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## A Timeline of U.S. Terror Cases



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## Introduction

Americans motivated by radical interpretations of Islam constitute a growing and increasingly dangerous domestic terror threat. Since the September 11 terrorist attacks, approximately 200 Americans have been charged for their roles in various bomb plots and conspiracies in the U.S., as well as for providing material support to Islamic terrorist groups. Several other Americans have been charged overseas with similar terror-related offenses.

"We've seen an increased number of arrests here in the U.S. of individuals suspected of plotting terrorist attacks, or supporting terror groups abroad," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano stated in December 2009. "Home-based terrorism is here. And, like violent extremism abroad, it will be part of the threat picture that we must now confront."

American Muslim extremists – including American-born citizens, as well as naturalized U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents – have plotted more than 30 attacks on U.S. soil since 9/11. And, since the fall of 2009, the number of attempted terror attacks in the U.S. has "surpassed the number of attempts during any other previous one-year period," according to the Department of Homeland Security. These plots have been foiled by law enforcement at various stages.

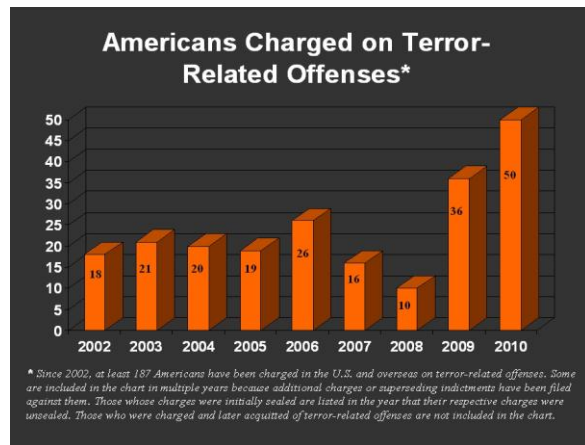
Other American Muslim extremists have launched terrorist attacks overseas or attempted to travel abroad to engage in terror activities. In October 2008, American citizen Shirwa Ahmed became the first known American suicide bomber when he drove an explosives-laden vehicle into a government building in Somalia. Ahmed and four others carried out a series of coordinated suicide attacks in Somalia, killing 24 people.

Although most of these extremists lack the means and materials to carry out violent attacks, their radical ideologies and willingness to conduct such attacks against the U.S. and other Western targets remain.

While most of the plots in the U.S. have been foiled by law enforcement before they were carried out, two deadly attacks against military personnel in 2009 demonstrate the particular danger posed by so-called "lone wolf" extremists who, though unaffiliated with terrorist groups, share their radical interpretations of Islam and ideological goals. "Lone wolves" typically prefer simple and direct methods of killing over elaborate plots that can be stopped in advance by law enforcement.

In November 2009, an American-born Army psychiatrist [opened fire at the Fort Hood soldier readiness center](#) where troops were undergoing medical preparations before their deployment to Iraq and as they returned from combat. The alleged gunman, Nidal Malik Hasan, killed 13 people and wounded 32 others in what Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano described as an act of "violent Islamic terrorism."

The shooting at Fort Hood followed a separate incident in June 2009 when American citizen Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad allegedly [shot two uniformed American soldiers, killing one of them, at a military recruiting center](#) in Arkansas. Following his arrest, Muhammad reportedly said that he sought revenge on the American military for its presence in Iraq and Afghanistan.



The shootings at the military installations in Texas and Arkansas are the latest in a [series of attacks and plots against American military targets](#) planned by Americans motivated by a radical interpretation of Islam.

In addition to U.S.-based military targets, American Muslim extremists have targeted U.S. transit systems and landmarks. On May 1, 2010, for example, Faisal Shahzad, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, [tried to detonate a car bomb in New York's Times Square](#).

In another case, federal authorities thwarted a [terrorist plot to conduct coordinated suicide bombings on New York City subway lines](#) during the days following the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Najibullah Zazi, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan, and Zarein Ahmedzay, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, have since pleaded guilty to planning to detonate homemade explosives during rush hour to maximize the number of casualties.

Many of these American Muslim extremists are [fueled by hatred of Jews and Israel](#). In May 2009, for example, three American citizens conspired with a Haitian national to [bomb two New York City synagogues and shoot down planes at a military base](#) in Newburgh, New York. The men were arrested after planting what they believed to be bombs in cars outside of the synagogues. "These were people who were eager to bring death to Jews," Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Snyder said following the arrests.

This threat proved lethal in July 2002 when Hesham Mohamed Hadayet, a U.S. permanent resident from Egypt, opened fire killed two Israelis and injured four others at an El Al ticket counter at the Los Angeles International Airport. Hadayet, who was fatally shot by an airline security officer, intended to "advance the Palestinian cause in the Israel-Palestine conflict through the killing of civilians and the targeting of an airline owned by the Government of Israel," according to the FBI.

Others have been motivated by a similar hatred of America and its support for Israel, as well as America's perceived war against Islam, foreign policy in the Middle East and military activities in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In some cases, American Muslim extremists have been radicalized in their communities by a charismatic leader or recruiter, while in other instances, [Muslim ideologues – including those born in America – have inspired followers](#) by propagating their extreme ideologies and messages of violence through sermons, videos and other propaganda material disseminated online via blogs, video sharing sites, social networking sites and forums. The increased ability of communicating online has also given American Muslim extremists access to the ideologies of extreme intolerance propagated by terrorist movements overseas.

The following is a timeline of criminal proceedings related to the terror activities of American Muslim extremists and other Americans involved in activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. In addition to planning terrorist plots, Americans have also been convicted of raising funds and providing material goods to foreign terrorist organizations, including [Hamas](#), [Hezbollah](#) and Al Qaeda.

The equally disturbing terror-related activities of Americans who subscribe to anti-government, white supremacist and other extremist ideologies are not reflected in the timeline. Similarly, the list does not include the activities and plots against targets in the U.S. conceived by non-Americans motivated by radical interpretations of Islam. In May 2010, for example, Hosam Maher Husein Smadi, a Jordanian citizen living in the U.S. illegally, pleaded guilty to [attempting to detonate explosives at a Dallas skyscraper the previous September in order to "bring down the building"](#).

## **Criminal Proceedings in 2011**

The following is a list of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2011 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 21, 2011 – California – U.S. permanent resident Oytun Ayse Mihalik is charged with providing material support to terrorists for sending money to an individual in Pakistan. Mihalik, who was taken into custody on August 27, 2011, was originally indicted for making false statements during a terrorism investigation.
- December 20, 2011 – Massachusetts – American citizen [Tarek Mehanna](#) is convicted of conspiracy to provide material support to Al Qaeda, conspiracy to commit murder in a foreign country and other charges.
- December 20, 2011 – North Carolina – American citizen Dylan Boyd is sentenced to eight years in prison after pleading guilty to [conspiring to support terrorists](#). His brother, Zakariya Boyd, is also sentenced to nine years in prison for his role in the plot.
- December 8, 2011 – Washington – American citizen Walli Mujahidh pleads guilty to conspiracy kill U.S. officers and to use weapons of mass destruction in a [plot to attack a Military Entrance Processing Center in Seattle](#).
- December 2, 2011 – Virginia – [Jubair Ahmad](#), a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, pleads guilty to charges of providing material support to Lashkar-e-Taiba by producing a video on its behalf.
- December 1, 2011 – California – U.S. permanent Resident Nima Ali Yusuf pleads guilty to [providing personnel and money to Al Shabaab](#), an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia.
- November 19, 2011 – New York – [Jose Pimentel](#), a naturalized American citizen from the Dominican Republic, is arrested and charged for allegedly planning to attack military personnel and other targets in the United States.
- November 14, 2011 – Texas – American citizen [Barry Walter Bujol, Jr.](#) is convicted on charges of attempting to provide material support to Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula among other charges.
- November 8, 2011 – Texas – American citizen [Naser Jason Abdo](#) is indicted on additional charges of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, attempted murder of United States officers or employees, and four additional weapons charges in connection with a plot to attack Fort Hood military personnel.
- October 20, 2011 – Pennsylvania – An unsealed indictment charges [Mohammad Hassan Khalid](#), a legal permanent resident from Pakistan, with conspiracy to provide funds and recruit terrorists for jihad in South Asia and Europe.

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- October 20, 2011 – New York – Naturalized American citizen Manssor Arbabsiar is indicted with Iranian Gholam Shakuri for a [plot to assassinate the Saudi Ambassador](#) to the United States.
- October 20, 2011 – Minnesota – American citizens Amina Farah Ali and Hawo Mohamed Hassan are convicted [of conspiring to provide material support to Al Shabaab](#).
- October 13, 2011 – North Carolina – American citizens Mohammad Omar Aly Hassan, and Ziyad Yaghi convicted on charges of conspiring to [provide material support to terrorists](#). Yaghi is also convicted of conspiring to murder, kidnap, maim and injure people.
- October 13, 2011 – North Carolina – Hysen Sherifi, a U.S. permanent resident from Kosovo, is convicted on weapons charges and for conspiring to murder federal employees in a [plot to attack a Quantico military base](#). He is also convicted of conspiring to murder, kidnap, maim and injure people.
- October 11, 2011 – New York – Naturalized American citizen Manssor Arbabsiar is charged with Iranian Gholam Shakuri for a [plot to assassinate the Saudi Ambassador](#) to the United States. Arbabsiar was arrested on September 29, 2011. Shakuri remains at large, presumably in Iran.
- September 29, 2011 – Massachusetts – American citizen Rezwon Matin Ferdous [is indicted for plotting an attack](#) on the Capitol and Pentagon using model airplanes, among other charges. He was arrested the previous day.
- September 8, 2011 – New York – Agron Hasbajrami, a legal resident from Albania is [indicted for sending money to and attempting to join a terrorist organization](#). He was arrested two days earlier at JFK International Airport.
- September 14, 2011 – North Carolina – American citizen [Dylan Boyd](#) pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.
- September 2, 2011 – Virginia – [Jubair Ahmad](#), a legal permanent resident from Pakistan, is arrested on charges of providing material support to [Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) by producing a video on its behalf.
- August 9, 2011 – Pennsylvania – American citizen [Emerson Begolly](#) pleaded guilty to solicitation of acts of terrorism and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence.
- July 29, 2011 – Texas – American citizen [Naser Jason Abdo](#) was charged with illegal possession of a bomb in connection with a plot to attack Fort Hood military personnel. Abdo was arrested on July 27, 2011 after a gun store employee alerted police to his suspicious activity.
- July 25, 2011 – Arkansas – Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad pleaded guilty to [charges of murder and attempted murder](#) and was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.
- July 22, 2011 – New York – Mohammed Zazi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, is convicted on charges of [making false statements to federal authorities investigating a plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#) and destruction of evidence.
- July 18, 2011 – Minnesota – Omer Abdi Mohamed, a legal permanent resident from Somalia, pleaded guilty to [conspiring to provide material support to Al Shabaab](#).

