



GLOBAL NARCOTERRORISM AND THE THREAT TO THE U.S.

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“Its hard, and it’s hard
all the time.”

U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker

Terrorist and DTO Commonalities

- Engaged in criminal activity
- Often move personnel or materials
- Money required for operations
- Need to communicate

Weapons of Mass Destruction



Atomic

Biological



Chemical



Drugs



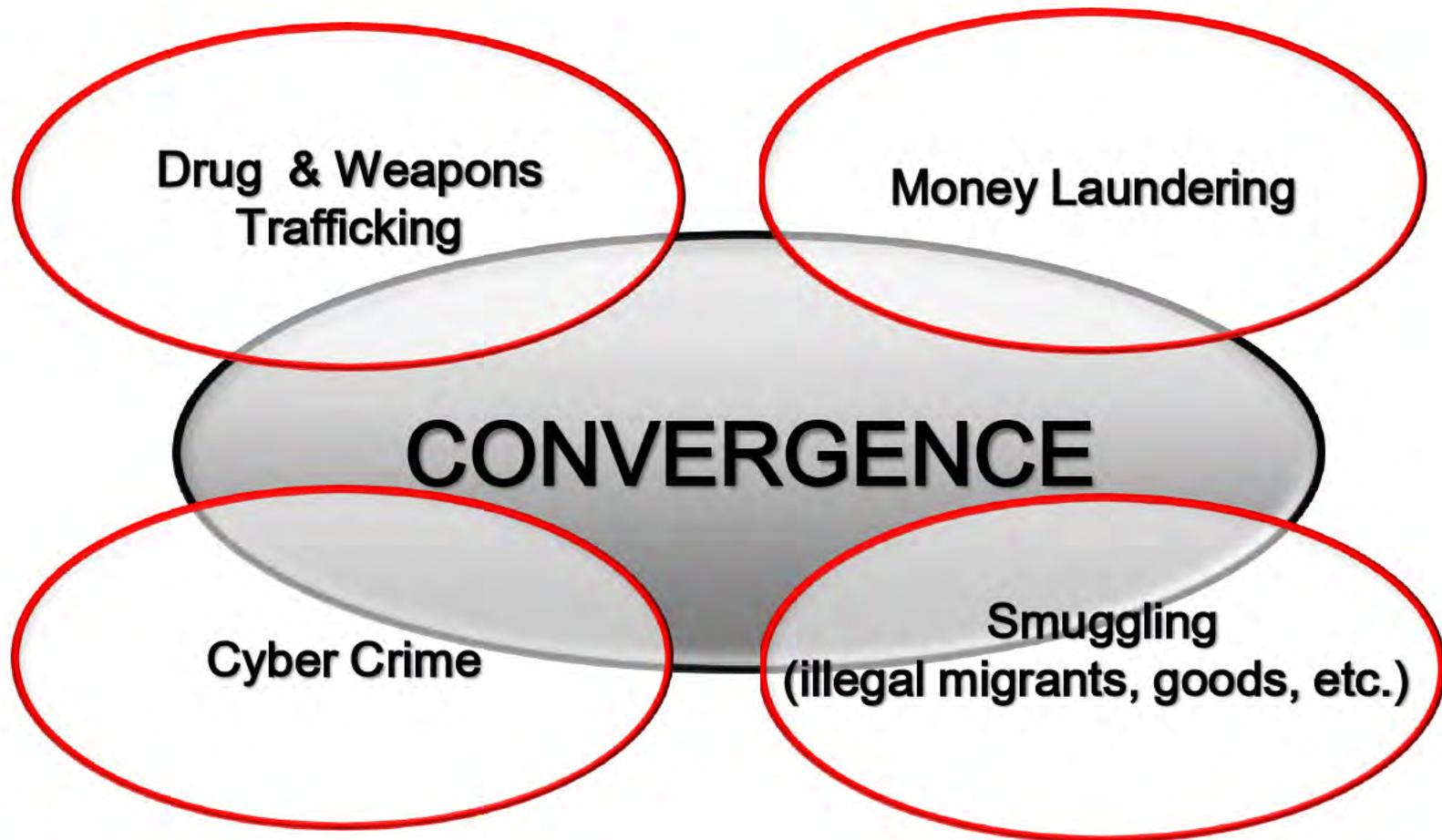
Narcoterrorism Definitions

“Narcoterrorism” term coined in 1983 by
Former President Belaunde Terry of Peru used the term to describe
terrorist-type attacks against his nation’s anti-narcotics police.

