

ASIS Young Professionals France

Educational Resources about ...

TERRORISM

With the contribution of *Yves Trotignon*

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Presentation of the subject: TERRORISM

Terrorism is a complex and ever changing threat that every security young professional will have to at least consider in their practice. It is not a new threat but does the 2010's terrorism present a new challenge? To better understand this subject, a selection of books and educational resources is presented in the following pages by Yves Trotignon a French Expert on Terrorism matters, who can talk about it with a real caustic though beneficial tone.

Hoping that you will enjoy this first issue of *Educational Resources about ...*

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Yves Trotignon is a French Expert on Terrorism matters. Former DGSE (France's external intelligence agency), former diplomat, and specialist of the Islamic terrorism, he is currently working as a senior consultant in a French Security Consulting Company.

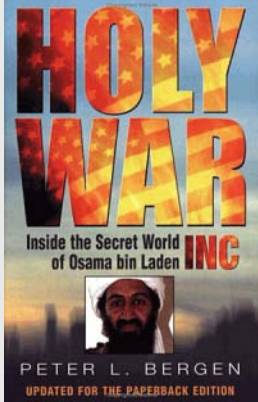
He has worked on jihadism for more than 15 years, but also on the jihadists, the guerillas, and the likes to pillory all the pseudo experts and self-proclaimed "specialists" of all kinds.

He has opinions to offer, thinking what he writes ("which is a minimum" dixit), and writing what he thinks.

Educational Resources About Terrorism

5 Books to Read in English

Book #1: *The Longest War*



Author (s)	Peter Bergen		
Date of Publication	2001	Pages	304
ISBN	978-0-7432-0502-3		
Editor	Free Press		

Review

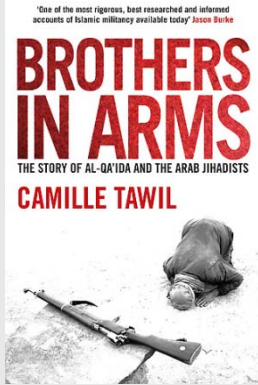
One of the smartest Jihad analyst, Peter Bergen wrote during the last ten years some of the best pieces on Al Qaeda networks and radical Islam threat. His first book, *Holy War, Inc*, published in 2001, remains the best introduction to modern terrorism, showing networks and guerillas around the world, from Algeria to Philippines through Yemen and Kashmir.

Mixing History and field research, intelligence stuff and personal thoughts, Bergen explains how this new kind of terrorist threat was born in Afghanistan during the war against the Soviet Union and how it began to work in the Middle East and Western Countries.

Ten years after its first release, *Holy War, Inc* is a true classical book on modern Jihad, useful for scholars security professionals, offering a lot of explanations and examples on Al Qaeda and its allies.

This book is the best first step for who wants to understand the rise of modern radical Islam.

Book #2: *Brothers in arms*



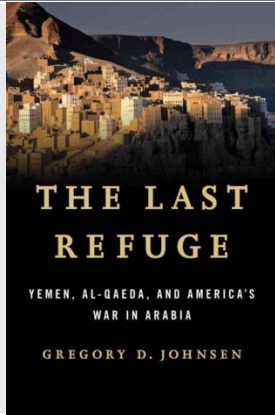
Author (s)	Camille Tawil		
Date of Publication	2011	Pages	209
ISBN	978-0-86356-474-1		
Editor	Saqi Books		

Review

In 1981, a commando led by members of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad and the Gama'a Islamiyaa murdered President Anouar El Sadat in Cairo. A few years later, they merged with Osama Bin Laden to create Al Qaeda and fuel Islamist unrests in the Middle-East. Camille Tawil, a Lebanese journalist, tells the story of the Arab jihad fighters, from the resistance to the Red Army to modern guerilla in Iraq and Yemen.

Very well documented, his book is the best piece ever published in English on Arab radical Muslim groups. His work on Algerian, Egyptian and Libyan networks is, more than ever, very useful to understand ongoing events In North Africa and Middle-East.

