

# ANJEM CHOUDARY'S TIES TO EXTREMISTS

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- Through al-Muhajiroun and its various successor organizations, Anjem Choudary has influenced hundreds of violent extremists around the world.
- British authorities arrested Choudary in 2014 for supporting ISIS and sentenced him in 2016 to five-and-a-half years in prison. Choudary was released on parole in October 2018 after serving half his sentence. The government imposed more than 20 restrictions on Choudary, which expired in July 2021.
- British media has reported that former al-Muhajiroun members drew inspiration from Choudary's release and started to revitalize the network, even though authorities continue to closely monitor Choudary's movements and communications.
- CEP has profiled 145 entities—112 individuals and 33 organizations—with links to Choudary. Of these 112 individuals, 20 successfully carried out terror attacks, 50 attempted to carry out terror attacks, 19 are—or attempted to become—foreign fighters, and 38 are Islamist propagandists or recruiters. Some individuals are represented in multiple categories.



British citizen [Anjem Choudary](#) is an internationally designated Islamist cleric and convicted ISIS supporter. Choudary's Islamist speeches, anti-Western rhetoric, and declared support for violent Islamist movements drew the attention of British authorities, who connected Choudary to manifold terror-related cases in the United Kingdom and Europe. Choudary was arrested in 2014 after he pledged allegiance to [ISIS](#), but he was released on parole in 2018 after serving only half of his sentence. Government-imposed restrictions on Choudary, including on public speaking, expired in July 2021. Choudary immediately held a press conference to profess his innocence and condemn "draconian" British measures against him.<sup>1</sup> On October 29, 2022, Choudary launched a new Twitter account after the social media platform came under new ownership.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Max Stephens and Gareth Davies, Anjem Choudary free to preach again as he gives first public statement since release from prison," *Telegraph* (London), July 19, 2021, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/19/anjem-choudary-free-preach-gives-first-public-statement-since/>; Jonathan Reilly, "HATE SPEECH Terror preacher Anjem Choudary calls for release of terrorist HOURS after his ban on public speaking ends," *Sun* (London), July 19, 2021, <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/politics/15633294/anjem-choudary-release-terrorist-ban-public-speaking/>.

<sup>2</sup> Anjem Choudary, Twitter account, accessed November 1, 2022, <https://twitter.com/THEanjemC/>; Darren Boyle, "Hate cleric Anjem Choudary returns to Twitter after ban with new account, telling Elon Musk: 'If you're true to your word, I'll keep preaching online,'" *Daily Mail* (London), October 29, 2022, <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11369737/Hate-cleric-Anjem-Choudary-returns-Twitter-praising-Elon-Musks-free-speech-rule.html>.

That account was soon after suspended.<sup>3</sup> Choudary was arrested on July 2, 2023, for membership in a banned organization.<sup>4</sup> Choudary remains a dangerous and influential figure. The Counter Extremism Project (CEP) has compiled a list of violent individuals and organizations that Choudary influenced or communicated with throughout his career.

Choudary led the now-banned al-Muhajiroun Islamist network in the United Kingdom with his mentor, [Omar Bakri Muhammad](#). Between 1999 and 2016, Choudary and al-Muhajiroun were reportedly linked to almost one-quarter of the terror plots in the United Kingdom.<sup>5</sup> Authorities have noted Choudary's influence in the failed 2004 fertilizer bomb plot, a failed 2012 plot to blow up a Territorial Army base with an explosives-filled toy car, and the 2017 London Bridge attack, among other plots. British police have identified at least 600 members of al-Muhajiroun who have been linked to terrorism. Nonetheless, a June 2019 report in British media revealed that none of these individuals were actually prosecuted for membership in al-Muhajiroun.<sup>6</sup>

On November 29, 2019, known Choudary associate Usman Khan murdered two people and wounded three others in a knife attack on the London Bridge.<sup>7</sup> Other notable violent extremists directly linked to Choudary include Lee Rigby murderers [Michael Adebolajo](#) and [Michael Adebowale](#), London Bridge attackers [Rachid Redouane](#) and [Khuram Shazad Butt](#), and suicide bomber Bilal Mohammed. British authorities jailed Richard Dart, Jahangir Alom, and Imran Mahmood in 2010 for plotting a terror attack in England. Demonstrating the extent of Choudary's influence, Choudary had previously converted Dart to Islam and publicly defended him after his arrest. Dart's stepbrother, Robb Leech, told British media that Choudary had become a father figure to Dart. Choudary allegedly told Leech that "some brains need washing."<sup>8</sup>

Choudary is also reportedly linked to some 300 individuals who have traveled to Syria to become foreign fighters for ISIS.<sup>9</sup> British media dubbed Mohammed Reza Haque the "new Jihadi John" after he appeared in a 2016 ISIS execution video. Before traveling to Syria, Haque

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<sup>3</sup> Twitter violation report, November 6, 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Robert Mendick, "Hate preacher Anjem Choudary arrested on suspicion of terror offence," *Telegraph* (London), July 17, 2023, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/07/17/hate-preacher-anjem-choudary-arrested-for-terror-offence/?s=09>; "Men arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences," Metropolitan Police, July 17, 2023, <https://news.met.police.uk/news/men-arrested-on-suspicion-of-terrorism-offences-469915>.