- July 14, 2011 – Virginia – American citizen Emerson Begolly is [indicted on terror-related charges](#) for allegedly using the Internet to encourage violence against Americans.
- July 7, 2009 – New York – American citizen Betim Kaziu is convicted of conspiring to [join a foreign terrorist group](#) with links to Al Qaeda.
- June 29, 2011 – New York – James Cromitie, David Williams and Onta Williams, all American citizens, were sentenced to 25 years in prison for [plotting to attack two synagogues](#) in the Bronx and to shoot down planes at a military base in Newburgh, New York.
- June 23, 2011 – Washington – Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif (a.k.a. Joseph Anthony Davis) and Walli Mujahidh (a.k.a. Frederick Domingue, Jr.), both American citizens, are charged with [plotting to attack a Military Entrance Processing Center in Seattle](#) with automatic weapons and grenades. They were arrested the day before.
- June 22, 2011 – Ohio – Amera Akl, a dual American Lebanese citizen, is [sentenced to 40 months](#) in prison for conspiring to provide material support to Hezbollah.
- June 15, 2011 – New York – Ahmed Ferhani, a legal resident from Algeria, and Mohammad Mamdouh, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco, are charged for [plotting to attack a synagogue](#) in New York City.
- June 10, 2011 – Ohio – American citizen [Ahmed Hussein Mahamud](#) is arrested and charged with providing material support to Al Shabaab, an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia.
- June 7, 2011 – North Carolina – American citizen Zakariya Boyd pleaded guilty to one count of [conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists](#).
- May 23, 2011 – Ohio – [Hor Akl and Amera Akl](#), an Ohio couple who both hold dual American and Lebanese citizenship, pleaded guilty to charges that they provided material support to [Hezbollah](#).
- May 14, 2011 – Florida and California – Three American citizens, Hafiz Khan and his sons Izhar Khan and Irfan Khan, are arrested on [charges of providing support](#) to the [Pakistani Taliban](#).
- May 13, 2011 – Virginia – Younes Abdullah Muhammad (a.k.a. Jesse Curtis Morton), an American citizen and founder of [Revolution Muslim](#), a fringe anti-Semitic Muslim organization that justifies terrorist attacks and other forms of violence, is charged with communicating threats against the creators of the cartoon "South Park" for satirizing issues surrounding the depiction of the Prophet Muhammad.
- May 11, 2011 – New York – Ahmed Ferhani, a legal resident from Algeria, and Mohammad Mamdouh, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco, are [arrested for plotting to attack a synagogue](#) in New York City.
- May 9, 2011 – Illinois – Michael Finton, an American citizen who [attempted to bomb the federal courthouse in Springfield](#), is sentenced to 28 years in prison for attempting use of a weapon of mass destruction.

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- April 11, 2011 – Virginia – Farooque Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is sentenced to 23 years in prison for [plotting coordinated attacks at Metro stations in the Washington, D.C.-area.](#)
- March 9, 2011 – Pennsylvania – American citizen Jamie Paulin-Ramirez pleaded to [conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists](#) in connection with a plot to murder a Swedish cartoonist who depicted the Prophet Muhammad with the body of a dog in a Swedish newspaper.
- March 3, 2011 – New Jersey – American citizen Mohamed Mahmood Alessa and Carlos Eduardo Almonte, a naturalized U.S. citizen from the Dominican Republic, pleaded guilty to [conspiring to kill people outside the U.S.](#)
- February 24, 2011 – Virginia – American citizen Zachary Chesser is sentenced to 25 years in prison for [providing material support to an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#) and to soliciting crimes of violence.
- February 17, 2011 – New York – Russell Defreitas, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Guyana, is sentenced to life in prison for [plotting to attack New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.](#)
- February 14, 2011 – New York – Oded Orbach, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Israel, Alwar Pouryan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, and five other men [are charged with conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.](#)
- February 9, 2011 – North Carolina – American citizen Daniel Patrick Boyd pleaded guilty to charges of [conspiring to provide material support to terrorists](#) and of conspiring to murder, kidnap and maim people in a foreign country.
- February 1, 2011 – Pennsylvania – American citizen Colleen LaRose [pleaded guilty](#) to conspiracy to support terrorists, conspiracy to kill in a foreign country, lying to investigators and attempted identity theft.
- January 5, 2011 – Virginia – Awais Younis, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, is indicted for [threatening to bomb high-traffic areas in Washington, D.C.](#)

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2010**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2010 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 9, 2010 – Virginia – An unsealed criminal complaint charges Awais Younis, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, with [threatening to bomb high-traffic areas in Washington, D.C.](#) He was arrested three days earlier.
- December 8, 2010 – Maryland – Naturalized U.S. citizen Antonio Martinez is charged with [attempting to detonate a car bomb at an army recruiting center](#) in Catonsville, Maryland. Martinez is arrested the same day.
- November 29, 2010 – New York – Additional charges are unsealed against Mohammed Zazi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, for witness tampering, making false statements and obstruction of justice in a federal investigation of a [terror plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#)
- November 29, 2010 – Oregon – Mohamed Osman Mohamud, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, is indicted for [plotting to detonate an explosive-laden vehicle at a Christmas tree lighting ceremony](#) in Portland, Oregon.
- November 26, 2010 – Oregon – Mohamed Osman Mohamud, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, is charged with [plotting to detonate an explosive-laden vehicle at a Christmas tree lighting ceremony](#) in Portland, Oregon. Mohamud is arrested the same day.
- November 15, 2010 – California – U.S. permanent Resident Nima Ali Yusuf is charged with [providing personnel and money to Al Shabaab](#), an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia. Yusuf was arrested three days earlier.
- October 26, 2010 – Virginia – Farooque Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Virginia, is indicted for [plotting coordinated attacks at Metro stations in the Washington, D.C.-area](#). He is arrested the following day.
- October 25, 2010 – New York – Charges are unsealed against Abdel Hameed Shehadeh, an American citizen who allegedly [attempted to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops stationed overseas](#).
- October 20, 2010 – Virginia – American citizen Zachary Chesser pleads guilty to [providing material support to an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#) and to soliciting crimes of violence.
- October 18, 2010 – Virginia – Additional charges are filed against American citizen Zachary Chesser for [providing material support to an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#) and for soliciting crimes of violence.
- October 18, 2010 – Virginia – American citizens James Cromitie, David Williams and Onta Williams and one Haitian national are convicted of [plotting to attack two synagogues](#) in the Bronx and to shoot down planes at a military base in Newburgh, New York.

- October 18, 2010 – New York – American citizens James Cromitie, David Williams and Onta Williams and one Haitian national are convicted of [plotting to attack two synagogues](#) in the Bronx and to shoot down planes at a military base in Newburgh, New York.
- October 14, 2010 – Michigan – Mohamad Mustapha Ali Masfaka, a U.S. permanent resident from Syria, pleads guilty to [lying to federal authorities about his affiliation with an American-based Muslim charity](#) shut down by the U.S. government for funneling money to Hamas.
- October 5, 2010 – New York – Faisal Shahzad, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is sentenced to life in prison for [trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square](#).
- September 14, 2010 – New York – Additional charges are filed against American citizen Wesam El-Hanafi and Sabirhan Hasanoff, a U.S. citizen born in Australia, for [providing computer systems expertise to Al Qaeda](#) in an attempt to modernize the international terrorist network.
- August 5, 2010 – Minnesota – Charges are unsealed against ten U.S. residents for [providing financial support and personnel to a conspiracy to kill abroad and to Al Shabaab](#), an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia. Among those charged are American citizens Abdikadir Ali Abdi, Abdisalan Hussein Ali, and Cabdulaahi Ahmed Faarax as well as U.S. permanent residents Ahmed Ali Omar, Zakaria Maruf, Mohamed Abdullahi Hassan and Mustafa Ali Salat.
- August 5, 2010 – Minnesota – Charges are unsealed against Amina Farah Ali and Hawo Mohamed Hassan, both naturalized U.S. citizens from Somalia, for [raising funds for Al Shabaab](#), an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia. The women are arrested the same day.
- August 5, 2010 – California – Charges are unsealed against American citizen Jihad Serwan Mostafa for [providing material support to Al Shabaab](#), an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia.
- August 5, 2010 – Alabama – Charges are unsealed against American citizen Omar Hammami for [providing material support to Al Shabaab](#), an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia.
- August 4, 2010 – Illinois – Charges are unsealed against American citizen Shaker Masri for [attempting to travel to Somalia to fight with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization](#). Masri was arrested the previous day.
- August 2, 2010 – New York – Russell Defreitas, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Guyana, is convicted of [plotting to attack New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport](#).
- July 21, 2010 – Alaska – American citizens Paul Rockwood Jr. and Nadia Rockwood, a couple from Alaska, plead guilty to [lying to federal agents about planning revenge attacks](#) against those they believed “desecrated Islam.”
- July 21, 2010 – Virginia – American citizen Zachary Chesser is arrested and charged with [providing material support to an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#).

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- July 15, 2010 – New York – American citizen Lynne Stewart is resentenced to ten years in prison for assisting terrorism by [passing messages between convicted terrorist mastermind Omar Abdel Rahman and his militant followers in Egypt](#).
- July 12, 2010 – Ohio – American citizens Zubair Ahmed and Khaleel Ahmed are sentenced to ten years and eight years and four months in prison, respectively, for [conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists](#) and for attempting to murder U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- July 7, 2010 – New York – Adnan El Shukrijumah, a U.S. permanent resident from Saudi Arabia, is indicted for [organizing a terrorist attack against the New York City subway system](#).
- July 7, 2010 – New York – Adis Medunjanin, an American citizen from Bosnia, is charged in a superseding indictment with helping plan an Al Qaeda plot to [detonate homemade explosives on the New York City subway system](#).
- June 24, 2010 – Pakistan – Five American students detained in Pakistan – Ramy Zamzam, Umer Farooq Chaudhry, Ahmed Minni, Aman Hassan Yemer, and Waqar Hussain Khan – are convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison by Pakistan's anti-terrorism court with [planning terrorist attacks in Pakistan and on Afghan and U.S. territory](#).
- June 21, 2010 – New York – Faisal Shahzad, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, pleads guilty to [trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square](#).
- June 17, 2010 – New York – Faisal Shahzad, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is indicted for [trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square](#).
- June 17, 2010 – Massachusetts – Tarek Mehanna, a Massachusetts man with dual American and Egyptian citizenship, and American citizen Ahmad Abousamra – who remains at large – are charged in a superseding indictment for [plotting to attack a U.S. shopping mall and American soldiers in Iraq](#).
- June 7, 2010 – Ohio – Hor Akl and Amara Akl, an Ohio couple who both hold dual American and Lebanese citizenship, are indicted for [conspiring to provide material support to Hezbollah](#).
- June 6, 2010 – New Jersey – American citizen Mohamed Mahmood Alessa and Carlos Eduardo Almonte, a naturalized U.S. citizen from the Dominican Republic, are charged in an unsealed criminal complaint with [conspiring to kill, kidnap, and main persons outside the U.S.](#) The men, who attempted to join an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia, were arrested the previous day.
- June 3, 2010 – Texas – American citizen Barry Walter Bujol, Jr. is indicted for [attempting to provide material support to Al Qaeda's affiliate in Yemen and Saudi Arabia](#). Bujol was arrested five days earlier.
- June 3, 2010 – Ohio – Hor Akl and Amara Akl, an Ohio couple who both hold dual American and Lebanese citizenship, are charged with [conspiring to provide material support to Hezbollah](#). They are arrested the same day.
- May 19, 2010 – Missouri – Khalid Ouazzanni, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco, pleads guilty to [conspiring to provide material support to Al Qaeda](#).

