

Financing terrorism

As a broad rule in Europe, Africa and Middle East terrorism use organized crime methods and processes to finance operations.

This practice relies upon their willingness to :

- increase and diversify their way of financing,
- improve their autonomy
- ▣ develop activities in free of rules areas no rules

This approach focuses on weak states with lack of controls, porous borders and corruption.

In some cases smuggling is organized by terrorist organizations under the cover of humanitarian NGOs (ex-Yugoslavia, Sahelian Africa, ..)

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- In 75 international legal inquiries focused on terrorism, use of cigarettes smuggling reach 20% of all financial criminal sources
- From a global perspective more than 15 terrorist organizations are using repeatedly cigarettes and drugs smuggling for financing :
Pakistanese talibans (TTP), Laskhar E Taiba (LeT) , Al Quaida au Maghreb (AQMI), Hezbollah, Hamas , Frac , PPK , ETA and IRA.
- Terrorist organisations in african states as Mali, Niger or Lybia ask for tax payment on traffic passing through their controled area . This includes smuggling and traficking of cigarettes, drugs, weapons, food, oil, and migrants.

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NORTH AMERICA

- Mohammad Youssef Hammoud - Hezbollah (2001)
North Carolina and Michigan cigarettes smuggling network financing Hezbollah in Lebanon. Hammoud has prepared murder of Prosecutor and an attack against the court. He was financing also in Vancouver canadian network leadered by logistic head of Hezbollah
- Elias Mohamed Akdar – Hezbollah (2003)
Networkk trafficking between and indian reserve and Michigan for Hezbollah. Was sending 500 \$ monthly to Lebanon.
- Ahmed Arel – Al Quaida (2004)
Supply of 14000 \$ to finance move to Afghanistan camps of 6 yemenis americans through cigarettes smuggling
- Saifullah Anjun Ranjha- Al Quaida (2008)
Money laundering and terrorism financing through drugs , cigarettes and weapons. between 2003 and 2007 2,2 millions \$ have been moved to Al Quaida members through a « Hawala »
- Basel Ramadan - Hamas and Hezbollah (2013)
Cigarettes smuggling and trafficking in Virginia for 55 millions \$ with 10 millions \$ profit send partly to foreign states

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ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST

- Pakistan , Talibans and Lashkar E taiba group (2010-2015)
15 to 20% budget of Waziristan terrorists groups is financed by forgery, counterfeit, and cigarettes smuggling
- Abu Sayyaf (Philippines) and Jemaah Islamiyah (Indonesia) Both groups are known to use cigarets smuggling as a financing tool
- Isis, Jamal al Nostra (Syria ,Irak) Isis has forbidden cigarettes smoking but smuggling is still an important activity through borders of Turquia and Kurdistan. In the area smugling of cigarets has been multiplied by 2, oil by 4 and mobile phones by 10

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EUROPE

- Swiss for ETA – (2004)
Cigarettes trafficking by a swiss residents group for ETA from Buchs free port. One billion euros has passed through swiss banks before to be sent to organization.
- Fehti Al Haddad, Italy for GIA/GSPC/AQMI (1995-2002)
Cigarettes trafficking around Napoles, Milano and Roma to finance algerian GIA
- Rasim Delic , Bosnia Herzegovina (2007)
Cigarettes smuggling in Bosnia to finance Moudjahidin batallion
- Amedy Coulibly Djamel Beghal , France (2010-2015)
Cigarettes and drugs trafficking to finance ISIS attacks on french territory and escape trial of Smaim Ait Ali Belkacem
- France to Syria and Isis (2012-2016)
Lot of djihadists have paid there trips to Turquia, Lybia or Syria through cigarettes and drugs trafficking

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EUROPE

- Portugal, GSPC, AQMI (2006)
Network linked with GSPC and AQMI using for logistic and financial purposes clandestine immigration , cigarettes smuggling and cars trafficking
- Belgique, ETA (1970)
Cigarettes smuggling through Antwerp to finance purchase of weapons for ETA
- United Kingdom, IRA (2010)
European inquiries investigation had brought to light than 2 irishmen had built a huge trafic to import weapons and explosive in northern ireland financed by cigarets smuggling

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NORTH AFRICA AND SAHEL

- Mokhtar Belmokhtar , Aqmi and Al Morabitoun (1990-2015) Khaled Abou Al Abass « Mr Malboro » as leader of the groups has managed terrorist actions to In amenas, Bamako and Ouagadougou. Since 1990 he works with arabs smugglers of Tilemsi tribe and extend his territory to north Mali. He is trafficking on weapons, cigarets , cars and since 2008 on hostages business
- Mujao, north Mali (2014-2016)
Terrorist group created by cigarettes and oil smugglers with Algeria, Niger and Lybia

