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### Incidents/Articles of Note:

- Bombing at Kabul airport kills 13 U.S. service members and dozens of Afghans
- Afghanistan withdrawal 'could drive a surge in radicalization' and terrorist attacks, says leaked government report
- Iranian National Charged with Illegally Exporting Laboratory Equipment to Iran
- Al Qaeda Releases "America Burns" Video, Framing U.S. as Nation in Crisis
- San Fernando Valley Man Found Guilty in Terror Plot to Bomb a Rally in Long Beach
- Man Sentenced to 162 Months in Federal Prison for Conspiring to Provide Material Support to ISIS

## TOOLS AND RESOURCES



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### What is ISIS-K?

#### Two terrorism experts on the group behind the deadly Kabul airport attack and its rivalry with the Taliban

*An attack on a crowd gathered outside Kabul's airport on Aug. 26, 2021, has left at least 100 people dead, including at least 13 U.S. troops. ISIS-K claimed responsibility for the coordinated suicide bomb and gun assault, which came just days after President Joe Biden warned that the group – an affiliate of the Islamic State group operating in Afghanistan – was “seeking to target the airport and attack U.S. and allied forces and innocent civilians.”*

*Amira Jadoon, a [terrorism expert at the U.S. Military Academy West Point](#), and Andrew Mines, a [research fellow at the George Washington University's Program on Extremism](#), have been tracking ISIS-K for years and answered our questions about who the terrorist group is, and the threat it poses in a destabilized Afghanistan.*

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### The Founding Fathers of American Jihad

This report assesses three individuals who played an outsized role in the evolution of English-language jihadist propaganda: The Americans Anwar al-Awlaki, Samir Khan, and Ahmad Abousamra. The study applies the CIP (Charismatic, Ideological, and Pragmatic) leadership framework to analyze and compare the legacies and impacts of the three. Drawing on the framework's life narrative approach, the report focuses on how 'life events' were leveraged in each of their eulogies to project these individuals as inspirational jihadi figures worthy of emulation.

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## Eight Signs of Terrorism

1

**Surveillance**

Terrorists may conduct surveillance to determine a target's strengths and weaknesses. Be aware of someone who appears to be monitoring security personnel or equipment, or gauging emergency response time. Suspicious activities could include using vision enhancing devices, acquiring floor plans or blueprints, and showing interest in security and access to facilities.

2

**Elicitation**

A terrorist may try to gain information about the operations and security of a potential target, possibly an important place such as a power plant, stadium, or school.

It could be gathered many ways by phone, email, in person, or even by gaining employment at the location.

3

**Testing Security**

Someone may use different methods to test security, such as trespassing into a restricted area or leaving a bag unattended in a public place to see how long it takes for people or security to respond.

4

**Funding**

Terrorists need to raise money for their operations and spend it in a way that doesn't draw attention.

This could be done many ways through crimes such as drugs and counterfeit merchandise sales, burglary, or even funneling money from legitimate businesses or non-profit organizations.

Be aware of unusually large transactions paid with cash or gift cards, or someone soliciting a donation for a charity you've never heard of.

5

**Acquiring Supplies**

To conduct an attack, terrorists may need a variety of supplies, such as weapons, transportation, and communication systems.

Suspicious activities could include a vehicle left in an unusual place, stockpiling fertilizers, weapons, even one-time use cell phones; acquiring or stealing uniforms; and forging personal identification or passports.

6

**Impersonation**

Terrorists may impersonate law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS or paramedic personnel, mail carriers, or company employees to gain information.

Someone who seems suspicious in what they say or do on the job could be a red flag.

7

**Rehearsal**

Terrorists often rehearse a planned attack, possibly several times, to make sure their operation runs smoothly. This may include measuring response time by emergency responders, and possibly using police radios.

8

**Deployment**

This is when terrorists are putting their plans into place, getting into position, moving equipment and supplies, and launching an attack.

If you believe there is imminent danger, call 911 immediately.

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