Modern Narcoterrorism Definition:
“Narco-supported terrorism”: Terrorist / insurgent organizations that
use drug trafficking proceeds to
advance their political agenda

Convergence

Too often the focus is on single-point threats — drugs, money laundering, human trafficking, weapons trading, production of weapons of mass destruction — while the true threat lies in their convergence.



FTOs Linked to Drug Trafficking

DEA has conservatively linked 22 of 59 officially designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations to drug trafficking activities of varying levels

- Abu Sayaf Group (Abu Sayyaf Group)
- al-Qa'ida
- al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)
- al-Shabaab
- Ansar al-Dine
- Ansar al-Islam (Ansar al-Sunna/AS)
- Aum Shinrikyo
- Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)
- Boko Haram
- Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army (CPP/NPA)
- HAMAS (Islamic Resistance Movement)
- Haqqani Network
- Hizballah (Party of God)
- Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU)
- Kongra-Gel
- Lashkar-e Tayyiba (LT)
- Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
- National Liberation Army (ELN)
- Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
- Revolutionary People's Liberation Army/Front (DHKP/C)
- Shining Path (SL; Sendero Luminoso)
- Tehrik-e-Taliban (TTP)

Foreign Terrorist Organization

Global Drug Flows

Terrorism and Drug Finances

- Taxing Farmers (extortion)
- Security
- Transportation
- Production
- Distribution



- Geography is key
- Exceptions tend to occur when terrorist groups control territory where drug trafficking is rampant (i.e. Colombia / FARC)

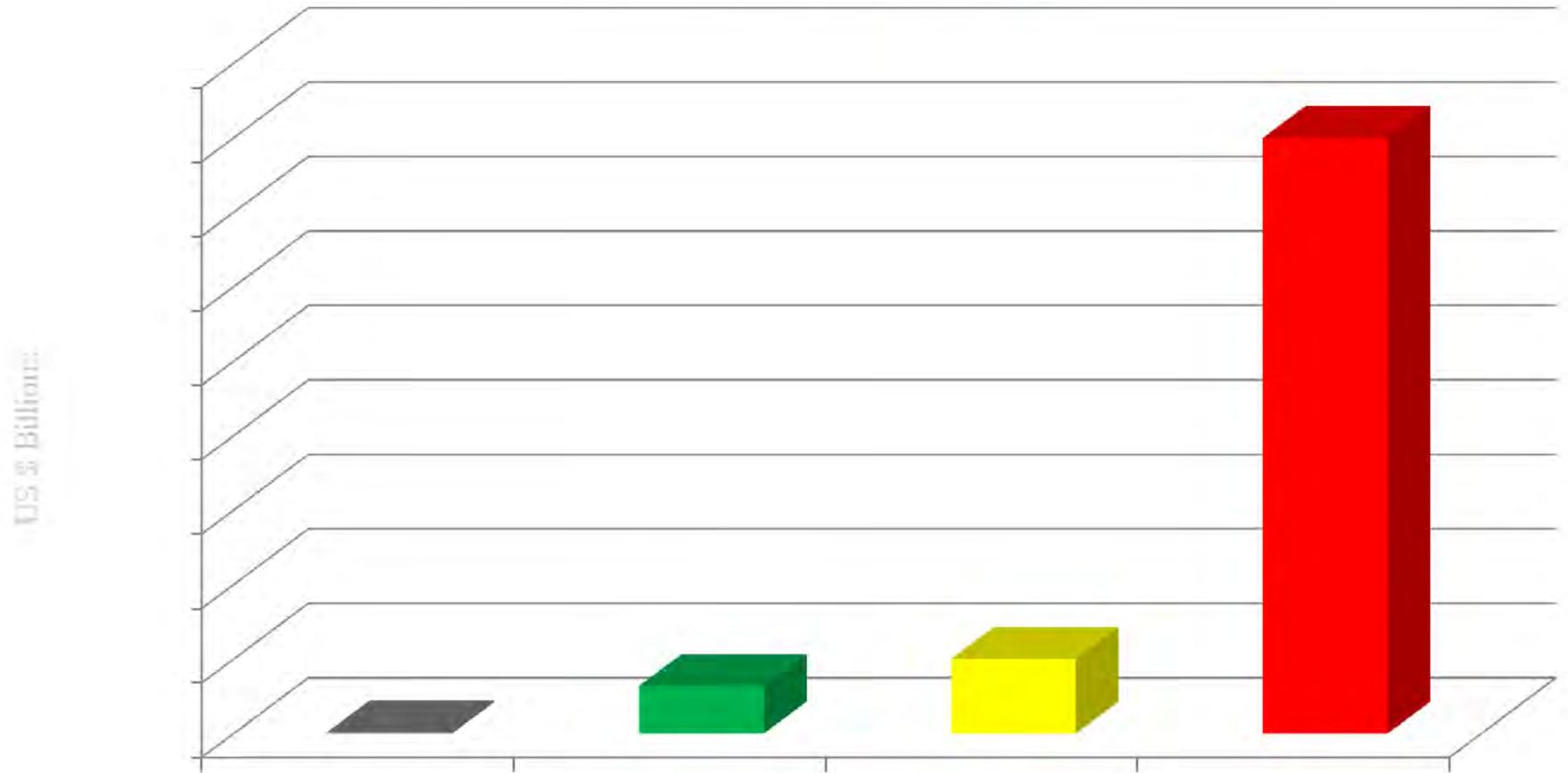
Drug Trafficking: Massive Profit Potential

