



Homegrown Jihad: Terrorist Camps Around U.S.

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PRB Films in association with Christian Action Network has recently released a shocking video documenting the existence of Islamic military training camps scattered throughout the United States. The video, *HomeGrown Jihad: The Terrorist Camps Around the U.S.*, utilizes footage from a recruiting film produced by Muslims of America. Muslims of America is the U.S. affiliate of an internationally recognized terrorist organization called Jamaat ul-Fuqra, founded by radical Pakistani cleric Sheikh Mubarak Ali Gilani.

The recruiting video, known as *Soldiers of Allah* (the name Gilani gives his followers) was uncovered by PRB's investigating team. We are not told how the video was obtained, but that is understandable. Someone's life might be at stake.

Footage from the secret video shows Gilani recruiting American Muslims and instructing them in guerilla warfare tactics. He tells those viewing the video that it must be kept secret.

Gilani primarily targets American converts to Islam, mostly those with criminal backgrounds. It has been well-documented that Islam is a growing presence in prisons throughout the United States.

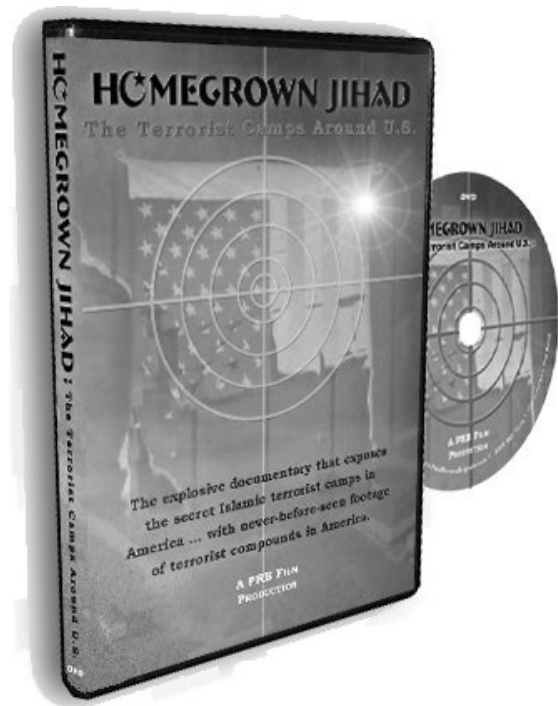
According to a 2005 Homeland Security report, Jamaat ul-Fuqra has been linked to Muslims of America and is responsible for several terrorist attacks throughout the world. The U.S. State Department reveals that "Fuqra members have purchased isolated compounds in rural America."

Gilani readily admits to establishing guerilla warfare training camps inside the United States beginning in the early 1980s. He claims that his camps offer "one of the most advanced training courses in Islamic military warfare."

The training course includes teaching on the use of a variety of weapons, from small arms to explosives. The recruiting video shows demonstrations on firing sniping rifles, hand-to-hand combat, killing guards, hijacking cars, and kidnapping.

The *Journal of Counterterrorism and Homeland Security International* quotes Gilani in its Spring 2002 issue:

We are fighting to destroy the enemy. We are dealing with evil at its roots, and its roots are America.



Gilani claims to have between 10,000 and 15,000 Muslim followers in America, with a presence in twenty-two states. He is seen telling them, "Act like you are a friend, and then kill him, just like from the book."

In an attempt to get reactions to the recruiting video from some Muslims of America members, the PRB crew visited several of the compounds, primarily in the eastern portion of the U.S. They were met with responses that ranged from kindness to threats of violence. Most were unwilling to view the video. Some took threatening stances and ordered the crew to leave the area outside their gates. Those who were more kind insisted that Gilani tells his followers to obey all laws and to not engage in any criminal activities.

One member stated that even if she saw Gilani teaching otherwise she wouldn't believe it because Gilani instructs them to not harm even a tree "without a purpose."

The operative phase, of course, is "without a purpose." As long as there is a purpose, Islamic Jihad allows for virtually any form of evil. Gilani has a purpose. It is to convert America to Islam or destroy it.

There are at least nineteen known camps still operating in the U.S. Gilani reports additional undisclosed sites in nine states.

With all this documented evidence, one may reasonably ask, "Why has the U.S. government not done something about this?"

Credible sources reveal that the head of an FBI office has stated that Washington has ordered the agency to not get involved. However, the state of Colorado was successful in raiding and shutting down one compound near the town of Buena Vista. A task force of 72 men from several law-enforcement agencies discovered surveillance and reference materials for several U.S. military sites as well as a large cache of illegal weapons and explosives.