- May 12, 2010 – New York – Zeinab Taleb-Jedi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran who pleaded guilty to providing material support to terrorists for attending a People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran training camp, is sentenced to time served.
- May 4, 2010 – New York – Faisal Shahzad, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is charged with [trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square](#). Shahzad was arrested by federal authorities the previous day.
- May 4, 2010 – Minnesota – Abdow Munye Abdow, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, pleads guilty to [making false statements to the FBI during a terrorism investigation](#) of a group of missing Somali-Americans who travelled to Somalia to fight with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group.
- April 30, 2010 – New York – American citizen Wesam El-Hanafi and Sabirhan Hasanoff, a U.S. citizen born in Australia, are charged with [providing computer systems expertise to Al Qaeda](#) in an attempt to modernize the international terrorist network.
- April 27, 2010 – New York – Syed Hashmi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, [pleads guilty to providing Al Qaeda with military gear](#) to use against American forces in Afghanistan.
- April 26, 2010 – Arkansas – Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, an American citizen who [killed one uniformed American soldier and shot another at a military recruiting center in Arkansas](#), is charged with aggravated assault and making terroristic threats for allegedly trying to stab one jail deputy and threatening to kill another.
- April 23, 2010 – New York – Zarein Ahmedzay, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, pleads guilty to planning to [detonate homemade explosives on the New York City subway system](#).
- April 19, 2010 – New York – Abdul Tawala Ibn Ali Alishtari, an American citizen who [attempted to funnel thousands of dollars to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan](#), is sentenced to ten years in prison.
- April 15, 2010 – New York – Ahmad Wais Afzali, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan, is sentenced to time served for lying to federal authorities in an ongoing investigation of a [terror plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#)
- April 2, 2010 – Pennsylvania – American citizen Jamie Paulin-Ramirez is arrested and charged in an unsealed superseding indictment with [conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists](#) in connection with a plot to murder a Swedish cartoonist who depicted the Prophet Muhammad with the body of a dog in a Swedish newspaper.
- April 1, 2010 – Illinois – Raja Lahrasib Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is indicted for [providing funds to an alleged terrorist leader in Pakistan](#) and for planning to bomb a U.S. stadium.
- March 25, 2010 – Illinois – Raja Lahrasib Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is charged with [providing funds to an alleged terrorist leader in Pakistan](#) and for planning to bomb a U.S. stadium. Khan is arrested the following day.

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- March 18, 2010 – Illinois – American citizen David Coleman Headley pleads guilty to [helping plan the November 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai, India](#), and another terror attack against the offices of a Danish newspaper that printed controversial cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.
- March 17, 2010 – Pakistan – Five American students detained in Pakistan – Ramy Zamzam, Umer Farooq Chaudhry, Ahmed Minni, Aman Hassan Yemer, and Waqar Hussain Khan – are charged by Pakistan’s anti-terrorism court with [planning terrorist attacks in Pakistan and on Afghan and U.S. territory](#).
- March 9, 2010 – Pennsylvania – American citizen Colleen LaRose is charged in an unsealed indictment with [recruiting potential terrorists online](#). She also reportedly planned to murder a Swedish cartoonist who depicted the Prophet Muhammad with the body of a dog in a Swedish newspaper. LaRose was arrested on October 16, 2009.
- March 7, 2010 – Yemen – Sharif Mobley, an American citizen wanted by Yemeni officials for his [alleged involvement in several terrorist attacks](#), is rearrested in Yemen after trying to shoot his way out of the Yemeni hospital where he was held. Mobley was among 11 men arrested the previous week at the Sanaa home of an Al Qaeda member.
- March 4, 2010 – Arizona – Akram Musa Abdallah, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin, is sentenced to 18 months in prison for [lying to FBI agents about his fundraising activities for an American-based Muslim charity](#) shut down by the U.S. government for funneling money to Hamas.
- March 4, 2010 – New York – Ahmad Wais Afzali, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan, pleads guilty to lying to federal authorities in an ongoing investigation of a [terror plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#)
- February 25, 2010 – New York – Zarein Ahmedzay, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, and Adis Medunjanin, an American citizen from Bosnia, are charged in an unsealed superseding indictment with helping plan an Al Qaeda plot to [detonate homemade explosives on the New York City subway system](#).
- February 22, 2010 – New York – Najibullah Zazi, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan with alleged links to Al Qaeda, [pleads guilty to planning a terrorist attack against the New York City subway system](#).
- February 19, 2010 – Florida – An unsealed indictment charges three Miami-based businessmen – Khaled T. Safadi, Ulises Talavera and Emilio Gonzalez-Neira – with [smuggling electronics to a Hezbollah-operated shopping center](#) in Paraguay that serves as Hezbollah’s central headquarters in the tri-border region of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay. The men were arrested in Florida the previous day.
- February 3, 2010 – Missouri – Khalid Ouazzanni, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco, is indicted for [conspiring to provide material support to Al Qaeda](#).
- January 28, 2010 – New York – Mohammed Zazi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, is indicted for conspiring to obstruct justice in a federal investigation of a [terror plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#) by destroying liquid chemicals and other materials.

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- January 22, 2010 – Michigan – Mohamad Mustapha Ali Masfaka, a U.S. permanent resident from Syria, is charged in an unsealed indictment for [lying to federal authorities about his affiliation with an American-based Muslim charity](#) shut down by the U.S. government for funneling money to Hamas.
- January 14, 2010 – Washington – American citizen Naveed Afzal Haq is sentenced to life in prison for [killing one woman and shooting five others at the Jewish Federation building in Seattle](#). During the shooting, Haq told a 911 dispatcher that he was angry with American support for Israel and foreign policy in the Middle East.
- January 8, 2010 – New York – Adis Medunjanin, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Bosnia, is indicted for conspiring to commit murder in a foreign country and receiving military-type training from a foreign terrorist organization in connection with an Al Qaeda plot to [detonate homemade explosives on the New York City subway system](#). Zarein Ahmedzay, an American citizen from Afghanistan connected to the case, is indicted for making false statements to the FBI in an international and domestic terrorism investigation.

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2009**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2009 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 15, 2009 – Washington – American citizen Naveed Afzal Haq is convicted of [killing one woman and shooting five others at the Jewish Federation building in Seattle](#). During the shooting, Haq told a 911 dispatcher that he was angry with American support for Israel and foreign policy in the Middle East.
- December 14, 2009 – Georgia – American citizen Ehsanul Islam Sadequee and Syed Haris Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, are sentenced to 17 and 13 years in prison, respectively, for [shooting casing videos of U.S. landmarks for potential terrorist attacks in the Washington, D.C. area](#).
- December 7, 2009 – New York – Zeinab Taleb-Jedi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, pleads guilty to providing material support to terrorists for attending a People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran training camp.
- December 7, 2009 – Illinois – Additional charges are filed against American citizen David Coleman Headley and a Canadian citizen for [helping plan the November 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai](#) and planning another terrorist attack against the offices of a Danish newspaper that printed controversial cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.
- December 2, 2009 – Texas – Additional charges are filed against American citizen Nidal Malik Hasan for [opening fire and killing 13 people at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas](#) in what Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano described as an act of “violent Islamic terrorism.”
- November 24, 2009 – Pennsylvania – Moussa Ali Hamdan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, and three other men are indicted for [conspiring to provide material support to Hezbollah](#) for attempting to export machine guns and generate funds for the Lebanese terrorist organization. Hamdan is arrested in Paraguay June 2010.
- November 23, 2009 – Minnesota – Unsealed court documents charge eight men from Minnesota with [terror charges relating to their associations with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#). The men include Cabdulaahi Ahmed Faarax, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, six U.S. permanent residents – Mahamud Said Omar, Ahmed Ali Omar, Khalid Mohamud Abshir, Mohamed Abdullahi Hassan, Mustafa Ali Salat and Zakaria Maruf – and Minnesota resident Abdiweli Yassin Isse. Mahamud Said Omar, who was arrested in the Netherlands on November 8, 2009, is the only defendant in the case in custody.
- November 20, 2009 – Florida – American citizen Narseal Batiste is sentenced to 13 and a half years in prison for [plotting to attack the Sears Tower](#) in Chicago, the FBI headquarters in Miami and other U.S. buildings.

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- November 19, 2009 – Florida – American citizen Stanley Phanor is sentenced to eight years in prison for [plotting to attack the Sears Tower](#) in Chicago, the FBI headquarters in Miami and other U.S. buildings.
- November 19, 2009 – Minnesota – Omer Abdi Mohamed, a U.S. permanent resident from Somalia, is arrested and charged in an unsealed indictment with [conspiring to provide material support to an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#) and with conspiring to kill, kidnap, main and injure persons outside the U.S.
- November 18, 2009 – Florida – American citizens Burson Augustin and Rotschild Augustin are sentenced to six and seven years in prison, respectively, for [plotting to attack the Sears Tower](#) in Chicago, the FBI headquarters in Miami and other U.S. buildings.
- November 12, 2009 – Texas – American citizen Nidal Malik Hasan is charged for [opening fire and killing 13 people at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas](#) in what Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano described as an act of “violent Islamic terrorism.” Hasan was arrested on November 5, 2009, immediately after the shooting.
- November 5, 2009 – Massachusetts – Tarek Mehanna, a Massachusetts man with dual American and Egyptian citizenship, and American citizen Ahmad Abousamra – who remains at large – are charged in a superseding indictment for [plotting to attack a U.S. shopping mall and American soldiers in Iraq](#).
- November 2, 2009 – Minnesota – Minnesota resident Adarus Abdulle Ali pleads guilty to perjury for [making false statements to a federal grand jury about a group of missing Somali-Americans](#) who travelled to Somalia to fight with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group.
- October 29, 2009 – Illinois – Ali Saleh Kahlah Al-Marri, a U.S. permanent resident and dual national of Qatar and Saudi Arabia who attended Al Qaeda training camps in Pakistan, is sentenced to eight years and four months in prison for [conspiring to further the terrorist activity of Al Qaeda in the U.S.](#)
- October 27, 2009 – Illinois – American citizen David Coleman Headley and a Canadian citizen are indicted for [planning a terrorist attack against the offices of a Danish newspaper](#) that printed controversial cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.
- October 27, 2009 – Minnesota – Minnesota resident Adarus Abdulle Ali is charged with [making false statements to a federal grand jury about a group of missing Somali-Americans](#) who travelled to Somalia to fight with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group.
- October 21, 2009 – Massachusetts – Tarek Mehanna, a Massachusetts man with dual American and Egyptian citizenship, is arrested and charged with [plotting to attack a U.S. shopping mall and American soldiers in Iraq](#).
- October 21, 2009 – Ohio – Two naturalized U.S. citizens from Jordan, Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi, and Wassim I. Mazloum, a U.S. permanent resident from Lebanon, are sentenced to 20, 12, and more than eight years in prison for [conspiring to recruit and train terrorists to attack American troops overseas](#).

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- October 19, 2009 – New York – Ahmad Wais Afzali, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan, is indicted for lying to federal authorities in an ongoing investigation of a [terror plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#)
- October 13, 2009 – Minnesota – Abdow Munye Abdow, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, is indicted for [making false statements to the FBI during a terrorism investigation](#) relating to a group of missing Somali-Americans who travelled to Somalia to fight with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group.
- October 11, 2009 – Illinois – American citizen David Coleman Headley and a Canadian citizen are charged with [planning a terrorist attack against the offices of a Danish newspaper](#) that printed controversial cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad. Headley was arrested on October 3, 2009.
- October 9, 2009 – Minnesota – Abdow Munye Abdow, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, is charged with [making false statements to the FBI during a terrorism investigation](#) relating to a group of missing Somali-Americans who travelled to Somalia to fight with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group.
- October 8, 2009 – New York – Mohammed Zazi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan, is indicted for [making false statements to federal authorities investigating a plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#) Zazi was arrested on September 19, 2009.
- October 7, 2009 – Illinois – Michael Finton, an American citizen who [attempted to bomb the federal courthouse in Springfield](#), is indicted for attempted murder of a federal officer or employee and attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction against property owned by the United States.
- September 29, 2009 – New York – Abdul Tawala Ibn Ali Alishtari, an American citizen who attempted to funnel thousands of dollars to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, [pleads guilty to terrorism financing](#).
- September 24, 2009 – New York – Najibullah Zazi, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan with alleged links to Al Qaeda, is indicted for [plotting to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#)
- September 24, 2009 – North Carolina – A superseding indictment charges American citizen Daniel Patrick Boyd and Hysen Sherifi, a U.S. permanent resident from Kosovo, with conspiring to murder U.S. military personnel in connection with Boyd's alleged surveillance of a Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia. Boyd and Sherifi are among seven men indicted on July 22, 2009, for [engaging in weapons training and conspiring to carry out "violent jihad" overseas](#).
- September 24, 2009 – New York – American citizen Betim Kaziu is indicted for [attempting to join a foreign terrorist group and fight American forces](#) in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Balkans.
- September 23, 2009 – Illinois – Michael Finton, an American citizen who [attempted to bomb the federal courthouse in Springfield](#), is charged with attempted murder of a federal officer or employee and attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction against property owned by the United States.
- September 20, 2009 – New York – Ahmad Wais Afzali, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan, is arrested and charged with lying to federal authorities in an ongoing investigation of a [terror plot to detonate explosives in the U.S.](#)

- September 19, 2009 – Colorado – Najibullah Zazi, a U.S. permanent resident from Afghanistan with alleged links to Al Qaeda, is arrested and charged with [making false statements to federal authorities in an international and domestic terrorism investigation](#). Zazi's father, naturalized U.S. citizen Mohammed Zazi, is also arrested and charged with making false statements to federal authorities.
- August 17, 2009 – California – Hammad Riaz Samana, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is sentenced to 70 months in prison for [plotting to attack Jewish institutions and other targets in the Los Angeles area](#).
- August 12, 2009 – Minnesota – Somali-American Kamal Said Hassan pleads guilty to making false statements to the FBI about his [training with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#).
- August 12, 2009 – Georgia –Ehsanul Islam Sadequee, an American citizen who [shot casing videos of U.S. landmarks for potential terrorist attacks in the Washington, D.C. area](#), is convicted of conspiring to support terrorists.
- August 7, 2009 – Texas – Kobie Diallo Williams, an American citizen who [conspired to join the Taliban](#) and fight against U.S. forces, is sentenced to four years and five months in prison.
- July 28, 2009 – Minnesota – Somali-American Salah Osman Ahmed pleads guilty to [training with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#).
- July 27, 2009 – Virginia – American citizen Ahmed Omar Abu Ali is sentenced to life in prison for [conspiring to assassinate President George W. Bush](#) and for providing material support to Al Qaeda.
- July 22, 2009 – North Carolina – Six American citizens – Daniel Patrick Boyd, Zakariya Boyd, Dylan Boyd, Ziyad Yaghi, Mohammad Omar Aly Hassan and Anes Subasic – and Hysen Sherifi, a U.S. permanent resident from Kosovo, are indicted for [engaging in weapons training and conspiring to carry out “violent jihad” overseas](#). The men are arrested five days later. Jude Kenan Muhammad, an eighth suspect who is also an American citizen, is still at large.
- July 9, 2009 – Minnesota – Mohammed Abdullah Warsame, a U.S. permanent resident from Somalia, is [sentenced to seven and a half years in prison](#) for providing Al Qaeda with personnel, training and material support.
- June 23, 2009 – New York – American citizen Saleh Elahwal is sentenced to 17 months in prison for [distributing broadcasts of Al Manar](#), Hezbollah's TV station, and for providing material support to Hezbollah.
- June 10, 2009 – Georgia – Syed Haris Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan who [shot casing videos of U.S. landmarks for potential terrorist attacks in the Washington, D.C. area](#), is convicted of conspiring to support terrorists.
- June 2, 2009 – New York – American citizens James Cromitie, David Williams and Onta Williams and one Haitian national are indicted for [plotting to attack two synagogues](#) in the Bronx and to shoot down planes at a military base in Newburgh, New York. The men were arrested on May 20, 2009, after planting what they believed to be bombs in cars outside of the synagogues.

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- June 1, 2009 – Arkansas – Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, an American citizen who [killed one uniformed American soldier and shot another at a military recruiting center in Arkansas](#), is arrested and charged with 16 counts of committing a terrorist act.
- May 27, 2009 – Texas – Shukri Abu Baker, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Brazil and raised in the Palestinian Territories, and three other naturalized U.S. citizens of Palestinian origin – Ghassan Elashi, Mufid Abdulqader and Abdulraham Odeh – are among the five leaders and former fundraisers of the Holy Land Foundation, once considered the largest Muslim charity in the U.S., handed down prison sentences ranging from 15 to 65 years for [funneling money to the Hamas terrorist organization](#).
- May 20, 2009 – Minnesota – Mohammed Abdullah Warsame, a U.S. permanent resident from Somalia, pleads guilty to [providing Al Qaeda with personnel, training and material support](#).
- May 12, 2009 – Florida – American citizens Burson Augustin, Rotschild Augustin, Stanley Phanor and Narseal Batiste are convicted of trying to ally themselves with Al Qaeda and levy war against the United States by [plotting to attack the Sears Tower](#) in Chicago, the FBI headquarters in Miami and other U.S. buildings.
- May 6, 2009 – Arizona – Akram Musa Abdallah, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin, pleads guilty to [lying to FBI agents about his fundraising activities for an American-based Muslim charity](#) shut down by the U.S. government for funneling money to Hamas.
- April 30, 2009 – Illinois – Ali Saleh Kahlah Al-Marri, a U.S. permanent resident and dual national of Qatar and Saudi Arabia who attended Al Qaeda training camps in Pakistan and conspired to further the terrorist activity of Al Qaeda in the U.S., pleads guilty to [conspiracy to provide material support to Al Qaeda](#).
- April 29, 2009 – New Jersey – Ibrahim Shnewer, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, and Serder Tatar, a U.S. permanent resident from Turkey, are sentenced to life and 33 years in prison, respectively, for [conspiring to attack the Fort Dix army base](#) in New Jersey.
- April 24, 2009 – Minnesota – Somali-American Abdifatah Yusuf Isse pleads guilty to [training with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#).
- April 23, 2009 – New York – Javed Iqbal, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is sentenced to five years and nine months in prison for [distributing broadcasts of Al Manar](#), Hezbollah's TV station, and for providing material support to Hezbollah.
- April 3, 2009 – Connecticut – Hassan Abujihad, a former U.S. sailor convicted of [leaking classified information about a U.S. Naval battle group to alleged terror supporters](#), is sentenced to ten years in prison.
- March 6, 2009 – California – Kevin James, an American citizen and the apparent leader of a terror cell that [plotted to attack Jewish institutions and U.S. military targets in Los Angeles](#), is sentenced to 16 years in prison.
- February 26, 2009 – Illinois – Ali Saleh Kahlah Al-Marri, a U.S. permanent resident and dual national of Qatar and Saudi Arabia who attended Al Qaeda training camps in Pakistan, is indicted for [providing material support to Al Qaeda](#).

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- February 26, 2009 – Ohio – Christopher Paul, an American citizen accused of joining Al Qaeda in the early 1990s, is sentenced to 20 years in prison for [planning terrorist attacks in the U.S. and Europe](#).
- February 19, 2009 – Minnesota – A sealed indictment charges Somali-Americans Abdifatah Yusuf Isse and Salah Osman Ahmed with [receiving training from an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#).
- February 18, 2009 – Minnesota – Somali-American Kamal Said Hassan pleads guilty to [training with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist group in Somalia](#).
- January 28, 2009 – New York – American citizen Bryant Neal Vinas pleads guilty to [providing information about New York City transit systems to Al Qaeda](#) for potential terrorist attacks and to firing rockets at an American military base in Afghanistan.
- January 15, 2009 – Ohio – American citizens Zubair Ahmed and Khaleel Ahmed are [convicted of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists](#) and for attempting to murder U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- January 15, 2009 – Massachusetts – Tarek Mehanna, a Massachusetts man with dual American and Egyptian citizenship who has since been arrested for [plotting to attack a U.S. shopping mall and American soldiers in Iraq](#), is indicted for making false statements to federal agents during a terrorism investigation.

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2008**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2008 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 30, 2008 – New York – American citizen Saleh Elahwal pleads guilty to [distributing broadcasts of Al Manar](#), Hezbollah's TV station, and to providing material support to Hezbollah.
- December 23, 2008 – New York – Javed Iqbal, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, pleads guilty to [distributing broadcasts of Al Manar](#), Hezbollah's TV station, and to providing material support to Hezbollah.
- December 22, 2008 – New Jersey – Ibrahim Shnewer, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, Serder Tatar, a U.S. permanent resident from Turkey, and three others from southern New Jersey and Philadelphia are convicted of [conspiring to attack the Fort Dix army base](#) in New Jersey.
- December 18, 2008 – Florida – Ahmed Abdellatif Sherif Mohamed, a U.S. permanent resident from Egypt, is sentenced to 15 years in prison for [making videos demonstrating how to assemble remote-controlled explosives](#).
- December 12, 2008 – Michigan – Fawzi Mustapha Assi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, is sentenced to ten years in prison for [providing night vision equipment and GPS technology to Hezbollah](#).
- December 9, 2008 – Georgia – Additional charges are filed in a superseding indictment against American citizen Ehsanul Islam Sadequee and Syed Haris Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, for [shooting casing videos of U.S. landmarks for potential terrorist attacks in the Washington, D.C. area](#).
- November 24, 2008 – Texas – Shukri Abu Baker, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Brazil and raised in the Palestinian Territories, and three other naturalized U.S. citizens of Palestinian origin – Ghassan Elashi, Mufid Abdulqader and Abdulraham Odeh – are among the five leaders and former fundraisers of the Holy Land Foundation, once considered the largest Muslim charity in the U.S., convicted of [funneling money to the Hamas terrorist organization](#).
- November 14, 2008 – New York – American citizen Bryant Neal Vinas is indicted for [providing information about New York City transit systems to Al Qaeda](#) for potential terrorist attacks and for firing rockets at an American military base in Afghanistan. Vinas was detained in Pakistan the same month and returned to the U.S.
- November 7, 2008 – Massachusetts – Tarek Mehanna, a Massachusetts man with dual American and Egyptian citizenship who has since been arrested for [plotting to attack a U.S. shopping mall and American soldiers in Iraq](#), is charged with making false statements to federal agents during a terrorism investigation. Mehanna is arrested three days later.
- November 4, 2008 – Maryland – Saifullah Anjum Ranjha, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is sentenced to more than nine years in prison for [providing money to purported](#)

[members of Al Qaeda](#) and for laundering money through an informal money transfer system that avoids financial institutions.