Colombia
1 kg cocaine
\$2,468

United States
1 kg cocaine
\$27,000

Europe
1 kg cocaine
\$53,000

Estimated Global Value of Illicit Markets



DEA's Counterterrorism Role

DEA acts in support of US counterterrorism efforts

ENFORCEMENT

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Criminal Statutes

- Title 21 U.S.C. Section 959
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture or distribute a controlled substance intending or knowing that such a substance will be unlawfully imported into the U.S. or its territorial waters.
- Title 21 U.S.C. Section 960a
 - Engaging in conduct violating 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a), knowing and intending to provide anything of pecuniary value to a person or organization engaged in terrorism

FARC



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A Colombian police intelligence report claims that the FARC now accounts for 70% of the cocaine produced in Colombia, Caracol Radio reported Thursday.

The report claims that at least eight units of the FARC are now engaged solely in the production and trafficking of cocaine, and are not involved in the fight against the government or in terrorist acts.

These units, which have converted themselves into a full-fledged drug cartel, have effectively eliminated middlemen traffickers and seized the industry for themselves.

The report explains that these units have been acting under direct orders from the FARC's leadership to extend their presence in Central America and reach European consumer markets, in order to increase profits. To this end they have established alliances with narco-traffickers in Peru, Panama, and Mexico.

Confrontations have begun to arise within the FARC as a result of the growing power wielded by its narco-trafficking wings. On some occasions, orders given by FARC leaders Alfonso Cano and Mono Jojoy have been disobeyed.

A document recovered from a FARC camp a month ago recorded that Alfonso Cano and Mono Jojoy reprimanded local FARC commander Edgar Tovar for failing to send the COP3 billion pesos (\$1.5 million) mandated each week, which is used to "support their political links in Canada, Australia, and neighboring friends," the report claims.

The report took 50 police investigators over a year to produce. According to Caracol Radio it was delivered to Colombia's Ministry of Defense, and the intelligence has been shared with countries where the FARC has established alliances.

DEA Africa Investigations



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AUC

The New Druglords

By TIM PADGETT WITH RUTH MORRIS | SANTA FE DE RALITO | Updated on 12/12/10

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The paramilitary commander known only as o8 is lounging on the porch of a ranch house in the hamlet of Santa Fe de Ralito, in Colombia's northern Córdoba province. It's an area dotted with elaborate new mansions, and many of them, local ranchers say, belong to leaders of the bloodthirsty paramilitary groups known as the Colombian Self-Defense Forces (AUC). U.S. officials claim the mansions were built with the millions of dollars AUC members allegedly earn moonlighting as cocaine smugglers. But crew-cut o8, guzzling black coffee and smoking cigarettes, denies it all. 'We've never been drug traffickers,' he insists. And like other AUC leaders, he vows the group will never give up its wealth or submit to prosecution in the U.S. 'We'll defend our freedom to the death,' he says, a pistol slung from his hip. He leans back in a rawhide chair and calls his pet jaguar. 'I don't like to keep her in a cage,' he says as rifle-toting AUC soldiers in battle fatigues look on, amused.

