

# *Terrorism and Homeland Security*

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## **SECTION 6: THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA**

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Middle East” a Eurocentric and Western perspective

# Saudi Arabia

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- Occupies the vast majority of the Arabian Peninsula
- Second largest Arab country behind Algeria
- 2 million square miles inhabited by 26 million people.
- Most land is uninhabitable desert, only 1.45% of land mass designated as arable
- Official language is Arabic.



# Saudi Arabia

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- Saudi Arabia was founded in 1932.
- Home of Islam.
- Oil: 80% of the country's budget revenue



Kaaba in Mecca



# Saudi family and Muhammad Ibn Wahhab

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- Saudi family and Muhammad Ibn Wahhab played the major roles in the formation of Saudi Kingdom.
- In 1517 Ottomans conquered the land.
- In 1803 the Saudi army defeated Sherif Hussain of Mecca.
- 1818, Saudi-Wahhabi stronghold of Dir'aiyah was conquered.
- 1902, Ibn Saud captured the city of Riyadh.
- 1925, Mecca and Medina were captured by Sauds.



Abdulaziz Ibn Al Saud

# Wahhabism

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- The origins of Wahhabi theology and ideology developed in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- Reject traditional scholars, scholarship and practices under the aim of "reviving the true tenets of Islam".
- Gradually from 1920 until today, it flourished.



# Al-Qaeda (The base)

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- Founded by Usama bin Laden in 1988.
- Impact of Radical Islamism.
- Ayman al- Zawahiri, Egyptian Islamic Jihad.



# Soviet-Afghan war

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- The impact of Soviet-Afghan war on terrorism.
- USA supported the Mujahedeen groups.
- After al-Qaeda's September 11, 2001, attacks on America, the United States launched a war in Afghanistan to destroy al-Qaeda.
- Establishment of an Islamic State.





# Osama bin Laden

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- Osama bin Laden was born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Osama and pan-Islamist scholar Abdullah Azzam.
- In 1988, founded AL-Qaeda.
- In 1998, Bin Laden declared 'war' against the US.



Osama bin Laden



bin Laden at 15  
with 22 of his siblings  
from  
<http://www.thesun.co.uk>

# Bin Laden Killed

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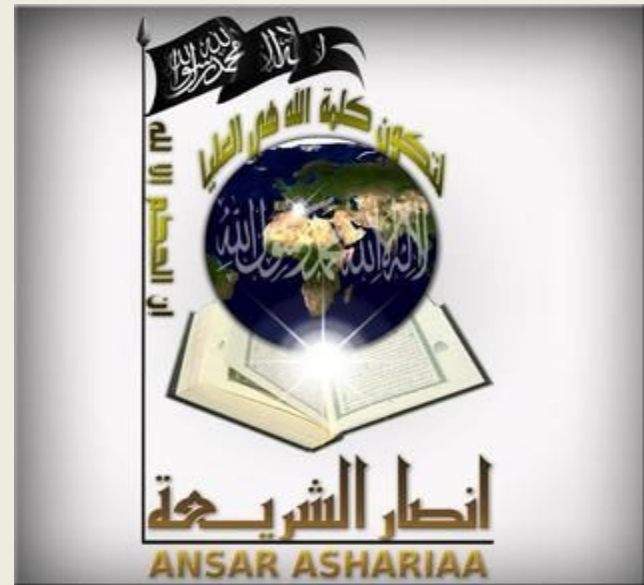
- On May 2, 2011 (May 1 in the United States), Bin Laden was killed by a team of Navy SEALs in Pakistan.



# Yemen

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- Population of 25.4 million mostly Arab.
- Official language is Arabic.
- Ansar al-Sharia and AQAP (Al- Queda in the Arabian Peninsula)



# Egypt

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- Population of 85 Million.
- 90 % of the population is Muslim.
- The assassination of the President Anwar Sadat by a member of Egyptian Islamic Jihad in 1981 was a pivotal event in the Egyptian history.



# Groups that are designated as terrorist groups by the Egyptian Government

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- Several groups that are designated as terrorist groups by the Egyptian Government:
- Muslim Brotherhood,
- Gama'a al Islamiyya (IG),
- and Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ).

# Muslim Brotherhood

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- Muslim Brotherhood was founded in Egypt in 1928 by Hassan al Banna.
- Banna created a paramilitary wing (Al Nizam el Hass).
- Assassination of Prime Minister Mahmoud an-Nukrashi in 1948.



Hassan al Banna



Prime Minister Mahmoud an-Nukrashi

# Muslim Brothers after 1980

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- Many members of the Muslim Brotherhood joined the protests in Cairo's Tahrir Square during the Arab Spring in 2011.
- Muslim Brothers' newly formed Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) won nearly half the seats in the Parliament.
- Morsi was overthrown by the Egyptian Army in 2013.



# Gama'al Islamiya

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- Formed in the 1977 in Egypt.
- Major goal, Islamic state.
- The group is responsible for many acts of violence, including the November 1997 Luxor massacre.



Shaykh Umar Abd al- Rahman



# Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ)

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- Founded by Ayman al-Zawahiri
- Merged with Al- Qaeda in 2011.
- Assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in 1981.



Ayman al-Zawahiri

# Libya

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- A North African Country with a population of 6 million.
- Qadhafi, killed in 2011.
- Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie.
- Attack to U.S. Consulate in Benghazi in 2012.
- Elections held 2012.



# Algeria

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- Population: 38 million
- 98% of it is Sunni Muslim.
- Official language is Arabic.
- In 1827, the French invasion.



- 1) Armed Islamic Group (GIA)
- 2) Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)

# Al-Shabbab in Somalia

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- Al-Shabbab in Somalia is an Al-Qaeda affiliate. (Union of Islamic Courts)
- 7,000 and 9,000 fighters
- 2002 attack on an Israeli-owned hotel .
- threw grenades into a church in Kenya, 2011.
- Westgate Shopping Mall in Nairobi, 2013



# Boko Haram, Nigeria.

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- Boko Haram emerged in Nigeria around 2002
- literally means ‘education is forbidden’.
- In 2015, allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).
- 2009, Mosque and Police station attack, 55 dead.
- The UN Headquarter attack, 2011.
- Kidnapping of girls, 2014.