<sup>5</sup> Fiona Hamilton, "Cleric's network of hate inspired Isis plots at home and overseas," *The Times* (London), August 17, 2016, <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/cleric-s-network-of-hate-inspired-isis-plots-at-home-and-overseas-gz5hc7fqz>.

<sup>6</sup> Lizzie Dearden, "Police admit failing to prosecute Islamists for membership of UK's 'most dangerous extremist group,'" *Independent* (London), June 28, 2019, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-terror-attacks-prosecutions-anjem-choudary-alm-police-bombings-a8968956.html>.

<sup>7</sup> Caroline Wheeler and Matthew Robinson, "Usman Khan: knifeman was friend of hate preacher Anjem Choudary," *The Times* (London), November 30, 2019, <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/usman-khan-who-was-the-knifeman-xsb8g72n2>; Danielle Sheridan, Patrick Sawyer, Gabriella Swerling, Katie O'Neill, et al, "London Bridge attack: Suspect penned letter seeking 'deradicalisation' while in jail," *Telegraph* (London), November 30, 2019, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/11/30/london-bridge-terror-attack-victims-stabbed-deaths-terror-suspect/>.

<sup>8</sup> Ollie Gillman, "'Some brains needs washing': What vile hate preacher Anjem Choudary told brother of convicted Muslim convert Richard Dart," *Daily Mail* (London), August 17, 2016, <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3744787/Some-brains-needs-washing-vile-hate-preacher-Anjem-Choudary-told-brother-convicted-Muslim-convert-Richard-Dart.html>.

<sup>9</sup> Mark White, "London Bridge attackers were part of banned jihadi network," *Sky News*, June 6, 2017, <https://news.sky.com/story/london-bridge-attacker-khuram-butt-was-part-of-banned-jihadi-network-10906091>.

served as a bodyguard for Choudary at al-Muhajiroun rallies.<sup>10</sup> Siddhartha Dhar, a.k.a. Abu Rumaysah, fled to Syria in 2014 and wrote an ISIS recruitment manual for Western foreign fighters. Choudary associate Mohammed Mizanur Rahman initially converted Dhar to Islam, and Dhar later encouraged Choudary to support ISIS.<sup>11</sup> Rahman was arrested alongside Choudary in 2014 for supporting ISIS. Rahman was released early in 2018, though some British authorities reportedly consider him a bigger threat than Choudary because of his relative youth.<sup>12</sup>

Choudary and Bakri Muhammad dissolved al-Muhajiroun in 2004 ahead of a pending U.K. government ban. They reorganized the group under various aliases, including Islam4UK, Muslims Against Crusades, Call to Submission, Islamic Path, London School of Sharia, the Saved Sect or Savior Sect, Ahl ul-Sunnah Wa al-Jamma, and Al Ghurabaa. Al-Muhajiroun also launched a youth campaign with a conference, Muslim Youth: The Spark of the Fire, featuring extremist Choudary associates Abu Waleed and Abu Uzair.<sup>13</sup> Muslims Against Crusades threatened in April 2011 to disrupt the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The group planned what it called a “forceful demonstration” and warned that unless Prince William “and his Nazi best man” Prince Harry immediately withdrew from the military, the “day which the nation has been dreaming of for so long will become a nightmare.”<sup>14</sup> The U.K. government banned al-Muhajiroun and its other iterations in 2010.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Josh Barrie, “‘The Giant’: Second British extremist ‘identified in Isis video,’” *Independent* (London), January 17, 2016, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/the-giant-second-british-extremist-identified-in-isis-video-a6818151.html>; David Trayner, “Jihadi John 2: ISIS executioner ‘The Giant’ unmasked as British Anjem Choudary bodyguard,” *Daily Star* (London), December 18, 2016, <https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/571228/isis-islamic-state-daesh-jihadi-john-2-british-giant-jihadi-Mohammed-Reza-Haque-execution>.

<sup>11</sup> Omar Wahid, “Freed and back on London’s streets: Hate preacher who inspired ISIS executioner is released after serving just half of his jail sentence,” *Daily Mail* (London), November 10, 2018, <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6375975/Hate-preacher-inspired-ISIS-executioner-released-serving-just-half-jail-sentence.html>; Heather Saul, “Isis ‘tourist guide’: British jihadist Abu Rumaysah publishes e-book comparing self-declared caliphate to ‘plush holiday resort,’” *Independent* (London), May 19, 2015, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/isis-tourist-guide-british-jihadist-abu-rumaysah-publishes-e-book-comparing-self-declared-caliphate-10260868.html>.

<sup>12</sup> Robert Mendick, “Friend of Anjem Choudary ‘more dangerous than him’ as both ready themselves for release,” *Telegraph* (London), September 21, 2018, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/09/21/mizanur-rahman-poses-greater-threat-friend-anjem-choudary-released/>; Omar Wahid, “Freed and back on London’s streets: Hate preacher who inspired ISIS executioner is released after serving just half of his jail sentence,” *Daily Mail* (London), November 10, 2018, <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6375975/Hate-preacher-inspired-ISIS-executioner-released-serving-just-half-jail-sentence.html>.

