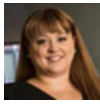


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	Al Qaeda	Islamic Resistance Movement (HAMAS)	Hozzbollah	Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT)	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)	Ansar al-Islam (Fmr. Ansar al-Sunnah)
Location	Pakistan	Gaza Strip	Lebanon	Pakistan	Colombia	Iraq
Founded	1988	1987	1982	Early 1990s	1964	2001
Leaders	Osama bin Laden (deceased); Ayman al-Zawahiri	Khaled Meshaal	Hassan Nasrallah	Hafeez Mohammed Saeed	Alfonso Cano	Abu Abdallah al-Shaifi (captured)
Goals	Overthrow Muslim rulers they deem apostates in order to establish an Islamic caliphate across the Muslim world.	Overthrow Israel and establish a Palestinian Islamic State.	Advocates Shia power inside Lebanon.	Expel India from Kashmir and establish Islamic rule over the Indian subcontinent.	Theoretically establish a Marxist state in Colombia.	Establish a Salafist Islamic state in Iraq.
Attacked the U.S. ?	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Attacked U.S. Citizens or Interests Abroad?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Significant Terrorist Operations	September 11, 2001 Washington D.C. and New York City suicide bombings; 2000 USS Cole suicide bombing; 1998 U.S. Embassy in Kenya and Tanzania attacks.	Multiple suicide attacks against Israeli civilian targets; 2008 rocket attacks on Israel.	1983 U.S. Marine barracks in Lebanon suicide bombing; 1983 U.S. Embassy in Beirut suicide bombing; 1985 TWA flight 847 hijacking.	2008 coordinated suicide attacks against multiple civilian targets in Mumbai, India.	2003 assassination of Antioquia (Colombia) Governor; many kidnappings and murders of prominent Columbian personalities; multiple kidnappings of U.S. citizens.	2004 Forward Operating Base Marez (Mosul, Iraq) suicide attack. Numerous attacks on Iraq civilians as well as on Coalition troops.

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