

- Close friendships or family ties with other suspects.
- Immersion in a purely Muslim environment.
- Avoiding contact with the larger society: friendly but standoffish. "Say 'Hello' but don't talk. Let people see you, but don't bring attention to yourself" in the words of an Al-Qaeda advisory.

OTHER INDICATORS

- Choosing to live in areas where many cultures are represented and an easygoing attitude toward different customs (Northern New Jersey, southern Florida, Leicester or Bradford in England, Hamburg in Germany).
- Sending or receiving large amounts of money
- A preference for cash transactions.
- Criminal Activity, especially in reliance on counterfeited money and smuggling.
- A promising career that failed, descent into drugs and alcohol, then redemption through Islam.
- An offer to work for the enemy's intelligence service.
- Enrolling in university studies in the liberal arts, and then switching to engineering or the sciences.
- Formation, involving organizing secretly.

- Proselytizing, involving agitation in the community and striking at mass discontent.
- Advocating power or jihad, during which should the group ever come to power, Jihad could be initiated.

None of the listed actions, in and of themselves, constitutes a criminal violation. However, when coupled, the acts may indicate suspicious activity that warrants law enforcement scrutiny. If you observe person(s) acting suspiciously, as described above, please contact local law enforcement immediately.

Help Prevent and Detect Terrorism

If you observe or suspect terrorist activity, contact the Terrorism Early Warning Group or the local Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) immediately. If there is an emergency situation call 9-1-1 or contact your local police department.

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Terrorist Awareness Recognizing Sleepers



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Be alert to suspicious activity:

The following information is intended to list characteristics of persons that may be involved in terrorist activity that are described as "SLEEPERS" or otherwise persons who camouflage their involvement in terrorist activity or planning by attempting to fit in with others in our society.

RECOGNIZING SLEEPERS

- Arrival from countries where violent militant Islamic groups are known to operate.
- Long unexplained absences or absences for vague purposes of religious education, charity work or pilgrimage.
- Travel to hot spots where Muslims are fighting non-Muslims. (Chechnya, Lebanon, Kashmir)
- Travel to countries where militant Islam rules (Sudan, Iran)

OPERATIONAL PREPARATIONS

- Study of technical subjects (such as electrical engineering or computer sciences) that would help support an operation.
- Collecting information on dual use subjects (e.g. crop dusting planes)
- Working in an area (such as import - export) that serves as a cover for preparing for an operation.

- Engaging in para or military training, perhaps under the guise of preparing to do security work.
- Possession of such artifacts as detonators and a protective suit against chemical or biological weapons.
- Purchase of chemicals and other dual use materials.
- Scouting out military bases, government buildings, and other potential targets; practicing routines; and otherwise rehearsing for an operation.
- Possession of instructions for conducting jihad of either a spiritual nature (how to prepare for one's suicide death) or a practical nature (how to smuggle detonators).

ATTITUDINAL INDICATORS

- Support for militant Islamic groups and fronts.
- Outspoken support of Muslims in combat against non-Muslims.
- Excusing violence against Americans on the grounds that American actions provoked the problem.
- Disparagement of Western civilization in favor of Islamic civilization.
- Fury at the West, for reasons ranging from the personal (unemployment) to the global (policy toward Iraq, Israel, etc).
- Bigoted statements against non-Muslims in general ("infidels") or specifically against Jews, Christians or Hindus.
- Seeing moderate Muslims as apostates from Islam.

- Conspiracy theories about Westerners (e.g. the CIA arranged for 9-11 to boost funding, frame Muslims, etc).
- Accusing the West of trying to destroy Islam.
- Hoping to apply Islamic Law in the United States
- Disregard for the U.S. legal system where it prohibits something permitted by Islamic societies (honor killing of women, killing of apostates, etc).

PERSONAL IDENTITY ISSUES

- Fraudulent personal identities, sometimes with inconsistencies. (Zacarias Moussaoui presented himself as French, but could not speak French.)
- A cover story that does not ring true. (wanting to buy a watch repair shop but they have fat fingers; a trade craft anomaly.)
- Evasive about his background or country of origin.
- Losing passports or other documentation so as to get new ones.
- Acquisitions of multiple identities and their careful use.
- Membership in militant Islamic groups or front organizations.
- Financial support to these groups or fronts.
- Active involvement at mosques known for militant Islamic orientation.