<sup>13</sup> Robert Mendick, “Islamist sect banned as security threat ‘is recruiting teenagers,’” *Evening Standard* (London), September 19, 2008, <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/islamist-sect-banned-as-security-threat-is-recruiting-teenagers-6930171.html>.

<sup>14</sup> Richard Esposito, Megan Chuchmach, and Brian Ross, “Britain’s Security Blanket for Royal Wedding Terror Triple Threat,” ABC News, April 19, 2011, <https://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/britain-prepares-royal-wedding-terror-triple-threat/story?id=13401740>; Ted Jeory, “Muslim hate cleric targets Kate Middleton’s and Prince William’s big day,” *Express* (London), April 17, 2011, <https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/241205/Muslim-hate-cleric-targets-Kate-Middleton-s-and-Prince-William-s-big-day>.

<sup>15</sup> “Ministers ban suspected aliases of banned extremist group,” BBC News, June 26, 2014, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-28049374>; “Proscribed Terrorist Organizations,” Home Office, accessed August 16, 2016, 6, [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/538297/20160715-Proscription-website-update.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/538297/20160715-Proscription-website-update.pdf); “London cops sweep up 9 terror suspects,” CBS News, September 25, 2014, <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/london-cops-sweep-up-9-terror-suspects-anjem-choudary/>; Eilish O’Gara, “Radical

Despite the ban, media reports surfaced in May 2019 that al-Muhajiroun had begun to regroup. Though Choudary remains under tight surveillance, his October 2018 release from prison inspired others to revive al-Muhajiroun, according to British authorities and former members of the group. The network reportedly began meeting again in London, the county of Bedfordshire, and Luton, an English town previously known for its large al-Muhajiroun presence and regular Choudary lectures before his arrest.<sup>16</sup> Government-imposed restrictions on Choudary's communications expired in July 2021.<sup>17</sup> That November, Choudary told British media he had been in contact with former members of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary promised he would continue to speak out about a "clash of civilisations" between Islamic and Western cultures.<sup>18</sup> Police arrested Choudary on terrorism charges on July 17, 2023. Police also arrested a Canadian national at London's Heathrow Airport upon his arrival from Canada. Choudary and the second suspect were charged with membership in a banned organization.<sup>19</sup>

CEP has profiled 145 entities—112 individuals and 33 organizations—with links to Choudary. Eleven of these organizations are aliases of al-Muhajiroun that were subsequently banned in the United Kingdom. Of the 113 individuals<sup>20</sup>:

- 20 successfully carried out terrorist attacks;
- 50 attempted to carry out a terrorist attack;
- 19 became or attempted to become foreign fighters;
- 37 are Islamist propagandists or recruiters;
- 16 committed crimes in the pursuit of Islamist extremism;
- 11 do not fit into any of the above categories but have participated in Islamist causes; and
- 1 is a global terrorist.

### Ties to Individuals

1. [Anas El Abboubi](#) (Sources: [Daily Beast](#), [U.S. Department of State](#), [Long War Journal](#), [Il Fatto Quotidiano](#), [quiBrescia.it](#), [quiBrescia.it](#))
  - A.k.a. Anas al-Italy. Italian citizen of Moroccan descent and a U.S.-designated foreign fighter for ISIS. Created Sharia4Italy, the self-styled Italian chapter of the global Sharia4 network, in 2012. Arrested in June 2013 by Italian

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UK Preacher Anjem Choudary Charged With Inviting Support for ISIS," *Newsweek*, August 5, 2015, <http://europe.newsweek.com/radical-uk-preacher-anjem-choudary-charged-inviting-support-isis-331221>.

<sup>16</sup> Ceylan Yeginsu, "One of U.K.'s Most Prolific Extremist Cells Is Regrouping," *New York Times*, May 18, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/18/world/europe/uk-extremist-cell-anjem-choudary.html>.

<sup>17</sup> Max Stephens and Gareth Davies, Anjem Choudary free to preach again as he gives first public statement since release from prison," *Telegraph* (London), July 19, 2021, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/19/anjem-choudary-free-preach-gives-first-public-statement-since/>.

<sup>18</sup> Dominik Lemanski, "Fears of reinstating terrorism group as extremist leaves prison and meets old friends," *Express* (London), November 28, 2021, <https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1528390/terror-muslim-group-abu-izzadeen-trevor-brooks>.

<sup>19</sup> Robert Mendick, "Hate preacher Anjem Choudary arrested on suspicion of terror offence," *Telegraph* (London), July 17, 2023, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/07/17/hate-preacher-anjem-choudary-arrested-for-terror-offence/?s=09>; "Men arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences," Metropolitan Police, July 17, 2023, <https://news.met.police.uk/news/men-arrested-on-suspicion-of-terrorism-offences-469915>.

<sup>20</sup> Some individuals were included in multiple categories.

