

REFERENCE AID

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(U//FOUO) Analysis of ISIL-Related Arrests in the Homeland from January 2014–September 2015

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(U) Scope

(U//FOUO) This Homeland Security Reference Aid (HSRA) provides an overview of disrupted alleged terrorism-related activities in the United States between January 2014 and September 2015 linked to US persons (USPERS) assessed to be inspired by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Examples of disrupted terrorism-related activities referenced in this product include the May 2015 attack in Garland, Texas against an event featuring caricatures of the Prophet Muhamad, and the June 2015 fatal shooting by police officers of a knife-wielding Boston individual who was planning attacks against law enforcement personnel. This analysis is derived exclusively from open source material, including federal indictments. It is intended to inform state, local, tribal, and territorial government and law enforcement officials, and private sector partners of the wide range of ISIL-inspired activities in the Homeland and provide insight into emerging terrorist trends, which may aid in the detection and prevention of future terrorist activities. The data referenced does not include USPERs believed to be currently fighting in Syria or Iraq. It also does not include mention of the July 2015 attack against military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee because the investigation into the shooter's potential links to foreign terrorist organizations is still ongoing.

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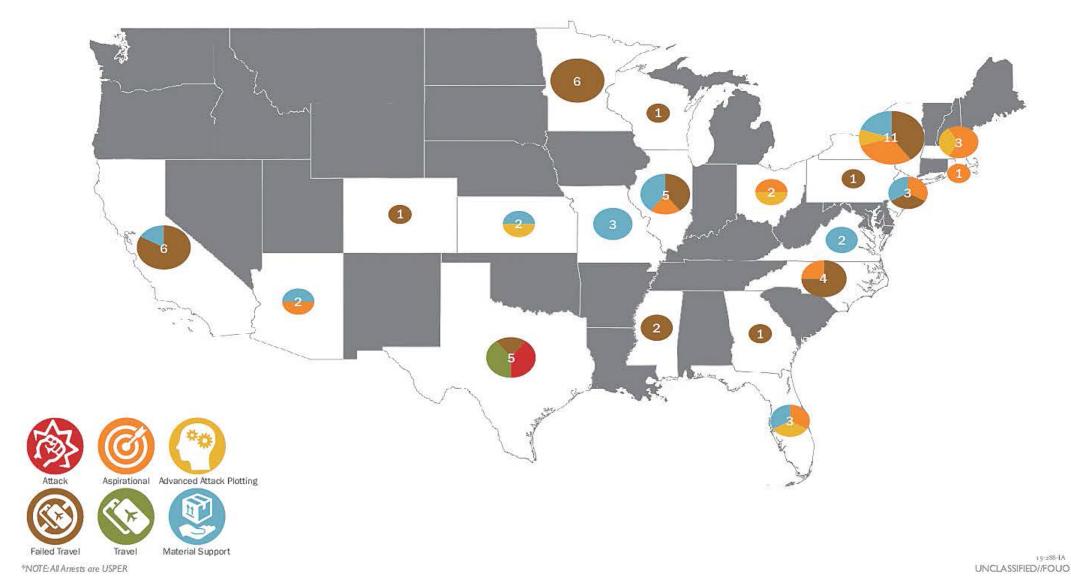
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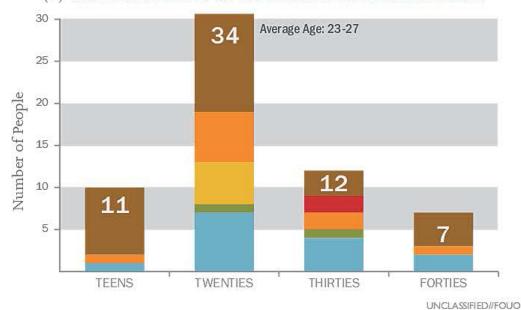
(U) ANALYSIS OF ISIL-INSPIRED DISRUPTIONS* IN THE HOMELAND FROM JANUARY 2014-SEPTEMBER 2015



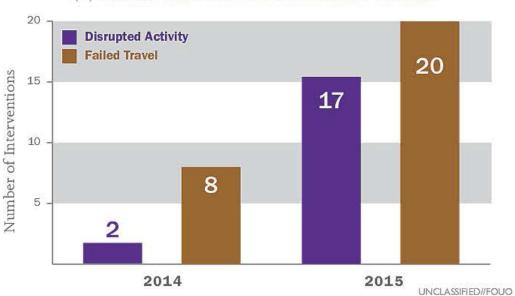
(U//FOUO) This Homeland Security Reference Aid depicts the large number and geographic dispersal of disrupted US persons' alleged terrorism-related activities in the United States since the beginning of January 2014, who are assessed to be inspired by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). DHS I&A analysis of 64 individuals dating from January 2014 to the end of September 2015 indicates that, while most are young—on average ranging between 23 and 27 years old—there is no specific profile, with arrestees varying in ethnic background and geographic location. Arrestees have been involved in a range of terrorism-related activities, to include traveling abroad with the intent to join ISIL; providing domestic material support to the group; and aspirational or advanced attack planning on behalf of ISIL. The majority of those arrested for ISIL-inspired activities over the last 21 months are male, but there has been a slight increase in women participating in ISIL-inspired terrorist activities in 2015.