The AUC, whose top commanders are finally expected to arrive for peace talks with the government this week, is a main combatant in Colombia's 40-year-old civil war, which has claimed more than 150,000 lives and is, the U.N. said recently, "the biggest humanitarian catastrophe in the western hemisphere." Legislation pending in the Colombian Congress, which the AUC rejects, calls for paramilitary members to be prosecuted in Colombia for the civilian massacres they've committed. But U.S. officials also urge the government of President Álvaro Uribe not to ink any agreement that exempts paramilitary leaders from extradition to the U.S. for drug trafficking. Unless the AUC's narcobosses are put behind bars, U.S. officials insist, the paramilitary fighters will become the new big cats of the Colombian cocaine trade, successors to infamous Medellín and Cali cartels.

They took a step in that direction in April, when protrafficking bosses — led by Diego Murillo, an ex-Medellín gunman, whom the U.S. calls a major trafficker — appeared to win control of the AUC. On April 16, Carlos Castaño, 39, who co-founded the AUC in the 1980s and in recent years urged it to give up the drug trade, disappeared after an attack near his Córdoba ranch. Murillo and the AUC's chief of Subarea Magdalena, José Rodríguez,



Shining Path

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THE RE-EMERGENCE OF THE SHINING PATH: THE CRIMINAL-TERRORIST NEXUS

For those of us who were covering the conflicts in Latin America in the 1980s and 1990s, there was no group more terrifying than Peru's Shining Path (*Sendero Luminoso*) an Maoist organization intent on causing rivers of blood to flow in order to achieve the proletariat utopia.

After many years and countless dead, Sendero was largely dismantled and its chief ideologue, Abimael Guzman, who ran a horrific cult of personality, was jailed. The group was widely thought to have been put out of business permanently.

The Re-Emergence of the Shining Path: The Criminal-Terrorist Nexus

The terrorists, using criminal proceeds, wear bullet proof vests, carry assault rifles and can pay salaries in isolated regions of the country where the state has little presence. Where they were once one of the most hated and reviled insurgencies on the continent, they are trying to come back in a softer, gentler form.

What makes the reemergence of Sendero even more dangerous is the regional situation. Peru's president, Alan Garcia, was also president at the height of Sendero's power, and badly botched the war against them. He returned to power as a newly-minted fiscal conservative who has sought stronger ties to the United States.

That stand has put Garcia at odds with Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, who is already demonstrated his willingness to back terrorist organizations that traffic in cocaine and heroin, particularly if it furthers his agenda of confrontation with the United States.



PERU'S SHINING PATH HIGHLIGHTS DRUG-TERROR NEXUS

November 17th, 2008 - by Mike Brian

Josh Partlow's recent article on Peru's home grown terrorist organization, the Shining Path, is yet another 'shining example' of a designated foreign terrorist organization's involvement in one or more aspects of the global drug trade.

The illicit global drug trade as a ready source of funding for terrorist organizations is a dimension of terrorism that many in Washington, D.C. fail to comprehend, and many more neglect to even talk about.

In the early 1990s, the Shining Path's funding began to ebb, and many experts link this to the fall of the Soviet Union. In other words, the funding stream from the Soviet Union through Cuba and onward into Latin America began to quickly dry up.

The Shining Path's involvement in the drug trade before this period,

Peru's Shining Path Highlights the Drug-Terror Nexus

who's funding also began to fade away, was that the Shining Path's founder and leader, Abimael Guzman, was apprehended by Peruvian authorities, tried in a court of law and put behind bars where he belonged-for the duration.

The Shining Path, unlike the FARC, did not have a hearty succession plan, and after continued, relentless pressure from the Peruvian military and police, was almost totally decimated.

The DEA has conservatively linked 19 of the 43 designated foreign terrorist organizations to some aspect of the global drug trade. The principal reasons for the growing drugs & terrorism nexus are: 1) 'state sponsorship' for terrorism is on the decline and 2) our Departments of Defense, State, Treasury, Justice and Homeland Security, as well as the CIA, have done an incredible job of identifying and cutting off the terrorist funding stream from powerful private donors.

The United Nations (UN) estimates that the global drug trade generates about \$322 billion dollars a year in revenue; no other illicit market comes close. In fact, the UN estimates the next closest illicit global market, alien trafficking, generates only about \$32 billion dollars a year in proceeds, or one-tenth of the global drug trade.

Hezbollah

Newsires

Interpol: Cocaine trafficking is used to finance Hezbollah

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BEIRUT - Associated Press news agency reports that the head of Interpol noted that cocaine trafficking is used to finance both Hezbollah and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

At the opening of the Americas Interpol conference, he urged governments to do more checking on lost and stolen passports, warning they could be used to smuggle terrorists into countries in the Americas.