- counterterrorism police for jihadist propaganda—including his blog titled “Sharia4Italy”—and incitement to racial hatred. Released two weeks later. Traveled to Syria to join ISIS that September. Continued to post on Sharia4Italy until 2015. His social media accounts went silent that year and authorities reportedly lost track of him. Tried in absentia in Italy in December 2018. Sentenced in absentia in February 2019 to six years in prison for terrorism training and inciting discrimination and violence. At the time of his sentencing, Italian authorities reportedly had no updates on Abboubi’s status since 2014.
- Sharia4Italy was part of the Sharia4 network, inspired by Choudary’s Islam4UK organization.
2. Taimur Abdulwahab al-Abdaly [[image](#)] (Sources: [Associated Press](#), [Guardian](#), [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#))
    - Swedish suicide bomber who blew himself up in a crowded Christmas market in Stockholm on December 11, 2010, wounding two. Wrote in his will that he had lived “the last four years with the secret of being mujahid or, as you call it, terrorist.”
    - Radicalized while studying at Luton University—now University of Bedfordshire—in Luton, England, where Choudary regularly visited. Choudary told British media that he did not recall meeting Abdulwahab al-Abdaly but also couldn’t be expected to remember the names and faces of everybody he met. Choudary called the bombing a “severe warning” that “should not come as a surprise.” Choudary later denied that al-Muhajiroun had any connection with Abdulwahab al-Abdaly, whom he described as a lone wolf. Members of al-Muhajiroun offshoot The Reflect Project were reportedly recruiting near Abdulwahab al-Abdaly’s Luton home shortly after the bombing.
  3. [Michael Adebolajo](#) (Sources: [Judiciary of England Wales](#), [Guardian](#), [ITV](#), [BBC News](#))
    - Carried out the beheading of Fusilier Lee Rigby with Michael Adebowale in Woolwich, southeast London, on May 22, 2013. Sentenced to life in prison in February 2014.
    - Reportedly attended protests led by al-Muhajiroun beginning in 2006. Arrested that year for his participation in one of the group’s demonstrations. Continued to attend events led by al-Muhajiroun and its successor organizations through 2011. Allegedly led some of the group’s protests in 2007 and 2009. Later told British authorities that he left the group completely in 2012.
  4. [Michael Adebowale](#) (Sources: [Judiciary of England Wales](#), [Guardian](#))
    - Carried out the beheading of Fusilier Lee Rigby with Michael Adebolajo in Woolwich, southeast London, on May 22, 2013. Sentenced to a minimum of 45 years in prison after being found guilty by a British court in February 2014.
    - Reportedly attended rallies held by successor groups to al-Muhajiroun, including one outside the U.S. embassy in London in September 2012.
  5. [Mohammed Abdul Ahad](#), a.k.a Abu Hafiza (Sources: [IslaamTruth1](#), [Twitter](#), [Authentic Tauheed](#), [The Times](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Metropolitan Police](#), [Internet Archive](#), [Medium](#))
    - U.K.-based propagandist linked to pro-ISIS propagandist Abdullah al-Faisal, deceased London Bridge terrorist Khuram Butt, and other propagandists.



- Convicted in England in December 2019 alongside Mohammad Abdur Raheem Kamali on charges of possessing and disseminating terrorist material. Arrested with Kamali on March 1, 2017. Ran Faisal's Authentic Tauheed website with Kamali and others between 2012 and 2014. Uploaded material in support of ISIS and al-Qaeda. Encouraged terrorism through the website.
- Participated in Choudary's so-called Islamic Roadshows and distributed propaganda alongside Choudary. Uploaded Choudary lectures online.
6. [Bilal Zaheer Ahmad](#) (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
    - British-Pakistani dual citizen and a convicted Islamist incarcerated in the United Kingdom. Arrested November 10, 2010, on charges of soliciting murder, publishing written material with intent to stir up religious hatred, and three counts of collecting information of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism. His computer purportedly contained various extremist materials including an electronic copy of "39 Ways to Serve and Participate in Jihad," "Zaad-e-Mujahid: Essential Provisions of a Mujahadid," and an issue of Inspire, al-Qaeda's online English-language magazine. Sentenced to 12 years in prison on July 29, 2011.
    - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Began associating with members of al-Muhajiroun as a teenager because he felt excluded from society, according to his defense attorney. Regularly contributed content to al-Muhajiroun's web-based platform Islam4UK and other extremist websites.
  7. Habib Ahmed [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [Manchester Evening News](#))
    - Told British media in 2002 that he had fought with al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and then returned to Britain undetected. Belonged to an England-based al-Qaeda cell led by Raingzieb Ahmed. Convicted of belonging to al-Qaeda and possession of a document for terror purposes. Sentenced in December 2008 to 10 years in prison.
    - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary's mentor, Omar Bakri Muhammad, reportedly presided over his wedding. Arrested in July 2000 for posting al-Muhajiroun propaganda in Manchester, England.
  8. Raingzieb Ahmed [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Jamestown Foundation](#))
    - Convicted of leading a three-man al-Qaeda cell in England that sought to commit mass murder. Reportedly one of the highest-ranking al-Qaeda members in Great Britain. Convicted of membership in al-Qaeda and sentenced in December 2008 to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 10 years. It is the first conviction in the United Kingdom for directing terrorism.
    - Reportedly a former member of al-Muhajiroun.
  9. Samad Ahmed [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#))
    - Dual British and Yemeni citizen arrested in Aden, Yemen, in December 1998 with seven other Britons and two Algerians. Convicted of forming an armed gang and planning to bomb the British consulate and other locations in Yemen. Jailed in Yemen in 1999 for five years.
    - Former member of al-Muhajiroun.
  10. Jawad Akbar [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#))