(U//FOUO) Analysis shows that the number of those arrested for attempting to travel overseas continued to increase, from 8 cases in 2014 to 20 cases in 2015. DHS I&A assesses, however, that the number of individuals allegedly conducting—or aspiring to conduct—domestic activities showed a more pronounced increase, from 2 in 2014 to 17 in 2015. This shift may be the result of ISIL messaging since September 2014 calling for attacks in the Homeland resonating among ISIL-inspired individuals in the US, coupled with increased efforts by domestic and international law enforcement authorities to curb travel overseas.

(U) AGE & ACTIVITIES OF US ISIL-INSPIRED INDIVIDUALS



(U) DISRUPTED ACTIVITY AND FAILED TRAVEL



(U) DISRUPTED ISIL ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015



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ISIL-INSPIRED DISRUPTIONS IN THE HOMELAND FROM JANUARY 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015

ARIZONA: 2



Jun 2015

Abdul Kareem^{USPER} 43 Phoenix, AZ



2015

Jammie Gammal^{USPER} 42 Avondale, AZ

Indicted for allegedly assisting a college student with travel to Syria to obtain military training from ISIL. Indicted for planning and perpetrating a federal crime of terrorism against the United States.

CALIFORNIA: 6



Nicholas Teausant LISPER 2014 20 Acampo, CA





Mar 2015

2014

Muhanad Badawi^{USPER} 24 Anaheim, CA

Adam Dandach USPER 20





Mohamed Farahusper 2015

San Diego, CA

San Diego, CA

COLORADO: 1



Shannon Conley USPER 2014 19 Arvada, CO

Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL, where she intended to use her military background to support the group. She was convicted of providing material support.

FLORIDA: 3



Abror Habibov^{USPER} 2015 30 Jacksonville, FL





Joshua Goldberg USPER 20 Orange Park, FL

Leon Davisusper 2014 37

GEORGIA: 1



Jonas Edmonds USPER 2015 29 Aurora, IL

Augusta, GA

Hasan Edmonds^{USPER} Mar 2015 22

Aurora, IL

Alleged third conspirator in the Garland, TX shooting, Indicted and has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, making false statements to investigators, and other charges. Next scheduled court date is November 20, 2015.

Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL in Syria after seeking to enter Canada at the Blaine, WA port of entry. Indicted and declared mentally fit to stand trial in August; facing up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL in Syria after reserving a flight to Israel with the intent to mask his final destination. Indicted in October on additional charges, including preexisting charges of providing material support to ISIL. Plead not guilty to the original charges.

Arrested for allegedly providing material support by allowing Nader Elhuzayel (also cited in this product) to use his credit card to purchase a ticket to the Middle East. Indicted in October on additional charges, including preexisting charges of providing material support to ISIL. Plead not guilty to the original charges.

Arrested at John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, CA for attempting to travel to Syria to join ISIL. Plead guilty for attempting to provide support to ISIL and lying on his passport application.

Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL in Syria; drove from Minneapolis to San Diego allegedly to obtain fake passports in order to enter Mexico. A federal grand jury indicted Daud USPER and six other Minnesota men with conspiring to travel, or attempting to travel, to join ISIL. Plead not guilty.

Arrested after he traveled from Minneapolis to San Diego with hopes of crossing into Mexico to allegedly join ISIL in Syria. A federal grand jury indicted Farah usper and six other Minnesota men with conspiring to travel, or attempting to travel, to join ISIL.

Arrested for allegedly providing material support after assisting an alleged NY-based ISIL supporter with funds to join ISIL in Syria. Indicted and has plead not guilty.

Arrested for allegedly plotting attacks with explosive devices at a public beach and on law enforcement officers' homes and under their cars. Indicted and has plead not guilty.

Allegedly instructed a confidential human source to plant a bomb at an upcoming memorial event in Kansas City, MO commemorating the September 11, 2001 attacks. Charged with giving out information on explosives, destructive devices, and weapons of mass destruction. Faces a maximum of 20 years in federal prison.

Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL after purchasing a one-way plane ticket from Atlanta to Turkey. Plead guilty for attempting to provide material support to ISIL.

