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Jihad's Girl Power

Al Qaeda's New Webzine Rallies Women — in Veils and Robes — to Holy War



The contrast between the Web site's pretty pink-hued visuals, bathed in feminine shades of peach and ocher, and the strident, often incendiary text is stark and unsettling. "We will stand covered in our veils and *abayas* [all-encompassing robes favored by Saudi women], with our weapons in our hands and our children in our arms," proclaims the editorial in the inaugural issue of *al-Khansaa*, which first appeared on the Internet last month. It represents the first time al Qaeda — a chauvinistic, conservative, Sunni Muslim-led terror network — is very publicly reaching out to women on the Internet. But even more alarming than the "feminist-jihadist" rhetoric is the fact that al Qaeda seems to be targeting a new generation of potential recruits via their mothers.

Full story: http://more.abcnews.go.com/sections/world/SciTech/jihad_web_women_040923.html

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New Internet magazine grooms women for jihad

http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=10&categ_id=4&Article_id=8063

'Jihad' magazine for women on web

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/3594982.stm

U.S. prowls in Qaeda's 'cyber sanctuaries'

From the main street here, you can see the Manhattan skyline, off in the distance. The flags that sprouted after the Sept. 11 attacks still flap on lawns and flutter on poles outside well-tended homes. Looming above them is a concrete tower that houses a real estate firm, an office supplies company - and, investigators fear, an outpost of Al Qaeda. On the second floor, an Internet company called Fortress ITX unwittingly provided access until recently for an Arabic-language Web site where postings in recent weeks urged attacks against American and Israeli targets. "The Art of Kidnapping" was explained in electronic pamphlets, along with "Military Instructions to the Mujahedeen," and "War Inside the Cities." Visitors could read instructions on using a cellular phone to remotely detonate a bomb or ask for help in manufacturing small missiles.

Full story: <http://www.iht.com/articles/540208.html>

Al Qaeda drugs Iraqis for suicide missions

Al Qaeda has recruited countless young Iraqis for suicide bombing missions, *The Times*, London, reported

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on Monday, Osama bin Laden's lieutenants drug these Iraqis before they embark on their deadly assignments, the newspaper reported. *The Times* said Al Qaeda is also moving drugs via Iraq's unpatrolled borders into Saudi Arabia. Funds obtained from the sale of these drugs bankroll the terrorism that has crippled Iraq in recent weeks. Iraqi police arrested recruits to Al Qaeda's cause last week, along with drugs worth \$20 million (about Rs 900 million). Recordings of bin Laden's speeches were also seized in the raids. The Al Qaeda leader's sermons are used to entice young Iraqis to the 'cause.'

Full story: <http://www.rediff.com/news/2004/mar/22iraq1.htm>

Illegals detained at border released onto U.S. streets

The government has no idea how many of the thousands of illegal aliens from terrorist-sponsoring states it has caught at the U.S. border and released back onto America's streets were terrorists or had ties to terror groups. Previously unreleased written responses by the Department of Homeland Security to questions from a Senate subcommittee show that more than 4,000 people from countries identified by the State Department as terrorism sponsors or national security concerns were apprehended since 2000 and that "an unknown number" were released back into the United States. Since 2000, nearly 16,000 people whose country of origin is outside the Western Hemisphere have been apprehended at the U.S. border — including more than 4,000 from countries deemed national security concerns: Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iran, North Korea, China, Pakistan, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Afghanistan, Yemen and Somalia.

Full story: <http://washingtontimes.com/national/20040921-105147-1385r.htm>

Secret government report shows Al-Qaida-linked militants conducted terror training in Philippines

A secret government report says Muslim guerrillas in the southern Philippines have hosted terror training camps for militant groups from Indonesia and Malaysia for at least seven years - a period when Southeast Asia was plagued by bombings that have killed hundreds of people, like the Bali nightclub attack in 2002

Full story: <http://ap.tbo.com/ap/breaking/MGBV7THTFZD.html>

France urged to ban “Terrorist” Jewish group



A French pro-Palestinian group has asked for banning an extremist group blamed for inciting hatred and physical violence against Arabs. Olivia Zemor (Olive & Stone) group has made the calls for the Jewish Ligue De Defense Juive (an organization defending Jews in France) to be added to the list of terrorist organizations. The French court handed Antoni Attal, one of the two assailants, a suspended 10-year sentence in jail for attacking members of the pro-Palestinian group with an iron device. The chairperson of Olivia Zemor made a strong appeal for French authorities to ban activities of the hard-line Jewish group over its resort to violence and physical attacks against opponents.

Full story: <http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2004-09/23/article02.shtml>

Related reporting:

French Report Condemns Web-based Anti-Arab Racism

<http://www.islamonline.net/English/News/2003-07/17/article09.shtml>

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What's next?

Homemade Chemical Bomb Could Be Al Qaeda's Greatest Threat



A U.S. government surveillance tape obtained by ABC News shows suspected al Qaeda operatives delivering a chemical bomb to the U.S. consulate in Karachi, Pakistan, this past March. The attempted bombing — which was thwarted by an alert security guard — would have been the terror network's first chemical bomb attack. The videotape shows an unidentified man leaving a white van outside the consulate and being picked up by accomplices. Inside the van was a large blue vat containing a 200-gallon mixture of easily available chemicals meant to produce a powerful explosion and potentially fatal fumes. Many experts now regard this to be al Qaeda's greatest threat — the homemade chemical bomb.

Full story: http://abcnews.go.com/sections/WNT/US/america_at_risk_chemical_attack_040910-1.html

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Pakistan thwarts bombing at U.S. Consulate

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/4534314>

Chechens' Terror Links Drawing Attention

The conflict in Chechnya, which began a decade ago as a secular fight for independence from Moscow, has steadily evolved into what local and foreign militants have described as jihad, or "holy war" against Russia. Fundamentalist Islamic groups have methodically recruited followers among Russia's 20 million Muslims since the 1990s, often driving mainstream Muslim clerics from their mosques in such Caucasus regions as Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkariya, both near Chechnya. "Chechnya is a jihad that al-Qaida supports with rhetoric and money,"

Full story: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-russia-terror-ties,0,4666247.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>

Homeland Security issues advice to businesses on terror attacks

The Homeland Security Department launched its [Ready Business](#) campaign, instructing companies on how to recognize and react to biological, chemical, nuclear and radiological attacks, as well as natural disasters and non-WMD terrorist attacks. The campaign builds on the existing, more general [Ready America](#) program. "The current state of private-sector preparedness in an age of terrorism remains a concern,"

Full story: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0904/092404gsn1.htm>

Featured Internet Site



<http://www.hhs.gov/disasters/index.shtml>

(Scroll to see numerous informative links)

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