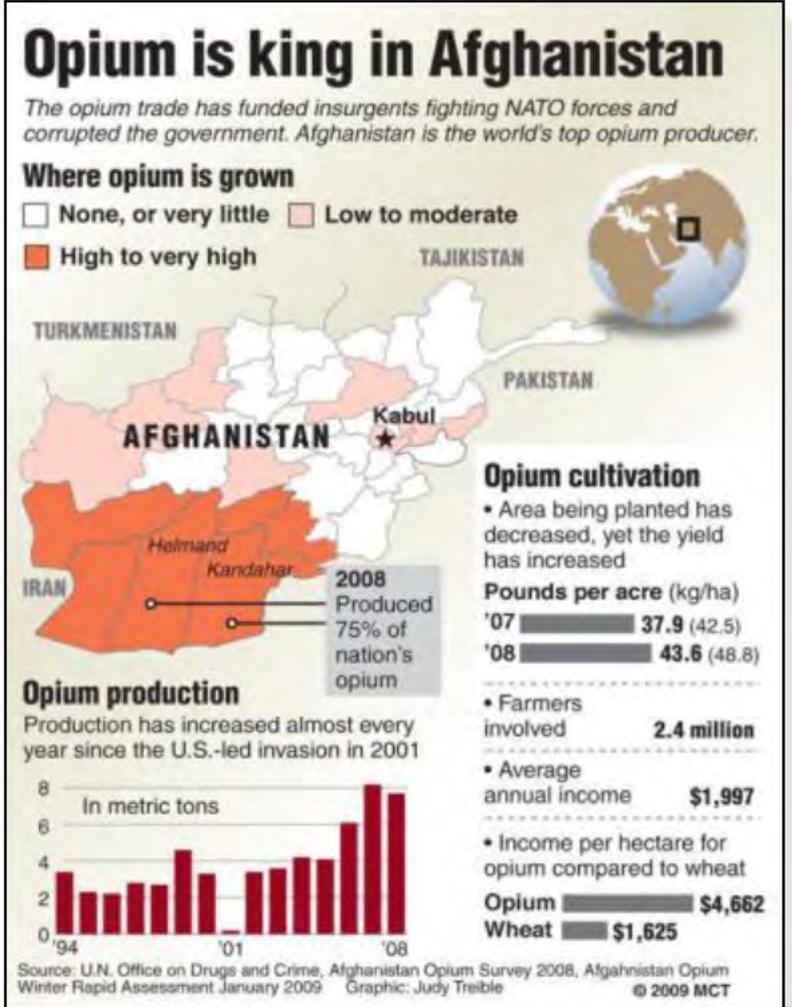
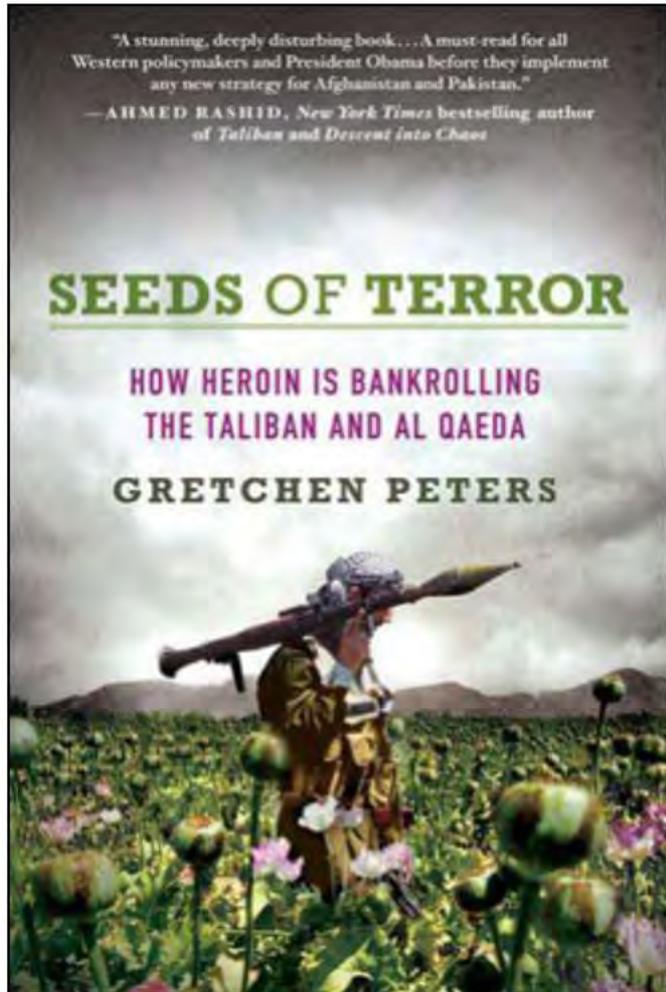


