

Snapshot of Recent Middle East-Related Anti-US Terrorist Threats

Group	Location	Nature	Assessment
Usama Bin Ladin	Saudi Arabia, Bahrain	senior UBL lieutenant Abu Zubaydah is planning suicide car-bomb attacks against US military targets by the end of June.	
	Possibly Israel, outside Israel	Abu Zubaydah was planning operations probably against Israeli interests.	
	Possibly Jordan	that a UBL operative will travel to Jordan and martyr himself shortly.	
	Unknown	a Bin Ladin operative in Afghanistan coordinating plans for a near-term operation involving personnel in but target and exact timing are unknown.	
Yemeni Militants	Yemen	an extremist is planning multiple attacks, possibly in Aden. Operatives reportedly practiced for assaulting a fixed target—possibly a hotel or embassy.	
Egyptian al-Gama'at al Islamiyya		Taha Musa of the Egyptian Gama'at, UBL, and the Egyptian Islamic Jihad are planning to take US diplomats or civilians hostage. Some operatives selected and trained as of mid-April, but no specific targets or time frame set.	
Sunni Extremists	Rome, Western Europe	Sunni extremists, reportedly assisted by a cell of the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat in Italy, are planning a high-profile attack against the US Embassy in Rome or the Vatican. Other cells may be surveilling additional sites in Italy and elsewhere in Western Europe. The extremists reportedly have cased the targets.	
Lebanese Hizballah	Unknown	A Hizballah operative in early May requested religious authorization for what may be a terrorist operation. Key operatives left Iran in early May.	
Gaza Fatah Hawks	Gaza, Israel	Gaza Fatah Hawks held a US and a British journalist for several hours on 29 May as a "warning" to the US.	

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