and a hub for international terrorism. Reported al-Qaeda cells in Kosovo are indicated in red, resembling a satellite structure.

Full story: <http://www.serbianna.com/columns/mb/035.shtml>

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Islam in Albania

<http://members.tripod.com/worldupdates/islamintheworld/id22.htm>

Maskhadov's death sparked in-fighting among Chechen rebels

The armed group of killed Chechen warlord Aslan Maskhadov and supporters of his surviving leadership rival Shamil Basayev are haggling over cash flows from abroad. Russian intelligence services reported that Basayev has been trying to subordinate Maskhadov's aides who control cash channels from abroad. The rebel leader aims to establish personal control over the entire funding of bandit groups in Chechnya, but the guerillas who used to support Maskhadov refuse to serve under him.

Full story: <http://www.mosnews.com/news/2005/04/21/guerillamoney.shtml>

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It remains to be seen who will emerge as the main leader of the Chechen separatist movement. Russian authorities have long maintained that the fighters in Chechnya are supported financially and logistically by international terrorist organizations. Following Maskhadov's killing, Russian authorities repeated claims that the Arab militant Abu Havs (also rendered as Hafs) is now one of the chief leaders and financiers of the Chechen resistance and may be linked to Basayev. Meanwhile, a 40-day mourning period for Maskhadov's death ended April 17. Some observers believe the mourning period explains a relative lull in activities by Chechen rebels. However, other experts note that Russian forces have stepped up their campaign against known militants and are slowly eliminating the most powerful fighters.

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http://www.interfax.ru/e/B/politics/28.html?id_issue=11274009

Chechnya: Who Will Strike First Following Maskhadov's Death?

<http://www.rferl.org/featuresarticle/2005/4/5405EB89-4854-4BAD-9024-97C710201D7E.html>

Chechen Rebel Leader Maskhadov Buried in Secret Grave

<http://www.mosnews.com/news/2005/04/22/maskhadovburied.shtml>

(follow hyperlinks at the above URL for more related reporting)

Hamas Bomb-Maker Star of Syrian-Produced TV Series

A 12-part series on the life of the "father of suicide bombings," Hamas bomb-maker Yihye Ayash, is set to be aired on the Lebanese-based Hizbullah satellite television station al-Manar.



Ayash, who studied electrical engineering at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah and joined Hamas shortly afterward, was responsible for manufacturing bombs that killed at least 76 Israelis and injured more than 400. Israeli intelligence elements finally succeeded in killing him in 1996, using an explosive installed in his cellular phone. Ayash is lauded as a hero in the Palestinian Authority, and posters featuring his face, with the honorific nickname 'al-Muhandas' [The Engineer], plaster the walls of many Arab towns in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. On January 5, 1996, Israeli security agents succeeded in having him answer a cell phone in which they had planted 1.7 ounces of explosives - causing it to blow up and kill him on the spot.

Full story: <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/news.php3?id=80472>

Al-Qaeda threat to Trafalgar fleet

Security chiefs fear Al-Qaeda terrorists trained as scuba divers could mount attacks against a royal review of the fleet being held to mark the 200th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar. A senior Ministry of Defence (MoD) police officer has disclosed that militants using techniques learnt in western diving schools to attack Royal Navy ships are considered the main threat to the event. Officials fear Al-Qaeda divers could attach bombs to the hulls of the ships, detonate explosives strapped to their bodies in suicide attacks or even board vessels and kill some of those on board.

Full story: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0%2C%2C2087-1582733%2C00.html>

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Muslims to March Against Terror



The Free Muslims Against Terrorism are proud to announce that on May 14, 2005, Muslims and Middle Easterners of all backgrounds will converge on our nation's Capital for a rally against terrorism and to support freedom and democracy in the Middle East and the Muslim world. This will be the first rally of its kind in Washington, D.C., that is led by Muslims and Middle Easterners.

Full story: <http://pressreleases.newspad.com/pr/20054/pr224984.html>

Visit the *Free Muslims Against Terrorism* website at:

<http://www.freemuslims.org/>

COMMENT:

The irony of the chosen date for this rally should not be lost: On May 14, 1948, the United Nations proclaimed Israel an independent state. May 14 is considered a day of mourning -- and often violent activity -- in some Palestinian communities. There may be and probably will be, a presence of the radical/extremist muslims protesting against Kamal Nawash (pictured) and his organization. Although Kamal has had a "turbulent" history, he is very committed in his fight against terrorism.

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<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2003-10/01/article01.shtml>

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