DEA Hezbollah Investigations



(Clockwise L-R: Jamal Yousef, Alwar Pouryan, Walid Makled Garcia, Ayman Joumaa & the Lebanese Canadian Bank, Bachar Wehbe, and the Zeiters)

Taliban & Al Qaeda



Taliban & Drugs

- Tax opium production
- Fully participate in other activities
 - Labs
 - Movement
 - Sales to external groups
- Different from FARC
 - Controlled from top down
 - Fully integrated strategy



Seized Tax Documents

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TRANSLATION

Honorable Road Tax Collectors:

Gentlemen, the bearer of this letter, who possess 4 kilograms of white good, has paid the custom duty at the Shinwar Custom. It is hoped that the bearer will not be bothered.

Bin Ladin, Al Qaeda

Organization & Drugs

- DEA reporting begins in 1998
- Protection of Labs and movement
- Part owner in several labs (with Taliban leadership)
- Part owner of loads including one for U.S.
- Development of new stronger heroin
 - “Tears of Allah”
 - No indications of success



DEA Afghanistan: Judicial Successes



(Clockwise L-R: Khan Mohammed, Haji Juma Khan Mohammadhasni, Haji Baghcho, Haji Bashir Noorzai, Mohammad Essa, and Haji Baz Mohammad)





The Islamic Jihad Union (IJU)
October 14, 2008

Ronald Sandee
Director of Analysis and Research
The NEFA Foundation



[The Islamic Jihad Union was founded by breakaway fighters from the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in March 2002 in Pakistan's Tribal Areas. The organization initially called itself the Islamic Jihad Group, but after failed attacks in Uzbekistan in 2004 and early 2005, changed its name and became closer to core al-Qa'ida. Since then, the organization's focus has shifted, as the IJU began plotting terror attacks in Pakistan and Western Europe, especially Germany. Based in Miral in South Waziristan, the IJU is training Western recruits for attacks in the West. The recruits are mainly Turks from Turkey and Turkish communities in Western Europe, but also Muslim converts from Europe. Although the IJU currently does not seem to be terribly effective in the execution of its operations, it remains a force to be reckoned with.]

The Roots of the IJU

When the leader of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), Juma Namangani (real name Jumaboi Ahmadzhanovich Khojyayev), died in Northern Afghanistan in mid-November 2001, trouble lay ahead for the organization. The IMU had its main bases in the north of Afghanistan and a large base in the Kabul area. Namangani was named the commander of all the foreign Mujahidin in Afghanistan by the leader of the Taliban, Mullah Omar. It was also the Taliban that funded the IMU and propped it up financially after 9/11. It was evident that funds were crucial for the IMU, with the focus of a number of



October 14, 2008:
 With the defeat of the Taliban, the IMU also lost a key lifeline: the opium corridor between the north of Afghanistan and Central Asia. According to estimates, the IMU earned hundreds of millions of dollars in the drug trade.

Kongra-Gel (aka PKK)

Drug Smuggling As The Main Financial Source of the PKK Terrorism

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Drug Smuggling, Organised Serious Crime
and Terrorism

Some claim that Turkey is one of the transit countries of the drug trafficking, not a consumer; so the fight against narcotic should not be involved with in the priority struggles of Turkey. Even, within some conversations, it is possible to hear that narcotic money has an additional value for Turkey. Data on drug usage verifies the fact that Turkey is not a crucial drug consumption market, it is mostly a transit country. Due to drug smuggling, billions of dollar have entered to the country.

However, these are not the whole part of the schema. To clarify Turkey just as a "transit country" is not sufficient. In the mean time, Turkey has become one of the crucial narcotic centers of the world. Every drug bags, pass through Istanbul and other Turkish cities to the Western Europe this turns back as a terror, crime organization, violence on the street and loss of government power in Turkey. Besides, this process continues for decades; drug-violence-degeneration triangle insidiously prejudice Turkey internally. At that point, drug trucks, passes from Turkey, should be stopped so as to re-construct order in Turkey, regain government authority by the government itself. In this study we will focus on PKK terrorism-drug smuggling connection. Although the classified Turkish, European and American sources (Stephen R. Barnhart, The New International Terrorism and Political Violence Guide, Trafford Publishing, 2002, p. 119) and media reports reveal that PKK members control the European drug cartel and they even use children to sell drugs, the connection is not a well-studied issue.

