

## **Officially Blacklisted Extremist/Terrorist (Support) Organizations: a Comparison of Lists from six Countries and two International Organizations**

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### *Abstract*

*Since 9/11, international cooperation against international terrorism has improved. However, the global community is still far from a situation in which one country's terrorist group is all countries' public enemy. This comparative list enumerates 120 extremist/terrorist groups blacklisted by six countries and two international organizations. The listings highlight the security interests, priorities, and outlook of particular countries and international organizations. Each individual list reflects regional or, in some instances, global, security concerns of the designating country/body and, therefore, there is less overlap than anticipated.*

### **Introduction**

Currently, the United States has officially designated 45 foreign organizations as "terrorist" (FTO). Another 60 organizations and support groups/entities are on its Terrorist Exclusion List (TEL). Other countries have developed such lists as well. The United Kingdom, for instance, has one of the most extensive lists, blacklisting 55 organizations. Canada blacklists 41 organizations, India 34, Australia 18, and Russia 16. International organizations also hold such lists: the European Union has blacklisted 29 organizations while the list of the United Nations contains 24 entities.[1]

It is instructive to compare these lists. In the following, we look at 120 extremist/terrorist groups blacklisted by six major countries (AUS, CAN, IND, RU, UK, & US) and two major international organizations (EU, UN). Surprisingly, there is far less overlap than one would expect. Most notably, al-Qaeda is blacklisted by all six of the countries included, as well as by the United Nations. Strangely, however, it is not featured on the European Union's list.

To a large degree, these lists of officially designated extremist/terrorist organizations and suspected support groups highlight the security interests, priorities, and outlook of the particular countries and international organizations. Each individual list reflects regional or, in some instances, global, security concerns of the designating country/body. Several of the groups included on the Indian designation list, for instance, are Pakistani and operate within the immediate South Asian region. The United States' designation list, on the other hand, approaches the terrorist threat from a global, rather than regional, perspective. As such, the American list

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includes organizations deemed threatening to American security or personnel abroad, regardless of geographic location. [2]

Table: 120 Officially Designated Extremist/Terrorist Organizations and Suspected Support Groups: a Comparison of UN, EU, US, UK, Russian, Canadian, Australian and Indian Lists.[3]

Group name	AUS	CAN	EU	IND	RUS	UK	UN	US
1.Abu Nidal Organization		✓	✓			✓		✓
2.Abu Sayyaf Group	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
3.Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya				✓				
4.Akhil Bharat Nepali Ekta Samaj (ABNES)				✓				
5. All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF)				✓				
6. Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade		✓	✓					✓
7. Al Badr				✓				
8. Al Ghurabaa						✓		
9. Al Haramain					✓			
10.Al Ittihad Al Islamia (AIAI)		✓				✓	✓	
11.Al-Qaida	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12.Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)							✓	✓
13.Al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI)	✓						✓	✓
14.Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) / Salafist Group for Call and Combat	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
15.Al-Shabaab	✓	✓				✓		✓
16.Al-Takfir and Al-Hijra			✓					
17.Al-Umar-Mujahideen				✓				
18.Ansar al-Islam	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
19.Armed Islamic Group (GIA)		✓				✓	✓	✓
20.Asbat al-Ansar	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
21.Aum Shinrikyo		✓	✓					✓
22.Babbar Khalsa		✓	✓			✓		
23.Babbar Khalsa International (BKI)		✓		✓				

24. Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)		✓				✓		✓
25. Baluchistan Liberation Army (BLA)						✓		
26. Caucasus Emirate					✓			
27. Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)				✓				
28. Communist Party of the Philippines / New People's Army (CPP/NPA)			✓					✓
29. Congress of the Peoples of Ichkeria and Dagestan					✓			
30. Continuity Irish Republican Army / Continuity Army Council						✓		✓
31. Cumann na mBan						✓		
32. Deendar Anjuman				✓				
33. Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DEM)				✓				
34. East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM)							✓	
35. Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ)		✓			✓	✓	✓	
36. Fianna na hEireann						✓		
37. Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
38. Hamas / Izz al-Din al-Qassem Brigades	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
39. Harakat ul-Jihad-i-Islami (HUJI)						✓		
40. Harakat ul-Jihad-i-Islami Bangladesh (HUJI-B)						✓		✓
41. Harakat ul-Mujahidin (HUM)	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
42. Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin (HIG)		✓				✓		
43. Hizballah	✓	✓				✓		✓
44. Hizbul Mujahideen (HM)			✓	✓				
45. Hizb ut-Tahrir					✓			
46. Hofstadgroep			✓					
47. Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC)				✓				
48. International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF)		✓	✓	✓		✓		

49. Irish National Liberation Army (INLA)						✓		
50. Irish People's Liberation Organization						✓		
51. Irish Republican Army (IRA)						✓		
52. Islami Buyuk Dogu Akincilar Cephesi (IBDA-C) (Great Islamic Eastern Warriors Front)			✓					
53. Islamic Army of Aden	✓	✓				✓	✓	
54. Islamic Jihad Group / Islamic Jihad Union (IJU)					✓	✓	✓	✓
55. Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
56. Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM)	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
57. Jamiat al-Islah al-Idzhtimai / Social Reform					✓			
58. Jamiat Ihya at-Turaz al-Islami (Revival of Islamic Heritage Society)					✓		✓	
59. Jamiat ul-Mujahideen				✓				
60. Jammat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB)						✓		
61. Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front				✓				
62. Jemaah Islamiya (JI)	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
63. Jund al-Sham								
64. Kahane Chai (Kach)		✓	✓					✓
65. Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL)				✓				
66. Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP)				✓				
67. Kata'ib Hizballah								✓
68. Khalistan Commando Force (KCF)				✓				
69. Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF)			✓					
70. Khuddam ul-Islam (KuL) and Jamaat ul-Furquan (JuF)						✓		