- Part of the October 2004 fertilizer bomb plot with Omar Khyam, Waheed Mahmood, Anthony Garcia, and Salahuddin Amin to set off fertilizer bombs around England. Police seized more than 1,300 pounds of fertilizer from a west London storage unit. Convicted of conspiring to cause explosions and endanger life. Attended secondary school with plot leader Khyam. Omar Bakri Muhammad addressed the school at one point. Attended a training camp in Pakistan with Khyam in 2003. Sentenced to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 17 ½ years.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun.
11. Mohammed Ishtiaq Alamgir [no image] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#))
- A.k.a. Sayful Islam. Local leader of al-Muhajiroun in Luton, England. Suspected of helping radicalize suicide bomber Taimur Abdulwahab al-Abdaly, who blew himself up in a crowded Christmas market in Stockholm, Sweden, on December 11, 2010, wounding two. Reportedly radicalized directly by Omar Bakri Muhammad. Praised the September 11 hijackers as the “Magnificent 19.” Joined a December 2013 al-Muhajiroun protest—the group operated under the name Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah—against British troops returning home from the Middle East. Accused the soldiers of rape and murder and declared they were not welcome in a Muslim community.
  - Local leader of al-Muhajiroun in Luton, England, where Choudary regularly visited. Members of al-Muhajiroun offshoot The Reflect Project were reportedly recruiting near the Luton home of Swedish suicide bomber Abdulwahab al-Abdaly’s shortly after the December 2010 bombing in Stockholm.
12. Abdulla Ahmed Ali [image] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [The Times](#), [Sun](#), [CNN](#))
- Leader of a three-person al-Qaeda-inspired cell with Assad Sarwar and Tanvir Hussain. Plotted to bomb seven transatlantic airliners using liquid explosives carried on board disguised as soft drinks. Convicted of conspiracy to murder in August 2009. Sentenced to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 40 years. Appealed conviction to the European Court of Human Rights, arguing the trial had been unfair because of extensive media coverage. European Court of Human Rights rejected the appeal in 2015. Reportedly “hero worshipped” the Taliban as a teenager. Sarwar and Hussain were also convicted of conspiracy to murder and given life sentences.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun while studying at City University in London. Choudary met Ali while both were serving their sentences at Belmarsh Prison in London. Choudary praised Ali as “amazing” for keeping his faith while in prison.
13. Afsor Ali [image] (Sources: [Bureau of Investigative Journalism](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Star](#), [Telegraph](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Assadullah. British citizen arrested in 2014 for possession of terrorist manuals and other extremist materials. Posted extremist videos to YouTube, including an April 2011 video warning of the “high possibility” of an attack during that month’s wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Charged on November 29, 2012, with possession of documents or records containing information of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism. Found guilty of possessing two electronic files containing al-



- Qaeda's *Inspire* magazine and an electronic file of "39 Means to Serve and Participate in Jihad." Attempted to use a stolen passport to flee the country while on bail. Sentenced in August 2014 to 31 months in prison for possession of a bomb-making guide and al-Qaeda propaganda. Released on parole after 11 months. Allegedly an associate of British-Nigerian al-Muhajiroun member identified only as L2, a founding member of proscribed terror group Minbar Ansar Deen whose British citizenship was revoked in 2013 for plotting terrorism against the United Kingdom. Reversed his name to "Ali Afsor" in 2017 to obtain employment at do-it-yourself store B&Q. Pleaded guilty to assault in June 2018 after assaulting a customer. Received a six-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £200 in fines and costs.
- Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Formed the al-Muhajiroun successor organization Muslims Against Crusades in 2010 and participated in a 2010 Remembrance Day protest. Arrested with other former al-Muhajiroun members during December 2011 protests at the U.S. embassy in London organized by Muslims Against Crusades against U.S. drone attacks in Pakistan.
14. [Ali Harbi Ali](#) (Sources: [Independent](#), [Reuters](#), [Sun](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Telegraph](#), [Metropolitan Police](#), [Sun](#), [Express](#), [Independent](#))
- Stabbed to death British parliamentarian David Amess on October 15, 2021. Arrested at the scene. Police labeled the incident a terrorist attack and reported a "potential motivation linked to Islamist extremism." Convicted on April 11, 2022, of murder and preparing terrorist acts. Sentenced to life in prison.
  - Ali reportedly radicalized online. He allegedly began watching Choudary's lectures on YouTube while in high school. Friends reportedly told Ali that Choudary was an extremist who hated the West, but Ali continued to watch Choudary's videos. The day after Amess's murder, Choudary suggested Amess had been killed for holding pro-Israel views. According to preliminary investigations, however, Ali allegedly chose Amess randomly because he had been able to arrange an in-person meeting with the politician. After Ali's conviction in April 2022, Choudary accused the United Kingdom of radicalizing Ali through its "foreign policy in Syria and Iraq." Choudary also blamed Amess's death on the United Kingdom's refusal to allow Ali to leave the country to join ISIS, writing Amess would still be alive if Ali had been allowed to leave. He further wrote the media would "paint Ali as a monster."
15. Usman Ali [\[image\]](#) (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [International Business Times](#), [The Times](#), [Middle East Eye](#), [Al Jazeera](#))
- Reportedly claimed to send British citizens to fight alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan. Allegedly chanted "God is great" while showing children videos of the 9/11 attacks at the Greenwich Islamic Centre in 2007. Subsequently banned for life from the center. Defended British suicide bomber Asif Mohammed Hanif, who killed three people at a Tel Aviv bar in April 2003. Described jihadist attacks in Israel during the second intifada as "defensive jihad against stolen Muslim land and will continue until it is returned." Reportedly ran a prayer group attended by Lee Rigby killers Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale. Denied allegations in British media that his prayer group may have inspired the pair to carry out a terror attack. Founded the British charity Aid Convoy. Arrested in November