Arrested for allegedly helping his cousin, Hasan Edmonds USPER (also cited in this product), join ISIL, and for plotting an attack on a National Guard base in IL. Indicted and has plead not guilty.

Arrested for allegedly attempting to travel overseas and use his military training to assist ISIL. Indicted and has plead not guilty.

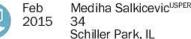


Oct

2014

Mohammed Khan^{USPER} 19 Bolingbrook, IL

Jasminka Ramic^{USPER} Feb 2015 42 Rockford, IL



KANSAS: 2

John Booker^{USPER} 2015 Fort Riley, KS

> Alexander Blair USPER 18

Apr 2015 Topeka, KS

MASSACHUSETTS: 3



Usaamah Rahim 2015 26 Boston, MA





MINNESOTA: 6



Abdullah YusufUSPER 18 Minneapolis, MN









	Feb	Hamza Ahmed ^{USPER}			
3	2015	19			
		Minneapolis, MN			

Arrested at O'Hare International Airport for allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for attempting to travel overseas to join a foreign terrorist organization operating inside Iraq and Syria. Arrested for allegedly providing material support after being associated with a group attempting

to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members. Entered a plea to one count of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists. Arrested for allegedly providing material support after being associated with a group attempting

to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members. Indicted for conspiring to provide and providing material support to terrorist groups.

Arrested after allegedly attempting to conduct a mass casualty attack next to the Ft. Riley US Army installation. Indicted on three charges, including attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. Plead not guilty.

Arrested for allegedly not reporting the plot against Ft. Riley; allegedly loaned John Booker USPER (also citied in this product) money for a storage unit. Placed on house arrest pending trial.

Fatally shot by police after wielding a military-style knife during a law enforcement encounter. Allegedly intended to attack the organizer of a Draw the Prophet event.

Arrested for alleged obstruction and conspiracy charges regarding a plot to behead an anti-Islam activist. Indicted for, among other things, providing material support to ISIL.

Arrested after allegedly attempting to conduct a mass casualty attack on a college campus with a pressure-cooker bomb. Indicted on weapons and assault charges.

Arrested after a clerk noticed his passport application included suspicious travel plans. Indicted with conspiracy to provide material support to ISIL.

Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Recently plead not guilty.

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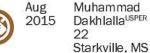
Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL.

MISSISSIPPI: 2

2015



Jaelyn YoungUSPER 20 Starkville, MS



Arrested after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL, Charged with conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

Arrested after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Charged with conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

(U) ISIL-INSPIRED DISRUPTIONS IN THE HOMELAND FROM JANUARY 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015

MISSOURI: 3



Ramiz Hodzic USPER Feb 40 2015

St. Louis, MO

Sedina Hodzic^{USPER} Feb 2015 35 St. Louis, MO

Armin Harcevic LISPER Feb 2015

St. Louis, MO

Indicted for allegedly providing material support for being associated with a group attempting to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members.

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NEW JERSEY: 3



Samuel Topazusper 2015

Fort Lee, NJ

Alaa Saadeh^{USPER} Jun 2015 23 West New York, NJ

Aug Nader Saadeh^{USPER} 2015 20 Rutherford, NJ

Plead guilty for attempting to join ISIL

Charged for allegedly providing material support after purchasing his brother's (Nader

Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Charged with conspiring to provide material support to ISIL.

NEW YORK: 11



Akhror Saidakhmetov^{USPER} 2015

Brooklyn, NY

Abdurasul Jura boev^{USPER} 2015

Brooklyn, NY

Tairod Pugh^{USPER} 2015

Brooklyn, NY

Akmal Zakirov^{USPER} 2015 29 Brooklyn, NY

Dilkhayot Kasimov^{USPER} Feb 2015

Brooklyn, NY Arafat Nagiusper Jul

2015 44 Lacakwanna, NY

Munther Salehusper 2015 20 Oueens, NY

Mufid Elfgeeh^{USPER} 30 2014 Rochester, NY

Fareed Mumuni^{USPER} Jun 2015 Staten Island, NY

Nihad Rosic^{USPER} Feb 2015 26 Utica, NY

Ali Salehlusper Sep 2015 22

Queens, NY

Saadeh^{USPER}, also cited in this product) airline ticket to join ISIL.

Indicted after allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. Plead not guilty.

Indicted after allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for conspiring to provide material support

to a foreign terrorist organization. Plead guilty.

Indicted while allegedly attempting to join ISIL.

Indicted for alleged involvement in a plot to recruit US fighters to join ISIL.

Indicted for allegedly assisting in collecting \$1,600 for his friend Saidakhme's LISPER (also cited in this product) attempt to join ISIL. Plead not guilty.