Book #3: *The Last Refuge*



Author (s) Gregory D. Johnsen

Date of Publication

2012

Pages

352

ISBN

978-0-393082425

Editor

W. W. Norton & Company

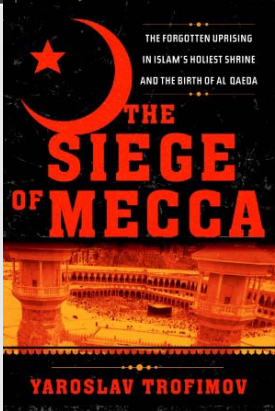
Review

Few people are still talking about jihad groups in Yemen, focusing on Iraq, Syria and Sahel. Yemen is the place where AQ made its first attack on US interests in 1992, striking GI's in Aden, abducting foreigners in the 90s, striking an US Navy ship in 1998.

After the jihadi unrest in Saudi Arabia (2003-2006), the AQAP survivors fled to Yemen, merging with the local terrorists to create a new organization with the same name. AQAP is widely seen as the most innovative AQ franchise in the world. But AQAP is not only a global jihad actor, it is a Yemeni political power, fighting with the authorities, trying to strike back in Saudi Arabia.

Gregory D. Johnsen tells the story of Yemen jihad groups and show how dangerous the threat remains.

Book #4: *The Siege Of Mecca*



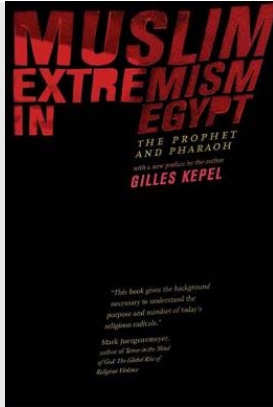
Author (s)	Yaroslav Trofimov		
Date of Publication	2007	Pages	301
ISBN	978-0-307-2773-2		
Editor	Doubleday		

Review

First understood as a move from the Iran revolution, the events in Mecca seen in 1979 are, truly, almost two years before the assassination of the Egyptian President, the birth of modern jihad. The fact that this birth took place in Saudi Arabia is, of course, a very interesting point.

Fascinating piece, the book from Yaroslav Trofimov is a must read, showing the kingdom's weakness and its internal struggles.

Book #5: *The Prophet and Pharaoh*



Author (s)	Gilles Kepel		
Date of Publication	2003	Pages	290
ISBN	978-0-520239340		
Editor	University of California Press		

Review

First published in French in 1984, this book is a true masterpiece, still very relevant regarding the doom of the Arab spring.

French scholar, Gilles Kepel was the first to use the word “Islamism”, studying the story of the Muslim Brotherhood, reading their books and speeches. His explanations are the best you can find about the roots of what is going on in the whole region.

Thirty years later, the book is a must have, everything you need to know about radical Islam is inside.

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Additional Web Resources

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Some interesting websites and blogs (non exhaustive list):

IN ENGLISH:

The Long War Journal

<http://www.longwarjournal.org/>

Combating Terrorism Center

<http://www.ctc.usma.edu/>

IN FRENCH:

Terrorismes, guérillas, stratégie et autres activités humaines

<http://aboudjaffar.blog.lemonde.fr/>

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Continuous Learning Program

Certificate in Terrorism Studies	
Organism	University of Saint Andrews CSTPV IBC Academy
Country	United Kingdom
Type	Continuous learning program
Mode	Online e-learning
Web site	http://www.terrorismstudies.com/
Language	English
Length	16-week accredited course
Content	Key Issues in International Terrorism (Core Module) + 3 Elective Modules chosen between 10 different modules

Executive Certificate Program in Counter-Terrorism Studies

Organism	Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya International Institute for Counter-Terrorism
Country	Israel
Type	Continuous learning program
Mode	Onsite
Web site	http://www.ict.org.il
Language	English
Length	3 weeks
Content	The Circles of Radicalization Arab & Islamic Cultural Environment Decisions, Policies and Counter-Terrorism Dilemmas Financing Terrorism - The Threat and the Response Modern Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Strategies Twelve Years Following the 9/11 Attacks: Where do we stand? What needs to be done?

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