- 2014 as part of an investigation into British charities funding al-Qaeda. Released without charge.
- Former al-Muhajiroun member and local leader. Reportedly left the organization in 2003 in a disagreement with their tactics in seeking publicity for radical positions, such as publicly supporting the 9/11 hijackers. He told Al Jazeera that he nonetheless still agreed with the group's positions.
16. Jahangir Alom [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [BBC News](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Guardian](#), [Mirror](#))
    - Conspired with Richard Dart and Imran Mahmood to attack soldiers and families in Royal Wootton Bassett, England, where the bodies of many soldiers killed in Afghanistan have been returned. The three were arrested in London in July 2012 ahead of the Olympic Games there. Pleaded guilty in March 2013. Sentenced in April 2013 to four years and six months in prison. Released on parole in early 2015.
    - Reportedly radicalized by Choudary, who dismissed the guilty pleas of Alom, Mahmood, and Dart.
  17. Salahuddin Amin [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#))
    - Part of the October 2004 plot with Omar Khyam, Waheed Mahmood, Anthony Garcia, and Jawad Akbar to set off fertilizer bombs around England. Police seized more than 1,300 pounds of fertilizer from a west London storage unit. Convicted of conspiring to cause explosions and endanger life. Sentenced to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 17 ½ years.
    - Former member of al-Muhajiroun.
  18. Umar Arshad [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
    - Part of a terrorist cell comprising Mohammed Sharfaraz Ahmed, Zahid Iqbal, and Syed Farhan Hussain that plotted to blow up a Territorial Army base in Luton, England, with an explosives-filled toy car. Also discussed terrorism training in Pakistan. The four were arrested in April 2012. Pleaded guilty to engaging in preparation for acts of terrorism. Sentenced in April 2013 to six years and nine months in prison.
    - Member of al-Muhajiroun who reportedly attended several of the group's events in Luton.
  19. Tahir Aziz [[image](#)] (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#))
    - Plotted Lee Rigby-style attacks targeting police and military in England with Naweed Ali, Mohibur Rahman, and Khobaib Hussain between May and August 2016. Group called themselves the three musketeers. Recruited to the plot by Rahman. Arrested August 6, 2016, in an MI5 undercover operation that uncovered a bag of lethal weapons in the group's possession. Convicted in August 2017 of planning terrorist acts between May and August 2016. Had "an obsessive interest in extremist material," according to prosecutors. Sentenced to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 15 years.
    - Reportedly visited Choudary in May 2016 with Rahman while Choudary was out on bail. Choudary was prohibited from meeting with specific individuals as part of his bail conditions, but Aziz and Rahman were not on the list.
  20. Mohammed Junaid Babar [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [New York Times](#), [Guardian](#))

- Pakistani-born U.S. citizen who joined Sajeel and Adeel Shahid in Pakistan in 2001 to help build al-Muhajiroun there. Allegedly identified a location for weapons training in northwest Pakistan in 2003 with Sajeel Shahid. Helped set up the training camp where 7/7 ringleader Mohammad Sidique Khan and other British terrorists trained. Arrested in April 2004 in New York City after returning from Pakistan. Pleaded guilty in June 2004 to terrorism charges and admitted to smuggling money and equipment to high-level al-Qaeda agents. Provided U.S. authorities with information on al-Qaeda and testified against al-Muhajiroun members in the United Kingdom. Sentenced in 2010 to time served because of “exceptional co-operation.” Reportedly still supported extremist violence at the time of his sentencing.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun who helped set up its Pakistan branch in 2001. Radicalized in part by Choudary’s mentor, Omar Bakri Muhammad, who allegedly sent him to Pakistan in 2001.
21. [Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi](#) (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Crown Prosecution Service](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [The Week](#))
- ISIS’s leader and the self-declared caliph of the Islamic State since 2014.
  - Choudary pledged allegiance to Baghdadi over a Skype call with a convicted terrorist in Indonesia, according to authorities. In a September 2014 interview with London’s *Guardian*, Choudary referred to Baghdadi as “the caliph of all Muslims.”
22. Dhiren Barot [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [NPR](#), [Guardian](#))
- A.k.a. Esa al-Britani, EaB, Esa al-Hindi. Hindu convert to Islam who planned multiple terror attacks across London on behalf of al-Qaeda, including a dirty bomb and blowing up a train beneath the Thames River. Also planned to blow up the New York Stock Exchange, the International Monetary Fund headquarters, and the World Bank in Washington, D.C., with dirty bombs. Reportedly received explosives training in the Philippines in 1999. Filmed reconnaissance video of financial targets in the United States in 2000 and 2001. Arrested in August 2006. Pleaded guilty to conspiracy to murder. Sentenced in November 2006 to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 40 years. Sentence reduced to a minimum of 30 years in 2007.
  - Al-Muhajiroun member Abdul Aziz Jalil was part of Barot’s seven-man support network. Jalil was sentenced to 26 years in prison.
23. Ali Beheshti [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Jihad. British citizen and leader of a domestic terror cell that included Abrar Mirza and Abbas Taj. Arrested in September 2008 after the three attempted to burn down the home of the owner of a publishing company about to publish the book *The Jewel of Medina* by U.S. author Sherry Jones because the book criticized the Islamic prophet Muhammad. Sentenced in July 2009 to four-and-a-half years in prison for conspiracy to commit arson and being reckless about whether life is endangered. Rejected violent extremism while in prison and dedicated himself to peaceful Islam after his release.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Participated in a May 2005 al-Muhajiroun protest during which he attempted to set fire to a picture of U.S. President George