Allegedly traveled from Lackawanna to Turkey on two separate occasions with the intention of joining ISIL. Law enforcement tipped off by a resident who heard him talking about his violent extremist beliefs. Indicted on two charges of attempting to provide material support to ISIL.

Indicted after allegedly plotting to detonate a pressure-cooker bomb in New York City.

Arrested after allegedly planning an attack against US military personnel upon their return to the United States from the Middle East. Indicted for attempting to provide support to ISIL and for the attempted murder of current and former US servicemembers.

Indicted for allegedly attacking a FBI agent with a knife during questioning at his residence: allegedly also aspired to travel overseas and join ISIL.

Indicted for allegedly attempting to join ISIL and sending military clothing and equipment to ISIL.

Arrested after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Charged with attempting to travel to the Mideast to join and provide material support to ISIL.

NORTH CAROLINA: 4



Justin Sullivan USPER Jun 2015 19 Morganton, NC

Akba Jordan USPER Mar Ø 2014 21

Mar

Raleigh, NC Avin Brown^{USPER}

2014 Raleigh, NC

Aug Donald Morgan USPER 2014 Rowan County, NC

Arrested after returning from the Middle East, where he allegedly tried to travel from Lebanon to Syria to join ISIL before being stopped at the Istanbul airport and sent back to Lebanon. Sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Arrested for allegedly plotting to build, plant and detonate pipe bombs near the US Capitol

Arrested for allegedly plotting to kill a large number of US citizens on behalf of ISIL. Charged with

Arrested after admitting to making an appointment to obtain a passport in order to go to

Syria and fight. After his arrest, FBI found an AK-47 rifle, ammunition, and a sword in his

Indicted after attempting travel to Syria to join a violent extremist group, which included ISIL.

attempting to provide material support to ISIL.

apartment, Plead guilty.

Recently plead guilty.

OHIO: 2



Christopher Cornell USPER lan 2015 Green, OH

Amir Al-Ghazi^{USPER} Jun 2015 38 Sheffield Lake, OH attempting to support a terrorist organization. Indicted after allegedly expressing a desire to perpetrate an attack in the United States and

building and then use firearms to kill officials and employees at the Capitol, Indicted for

attempting to purchase an AK-47 assault rifle. Plead not guilty to one count of supporting terrorism and two weapons-related charges.

PENNSYLVANIA: 1



Keonna Thomas USPER Apr 2015 30 Philadelphia, PA

Arrested after allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for attempting to aid a foreign terrorist organization.

RHODE ISLAND: 1



Nicholas Rovinski^{USPER} Jun 2015 Warwick, RI

Indicted for alleged involvement in a plan to attack an anti-Islam activist. Plead not guilty.

TEXAS: 5



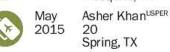
Michael Wolfe USPER 2015 24 Austin, TX

May Elton Simpson 2015 30

Garland, TX Nadir Soofi 2015 34

Garland, TX

Bilal Abood^{USPER} Mar 2015 37 Mesquite, TX



Arrested after attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Sentenced to nearly seven years in federal prison and five years supervised release.

Traveled from Arizona to Garland to attack a cartoon-drawing contest depicting the Prophet Muhamad. Shot and killed by police officers stationed outside the event.

Traveled from Arizona to Garland to attack a cartoon-drawing contest depicting the Prophet Muhamad. Shot and killed by police officers stationed outside the event.

Allegedly traveled to Syria in 2013 and lied to the FBI about pledging allegiance to ISIL in 2014. Indicted on one count of making false statements to a federal agency.

Traveled to Istanbul, allegedly en route to Syria to fight with ISIL; lured back to the US by his family, which falsely told him his mother was sick. Charged with conspiracy to provide material support to ISIL.

Arrested for making false statements in an FBI terrorism investigation after offering to help an

undercover agent connect someone with ISIL. Sentenced to 54 months in federal prison.

VIRGINIA: 2



Heather Coffmanusper 2015 Glen Allen, VA

Ali Amin^{USPER} Feb 2015 17 Manassas, VA Arrested after facilitating his friend's travel to Syria to join ISIL. Also authored many pro-ISIL online accounts. Sentenced to 136 months in prison and a lifetime of supervised release.

WISCONSIN: 1



2015

Joshua Van Haften USPER 34 Madison, WI

Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to join ISIL. Charged with attempting to provide material support and resources, namely himself as personnel, to a foreign terrorist organization.

(U) Source Summary Statement

(U//FOUO) Analysis in this HSRA of ISIL-related activities disrupted between January 2014 and September 2015 are based on open source reporting, criminal complaints, and indictments. We have **medium confidence** in our analysis of the noted individuals' activities, as the government information is considered highly reliable and much of the open source reporting has been corroborated.

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