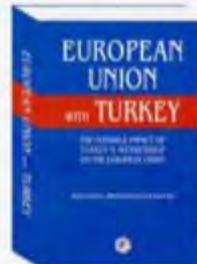


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LTTE

LTTE and drugs smuggling

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by Lakshevan Hulugalla

[May 16, Colombo, Sri Lanka Guardian] Heroin traffickers and the heroin trade is not advertised in the media like other products. This is not surprising. The heroin industry and trade from the primary stages of

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The link between terrorism and drug trafficking is inseparable and is the reason why drug trafficking is dangerous. First, both terrorists and drug organisations are extremely secretive as their existence and "success" depend on it. The statement that there is "no entrance fee to join the organization but the only exit is through the cemetery" explains the nature of both organisations. Secondly, they are closely knit, tyrannical and autocratic. The "Caps" is supreme and his word is law. This makes infiltration into these organisations very difficult, almost impossible unless well trained and intelligent. These organisations such as the LTTE, IRA, the Columbian drug "cartels", the Mafia are "empires". But even these have been infiltrated. Ethnic or racial outfits such as the LTTE, religious terrorist groups as the IRA, Al-Qaeda and the Sicilian "Mafiosi" or "family" are most difficult to infiltrate. Their anti-social activities, business and trade requirements make violence mandatory with its own code of conduct based on revenge, reprisals, cruelty, torture and death decided arbitrarily.

Violence involves weapons and these are obtained sometimes legally but used for illegal purposes. Thirdly,



Abu Sayyaf Group

Abu Sayyaf Engaged in Drug Trafficking:
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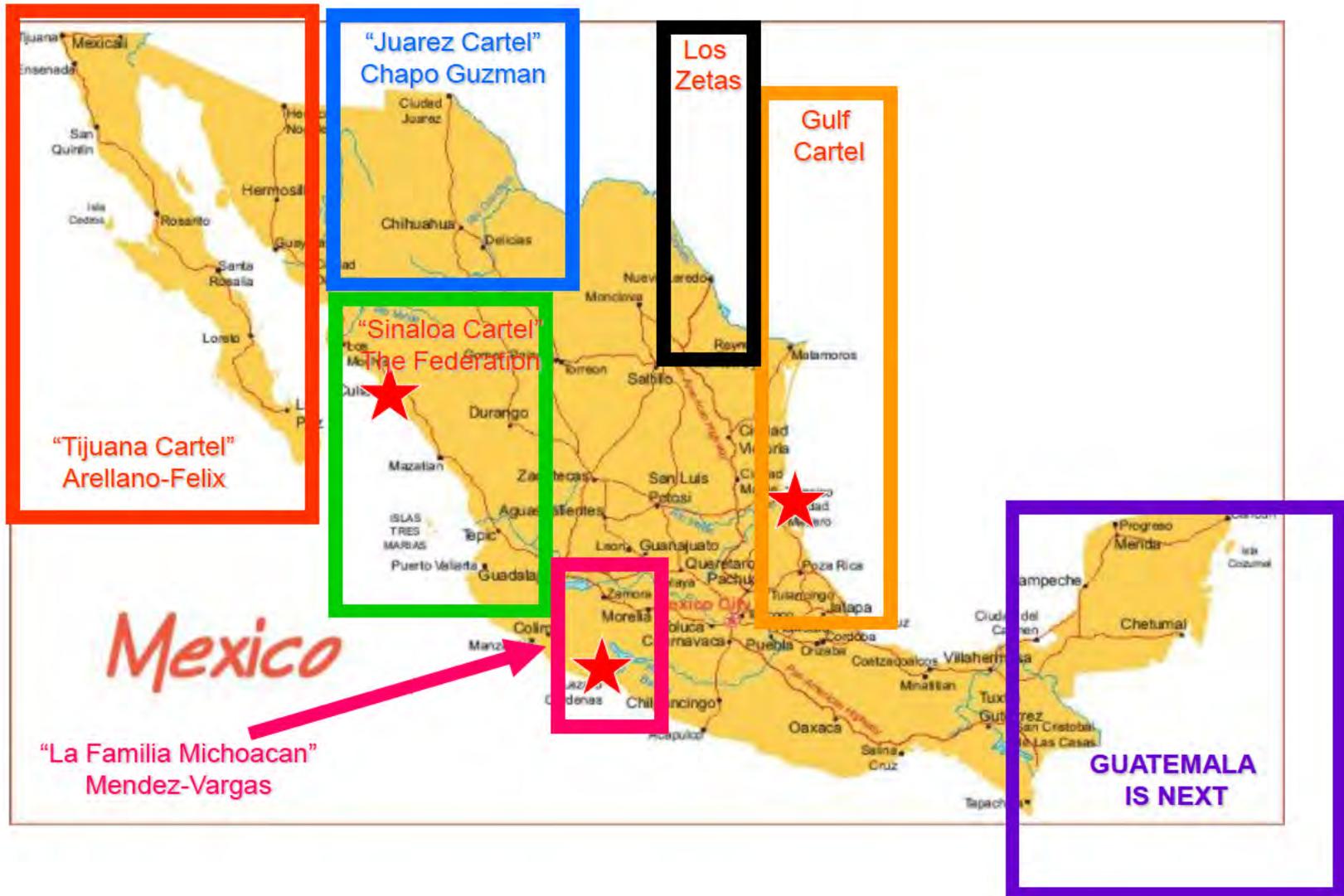
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The Abu Sayyaf Group is not only engaged in kidnapping for ransom but is also involved in the lucrative drug trafficking to rake in more money for the terrorists group, the Philippine Army disclosed Wednesday. It was among the revelations made by captured Abu Sayyaf leader Nadzmie Saabdulah, alias Commander Global, during the tactical interrogation conducted by Philippine Army intelligence operatives, the Philippine News Agency reported. Commander Global, a top assistant of Abu Sayyaf leader Commander Robot in Jolo, also revealed that the Basilan branch led by Kadaffy Janjalani was in the process ...