- September 30, 2008 – Illinois – American citizen Derrick Shareef is sentenced to 35 years in prison for [planning to attack a shopping mall](#) by setting off grenades placed in garbage cans.
- August 26, 2008 – North Carolina – Mohammed Reza Taheri-Azar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, is sentenced to up to 33 years in prison for driving an SUV into a crowd of students at the University of North Carolina. In a letter written to the police, Taheri-Azar admitted that he wanted to “punish” the U.S. for its “immoral actions around the world” and for killing Muslims overseas.
- August 22, 2008 – Maryland – Saifullah Anjum Ranjha, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, pleads guilty to [providing money to purported members of Al Qaeda](#) and to laundering money through an informal money transfer system that avoids financial institutions.
- August 21, 2008 – Florida – American citizen Richard David Hupper is sentenced to more than three and a half years in prison for [providing material support to Hamas](#).
- August 19, 2008 – Arizona – Akram Musa Abdallah, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin, is indicted for [lying to FBI agents about his fundraising activities for an American-based Muslim charity](#) shut down by the U.S. government for funneling money to Hamas. Abdallah is arrested the following day.
- August 13, 2008 – North Carolina – Mohammed Reza Taheri-Azar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, pleads guilty to driving an SUV into a crowd of students at the University of North Carolina. In a letter written to the police, Taheri-Azar admitted that he wanted to “punish” the U.S. for its “immoral actions around the world” and for killing Muslims overseas.
- July 21, 2008 – California – American citizen Gregory Vernon Patterson is sentenced to 12 and a half years in prison for his role in a [terror plot to attack Jewish institutions and U.S. military targets in Los Angeles](#).
- June 26, 2008 – Virginia – Sami al-Arian, a U.S. permanent resident of Palestinian descent serving a five-year prison sentence for conspiring to provide services to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group, is indicted for [refusing to testify in a terrorism financing investigation](#).
- June 23, 2008 – California – American citizen Levar Haley Washington is sentenced to 22 years in prison for his role in a [terror plot to attack Jewish institutions and U.S. military targets in Los Angeles](#).
- June 18, 2008 – Florida – Ahmed Abdellatif Sherif Mohamed, a U.S. permanent resident from Egypt, pleads guilty to providing material support to terrorists for [making videos demonstrating how to assemble remote-controlled explosives](#).
- June 13, 2008 – Ohio – Two naturalized U.S. citizens from Jordan, Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi, and Wassim I. Mazloum, a U.S. permanent resident from Lebanon, are convicted of [conspiring to recruit and train terrorists to attack American troops overseas](#).
- June 3, 2008 – Ohio – Christopher Paul, an American citizen who allegedly joined Al Qaeda in the early 1990s, pleads guilty to [planning terrorist attacks in the U.S. and Europe](#).

- May 21, 2008 – Florida – American citizen Richard David Hupper pleads guilty to [providing material support to Hamas](#).
- May 13, 2008 – Florida – American citizen Richard David Hupper is charged with [providing material support to Hamas](#).
- April 15, 2008 – Florida – Additional charges are filed in a superseding indictment against Ahmed Abdellatif Sherif Mohamed, a U.S. permanent resident from Egypt, for [possession of an explosive device](#) and providing material support to terrorists.
- March 31, 2008 – New Jersey – Agron Abdullahu, a U.S. permanent resident from Kosovo, is sentenced to 20 months in prison for [supplying guns to a group of men who plotted to attack the Fort Dix army base](#) in New Jersey.
- March 5, 2008 – Connecticut – Former U.S. sailor Hassan Abujihad is found guilty of [leaking classified information about a U.S. Naval battle group to alleged terror supporters](#).
- January 22, 2008 – Florida – Jose Padilla, an American citizen who allegedly planned to set off a radioactive "dirty bomb" in the U.S., is sentenced to 17 years and four months in prison for [providing material support to Al Qaeda](#), attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan and plotting attacks overseas. His co-defendant, Kifah Wael Jayyousi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, is sentenced to 12 years and eight months in prison for conspiring to raise money and recruit terrorists to fight in Bosnia, Kosovo, Chechnya, Somalia and Afghanistan in the 1990s.
- January 15, 2008 – New Jersey – A superseding indictment charges Ibrahim Shnewer, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, Serder Tatar, a U.S. permanent resident from Turkey, and three others from southern New Jersey and Philadelphia with [conspiring to attack the Fort Dix army base in New Jersey](#).

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2007**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2007 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 17, 2007 – California – American citizen Gregory Vernon Patterson pleads guilty to [plotting to attack Jewish institutions and U.S. military targets in Los Angeles](#).
- December 14, 2007 – Ohio – American citizens Zubair Ahmed and Khaleel Ahmed, cousins previously charged with [conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists](#), are charged in a separate terrorism case with a single count of [conspiring to commit terrorist acts against Americans overseas](#). The Ahmed cousins were originally arrested on February 21, 2007.
- December 14, 2007 – California – American citizens Kevin James and Levar Washington plead guilty to [plotting to attack Jewish institutions and U.S. military targets in Los Angeles](#).
- November 29, 2007 – Michigan – Fawzi Mustapha Assi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, pleads guilty to [providing night vision equipment and GPS technology to Hezbollah](#). Assi, who fled to Lebanon after he was released from custody in 1998, returned to the U.S. in 2004 and surrendered to federal authorities.
- November 28, 2007 – Illinois – American citizen Derrick Shareef pleads guilty to attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in connection with his plot to [set off grenades at a shopping mall during the 2006 holiday shopping season](#).
- November 28, 2007 – New York – American citizen Rafiq Sabir is sentenced to 25 years in prison for agreeing to [provide medical care to wounded terrorists overseas](#).
- November 27, 2007 – Ohio – Nuradin Abdi, a Somali national who was granted asylum in the U.S., is sentenced to ten years in prison for [planning to attack an Ohio shopping mall](#) and for providing material support to terrorists.
- November 21, 2007 – Illinois – Abdelhaleem Ashqar, a U.S. permanent resident from the Palestinian Territories, is sentenced to more than 11 years in prison for [refusing to testify before a federal grand jury investigating Hamas](#).
- November 7, 2007 – Yemen – Jaber Elbaneh, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Yemen, is convicted and sentenced in absentia by a Yemeni court to ten years in prison for plotting to attack Yemeni oil and gas installations. Elbaneh, who was previously charged in the U.S. with [conspiring with a group of men from Lackawanna, New York, to provide material support to Al Qaeda](#), was among a group of Al Qaeda suspects who escaped from a Yemeni prison in February 2006.
- November 7, 2007 – New York – American citizen Tarik Shah is sentenced to 15 years in prison for [conspiring to conduct terror training in New York](#).
- November 6, 2007 – Pennsylvania – American citizen Michael Curtis Reynolds is sentenced to 30 years in prison for attempting to aid an Al Qaeda plot to bomb fuel pipelines and refineries in the U.S.

- October 31, 2007 – New Jersey – Agron Abdullahu, a U.S. permanent resident from Kosovo, pleads guilty to [supplying guns to a group of men who plotted to attack the Fort Dix army base](#) in New Jersey.
- September 20, 2007 – Maryland – Saifullah Anjum Ranjha, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is indicted for [proving money to purported members of Al Qaeda](#) and for laundering money through an informal money transfer system that avoids financial institutions.
- September 10, 2007 – California – American citizen Hamid Hayat is sentenced to 24 years in prison for attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Pakistan.
- August 29, 2007 – Florida – Ahmed Abdellatif Sherif Mohamed, a U.S. permanent resident from Egypt, is indicted for [possession of an explosive device](#) and for providing material support to terrorists. Mohamed was arrested on August 4, 2007, after he was stopped for speeding and police found bomb-making materials in his car.
- August 16, 2007 – Florida – Jose Padilla, an American citizen who allegedly planned to set off a radioactive “dirty bomb” in the U.S., is convicted of [providing material support to Al Qaeda](#), attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan and plotting attacks overseas. Hi co-defendant, Kifah Wael Jayyousi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, is convicted of conspiring to raise money and recruit terrorists to fight in Bosnia, Kosovo, Chechnya, Somalia and Afghanistan in the 1990s.
- August 13, 2007 – New York – American citizen Earnest James Ujaama pleads guilty to attempting to set up a terrorist training camp in Oregon, raising money for terrorists in Afghanistan and [violating the terms of his probation](#). Ujaama, who had previously served two years in prison for conspiring to provide goods and services to the Taliban, was rearrested in Belize on December 18, 2006, for violating the terms of his probation.
- August 1, 2007 – California – American citizen Rahmat Abdhir is indicted for [providing support to Al Qaeda-linked terrorists in the Philippines](#). Abdhir is arrested two days later.
- July 31, 2007 – Ohio – Nuradin Abdi, a Somali national who was granted asylum in the U.S., pleads guilty to [planning to attack an Ohio shopping mall](#) and to providing material support to terrorists.
- July 25, 2007 – New York – American citizen Mahmud Faruq Brent is sentenced to 15 years in prison for [conspiring to send aid to the Pakistani-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and for attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan.
- July 20, 2007 – Texas – American citizen Daniel Joseph Maldonado is sentenced to ten years in prison for [training with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia](#).
- July 13, 2007 – Pennsylvania – American citizen Michael Curtis Reynolds is convicted of attempting to aid an Al Qaeda plot to bomb fuel pipelines and refineries in the U.S.
- July 11, 2007 – Illinois – Muhammad Salah, a naturalized U.S. citizen from the Palestinian Territories, is sentenced to 21 months in prison for [lying about his ties to Hamas](#).

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- June 28, 2007 – New York – Russell Defreitas, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Guyana, and three others are indicted for [plotting to attack New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport](#).
- June 5, 2007 – New Jersey – Ibrahim Shnewer, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, Serder Tatar, a U.S. permanent resident from Turkey, and three others from southern New Jersey and Philadelphia are indicted for [conspiring to attack the Fort Dix army base in New Jersey](#). Agron Abdullahu, a U.S. permanent resident from Kosovo, is charged in the same indictment with supplying guns to the men.
- June 1, 2007 – New York – Russell Defreitas, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Guyana, and three others are charged with [plotting to attack New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport](#). Defreitas is arrested the same day.
- May 21, 2007 – New York – American citizen Rafiq Sabir is convicted of agreeing to [provide medical care to wounded terrorists overseas](#).
- May 7, 2007 – New Jersey – Ibrahim Shnewer, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, Serder Tatar, a U.S. permanent resident from Turkey, and three others from southern New Jersey and Philadelphia are charged and arrested for [conspiring to attack the Fort Dix army base in New Jersey](#). Agron Abdullahu, a U.S. permanent resident from Kosovo, is charged and arrested for supplying guns to the men.
- April 19, 2007 – Texas – American citizen Daniel Joseph Maldonado pleads guilty to [training with an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia](#).
- April 16, 2007 – New York – Abdulrahman Farhane, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco, is sentenced to 13 years in prison for [conspiring to send money to terrorists in Chechnya and Afghanistan](#).
- April 11, 2007 – Ohio – Christopher Paul, an American citizen who allegedly joined Al Qaeda in the early 1990s, is arrested and indicted for [planning terrorist attacks in the U.S. and Europe](#).
- April 4, 2007 – New York – American citizen Tarik Shah pleads guilty to [conspiring to conduct terror training in New York](#).
- April 2, 2007 – New York – American citizen Mahmud Faruq Brent pleads guilty to [conspiring to send aid to the Pakistani-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and to attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan.
- April 2, 2007 – Texas – American citizen Daniel Joseph Maldonado is charged in a criminal information with [receiving training from an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia](#).
- March 26, 2007 – New York – American citizen Abdul Tawala Ibn Ali Alishtari is charged in a superseding indictment with [attempting to funnel thousands of dollars to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- March 21, 2007 – Connecticut – Former U.S. sailor Hassan Abujihad is indicted for [leaking classified information about a U.S. Naval battle group to alleged terror supporters](#).

