

(U) Foreign Terrorist Organizations' Official Media Arms and Violent Extremist Web Forums\*

(U) Each of the foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) referenced in this graphic use social media to disseminate official messaging, recruit potential members, and convince potential supporters to mobilize to violence. Due to the dynamic social media environment—including the termination of user accounts by social media sites for violations of terms of service—it is sometimes difficult to pinpoint the current account names used by these groups and their supporters, so this graphic does not include this information. We have, however, listed the social media platforms these FTOs often use to initially disseminate their messaging. Additionally, we have provided information on the types of products disseminated through these platforms and the languages in which such media is often produced.

(U) The web forums discussed below often facilitate the dissemination of FTO official and unofficial messaging and can provide a venue for operational planning. Each of these forums is partly or completely closed to the general public and require administrator permission to view the majority of its content. Most forum participants are likely violent extremists, although some could be there for legitimate purposes. Because of consistent lapses in web forum service, violent extremists and FTOs have increasingly been looking to other avenues, especially social media, to disseminate and discuss violent extremist messaging; however, al-Qa'ida core has historically preferred forums for dissemination. The following forums continue to play a role in the dissemination and discussion of extremist content by violent extremists.

(U) Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's (ISIL) Media Arms

<p><b>Al-Hayat†</b></p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic, English, and multiple European and Southeast Asian languages <b>Product Types:</b> Audio statements, online magazines, and videos featuring foreign fighters <b>Example:</b> <i>Dabiq</i> magazine <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Telegram and Twitter</p> <p>† ISIL's primary non-Arabic media center</p>	<p><b>Al-Furqan</b></p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic and English <b>Product Types:</b> Audio statements and videos <b>Example:</b> <i>A Message to America</i> hostage execution video <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Telegram and Twitter</p>	<p><b>Al-I'tisam</b></p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic, English, and French <b>Product Types:</b> Foreign fighter videos and graphics promoting ISIL's success <b>Example:</b> <i>Message to the Mujahidin</i> video series <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Telegram and Twitter</p>	<p><b>Provincial Media Offices</b></p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic, English, French, Russian, Kurdish, Pashto, and Uzbek <b>Product Types:</b> Pictorials, videos, text statements, and infographics <b>Example:</b> <i>Paris Has Collapsed</i> video from Aleppo Province <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Telegram and Twitter</p>
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(U) This graphic does not include information on ISIL's al-Bayan Radio, which produces daily newscasts and 24/7 streaming internet radio in various languages, or information on ISIL's Ajnad, which produces Arabic-language nasheeds (Islamic chants).

(U) Violent Extremist Web Forums

<p><b>Al-Fida Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Accredited by AQIC and its affiliates</li> <li>▶ Established 2011</li> <li>▶ A closed forum requiring administrator approval to engage</li> </ul>	<p><b>Al-Minbar al-'Ijami Jihadist Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Supportive of ISIL but not officially endorsed by the group</li> <li>▶ Multiple languages</li> <li>▶ Established 2011</li> <li>▶ Partly closed forum requiring administrator approval to engage</li> <li>▶ Reposts ISIL official messaging and hosts prominent ISIL supporters</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bab-ul Islam Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A website supportive of ISIL, Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Islamic State in Khorasan, and AQIS</li> <li>▶ Established 2011</li> </ul>	<p><b>Global Jihad Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Supportive of ISIL but not officially endorsed by the group</li> <li>▶ Arabic-language</li> <li>▶ Established February 2011</li> </ul>	<p><b>Shumukh al-Islam Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Supportive of ISIL but not officially endorsed by the group</li> <li>▶ Multiple languages</li> <li>▶ Established 2007</li> <li>▶ Partly closed forum requiring administrator approval to engage</li> <li>▶ Reposts ISIL official messaging and hosts prominent ISIL supporters</li> </ul>
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(U) Al-Qa'ida and Affiliates' Media Arms

<p><b>Al-Qa'ida Core (AQC):</b> As-Sahab Establishment for Media Production</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic with English subtitles or translations and Urdu <b>Product Types:</b> Audio messages, a newsletter, and video messages featuring senior leadership and ideologues <b>Example:</b> <i>An Invitation to Individual Jihad</i>; <i>Ayman al-Zawahiri - Martyrdom of Heroes and Betrayal of Rulers</i> <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Twitter</p>	<p><b>Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP):</b> Al-Malahem Media</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic and English <b>Product Types:</b> Audio messages, online magazine, and video series <b>Example:</b> <i>Inspire</i> magazine; <i>From the Field</i> video series <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Telegram, Twitter</p>
<p><b>Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Maghreb (AQIM):</b> Al-Andalus Establishment for Media Production</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic and English <b>Product Types:</b> Audio and video statements that claim attacks and provide commentary of religious and social issues impacting Muslims in the region <b>Example:</b> <i>The Periodical Harvest</i> video <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Telegram, Twitter</p>	<p><b>Al-Nusrah Front (NF):</b> Manarah al-Bayda Establishment for Islamic Media - The White Minaret (U) <i>Al-Nusrah Front's primary media outlet.</i></p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic and English <b>Product Types:</b> Audio messages, videos, still images, and texts <b>Example:</b> <i>Raid to Avenge the Free Women of Syria</i> video <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Telegram, Twitter</p>
<p><b>Al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS):</b> AS in the Subcontinent</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic, Bengali, English, and Urdu <b>Product Types:</b> Audio and video messages featuring senior leadership, ideologues, and online magazines <b>Example:</b> <i>Resurgence</i> magazine <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Twitter</p>	<p><b>Al-Nusrah Front (NF):</b> Al-Basirah Media Establishment (U) <i>Al-Nusrah Front's center for religious materials.</i></p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic, sometimes with English subtitles <b>Product Types:</b> Audio messages and videos <b>Example:</b> <i>A Reminder 2 - Ramadan is the Month of Sacrifice and Giving</i> video <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Twitter</p>
<p><b>Al-Shabaab:</b> Al-Kata'ib Establishment for Media Production</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic, English, Somali, and Swahili <b>Product Types:</b> Online magazines and videos detailing or praising successful terrorist attacks <b>Example:</b> <i>It's an Eye for an Eye</i> video; <i>Westgate Siege - Retributive Justice</i> video <b>Initial Social Media Dissemination:</b> Facebook, Telegram, and Twitter</p> <p>(U) Al-Fajr Media Center is the Official media dissemination arm of many al-Qa'ida-affiliated groups such as AQIC, AQIM, and AQIS. These groups have their own media production arms, as described in the graphic.</p> <p>(U) AQAP, Al-Nusrah Front, and al-Shabaab have not recently or regularly used al-Fajr media center to disseminate their media.</p>	

\* (U) Awareness of the media arms and forums provided in this poster can assist state, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT), private sector, and community partners in identifying and reporting suspicious activity. However, I&A cautions that US persons' possession of material produced by these groups and engagement in these forums, without explicitly advocating or demonstrating an interest in mobilizing for violence, may be constitutionally protected activity and should be evaluated in the context of the situation.

(U) To report suspicious activity, law enforcement, Fire-EMS, private security personnel, and emergency managers should follow established protocols; all other personnel should call 911 or contact local law enforcement. Suspicious activity reports (SARs) will be forwarded to the appropriate fusion center and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force for further action. For more information on the Nationwide SAR Initiative, visit <http://nsi.ncirc.gov/resources.aspx>.

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