- W. Bush but instead burned himself. Also participated in 2006 protests against the Danish cartoons of the Islamic prophet Muhammad with his 20-month-old daughter, who was wearing an “I love al-Qaida” hat.
24. Fouad Belkacem [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [New York Times](#))
    - Founder of Belgian Islamist group Sharia4Belgium, which radicalized and sent dozens of foreign fighters to Syria. Previously arrested for theft, assault, and other crimes. Arrested in 2015 for leading a terror group. Sentenced in February 2015 to 12 years in prison. Belgium revoked Belkacem’s citizenship in October 2018.
    - Met repeatedly with Choudary and modeled Sharia4Belgium after Choudary’s Islam4UK organization. Founded Sharia4Belgium two months after Choudary announced plans in 2010 to expand Islam4UK into Belgium. Choudary later told the *New Yorker* that Belkacem had asked him for advice while visiting London. Co-defendant with Choudary during a 2012 trial in Antwerp, after which a court found Choudary guilty of inciting discrimination, hatred, or violence against a group. Choudary was tried in absentia.
  25. Mohammed Benares [[image](#)] (Source: [BBC News](#))
    - Arrested in March 2012 for downloading al-Qaeda bomb-making plans. Found guilty in June 2013 of having written material likely to be useful to terrorists. Imprisoned the following month for four years.
    - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Exchanged text messages with Choudary and Islamist propagandist Abu Izzadeen. Attended a Muslims Against Crusades protest in central London on September 11, 2010, with Choudary and Izzadeen.
  26. Jejoen Bontinck [[image](#)] (Sources: [New Yorker](#), [Voice of America](#), [Reuters](#), [The Times](#), [Guardian Liberty Voice](#), [BBC News](#), [NPR](#), [CNN](#))
    - Belgian foreign fighter who joined ISIS in Syria. Converted to Islam from Catholicism at the age of 15. Traveled to Syria in 2013. Claimed he went for humanitarian reasons, not to fight. Allegedly incarcerated by ISIS alongside American journalist James Foley, who was later murdered by Mohammed Emwazi, a.k.a. Jihadi John. Returned to Belgium after his father rescued him from Syria. Put on trial in Belgium with 44 other members of Sharia4Belgium—all but eight were tried in absentia—in September 2014. Convicted in February 2015. Received a suspended sentence of 40 months in exchange for providing information during the trial.
    - Member of Sharia4Belgium, the creation of which was directly inspired by Choudary’s Islam4UK organization.
  27. Rizlaine Boular [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Express](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
    - Member of the first all-female British ISIS cell with her mother, Mina Dich, and teenage sister Safaa Boular. Attempted to travel to Syria in 2014. Began planning a domestic mass-casualty terror attack with Dich after Safaa Boular was arrested in April 2017 after discussing plans for an attack with undercover authorities. Practiced stabbing passersby with a kitchen knife. Reportedly carried out “hostile reconnaissance” with Dich at MI6 headquarters. Shot and wounded during an arrest raid in April 2017. Convicted in June 2018 of preparing acts of terrorism. Sentenced later that month to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 16 years.