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- March 8, 2007 – New York – Mohammed Hossain, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Bangladesh, and an Iraqi national are each sentenced to 15 years in prison for conspiring to launder money to a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist plot to purchase missiles and kill a Pakistani diplomat in New York City.
- March 2, 2007 – New York – American citizen James Elshafay is sentenced to five years in prison for plotting to blow up New York’s Herald Square subway station. Elshafay pleaded guilty in October 2004.
- March 1, 2007 – Connecticut – Former U.S. sailor Hassan Abujihad is charged with [leaking classified information about a U.S. Naval battle group to alleged terror supporters](#). Abujihad is arrested six days later.
- February 27, 2007 – Georgia – Mohamed Shorbagi, a U.S. permanent resident of Palestinian descent, is sentenced to more than seven and a half years in prison for [providing material support to Hamas](#) through donations he made to the Holy Land Foundation, once considered the largest Muslim charity in the U.S.
- February 21, 2007 – Ohio – Two naturalized U.S. citizens from Jordan, Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi, and Wassim I. Mazloum, a U.S. permanent resident from Lebanon, are charged in a superseding indictment with [conspiring to recruit and train terrorists to attack American troops overseas](#). Two additional defendants, American citizens Zubair Ahmed and Khaleel Ahmed, are also arrested and charged in the indictment.
- February 16, 2007 – New York – American citizen Abdul Tawala Ibn Ali Alishtari is charged in an unsealed indictment with [attempting to funnel thousands of dollars to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan](#). Alishtari was arrested the previous day.
- February 13, 2007 – Texas – American citizen Daniel Joseph Maldonado is arrested and charged with [receiving training from an Al Qaeda-linked terrorist organization based in Somalia](#). Maldonado, who is the first U.S. citizen charged with participating in terrorist activities in Somalia, was captured by the Kenyan military on January 21, 2007, and returned to the U.S.
- February 9, 2007 – Texas – American citizen Ronald Allen Grecula is sentenced to five years in prison for [trying to build and sell an explosive device for Al Qaeda to detonate in the U.S.](#)
- February 1, 2007 – Illinois – Muhammad Salah and Abdelhaleem Ashqar, a naturalized U.S. citizen and U.S. permanent resident from the Palestinian Territories, are convicted of obstruction of justice for [lying about their ties to Hamas](#).
- January 4, 2007 – Illinois – American citizen Derrick Shareef is indicted for [planning to attack a shopping mall during the 2006 holiday shopping season](#) by setting off grenades placed in garbage cans.

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2006**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2006 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 8, 2006 – Illinois – American citizen Derrick Shareef is charged with [planning to attack a shopping mall during the 2006 holiday shopping season](#) by setting off grenades placed in garbage cans. Shareef was arrested two days earlier.
- December 6, 2006 – New York – Additional charges are filed in a superseding indictment against American citizens Rafiq Sabir and Tarik Shah for [providing material support to Al Qaeda](#). Additional charges are also filed against American citizen Mahmud Faruq Brent for [conspiring to send aid to the Pakistani-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and for attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan.
- November 28, 2006 – Texas – American citizen Kobie Diallo Williams pleads guilty after he is arrested for [conspiring to join the Taliban](#) and for conspiring to fight against U.S. forces.
- November 22, 2006 – Texas – American citizen Kobie Diallo Williams is indicted for [conspiring to join the Taliban](#) and for conspiring to fight against U.S. forces.
- November 20, 2006 – New York – American citizen Saleh Elahwal is arrested and charged in an unsealed indictment with [distributing broadcasts of Al Manar](#), Hezbollah's TV station, and with providing material support to Hezbollah. Javed Iqbal, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan who is also charged in the indictment, was arrested on August 23, 2006, on related charges.
- November 9, 2006 – New York – Abdulrahman Farhane, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco, pleads guilty to [conspiring to send money to terrorists in Chechnya and Afghanistan](#).
- October 16, 2006 – New York – American citizen Lynne Stewart and Mohammed Yousry and Ahmed Abdel Sattar, naturalized U.S. citizens from Egypt, are sentenced to 28 months, 20 months and 24 years in prison, respectively, for [passing messages between convicted terrorist mastermind Omar Abdel Rahman and his militant followers in Egypt](#).
- October 11, 2006 – California – American citizen Adam Yahye Gadhafi is indicted for [attending Al Qaeda training camps and for his role as a spokesman for Al Qaeda](#). Gadhafi remains at large.
- October 10, 2006 – New York – Mohammed Hossain, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Bangladesh, and an Iraqi national are convicted of federal money laundering charges for providing money to a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist plot to purchase missiles and kill a Pakistani diplomat in New York City.
- October 3, 2006 – Pennsylvania – American citizen Michael Curtis Reynolds is charged in a superseding indictment with attempting to aid an Al Qaeda plot to bomb fuel pipelines and refineries in the U.S. Reynolds was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm on December 5, 2005.

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- September 29, 2006 – New York – Zeinab Taleb-Jedi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, is indicted for providing material support to terrorists for attending a People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran training camp.
- September 21, 2006 – Texas – American citizen Ronald Allen Grecula pleads guilty to [trying to build and sell an explosive device for Al Qaeda to detonate in the U.S.](#)
- September 20, 2006 – Michigan – Karim Hassan Nasser, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, pleads guilty to running an international racketeering conspiracy that diverted some of its funds to Hezbollah.
- August 28, 2006 – Georgia – Mohamed Shorbagi, a U.S. permanent resident of Palestinian descent, pleads guilty to [providing material support to Hamas](#) through donations he made to the Holy Land Foundation, once considered the largest Muslim charity in the U.S. The charges were filed against Shorbagi the same day.
- August 25, 2006 – Virginia – Ali Asad Chandia, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan and member of the “Virginia Jihad Network,” is sentenced to 15 years in prison for providing material support to the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba.
- August 24, 2006 – New York – Javed Iqbal, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is charged with [distributing broadcasts of Al Manar](#), Hezbollah's TV station, and with providing material support to Hezbollah. Iqbal was arrested on August 23, 2006, on related charges.
- August 2, 2006 – Washington – American citizen Naveed Afzal Haq is charged with [killing one woman and shooting five others at the Jewish Federation building in Seattle](#). Haq, who told a 911 dispatcher that he was angry with American support for Israel and foreign policy in the Middle East, was arrested on July 28, 2006, immediately following the shooting.
- July 25, 2006 – Virginia – American citizen Hatem Naji Fariz is sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to [conspiring to provide services to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist organization](#). Fariz pleaded guilty to food stamp fraud in a separate case the previous month.
- July 20, 2006 – New York – Uzair Paracha, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is sentenced to 30 years in prison for attempting to help an Al Qaeda operative enter the U.S. to attack gas stations on behalf of the international terrorist network.
- July 19, 2006 – Georgia – Additional charges are filed in a superseding indictment against American citizen Ehsanul Islam Sadequee and Syed Haris Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, for [shooting casing videos of U.S. landmarks for potential terrorist attacks in the Washington, D.C. area](#). Sadequee was arrested on April 20, 2006, for making a false statement to federal agents.
- June 22, 2006 – Florida – Lyglenson Lermorin, a U.S. permanent resident from Haiti, and American citizens Burson Augustin, Rotschild Augustin, Stanley Phanor, Narseal Batiste and Naudimar Herrera are indicted for [plotting to attack the Sears Tower](#) in Chicago, the FBI headquarters in Miami and other U.S. buildings.
- June 6, 2006 – Virginia – Ali Asad Chandia, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan and member of the “Virginia Jihad Network,” is found guilty of providing material support to the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba.

- May 1, 2006 – North Carolina – Mohammed Reza Taheri-Azar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, is indicted for driving an SUV into a crowd of students at the University of North Carolina. In a letter written to the police, Taheri-Azar admitted that he wanted to “punish” the U.S. for its “immoral actions around the world” and for killing Muslims overseas.
- May 1, 2006 – Florida – Sami al-Arian, a U.S. permanent resident of Palestinian descent and former professor at the University of South Florida, is sentenced to nearly five years in prison for [conspiring to provide services to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group](#).
- April 25, 2006 – California – American citizen Hamid Hayat is convicted of attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Pakistan. On May 31, 2006, his father, Umer Hayat, pleaded guilty to custom violations after charges of him lying to FBI officials about his son’s terrorism case were dropped.
- April 14, 2006 – Florida – Sami al-Arian, a U.S. permanent resident of Palestinian descent and former professor at the University of South Florida, pleads guilty to [conspiring to provide services to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group](#)
- April 10, 2006 – California – Ilyas Ali, a naturalized U.S. citizen from India, is sentenced to nearly five years in prison for attempting to exchange heroin and hashish for weapons he intended to provide to the Taliban and Al Qaeda.
- March 29, 2006 – Virginia – American citizen Ahmed Omar Abu Ali is sentenced to 30 years in prison for [conspiring to assassinate President George W. Bush](#) and for providing material support to Al Qaeda.
- March 29, 2006 – Michigan – Karim Hassan Nasser, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, is among 18 people charged in an unsealed indictment with running an international racketeering conspiracy that diverted some of its funds to Hezbollah.
- May 24, 2006 – New York – Syed Hashmi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is indicted for [providing Al Qaeda with military gear](#) to use against American forces in Afghanistan. Hashmi was arrested at London’s Heathrow Airport June 6, 2006, while trying to board a plane for Pakistan.
- March 23, 2006 – Georgia – Syed Haris Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan who [shot casing videos of U.S. landmarks for potential terrorist attacks in the Washington, D.C. area](#), is arrested and indicted for conspiring to support terrorists.
- March 6, 2006 – North Carolina – Mohammed Reza Taheri-Azar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, is charged for driving an SUV into a crowd of students at the University of North Carolina. In a letter written to the police, Taheri-Azar admitted that he wanted to “punish” the U.S. for its “immoral actions around the world” and for killing Muslims overseas. He was arrested immediately after the attack three days earlier.
- March 4, 2006 – North Carolina – Mohammed Reza Taheri-Azar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Iran, is charged
- February 21, 2006 – Ohio – Two naturalized U.S. citizens from Jordan, Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi, and Wassim I. Mazloum, a U.S. permanent resident from Lebanon, are charged with [conspiring to recruit and train terrorists to attack American troops overseas](#). The men were arrested the previous week.

- February 8, 2006 – New York – Additional charges are filed in a superseding indictment against American citizens Rafiq Sabir and Tarik Shah for [providing material support to Al Qaeda](#). Additional charges are also filed against American citizen Mahmud Faruq Brent, who [conspired to send aid to the Pakistani-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and attended a terrorist training camp in Pakistan, and Abdulrahman Farhane, a naturalized American citizen from Morocco who [conspired to send money to terrorists in Chechnya and Afghanistan](#).
- January 12, 2006 – Illinois – Illinois resident Gale Nettles is sentenced to 160 years in prison for plotting to bomb a federal courthouse in Chicago and for attempting to provide a purported member of Al Qaeda with explosive materials to be used elsewhere in the U.S.

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2005**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2005 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- November 25, 2005 – New York – Uzair Paracha, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is convicted of attempting to help an Al Qaeda operative enter the U.S. to attack gas stations on behalf of the international terrorist network.
- November 22, 2005 – Florida – Jose Padilla, an American citizen who allegedly planned to set off a radioactive “dirty bomb” in the U.S., and Kifah Wael Jayyousi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan, are charged in an unsealed indictment with conspiracy to murder, kidnap, and maim people in a foreign country and [providing material support to terrorists](#). Padilla was arrested on May 8, 2002, and held in the U.S. as an “enemy combatant” for his alleged links to Al Qaeda.
- November 22, 2005 – Virginia – American citizen Ahmed Omar Abu Ali is found guilty of [conspiring to assassinate President George W. Bush](#) and of providing material support to Al Qaeda, among other charges.
- November 7, 2005 – New York – American citizens Rafiq Sabir and Tarik Shah are indicted for [providing material support to Al Qaeda](#). American citizen Mahmud Faruq Brent is also charged in the indictment with [conspiring to send aid to the Pakistani-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan.
- October 25, 2005 – New York – Abdulrahman Farhane, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco, is charged with [conspiring to send money to terrorists in Chechnya and Afghanistan](#). Farhane was arrested the following day.
- September 29, 2005 – New York – Mohammed Hossain, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Bangladesh, and an Iraqi national are charged in a superseding indictment with conspiring to launder money to a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist plot to purchase missiles and kill a Pakistani diplomat in New York City.
- September 15, 2005 – Illinois – Illinois resident Gale Nettles is convicted of plotting to bomb a federal courthouse in Chicago and of attempting to provide a purported member of Al Qaeda with explosive materials to be used elsewhere in the U.S.
- September 14, 2005 – Virginia – Ali Asad Chandia, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is charged with [providing material support to the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba](#). Chandia, a member of the “Virginia Jihad Network,” is arrested the following day.
- August 31, 2005 – California – Hammad Riaz Samana, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, and American citizens Kevin James, Levar Washington and Gregory Vernon Patterson are charged with [plotting to attack Jewish institutions and U.S. military targets in Los Angeles](#).
- August 3, 2005 – New York – American citizen Mahmud Faruq Brent is charged with [conspiring to send aid to the Pakistani-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan. Brent is arrested the following day.