71. Kongra-Gel / Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK)	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
72. Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73. Lashkar-e-Jhangvi	✓	✓					✓	✓
74. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
75. Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG)						✓	✓	✓
76. Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF)						✓		
77. Manipur People’s Liberation Front (MPLF)				✓				
78. Maoist Communist Centre (MCC)				✓				
79. Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group (GICM)						✓	✓	✓
80. Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK)		✓						✓
81. Muslim Brotherhood					✓			
82. National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB)				✓				
83. National Liberation Army (ELN)		✓	✓					✓
84. National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT)				✓				
85. Orange Volunteers						✓		
86. Palestine Liberation Front (PLF)		✓	✓					✓
87. Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
88. People’s Liberation Army (PLA)				✓				
89. People’s Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK)				✓				
90. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)		✓	✓					✓
91. PFLP-General Command (PFLP-GC)		✓	✓					✓
92. Rajah Solaiman Movement (RSM)							✓	
93. Real IRA								✓

94. Red Hand Commando						✓		
95. Red Hand Defenders						✓		
95. Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)		✓	✓					✓
97. Revolutionary Organization 17 November						✓		✓
98. Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) in Manipur				✓				
99. Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C)			✓			✓		✓
100. Revolutionary Struggle								✓
101. Saor Eire						✓		
102. Saved Sect / Saviour Sect						✓		
103. Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso, SL)		✓	✓					✓
104. Sipah-e Sahaba Pakistan (SSP)						✓		
105. Students Islamic Movement of India				✓				
106. Supreme Military Majlis ul-Shura of the United Mujahideen Forces of the Caucasus					✓			
107. Taliban					✓			
108. Tamil Nadu Liberation Army (TNLA)				✓				
109. Tamil National Retrieval Troops (TNRT)				✓				
110. Tehrik Nefaz-e Shari'at Muhammadi (TNSM)						✓		
111. Teyrbazen Azadiya Kurdistan (TAK)			✓			✓		
112. Tunisian Combatant Group							✓	
113. Ulster Defence Association (UDA)						✓		
114. Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF)						✓		
115. Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF)						✓		
116. United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA)				✓				

117. United National Liberation Front (UNLF)				✓				
118. United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC)		✓	✓					✓
119. Vanguard of Conquest (VOC)		✓						
120. World Tamil Movement		✓						

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**Notes**

[1] The full UN Al-Qaeda/Taliban Monitoring Group's consolidated list has some 300 names and includes "individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with [Al-Qaida, Usama bin Laden, and the Taliban]". For the purposes of this comparative list, however, UN-designated charities, banks, and generally non-violent support groups have been excluded. Only non-state armed groups are included, as this provides a clearer comparison with those terrorist organizations designated by individual states. The Indian list is about to be expanded by mainly al-Qaeda-linked groups, almost tripling the number of currently proscribed groups.

[2] The United States List considered here includes only the Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs), not those on the Terrorist Exclusion List (TEL).

[3] A note on spelling/transliteration and translation: The spellings, transliterations, and translations used come from official governmental and intergovernmental lists, except for organizations from the Russian designation list which were translated into English independently.

Organizations are listed in absolute alphabetical order (e.g. al-Qaeda figures under “A” rather than “Q”) and every attempt has been made to list organizations by their most commonly known name, regardless of language. Where notable discrepancies in spelling and/or translation exist between lists, an effort has been made to include such variants alongside the organization's most-commonly known name.

These lists can be found on the following websites:

Australia: [http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/agd/www.nationalsecurity.nsf/AllDocs/95FB057CA3DECF30CA256FAB001E7FBD?](http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/agd/www.nationalsecurity.nsf/AllDocs/95FB057CA3DECF30CA256FAB001E7FBD?OpenDocument)

[OpenDocument](#)

Canada: <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/ns/le/cle-eng.aspx>

EU: [http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&ct=res&cd=3&ved=0CBUQFjAC&url=http%3A%2F%2Ffeur-lex.europa.eu%2FLEXUriServ%2FLEXUriServ.do%3Furi%3DOJ%3AL%3A2009%3A023%3A0037%3A0042%3AEN%3APDF&ei=63Z4S9XPO5WG\\_Aa51LS2Cg&usq=AFOjCNGgpbJjidRciGkpy9ukBJzdk2waxQ&sig2=ePMV9IHfYf\\_1a6fciQOHSQ](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&ct=res&cd=3&ved=0CBUQFjAC&url=http%3A%2F%2Ffeur-lex.europa.eu%2FLEXUriServ%2FLEXUriServ.do%3Furi%3DOJ%3AL%3A2009%3A023%3A0037%3A0042%3AEN%3APDF&ei=63Z4S9XPO5WG_Aa51LS2Cg&usq=AFOjCNGgpbJjidRciGkpy9ukBJzdk2waxQ&sig2=ePMV9IHfYf_1a6fciQOHSQ)

India: [http://www.mha.gov.in/uniquepage.asp?Id\\_Pk=292](http://www.mha.gov.in/uniquepage.asp?Id_Pk=292)

Russia: [http://nak.fsb.ru/nac/ter\\_org.htm](http://nak.fsb.ru/nac/ter_org.htm)

UK: <http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/legislation/current-legislation/terrorism-act-2000/proscribed-groups.html>

UN: <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/consolidatedlist.htm#>

US: <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm>