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Abstract:
An already tested scenario of creating territories under domination of Islamic fundamentalists and the realization of the plan of the Islamic caliphate, which would primarily comprise states and regions in which the Muslim population is predominant with the pretensions to later be relevant to the whole world, is now being realized in Central Asian countries. For that purpose, a new terrorist organization called “LIVO” was established, whose striking point and backbone are Islamic movement of Uzbekistan, Al Qaeda, and other organizations with the same goals, who are active on a global plan as well as a regional plan.
Key words: Central Asia, terrorism, Islam, fundamentalism;

Introduction

After the breakdown of the Soviet Union, Central-Asian former republics attained independence. In the resulting situation these states started to act independently and led their own domestic and international politics, this time without the control center in Moscow. Unsuccessful socio-economic reforms and the slow process of democratization and privatization resulted in the Islamic fundamentalists’ extremism being imposed as the only possible solution. This kind of situation brought to life some Islamic ambitions, above all those which originated in the center of Islamic extremism in Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. Entire generations of young people were educated in various religious universities in these countries for years, all so that when they returned to where they came from they could oppose the greatest enemy of the West, communism. After these previously mentioned countries gained independence these and other similar trends were suggesting the civil war in Tajikistan, as well as the explosion of terrorist activities in the entire Central Asia region.

In one of his messages, Osama bin Laden said: “Whether I go from Indonesia to Algeria, from Kabul to Chechnya, from Bosnia to Sudan or from Burma to
Kashmir…..”, he continues, “This is not about my survival. This is about the survival of Jihad (Holy war). Wherever they look for me, there I’ll be.”

The ideology of communism was replaced with another very dangerous one; the ideology of Islamic extremists. This process was planned for a long time, so even before the breakdown of the Soviet Union, during the gradual decline of Soviet control over Central Asian republics in the time of Mikhail Gorbachev, the number of Mosques in the Namaghan area in Uzbekistan had grown from 2 to 26. The same was true of the growth and establishment of numerous Islamic organizations under the protection of the Wahhabis.  

**The creation of LIVO**

Recently discovered information shows the strength of the connection between Islamic Jihad terrorists. Above all this refers to the concept by which the terrorist network of Islamic fundamentalists in the Balkans is created, whose members have recently established close contacts with the network of terrorist’s in Central Asia. In the past couple of months security forces of the Balkan countries have tracked intensive contacts between the above mentioned groups in Central Asia and those in the Balkans. The topic of their communication was the upcoming Olympic Games in Greece in 2004, and the situation in Iraq. The model by which the clean “Islamic State” is to be created in the central Asian territory is similar to the model which was used when so called “Green Transversal” was been created in region of the Balkans.

Experts and the wider public as well already know that Islamic jihad warriors took part in the creation of an Islamic network in the Balkans, and that their true intention is the creation of “Green Transversal” in the relation of Albania, Kosovo, Raška, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the goal to create a “Golden gate” for the penetration of an extreme form of Islam to the heart of Europe and further towards the USA. Similar intentions are held by those that share the same religious views who are aiming to create Islamic state in Central Asia. Those centers of Islamic terrorism that took part in creation of the “Green Transversal” on the Balkans are used again, only now their activity is steered towards the Central Asian region. Above all these are the centers in Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia. It is important to point out that not only members of Islamic extremist organizations take part in these processes; some Islamic states also actively participate in them. In the framework of the mujaheddin units which fought in the region of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the 7th revolutionary guard brigade took part, as well as part of special units of Iranian secret service VEVAK. Iranian intelligence service VEVAK had developed the entire agency network around Bosnian villages during the civil war in the beginning of

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2 Information of the Republic of Srpska Secretariat for Relations with the International Tribunal for War Crimes in Haag  
3 Darko Trifunović, Islamic Fundamentalists Global Network - Modus Operandi - Model Bosnia, p.60-61; Banja Luka 2002; Republic of Srpska
nineties, with the goal of supporting terrorist activities of Islamic fundamentalists. Similar activities were recorded in the territory of Central Asia where along with other secret services, an important place takes the secret service of Pakistan.

Kyrgyzstan’s intelligence service\(^4\) has recently identified the existence of a trans-national central Asian Islamic extremist group under the name LIVO, which was founded in May, 2001, mainly under the sponsorship of Osama bin Laden and the Al Qaeda organization. The main source was Sheraly Akbotoyev, Kyrgyz, and one of the leading figures in the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU); he was arrested in Afghanistan in mid 2002, and then extradited to the capital Bishkek where he was sentenced to 25 years in prison. On the hearing Akbotoyev admitted that in May 2001 Taliban leader Mullah Muhammad Omar and Osama bin Laden founded a new international Islamic organization known as LIVO, with the goal of “setting free” Central Asia from “nonbelievers”. The meaning of the word LIVO is still unknown today.

Akbotoyev has defined the declared goal of LIVO as “the creation of a united Islamic state which will include Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the Chinese province Xiangyang”. Juma Namangani\(^6\), founder of IMU and a close collaborator of Osama bin Laden, was designated as the head of LIVO. Besides the head, in the LIVO structure is also a Supreme counsel whose members are: Mullah Muhammad Omar (Talibani-Afghanistan), Osama bin Laden, Takhir Yuldeshef (another IMU leader), Hasan – Uigur (one of the main leaders of separatists of Xiangyang), and two Taliban commanders known only by names Ubaidullo and Aimani.\(^7\).

The essence of LIVO activity is to speed up and organize trainings of terrorists and their allocation across Central Asia. The principal of action first falls on the recruitment of the local population. Firsthand, the stimulation for it is certain compensation which is received for admission. After the recruitment and training a command cadre is appointed for every unit. Units are then distributed according to what places recruits are coming from. After completing the training recruits return to their villages and cities where the weapons are secretly distributed to where they are needed, since possessing a weapon is traditional in the Central Asian region. Weaponry is usually bought in bazaars together with all other goods. Depending on the situation, certain units are sometimes sent to practice militant acts wherever it is needed, and it is mostly in Afghanistan. Recently, more and more often they are sent as small squads to Iraq. What Akbotoyev confirmed several times during the

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\(^4\) Committee for national security (KNB). National security and intelligence service responsible to the President of the state represented on the Cabinet level via head of KNB. Head of KNB is Kalyk Imankulov (on this position since 18.01.2002.)

\(^5\) IMU is close ally of Al Qaeda organization. During 1990s IMU had organized several terrorist attacks within Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan in their attempt to establish a Muslim extremists’ regime by the Taliban model.

\(^6\) Juma Namangani, according to some sources was killed in Afghanistan in the end of 2001 where he fought on Talibans side.

\(^7\) ISSA-Special GIS Report
investigation is that the majority of LIVO members at that point were mujaheddins from Uzbekistan, but regardless, members from the entire Central Asia are arriving, including Arabs known as “Afghanistans”. In the time of Akbotoyev’s arrest, LIVO already had widely spread across Central Asia. Members of LIVO have survived the attack on Afghanistan and there are strong indications that soon this terrorist organization as an active armed force, organized as it is described earlier will grow into a serious threat to the peace and stability in Central Asia. A similar situation is occurring in regions of the Balkans, when Albanians from Kosovo and Metohija and Muslims from Raška area were partaking in war clashes in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia in order to attain certain militant skills, which latter served them in other occasions, particularly when performing terrorist actions in Kosovo and Metohija and in preparation of secession of Raška region.

Sheraly Akbotoyev, Kyrgyz, 33 years old, joined IMU in August, 1999 when one part of IMU units occupied the region of Batken, Kyrgyzstan and collected local young men to join the Islamic revolution. In North Afghanistan, Akbotoyev and several other like-minded signed on the same occasion, and had organized terrorist training in several camps. During the summer of 2000, this newly-formed squadron of death had attacked targets in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. In the autumn of 1999, in the new reorganization of forces, Central-Asian mujaheddins were put under the command of Afghan Talibans together with troops from Pakistan and the Gilgit region. The same was with Arab forces “Afghanistans” who fought under the command of Ahmad Shah Massuda.

**LIVO and IMU (Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan)**

LIVO’s striking point was the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) whose members carried out their first terrorist action in December 1991. On that occasion a building which belonged to the Communist party in Namagan city in East Uzbekistan was attacked. The action was performed by Tohir Abdouhalilović Yuldeshev⁸, Jumaboi Ahmadžanović Khojaev⁹ and Abdul Ahad¹⁰. An important member of this group is also Muhammad Solikh¹¹, a former presidential candidate of the elections in 1991, and leader of the forbidden Erk party. Later on, Juma Namagani joined the group too. Tahir Abdouhalilović Yuldeshev was chosen as the leader of the group. It is believed that the group consists of 3000 to 4000 guerillas with the ability to recruit and train around 5000 followers and like-minded from various countries every year. IMU members are armed with light weaponry mostly of Soviet production. Generally they carry out their operations in the area of the Fergana valley which borders where Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan meet. An extremely brutal incident happened

⁸ Yuldeshev is well known mullah in Islamic secret movement.
⁹ Khojaev is known as soviet parachutist from Afghanistan war.
¹⁰ Abdul Ahad is Saudi, trained member of Wahhabis.
¹¹ According to some sources, during October of 1998, on one of the meetings in Turkey, Yoldashev had offered to Solikin to take the position of the President of so called “Islamic Democratic Republic of Uzbekistan”, and in return he asked for financial help which would be used to buy weaponry and other equipment from Muslim Mukhadjir Assistance Fund” foundation located in Turkey.
in the Fergana valley in 1998, when four Uzbekistani policemen died in an ambush which was organized by Islamic jihad terrorists\(^\text{12}\).

Their presence is also noticed in the valleys of Karatefin and Tavildera, deep inside the seat of the Pamir Mountain, southeast of the Dushanbea city, the capital of Tajikistan. In the village Sangor, on the midway to the Tavildera valley, permanent bases which perform everyday operations are located. In the year 1998, members of IMU organized two bomb attacks, one in the biggest of Kyrgyzstan’s cities, Osh. Several people lost their lives and another few were injured. In February 1999, IMU extremists organized a series of terrorist attacks in the capital of Uzbekistan, Tashkent. Five coordinated car-bombs exploded. On that occasion 16 people lost their lives and more than 100 were injured\(^\text{13}\). In November of the same year, IMU extremist’s also killed 10 government officials of Uzbekistan. It is suspected that this action was performed in cooperation with another dangerous group of extremists called Hisb e-Tahrir\(^\text{14}\), an organization whose goal, just like the goal of other Islamic extremist organizations is to convert Uzbekistan and other countries in the region to Islamic states held by the ideal of the Islamic caliphate. IMU extremists are responsible for a series of kidnappings including kidnapping four American mountaineers\(^\text{15}\) in August of the year 2000; who succeeded to escape after a 6-day capture. A strategic goal of the IMU is the mobilization of the Central-Caucasian forces of rebels, especially along the Farghan valley, in order to prolong the guerilla war against the government forces of Uzbekistan as long as it is possible. IMU actions were giving support to Talibans\(^\text{16}\), just like they are doing today. For all their activities they are getting financial support from Osama bin Laden, as well as from Islamic parties in Pakistan like Sipa-e-Sahaba and Harkat ul Mujahedin. Islamic extremists of the IMU organization received several bases in the north of Afghanistan from the Taliban, from where in August 1999 they performed terrorist actions across the Amu Darya river in Tajikistan and towards the south of Kyrgyzstan. Russia and Uzbekistan have warned several times that IMU rebels are trying to organize the transport of opium through so called “messenger systems” in the region to Russia and West European countries. The link between local leaders and the heroin mafia has been known for a long time, because opium is the main source of funds for the Taliban and network which was founded by the most famous terrorist today, Osama bin Laden. Funds are also provided by Islamist groups from Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and other Islamic countries. There are references that in 1999, the IMU received donations worth 25 million USD by foreign sponsors. Other sources of income are kidnappings of non-Islamic countries’ citizens. In year 1999, for the release of four

\(^{12}\) Asia Times, February 22, 1999

\(^{13}\) Washington Post, February 17, 1999

\(^{14}\) Islamic liberate party, active in neighboring countries, especially Kyrgyzstan. Leader of this group, Hafizulloh Nasirof was arrested by Uzbekistani authorities in December of 1999.

\(^{15}\) Over the Edge: The True Story of Four American Climbers' Kidnap and Escape in the Mountains of Central Asia by Greg Child (Hardcover - April 2002)

\(^{16}\) Talibans arose from the radical members of the Pashtun tribe, and who with the support of Teheran and Islamabad became the biggest threat to the peace in the Central Asian region. In the very beginning those were only students-Islamic extremists and young Islamic priesthood.
kidnapped Japanese geologists and eight hostages from Kyrgyzstan, about $5 million was received\textsuperscript{17}.

**Repressive measures carried out by the government of Uzbekistan**

When it realized the threat of Islamic extremist organizations like IMU, LIVO, and others, the Uzbekistani Government carried out several repressive actions in the Ferghan valley. More than 900 mosques were closed because it was found that they served as places where Islamic terrorists were not only religiously but were also militarily trained. Large portions of the male population in this region had to shave their beards so that they would not look like religious fanatics. During the holiday of Ramadan it was forbidden to call up believers to the mosques. Within this strategy of repression, it is important to emphasize that some basic rights of freedom of innocent people were endangered\textsuperscript{18}.

If we consider the fact that the IMU had long time ago grew beyond the frame of the purpose for which it was first founded for, especially the circumstances in which the militant actions were carried out across the whole region, and the ability to recruit new extremists beyond the borders of Uzbekistan - the great need appeared for extremist Islamists to form the mentioned LIVO organization. With the fact that extremist Islamic movements and organizations already existed in the Central Asian territory, LIVO was created so that it can unite those organizations and movements and indirectly put them under the Taliban control, and the control of Osama bin Laden with the full respect to the situation on the terrain which was controlled by the local rulers of the war and peace.

Lack of military abilities of the Taliban to overtake Uzbekistan for example, resulted in the Taliban sponsoring groups like IMU and today as we see LIVO to successfully spread their influence to other countries. The threat of Islamic extremists to the countries in the region is so big that in January 2000, Uzbekistani president Islam Karimov called leaders of neighboring countries to increase cooperation in fighting against religious extremists. This call of president Karimov did not have positive results at first; but it was finally seriously taken after the tragedy of September 11, 2001 – the terrorist attack on USA. It is notably defeating the report of the Human Right Watch organization\textsuperscript{19} which did not realize the seriousness of the situation in Central Asia, especially the intentions and ambitions of Islamic extremists to remove the democratically elected president of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov from his presidential position using non-democratic means including terrorism. A section of the report which refers to the recommendation to the government of Uzbekistan, it

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  \item ISSA-Special Report-Islamist Terrorism and Narcotrafficking in Uzbekistan
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  \item May 1998 Vol. 10, No. 4 (D) Republic Of Uzbekistan Crackdown In The Farghona Valley: Arbitrary Arrests And Religious Discrimination44
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is requested to release Islamic extremists from the jail: “Nedzamat Ahmedov, Erkin Ashurov, Abdurauf Ghofurov, Ahmadjon Igitaliev, Oqilbek Ishanbaev, Murad Juraev, Mukhamadkhon Mamadaliev and Sodiq Otajanov”. The same was with the group of young activists of the IMU organization which was discovered in the University in Tashkent. It is important to emphasize that Islamic extremist devoted big deal to the student population and that in it they have small, but strong rest.

**Taliban and trafficking of narcotics**

Uzbekistani authorities have accused the Taliban several times for drug trafficking and illegal production across Central Asia. The illegal drug production had its peak in 1999, under control of Taliban “holy warriors”. Same year Uzbekistani security forces confiscated more than two tons of heroin. For the sake of comparison, in year 1994 only 11kg of heroin was confiscated, with remark of Uzbekistani authorities to confiscate only 15% of narcotics in the market. Today, Uzbekistan is facing a great narcotic trafficking crisis because it has become the greatest transit station for illegal drug trafficking from Afghanistan and Tajikistan to Europe. In this chain of the illegal drug trafficking network, especially opium and heroin, important place take centrals of Islamic extremists in the Balkans, whose centers are in the mentioned “Green Transversal”.

After the tragedy on September 11 2001, the first military action that USA performed was against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. It is poorly known that main targets of American air strikes were indeed opium fields. In the chain of financing the network of Islamic extremists or as we can call it today the network of Al Qaeda, since Al Qaeda means all those organizations whose goals and plans are the creation of Umma or global Islamic caliphate, the most important place belongs to the opium i.e. heroin production. Funds gained in this way serve for financing Al Qaeda. The chain through which illegal drugs are transported and distributed starts in Afghanistan and countries of Central Asia, then is transported through Iran, Turkey, Bulgaria, Albania, Kosovo, Raška and Bosnia and Herzegovina and is sold on the Western market. The report of American congress from the December 20, 2002, whose authors are experts of the Intelligence Committee, talks about the ramification and functioning of Islamic extremists; it says the following: “Al Qaeda is acting across the world against the USA and its allies. People who are responsible for the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, are radicalized in the way Islamic ideology is seen in Germany; they had meetings in Malaysia and have received money for their activities in United Arab Emirates. The attack on September 11, 2001 is only one example of Al Qaeda’s global impact. Islamic extremist groups were supporting or partaking in the attacks not only in the USA, but also in the Balkans, Caucasus, France, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Spain, Tanzania, Tunis, Uzbekistan, Yemen, and many other countries...20 Production of opium, heroin, and other narcotics with evident collaboration of Islamic extremists and terrorists whose

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20 Report of the U.S Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and U.S House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities before and after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 107th Congress 2d Session December 2002.
common goal is not only the creation of Global Islamic state, evenly endanger concerns of Russia, China, and USA. The Ferghan valley is the key spot in the production and trafficking of illegal drugs. In the part of the valley which spans through Kyrgyzstan, the Osh city is marked as the main crossroad of the sales of weapons and drugs. According to the Kyrgyzstan’s sources more than 70% of the weapons and drug trade is under control of Islamic terrorist Juma Namangani. The road of production and drug trade originates in Afghanistan, mainly at locations which are still under Taliban control, and continues through the forbidden channels which are controlled by various fractions around the Pamir Mountains.

**LIVO and UTO (Tajikistan)**

The skeleton of the organization LIVO in Tajikistan is composed of the members of UTO organization, or United Tajik Opposition. UTO is solely extremist terrorist Islamic organization which with its actions has caused long-standing civil war in this country. Leader of UTO is Said Abdulla Nuri who on couple of occasions had organized terrorist camps at the border with Uzbekistan. From these camps, government forces of Uzbekistan have been attacked, and on one instance, the aviation of Uzbekistan had destroyed one village which was the stronghold of Islamic extremists. Key strongholds of UTO are located in the Katergin valley which spans form the north to the south across Tajikistan, and connects north Afghanistan with the Fergana valley. The Katergin valley was beyond control of the Tajikistan government since 1992. Controlled by the opposition which consisted mainly of Islamists during the civil war, because of its geographical position this valley has turned into a retreat for the various movements and organizations. Even when the war was over, this valley remained unsafe; instead it remained the scene of conflicts for local forces who are fighting for the main control of that region. Essentially it is the control of the transit of narcotics and association with the other Islamic extremist organizations like LIVO and IMU. During August of year 2000 several separate attacks on the government troops in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan were carried out. Responsibility for these attacks was ascribed to Islamic extremist movements whose goal was to crash governments in these countries, and in accordance with overall intentions of extremists, to intrude dark religious regimes like the one that Taliban inaugurated in Afghanistan before the military intervention of USA. Islamic terrorists have mainly belonged to organizations LIVO and UTO, whose goal is as well the creation of “Islamic state of Ferghana valley”. These combatants had training camps in the north of Afghanistan and bases in Tajikistan, but authorities in Tajikistan have rejected the accusations of the Kyrgyzstan’s and Uzbekistan’s government. It is quite understandable why the minister for state of emergency of Tajikistan, Miro Ziyoyev rejected all accusations emphasizing that couple of months prior to that the complete inspection of all villages along the boarded was done, since he himself was not only the member of UTO, but also one of the commandants of this organization during the civil war in Tajikistan.
China and Islamic extremists (OFIT)

The wave of extremism and occurrences in neighboring former republics of Soviet Union did not fail to affect north-west parts of China as well. Over 47 various ethnic groups live in the largest autonomous region of China, Xingyang. Majority of the population are Ujgurs, Muslims who speak language similar to Turkish. In the last several decades, extreme Islamic movement is growing among Ujgurs, a movement which aims to separate this province from China and in its imagined future to annex following territories: Ksuara, region in Kazakhstan known as “seven rivers”, Osh region in Kyrgyzstan and parts of the Ferghan valley in Uzbekistan with goal of creating the state under name Uyguristan. Bases of Islamic extremists are located in mountains of neighboring Kazakhstan. Leader of the organization labeled as Liberate front of East Turkestan (OFIT) is Jusufbeg Muhlisi better known as Aga. Another member of OFIT is Abdurrezak Imam, who for some time now is working on preparation of extremists from the Ujgur rank trained to perform extensive military actions. Certain terrorist, know to Chinese security forces under name Sanhijaz is performing his terrorist actions with help from Abdurrezak Imam. This forty year old is miner by profession and in series of his bomb attacks which he does exclusively on Fridays he left clear messages which speaks about intentions of Islamic terrorists. In general, the custom to perform terrorist attacks on Fridays is act of racism which in a way protects citizens of Muslim nationality because it is assumed that those who are true believers will be in the mosque at that time, since Friday is very important day for Muslims (Juma). Organization OFIT is trying to implement its terrorist goals by organizing training camps and recruiting young people belonging to Ujgura nation. It is believed that more than 90 bases exist in which terrorists are trained. Their methods of fighting are explosions, killing soldiers and robbing banks. Until year 1990 OFIT was mostly passive organization, however, since then it is working in coordination with other Islamic extremist organizations not only in the region, but also on global level. In actions of collecting money for its activities, special place has the Ujgura diaspora which actively participates not only in actions of gathering help but also in lobbying. Centers for mentioned operations are known to USA and other Western countries. In December 1997, Saudi citizen who is originally Ujgur had granted to Tahir Yuldash huge donation, out of which the half was intended for performing terrorist actions of OFIT in China. It is especially significant the fact that from mentioned camps for training Islamic extremists and terrorists of Ujgur, terrorists are sent to perform militant actions across Central Asia in order to obtain necessary fighting experience. In cooperation with other terrorist organizations, before all those located in Central Asia, OFIT gives full support in establishing LIVO, the organization which will unite all efforts of Islamic extremists.
America have labeled movements of Ujgur separatists on the list of terrorist organizations. That was done by the vice president of the government secretary, Mr. Ermitage, right after the event on September, 11, 2001.

**Pakistan – network of Islamic extremist organizations**

Until September 11, 2001, majority of Pakistani Islamic extremist groups oriented either towards fighting Jihad (holy war) in parts of Kashmir under Indian administration, or towards supporting the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. However, as the authorities in Islamabad decided to support American military strikes on Taliban locations in Afghanistan which later resulted in deposing Taliban regime, the government of Pakistan itself became aim and possible target of Pakistani extreme Islamic groups. Network of terrorist organizations of Islamic extremists, especially of those located in Central Asian region is surely one of the largest strongholds and it is located in Pakistan. Qazi Hussain Ahmed is one of the leaders of organization Armed Islamic Movement (AIM) with its seat Khartum, and is one of the leaders of Islamic jihad in Pakistan. Qazi Hussain Ahmed was directing the network of terrorist centers in city Karachi and was responsible for Islamic activities in terms of training, equipment, operational support and other similar centers in Kashmir, Afghanistan and Albania, including Kosovo.25

Intentions of Islamic extremists in Pakistan are not only towards local goals. Before all, the great interest exists to control the “Road of Silk” through channels of Islamists as well as the entire region of Central Asia. The problem with Kashmir just proves that these appetites are megalomaniacal, considering strong presence of Pakistani intelligence agencies and terrorist organizations on Balkans. Until today, around 20 terrorist organizations are known to exist in Pakistan whose activities are largely linked to the organization LIVO, as well as to the global network of Al Qaeda. Therefore, Pakistan is seen with reason as a dangerous country whose safety and fate are endangered by Islamic extremists. According to the information that International Strategic Studies Association (ISSA) has, following organizations are linked to terrorist activities on territories of Kashmir and Pakistan:

1. **Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)** – this organization was formed in 1964, and its founder was Hasim Kureishi who is currently in Norway. The way it looks today, this organization was founded on the 29 of May, 1997 in Birmingham, UK, and soon after it had organized several car-bomb explosions in a small city in Kashmir, Srinigar. Current leader of this organization is Jasin Malik, and the organization acts on three fronts: political, diplomatic, and military. On the military front, several terrorist attacks were carried out on targets in the Kashmir valley, with the goal to disengage that part from India, and substantial forces represent brigades of women terrorists called Khawateen Markaz.

2. **Dawat-wal-Irshad (DI) (Sunni)** – separate entity of armed formation of the terrorist organization Jamiat Ahle Hadith which was involved in the training and

25 Yossef Bodansky, Islamabad’s Road Warriors, Defense&Foreign Affairs, ISSA
equipping Islamic extremists for terrorist acts in Kashmir, Philippines, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sudan, and Somalia.

3. **Al-Omar Mujahedin** – Leader of this organization is Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar. The organization is active mostly in Kashmir valley.

4. **Hizb-ul-Mujahadin** – Head commandant of organization is Syed Salahuddin, general secretary is je Mufikar Ahmed. Primary goals of the organization are annexing Kashmir and Jama to Pakistan, and the organization is active in the Kashmir valley. Organization Ansar-ul Islam was unified with Hizb-ul Mujahadin owing to Kalim Siddiqui.

5. **Al-Badr’ Mujahedin** – Head commandant of organization is Amir Bakht Zameen. This organization acts with completely the same attitude as the movement of Osama bin Laden. It is involved in Islamistic activities in Algeria, Egypt, Chechnya, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Kosovo, Thailand, Philippines, and other countries. Terrorist camps for training Islamic extremists are located in Afghanistan, and the organization participates with a large number of foreign instructors in training Kashmir’s rebels.

**Conclusion**

Main goals of LIVO, IMU, and Al Qaeda may be summarized by the following components:

1. Creation of religious Islamic fundamentalist states across the world, or the creation of the Caliphate in the form of the Umma. This mainly refers to countries in which Muslims live in larger or smaller proportion. Al Qaeda’s expansion and formation of bases leads to the possibility to easily and quickly overtake the ruling, as it is already seen in Afghanistan.

2. In developing countries where democratic processes are just arising, as in the case of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and other states in Central Asia, but also as in the case of Albania, Bosnia, and other countries in the Balkans, the formation of bases of Al Qaeda provide prospects of recruiting larger numbers of people where Islamists are trained for upcoming terrorist actions.

3. Misuse of religion by extremists in the sense of fallacious interpretation and depravation of Islam, one of the biggest religions in the world. The essential goal is to separate a great number of religious Muslims from the rest of the world, by any means. Demolition of Buddhist monuments in Afghanistan has only caused Islam to be seen as a subversive religion which does not respect other religions and propagates religious and other forms of hatred and non-tolerance.

4. Aggression on the attainments of the modern civilization since they are seen as the main obstruction which blocks global extreme Islamic goals.
5. Providing support to Muslim fundamentalism on a global level, an open one which is given by some Islamic states, and also secret one through various forms of so called humanitarian organizations.

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