Other than this isolated case, what is Law enforcement doing about these Islamic training camps in America? Producer Jason Campbell states:

The State Department issued a statement on January 31, 2002, regarding why the group was no longer recognized as a terrorist organization: "Jamaat ul-Fuqra has never been designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization. It was included in several recent annual terrorism reports under 'other terrorist groups,' i.e., groups that had carried out acts of terrorism but that were not formally designated by the Secretary of State. However, because of the group's inactivity during 2000, it was not included in the most recent terrorism report covering that calendar year."

What is the effect of being removed from terrorist reports? In January, 2002, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl was kidnapped and later beheaded while attempting to attend an interview with Jamaat ul-Fuqra leader Sheikh Muburak Gilani.

Was this an isolated incident? Hardly. In March, 2003, Fuqra and al Qaeda member Iyman Faris pled guilty in federal court to a plot to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge. And the list goes on.

According to a 2006 Department of Justice report, "Today, Jamaat ul-Fuqra has more than 35 suspected communes and more than 3,000 members spread across the United States, all in support of one goal: the purification of Islam through violence."

In 2005, The Department of Homeland Security predicted that Muslims of America will continue to strike in the United States: "Other predicted possible sponsors of attacks include Jamaat ul-Fuqra, a Pakistani-based group that has been linked to Muslims of America."

Yet Jamaat ul-Fuqra is still not listed on the State Department's Foreign Terrorist Organization Watch List.

A few credible voices have stated the following:

"What we are witnessing is a kind of brand-new form of terrorism. These home-grown terrorists can prove to be as dangerous as any known group, if not more so." (Special Agent Jody Weis, FBI)

"We must also work to protect our country against the next attack—terrorism spawned right here among us." (Senator Joseph Lieberman)

"These home-grown terrorists may prove to be as dangerous as groups like al Qaeda, if not more so." (Former FBI Director Robert Mueller)

During the two years it took in making *HomeGrown Jihad* Jason Campbell travelled to many of these known training compounds. He repeatedly met with local and state law enforcement. Their complaint was echoed over and over again: "Our hands are tied under their protection of private property laws and their ability to threaten religious discrimination and ethnic discrimination."

Campbell's question was, "Whose job is it to monitor these compounds?" As yet, he states, he has not received an answer. Says Campbell:

I have had conversations with State Department officials and many of the Deputy Directors of Homeland Security

from the states where these compounds are located. They refer me to the F.B.I.

The F.B.I. would make no comment even to the existence of these compounds, but graciously always referred me to the local law enforcement.

To make a change in policy in shutting these compounds down, we must follow the example of the Denver, Colorado case with this film *HomeGrown Jihad*.

In the meantime, Janet Napolitano, head of Homeland Security, is concerned about "right-wing extremists" who might recruit ex-military personnel for their radical agendas. According to a March 14, 2009 Reuters News Agency report:

The April 7 report, which Reuters and other news media obtained on Tuesday, said such fears were driving a resurgence in "recruitment and radicalization activity" by white supremacist groups, antigovernment extremists and militia movements. It did not identify any by name.

DHS had no specific information about pending violence and said threats had so far been "largely rhetorical."

But it warned that home foreclosures, unemployment and other consequences of the economic recession "could create a fertile recruiting environment for right-wing extremists."

"To the extent that these factors persist, right-wing extremism is likely to grow in strength," DHS said.

Napolitano's hysteria over "largely rhetorical" "evidence" has no basis in history, with the **possible** exception of Timothy McVay. Yet radical Islam is carrying out terrorist warfar on at least thirty fronts worldwide, and threatens the U.S. from within.

So why is this important to believers in Jesus? What can we do about it anyway? After all, the Lord has not called us to take up arms against our enemies, but to love them.

While this is true, it doesn't hurt for us to know our enemies and their designs against us. Naïveté on our part does us no good. Nor does it do our enemies any good. If we are to minister the grace of God to them it helps to know what they are thinking.

At the same time, we should not assume that all Muslims are out to get us. Gilani's followers have been responsible for the killing of moderate Muslim leaders as well as the killings of Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, and others.

I cannot speak for Christian Action Network, but I believe they are doing us a service by warning us of this threat against America.

True, God does not wrap Himself in the American flag. And there is ample evidence that His judgment upon the United States is coming—and is already being felt. But we still love our families, friends, and brethren in Christ. We do not want them injured.

We should not lose hope that God will spare this nation and bring it back to some semblance of spiritual sanity. But we must not be complacent to the genuine threat from the enemies of the only true God. ❖

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