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- Sister helped dispose of the bodies



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Zeta Camp

A Zeta Training Camp was located outside of Higuera, Nuevo Leon in a mountain range.

Weapons found:

124 long arms (AR-15, AK-47, Shotguns)

15 pistols

2 Barret .50 caliber rifle

77 40 mm grenades

32 fragmentation grenades

4 40 mm grenade launchers

3 RPG launchers

2 RPG rockets

3 M-72 LAW rockets

1,375 rifle magazines (various types)

5,643 rounds of ammunition (various types)

15 SUV (6 armored)

10 homemade spike strips made of heavy chain with welded heavy duty nails.

72 bullet proof vest





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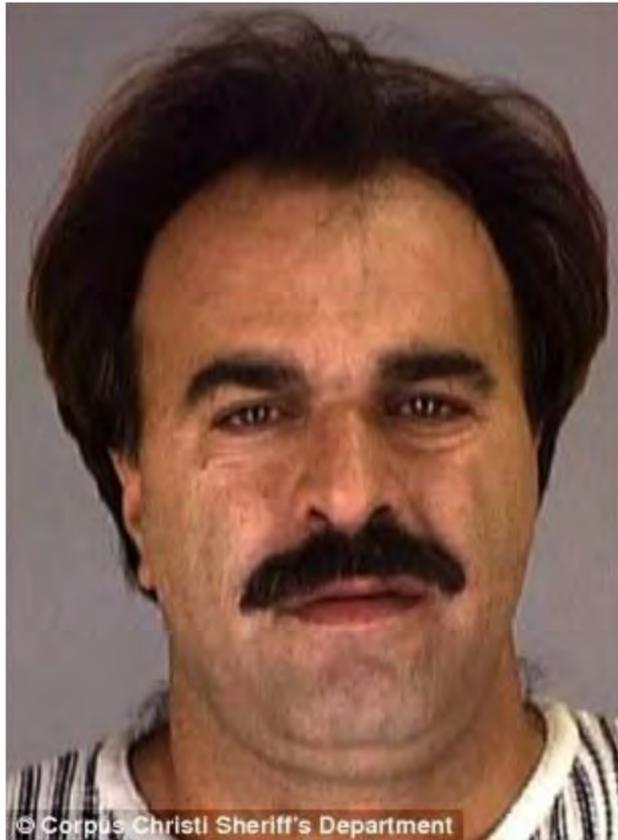
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"The Nation that makes a great distinction between its scholars and its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and its fighting done by fools."

Menelaus of Sparta