- July 13, 2005 – Virginia – American Muslim cleric Ali al-Timimi is sentenced to life in prison for [encouraging other American Muslims to seek terrorist training in Pakistan](#) and to fight against American-led forces in Afghanistan.
- June 27, 2005 – New York – American citizens Rafiq Sabir and Tarik Shah are indicted for [providing material support to Al Qaeda](#). Sabir, who was arrested on May 28, 2005, allegedly agreed to provide medical care to wounded terrorists overseas, and Shah, who was arrested on May 29, 2005, allegedly conspired to conduct terror training in New York.
- June 22, 2005 – Minnesota – Mohammed Abdullah Warsame, a U.S. permanent resident from Somalia, is charged in an unsealed superseding indictment with [providing Al Qaeda with personnel, training and material support](#).
- June 16, 2005 – California – American citizen Hamid Hayat is indicted for attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Pakistan, and his father, naturalized U.S. citizen Umer Hayat, is indicted for lying to FBI officials about his son's terrorism case.
- June 16, 2005 – Texas – American citizen Ronald Allen Grecula is indicted for [trying to build and sell an explosive device for Al Qaeda to detonate in the U.S.](#)
- June 6, 2005 – California – American citizen Hamid Hayat is charged with attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Pakistan, and his father, naturalized U.S. citizen Umer Hayat, is charged with lying to FBI officials about his son's terrorism case.
- May 21, 2005 – Texas – American citizen Ronald Allen Grecula is charged with [trying to build and sell an explosive device for Al Qaeda to detonate in the U.S.](#) Grecula was arrested the previous day.
- May 20, 2005 – Mississippi – American citizens Cedric Carpenter and Lamont Ranson are handed down prison sentences of 63 months and 29 months, respectively, for conspiring to sell false documents to purported members of the Philippines-based Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization.
- April 28, 2005 – Texas – American citizen Mark Robert Walker is sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to planning to send equipment to the Somali-based terrorist organization Al-Ittihad Al-Islami.
- April 26, 2005 – Virginia – American Muslim cleric Ali al-Timimi is found guilty of [encouraging other American Muslims to seek terrorist training in Pakistan](#) and to fight against American-led forces in Afghanistan.
- February 28, 2005 – Mississippi – American citizens Cedric Carpenter and Lamont Ranson plead guilty to conspiring to sell false documents to purported members of the Philippines-based Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization.
- February 21, 2005 – Virginia – An unsealed indictment charges American citizen Ahmed Omar Abu Ali with [conspiring to assassinate President George W. Bush](#) and with providing material support to Al Qaeda, among other charges. Ali was arrested in Saudi Arabia on suspicion of the terror charges on June 9, 2003.

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- February 18, 2005 – Mississippi – American citizens Cedric Carpenter and Lamont Ranson are charged in a criminal information with conspiring to sell false documents to purported members of the Philippines-based Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization.
- February 10, 2005 – New York – American citizen Lynne Stewart and Mohammed Yousry and Ahmed Abdel Sattar, naturalized U.S. citizens from Egypt, are convicted of [passing messages between convicted terrorist mastermind Omar Abdel Rahman and his militant followers in Egypt](#).
- January 13, 2005 – Virginia – Soliman Biheiri, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Egypt, is sentenced to 13 months in prison for lying to federal agents about business dealings with a leader of the terrorist group Hamas.

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2004**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2004 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 8, 2004 – Texas – American citizen Mark Robert Walker is charged with planning to send equipment to the Somali-based terrorist organization Al-Ittihad Al-Islami. Walker was arrested a month earlier while crossing into Texas from Mexico.
- October 25, 2004 – Florida – Imran Mandhai, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is resentenced to 14 years in prison for plotting to bomb Mount Rushmore and several targets in southern Florida, including Jewish-owned businesses and community centers, the Israeli Consulate, electrical power stations and the National Guard Armory.
- October 15, 2004 – Virginia – Abdurahman Alamoudi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Eretria, is sentenced to 23 years in prison for plotting to assassinate Saudi Arabia's Prince Abdullah and for transferring money he unlawfully received from Libya and other overseas sources to the U.S.
- October 12, 2004 – Virginia – Soliman Biheiri, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Egypt, is convicted of lying to federal agents about business dealings with a leader of the Hamas terrorist group.
- September 23, 2004 – Virginia – American Muslim cleric Ali al-Timimi is indicted for [encouraging other American Muslims to seek terrorist training in Pakistan](#) and to fight against American-led forces in Afghanistan.
- September 21, 2004 – Mississippi – American citizens Cedric Carpenter and Lamont Ranson are indicted for conspiring to sell false documents to purported members of the Philippines-based Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization. The men were arrested on August 31, 2004.
- September 3, 2004 – Washington – Ryan Gibson Anderson, an American citizen and member of the Washington National Guard, is sentenced to life in prison for attempting to share information about the U.S. military and its weapons capabilities with purported Al Qaeda associates.
- September 2, 2004 – Washington – Ryan Gibson Anderson, an American citizen and member of the Washington National Guard, is convicted of attempting to share information about the U.S. military and its weapons capabilities with purported Al Qaeda associates.
- September 1, 2004 – Illinois – Illinois resident Gale Nettles is indicted for plotting to bomb a federal courthouse in Chicago and for attempting to provide a purported member of Al Qaeda with explosive materials to be used elsewhere in the U.S.
- August 27, 2004 – New York – American citizen James Elshafay and a Pakistani national are arrested and charged for plotting to blow up New York's Herald Square subway station.
- August 20, 2004 – Illinois – Muhammad Salah, a naturalized U.S. citizen from the Palestinian Territories, and Abdelhaleem Ashqar and Abu Mousa Marzook, U.S. permanent residents from the Palestinian Territories, are charged in an unsealed indictment with racketeering conspiracy

and [lying about their ties to Hamas](#). Salah and Ashqar were arrested the previous day; Marzook remains at large.

- August 6, 2004 – New York – Mohammed Hossain, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Bangladesh, and an Iraqi national are indicted for conspiring to launder money to a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist plot to purchase missiles to kill a Pakistani diplomat in New York City.
- August 5, 2004 – New York – Mohammed Hossain, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Bangladesh, and an Iraqi national are arrested and charged in a criminal complaint with conspiring to launder money to a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist plot to purchase missiles to kill a Pakistani diplomat in New York City.
- August 5, 2004 – Illinois – Illinois resident Gale Nettles is charged with plotting to bomb a federal courthouse in Chicago and with attempting to provide a purported member of Al Qaeda with explosive materials to be used elsewhere in the U.S. He is arrested the following day.
- July 30, 2004 – Virginia – Abdurahman Alamoudi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Eritria, pleads guilty to plotting to assassinate Saudi Arabia's Prince Abdullah and transferring money he unlawfully received from Libya and other overseas sources to the U.S.
- July 26, 2004 – Texas – Shukri Abu Baker, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Brazil and raised in the Palestinian Territories, three other naturalized U.S. citizens of Palestinian origin – Ghassan Elashi, Mufid Abdulqader and Abdulraham Odeh – Mohammed El-Mezain, U.S. permanent resident of Palestinian origin, and Haitham Maghawri, also a U.S. permanent resident, are among the leaders and former fundraisers of the Holy Land Foundation, once considered the largest Muslim charity in the U.S., charged with [funneling money to the Hamas terrorist organization](#).
- June 15, 2004 – Virginia – Three members of the "Virginia Jihad Network" – American citizens Seifullah Chapman and Hammad Abdur-Raheem, and Masoud Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan – are handed down sentences ranging from eight years to life in prison for [conspiring to join the Pakistani-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and for conspiring to attack India.
- June 14, 2004 – Ohio – Nuradin Abdi, a Somali national who was granted asylum in the U.S., is charged in an unsealed indictment with [planning to attack an Ohio shopping mall](#) and with providing material support to terrorists. Abdi was arrested on immigration charges on November 28, 2003.
- June 2, 2004 – New York – Mohammed Junaid Babar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, pleads guilty to supplying money and materials to Al Qaeda, setting up a terrorist training camp in Pakistan and attempting to aid plots to blow up pubs, train stations and restaurants in Britain. Babar was arrested in April 2004 after returning to New York from Pakistan.
- May 6, 2004 – Virginia – Soliman Biheiri, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Egypt, is indicted for lying to federal agents about business dealings with a leader of the Hamas terrorist group. Biheiri was arrested in June 2003, as a material witness in a federal case against the Hamas leader.
- April 9, 2004 – Virginia – American citizen Randall Todd Royer is sentenced to 20 years in prison for helping other members of the "Virginia Jihad Network" gain entry into training camps operated by the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba.

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- March 4, 2004 – Virginia – Three members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” – American citizens Seifullah Chapman and Hammad Abdur-Raheem, and Masoud Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan – are convicted of [conspiring to join the Pakistani-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) and of conspiring to attack India.
- March 3, 2004 – California – Ilyas Ali, a naturalized U.S. citizen from India, pleads guilty to attempting to exchange heroin and hashish for weapons he intended to provide to the Taliban and Al Qaeda.
- February 13, 2004 – Washington – American citizen Earnest James Ujaama is sentenced to two years in prison for [conspiring to provide goods and services to the Taliban](#).
- February 12, 2004 – Washington – Ryan Gibson Anderson, an American citizen and member of the Washington National Guard, is arrested and charged with attempting to share information about the U.S. military and its weapons capabilities with purported Al Qaeda associates.
- February 9, 2004 – Oregon – Three members of the “Portland Seven” – American brothers Ahmed Ibrahim Bilal and Muhammad Ibrahim Bilal and Maher Mofeid Hawash, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin – are handed down prison sentences ranging from seven to 10 years for [attempting to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan](#).
- January 20, 2004 – Minnesota – Mohammed Abdullah Warsame, a U.S. permanent resident from Somalia, is charged with [conspiring to provide support to Al Qaeda](#). Warsame was arrested on December 9, 2003, under a material witness warrant on suspicion of the terror charges.
- January 16, 2004 – Virginia – American citizen Randall Todd Royer pleads guilty to helping other members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” gain entry into training camps operated by the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba.
- January 8, 2004 – Michigan – Elias Mohamad Akhdar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, is sentenced to nearly six years in prison for his role in a cigarette-smuggling ring that diverted its proceeds to Hezbollah.

### **Criminal Proceedings in 2003**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2003 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 17, 2003 – New York – Sahim Alwan, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” is sentenced to seven years in prison for [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- December 16, 2003 – Michigan – Hassan Moussa Makki, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, is sentenced to nearly five years in prison for his role in a cigarette-smuggling ring that diverted its proceeds to Hezbollah.
- December 16, 2003 – New York – Faysal Galab, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” is sentenced to nine and a half years in prison for [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- December 12, 2003 – Virginia – Muhammed Aatique, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is sentenced to more than ten years in prison for helping other members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” [conspire to join the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba](#).
- December 10, 2003 – New York – Yahya Goba, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” is sentenced to 10 years in prison for [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- December 9, 2003 – New York – Shafal Mosed, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” is sentenced to eight years in prison for [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- December 4, 2003 – New York – Yasein Taher, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” is sentenced to eight years in prison for [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- December 3, 2003 – New York – Mukhtar al-Bakri, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” is sentenced to 10 years in prison for [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- December 2, 2003 – Oregon – October Martinique Lewis, an American citizen and member of the “Portland Seven,” is sentenced to three years in prison for [providing financial support](#) to six men who conspired to fight with the Taliban against U.S. forces in Afghanistan.
- November 24, 2003 – Oregon – Two members of the “Portland Seven” – American citizens Patrice Lumumba Ford and Jeffrey Leon Battle – are each sentenced to 18 years in prison for [attempting to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan](#).
- November 19, 2003 – New York – American citizen Lynne Stewart and Mohammed Yousry and Ahmed Abdel Sattar, naturalized U.S. citizens from Egypt, are charged in a superseding

indictment with [passing messages between convicted terrorist mastermind Omar Abdel Rahman and his militant followers in Egypt](#).

- November 7, 2003 – Virginia – Three members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” – Yong Ki Kwon, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Korea, Khwaja Mahmood Hasan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, and American citizen Donald Thomas Surratt – are handed down prison sentences ranging from nearly four years to more than 11 years in prison for [conspiring to join the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba](#).
- October 28, 2003 – California – Iyman Faris, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Kashmir, is sentenced to 20 years in prison for providing Al Qaeda with information about targets for potential terrorist attacks in the U.S.
- October 23, 2003 – Virginia – Abdurahman Alamoudi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Eritrea, is indicted for plotting to assassinate Saudi Arabia’s Prince Abdullah and for transferring money he unlawfully received from Libya and other overseas sources to the U.S. He was arrested on September 28, 2003.
- October 16, 2003 – Oregon – Two members of the “Portland Seven” – American citizens Patrice Lumumba Ford and Jeffrey Leon Battle – plead guilty to [attempting to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan](#).
- September 26, 2003 – Oregon – October Martinique Lewis, an American citizen and member of the “Portland Seven,” pleads guilty to [providing financial support](#) to six men who conspired to fight with the Taliban against U.S. forces in Afghanistan.
- September 25, 2003 – Virginia – Additional charges are filed in a superseding indictment against four members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” – American citizens Seifullah Chapman, Hammad Abdur-Raheem and Randall Todd Royer and Masoud Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan.
- September 22, 2003 – Virginia – Muhammed Aatique, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, pleads guilty to helping other members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” [conspire to join the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba](#).
- September 18, 2003 – Oregon – Two members of the “Portland Seven” – American brothers Ahmed Ibrahim Bilal and Muhammad Ibrahim Bilal – plead guilty to [attempting to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan](#).
- September 18, 2003 – Michigan – Hassan Moussa Makki, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, pleads guilty to racketeering charges and providing material support to Hezbollah for his role in a cigarette-smuggling ring that diverted its proceeds to Hezbollah.
- August 25, 2003 – Virginia – Three members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” – Yong Ki Kwon, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Korea, Khwaja Mahmood Hasan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, and American citizen Donald Thomas Surratt – plead guilty to conspiracy and gun charges for [conspiring to join the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba](#).
- August 8, 2003 – New York – Uzair Paracha, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is indicted on terror charges for attempting to help an Al Qaeda operative enter the U.S. to attack gas stations on behalf of the international terrorist network.

- August 6, 2003 – Oregon – Maher Mofeid Hawash, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin and member of the “Portland Seven,” pleads guilty to [attempting to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan](#).
- August 18, 2003 – Illinois – Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, is sentenced to more than 11 years in prison for using donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.
- July 29, 2003 – Michigan – Elias Mohamad Akhdar, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Lebanon, pleads guilty to racketeering charges for his role in a cigarette-smuggling ring that diverted its proceeds to Hezbollah.
- June 27, 2003 – Virginia – Members of the “Virginia Jihad Network” – including American citizens Seifullah Chapman, Hammad Abdur-Raheem, Randall Todd Royer and Donald Thomas Surratt, Masoud Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, Yong Ki Kwon, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Korea, Khwaja Mahmood Hasan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, and Muhammed Aatique, a permanent U.S. resident from Pakistan – are charged with [conspiring to join the Pakistani-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba](#).
- June 12, 2003 – Michigan – Elias Mohamad Akhdar and Hassan Moussa Makki, naturalized U.S. citizens from Lebanon, are among seven people charged in a superseding indictment with racketeering charges in connection with a cigarette-smuggling ring that diverted its proceeds to Hezbollah.
- May 21, 2003 – New York – Unsealed court documents charge Jaber Elbaneh, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Yemen, in absentia with [conspiring with a group of men in Lackawanna, New York, to provide material support to Al Qaeda](#).
- May 19, 2003 – New York – Mukhtar al-Bakri, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” pleads guilty to [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- May 12, 2003 – New York – Yasein Taher, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” pleads guilty to [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- May 1, 2003 – California – Lyman Faris, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Kashmir, pleads guilty to providing material support to terrorists for providing Al Qaeda with information about targets for potential terrorist attacks in the U.S. Faris was arrested two months earlier.
- April 28, 2003 – Oregon – Maher Mofeid Hawash, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin, is charged in a criminal complaint with [attempting to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan](#).
- April 14, 2003 – Washington – American citizen Earnest James Ujaama pleads guilty to [conspiring to provide goods and services to the Taliban](#).
- April 8, 2003 – New York – Sahim Alwan, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” pleads guilty to [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).

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- March 25, 2003 – New York – Yayha Goba, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” pleads guilty to [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- March 24, 2003 – New York – Shafal Mosed, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” pleads guilty to [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- Feb. 20, 2003 – Florida – Sami al-Arian, a U.S. permanent resident of Palestinian descent and former professor at the University of South Florida, is arrested after a federal grand jury returns an indictment charging him, American citizen Hatem Naji Fariz and several others with [conspiring to provide services to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group](#).
- February 10, 2003 – Illinois – Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, pleads guilty to using donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.
- January 23, 2003 – Michigan – Elias Mohamad Akhdar and Hassan Moussa Makki, naturalized U.S. citizens from Lebanon, are among 11 people indicted on racketeering charges in connection with a cigarette-smuggling ring that diverted its proceeds to Hezbollah.
- January 22, 2003 – Illinois – Additional charges are filed in a second superseding indictment against Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, who allegedly used donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Al Qaeda and other Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.
- January 10, 2003 – New York – Faysal Galab, an American citizen and member of the “Lackawanna Six,” pleads guilty to [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).

## **Criminal Proceedings in 2002**

The following is a sampling of American Muslim extremists charged, convicted or sentenced in 2002 on terrorism-related offenses, ranging from providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations to plotting violent attacks in the U.S. The list also includes other Americans involved in terrorist plots and activities with terrorist organizations whose ideologies are rooted in radical interpretations of Islam. Those who were charged and later acquitted of terror-related offenses are not included in the list.

- December 18, 2002 – Illinois – Additional charges are filed in a superseding indictment against Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, who allegedly used donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Al Qaeda and other Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.
- October 30, 2002 – California – Ilyas Ali, a naturalized U.S. citizen from India, is indicted for attempting to exchange heroin and hashish for weapons he intended to provide to the Taliban and Al Qaeda. Ali was arrested in Hong Kong on September 20, 2002.
- October 21, 2002 – New York – American citizens Sahim Alwan, Shafal Mosed, Faysal Galab, Yasein Taher, Yahya Goba and Mukhtar al-Bakri – dubbed “the Lackawanna Six” – are indicted for [attending an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan](#).
- October 18, 2002 – Florida – Imran Mandhai, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, is sentenced to 11 and a half years in prison for plotting to bomb Mount Rushmore and several targets in southern Florida, including Jewish-owned businesses and community centers, the Israeli Consulate, electrical power stations and the National Guard Armory.
- October 9, 2002 – Illinois – Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, is indicted for using donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Al Qaeda and other Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.
- October 4, 2002 – Florida – Shueyb Mossa Jokhan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Trinidad, is sentenced to nearly five years in prison for plotting to bomb Mount Rushmore and several targets in southern Florida, including Jewish-owned businesses and community centers, the Israeli Consulate, electrical power stations and the National Guard Armory.
- October 4, 2002 – Virginia – American citizen John Walker Lindh is sentenced to 20 years in prison for fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan.
- October 3, 2002 – Oregon – Members of the “Portland Seven” – Habis Abdulla al Saoub, a U.S. permanent resident from Jordan, and American citizens Ahmed Ibrahim Bilal, Muhammad Ibrahim Bilal, Jeffrey Leon Battle and Patrice Lumumba Ford – are indicted for [attempting to join the Taliban and fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan](#). American citizen October Martinique Lewis is charged in the same indictment with laundering money to the men. Battle, Ford, Lewis and Muhammad Ibrahim Bilal are arrested the next day, and Ahmed Ibrahim Bilal is arrested in Malaysia the following week. Al Saoub is killed in Pakistan the following year.
- September 13, 2002 – Illinois – Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, is charged in a criminal complaint for using donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Al Qaeda and other Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.

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- August 28, 2002 – Washington – American citizen Earnest James Ujaama is indicted for [attempting to set up a terrorist training camp in Oregon and raising money for terrorists in Afghanistan](#). Ujaama is arrested two days later.
- August 8, 2002 – Florida – Imran Mandhai, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, pleads guilty to plotting to bomb Mount Rushmore and several targets in southern Florida, including Jewish-owned businesses and community centers, the Israeli Consulate, electrical power stations and the National Guard Armory.
- July 25, 2002 – Florida – Shueyb Mossa Jokhan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Trinidad, pleads guilty to plotting to bomb Mount Rushmore and several targets in southern Florida, including Jewish-owned businesses and community centers, the Israeli Consulate, electrical power stations and the National Guard Armory.
- July 15, 2002 – Virginia – American citizen John Walker Lindh pleads guilty to fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan.
- May 29, 2002 – Illinois – Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, is indicted for using donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Al Qaeda and other Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.
- May 16, 2002 – Florida – Shueyb Mossa Jokhan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Trinidad, and Imran Mandhai, a U.S. permanent resident from Pakistan, are indicted for plotting to bomb Mount Rushmore and several targets in southern Florida, including Jewish-owned businesses and community centers, the Israeli Consulate, electrical power stations and the National Guard Armory. Mandhai is arrested the following day.
- April 9, 2002 – New York – An unsealed indictment charges American citizen Lynne Stewart and Mohammed Yousry and Ahmed Abdel Sattar, naturalized U.S. citizens from Egypt, with [passing messages between convicted terrorist mastermind Omar Abdel Rahman and his militant followers in Egypt](#).
- April 29, 2002 – Illinois – Enaam Arnaout, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Syria, is charged in a criminal complaint for lying about using donations made to his charity, the Benevolence International Foundation, to support Al Qaeda and other Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya. Arnaout was arrested the following day.
- February 5, 2002 – Virginia – American citizen John Walker Lindh is indicted for fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan and for conspiring to kill American soldiers and government employees. Lindh was arrested in Afghanistan in December 2001.