

Terrorism: An American Pretext to Fight Islam and Criminalize Muslims

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Al Jazeera website reported on January 22, 2026 that Lieutenant General Ahmed Ibrahim Mufaddal, Director of the Sudanese Intelligence Service, visited Washington and discussed several issues, most importantly security. In two rounds of dialogue between them since the outbreak of the war in Sudan, the Director General of the Intelligence Service concluded a third round with officials from the US Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense, focusing on cooperation in combating terrorism, security coordination, and securing the Red Sea.

Observers believe that Mufaddal's visit to Washington will link Sudan's stability to regional security, and the restoration of its active role in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel region. The week-long visit came eight days before US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau's tour of East Africa, which includes Kenya, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, and a number of countries directly involved in regional security issues.

Sources revealed that the Sudanese intelligence chief's meetings in Washington included officials from the US Central Intelligence Agency and the US Department of Defense, focusing on counter-terrorism, security coordination, and information exchange, among other things.

Washington believes that Khartoum possesses information about the activities of extremist groups in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, in addition to its influence in countries such as Somalia. Mufaddal had visited Mogadishu last September. Sudan's security cooperation with the United States, particularly in counterterrorism, never ceased even when it was designated by the U.S. as a state sponsor of terrorism before its removal from the list in October 2020 in recognition by Washington of its improved human rights record and cooperation in combating terrorism.

The U.S. recognizes the importance of Sudan's geopolitical location and its establishment of the Committee of Intelligence and Security Service of Africa (CISSA) in 2005, and its activities extending to the Great Lakes region and the African Sahel, enabling it to play a pivotal role in regional security and stability through counterterrorism efforts by sharing data and information.

The fight against so-called terrorism is not a new issue; it has been discussed with Sudanese officials many times. For example, on May 16, 2016, the Washington Times quoted the Sudanese ambassador to the U.S., Moawia Osman Khalid, in an interview, as saying that his country had previously provided important information to U.S. and allied security agencies regarding the activities of the ISIS organization in Libya, Egypt, Somalia, and other parts of North Africa.

Similarly, Al-Burhan addressed U.S. President Trump on November 26, 2025, in an article in the Wall Street Journal, expressing his readiness to be a strong partner for the U.S. in the fight against terrorism. The issue of combating terrorism and transnational networks has occupied a prominent position in the discussions in Washington, as Sudanese agencies possess a vast amount of information about the movements of extremist groups in the Sahel, the Sahara, and the Horn of Africa.

The question remains: why has the United Nations, which is considered one of the most important tools of U.S. policy on terrorism, not provided a clear and precise definition that applies to reality and is implemented by all? America and the disbelieving West insist on not providing a comprehensive and definitive definition of "terrorism," so that they can easily use it against Muslims however and whenever they want, and against their earnest efforts to liberate themselves from the enslavement and colonialism of the disbelieving West!

The "War on Terror," in reality, is a campaign led by America, its tools, its agents and its allies against Islam and its followers, bringing about a secular American view. This is clarified by the statement of the US General Wesley Kanne Clark in his commencement speech at Seton Hall University, on 13 May 2002, "Some would characterize the events of 9-11 as a clash of civilizations, and a conflict of religions. And to many it seems a simple and satisfying explanation. But others would suggest, correctly in my view, that such an interpretation is both wrong-headed and dangerous. They recognize a civil war within Islam itself, as contending factions compete for

power. They would argue that we must influence the struggle where we can, by supporting greater attention to the secular structures in the Islamic world, and by encouraging our own American Islamic community to speak out in support of America's democratic values."

There is much evidence indicating that what is meant by terrorism and extremism is Islam and Muslims. How many bloody and brutal acts, in which many innocent victims fell, were carried out by non-Muslims, yet the United Nations did not consider them terrorism? Meanwhile, other acts, in which Muslims are accused, without any evidence or proof, are labeled as terrorism!

Russia's burning of the people of Syria, with its destructive and phosphorus bombs and other weapons, was not called terrorism by the United Nations, nor were conferences held to confront it. The Jewish siege of Gaza, their killing and starving of the people of Palestine, France and its militias killing Muslims in Mali, the Buddhists shedding the blood of the Rohingya Muslims, the killing of Muslims in Central Africa, and China's killing of the Uyghur Muslims, all of this was not called terrorism by the United Nations or the Western countries. So, what is terrorism then??!

It is not surprising that the agent regimes in Muslim countries are implementing the recommendations of the Washington conference on combating extremism in February 2015, which the United States convened with delegations from more than 60 countries and experts, to fight Islam but this time with our own people, the rulers and politicians.

And here is America continuing to fight Islam under the guise of counterterrorism, which is its primary concern, and cooperating with the intelligence agencies of its dependent, agent, and allied states in the region.

America and the Western countries are the ones who created terrorism in our countries to fight against the project of the Islamic Ummah; the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood, which has become a demand of Muslims, is what terrifies and disturbs them. They know that its establishment will mean their end in our lands, and even their end on the international stage, which the Khilafah (Caliphate) will seize from them. These people and their agents are fighting nothing but the project of Islam.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, in an interview with Sean Hannity of Fox News on 2 December 2025, stated, "all radical Islamic movements in the world identify the West writ large but the United States in particular as the greatest evil on the Earth." He also said, "the notion that somehow radical Islam would be comfortable with simply controlling some province in Iraq or Syria is just not borne out by history." He asserted, "Radical Islam has shown that their desire is not simply to occupy one part of the world and be happy with their own little caliphate." And he claimed that, "they want to expand. It is a – it's revolutionary in its nature. It seeks to expand and control more territories and more people."

In his "Remarks on the Global War on Terror: The Enemy in Their Own Words," at the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington DC, on 5 September 2006, George W. Bush mentioned the Khilafah repeatedly, saying that "They hope to establish a violent political utopia across the Middle East, which they call a "Caliphate" — where all would be ruled according to their hateful ideology... This caliphate would be a totalitarian Islamic empire encompassing all current and former Muslim lands, stretching from Europe to North Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia... the most important front in their struggle against America is Iraq... the "capital of the Caliphate.""

The Khilafah Rashidah on the Method of Prophethood, is coming, by the Permission of Allah (swt). Allah (swt) says, ﴿يَرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يُتَمَّ نُورُهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهُ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾ **"They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it."** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 32]

Yes, it is by the grace of Allah (swt) alone, and His (swt) favor and bounty, that Hizb ut Tahrir has reached the brink of the establishment of the Khilafah Rashidah. Secondly, the Hizb is preparing to take the reins of power to lead the world towards betterment under Islam. It is preparing to change history and geography, and tomorrow is not far off.

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