- Dich was sentenced to six years and nine months in prison with an extended five years on license for aiding Boular.
- Downloaded extremist material by Choudary, Choudary acolyte Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, and others. Found with images of Choudary on her electronic devices at time of her arrest.
28. Safaa Boular [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Independent](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
- Member of the first all-female British ISIS cell with her mother, Mina Dich, and older sister Rizlaine Boular. Reportedly began radicalizing in 2012 and drew inspiration from the November 2015 Paris attacks. Met an online ISIS recruiter who introduced her to British foreign fighter Naweed Hussain at the age of 16. Married in an online ceremony and planned to wear his-and-hers suicide belts. Stopped at London Stansted Airport by police in August 2016 while trying to travel to Syria. Began looking for British targets while out on bail, including the British Museum and MI6 headquarters. Hussain was killed in a drone strike in 2017 after revealing the couple's plans to undercover British agents posing online as ISIS supporters. Arrested in April 2017 after telling an undercover MI5 agent online about plans to attack the British Museum. Convicted in June 2018 at age 18 of preparing acts of terrorism abroad and in the United Kingdom. Reportedly the youngest person in the United Kingdom to be convicted of terrorism. Sentenced in August 2018 to life in prison with a minimum term of 13 years.
  - Police recovered several Islamist lectures, including those of Choudary, on Mina Dich and Rizlaine Boular's electronic devices at the time of their 2017 arrest.
29. Kamel Bourgass [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
- Algerian-born asylum-seeker who plotted to spread ricin in public spaces around London. Manufactured ricin and other chemicals in his London apartment. Stabbed to death a police officer and wounded four others during a January 2003 arrest raid in Manchester after fleeing his London apartment, which police had raided earlier that month. Sentenced to life in prison for the murder of Detective Constable Stephen Oake. Sentenced in April 2005 to 17 years in prison for conspiracy to commit public nuisance by using poisons or explosives. Placed in isolation for five months in 2009 when prison authorities recorded "an escalation of violence [in the prison] for faith-related reasons" and suspected Bourgass of intimidating other prisoners. Won a 2015 Supreme Court decision that segregation for more than 72 hours without permission from ministers was illegal.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun.
30. [Khuram Shazad Butt](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [New York Times](#), [Sky News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The Times](#), [The Times](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- Suspected ringleader of the June 3, 2017, London Bridge attack. Drove a van into pedestrians on the bridge alongside Youssef Zaghba and Rachid Redouane. The three then continued on foot to the Borough Market area where they stabbed additional bystanders, killing eight and wounding 48 before police arrived and shot dead all three assailants. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack the next day.
  - Belonged to al-Muhajiroun. Idolized Choudary, according to his sister. Butt allegedly became "like a lion out of a cage" around Choudary, according to a



friend's testimony. Attended the Ummah Fitness Centre in Ilford, England, with Redouane and Zaghba. Police raided the gym shortly after the 2017 London Bridge attack after CCTV recordings surfaced of the three planning the attack at the gym. The gym was reportedly run by al-Muhajiroun member Sajeel Shahid. Police first raided the gym in 2015 after reports that jihadists were training there.

31. [Tarik Chadlioui](#) (Sources: [Daily Mail](#), [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#))
  - A.k.a. Tarik Ibn Ali. Moroccan-born Islamist preacher who reportedly played a role in radicalizing Bataclan suicide bomber Omar Mostefai through sermons at a Paris mosque. Also accused of fundraising for Syrian extremists. Arrested in Birmingham, England, on June 28, 2017, as part of a continent-wide operation against ISIS supporters. Spanish authorities accuse Chadlioui of making and uploading propaganda videos encouraging people to fight for ISIS forces in Syria during two visits to Spain in 2014 and 2015. A British court ruled in October 2017 that Chadlioui could be extradited to Spain.
  - Chadlioui is accused of being the spiritual leader of the now-defunct Islamist group Sharia4Belgium, which drew its inspiration from Choudary's Sharia4UK.
32. Yazdani Choudary [[image](#)] (Sources: [Express](#), [Express](#), [The Times](#), [Daily Mail](#))
  - British businessman who owned a building in London that housed an IT firm, a printing company, and a candy store, all of which were used by al-Muhajiroun for fundraising, meetings, and recruitment. The businesses employed 12 members of al-Muhajiroun. The building also hosted the Centre for Islamic Services, run by Anjem Choudary.
  - Older brother of Anjem Choudary. Ran a chain of candy stores called Yummy Yummy, at which al-Muhajiroun members distributed propaganda. Owned a London building that housed businesses that employed al-Muhajiroun members and hosted al-Muhajiroun meetings. Arrested alongside Anjem Choudary, Abu Haleema, Siddhartha Dhar, and others on September 25, 2014, on suspicion of promoting terrorism. No charges were filed against the elder Choudary.
33. Roshonara Choudhry [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [BBC News](#))
  - Stabbed Member of Parliament Stephen Timms in a May 14, 2010, assassination attempt in retaliation for Timms voting in favor of the Iraq war. Began downloading lectures by al-Qaeda propagandist Anwar al-Awlaki in 2009. First British citizen to attempt to assassinate a major figure on British soil on behalf of al-Qaeda. Convicted of attempted murder and two counts of possessing an offensive weapon. Sentenced to life in prison in November 2010 with a minimum term of 15 years.
  - Wrote on the website MuslimPrisoners.com that she felt "euphoria" during her sentencing when Choudary's supporters shouted their support in the courtroom. The website was created by former al-Muhajiroun member Abdul Muhid in 2012. The website Revolution Muslim praised Choudhry's attack. The website was created by Jesse Curtis Morton and Joseph Leonard Cohen, a.k.a. Yousef al-Khattab, after they broken away from al-Muhajiroun spin-off group Islamic Thinkers Society. BBC News dubbed Morton as Choudary's "American follower."
34. Emdadur Choudhury [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#))



- Protested with other members of al-Muhajiroun offshoot Muslims Against Crusades on the United Kingdom's Remembrance Day on November 11, 2010. Protesters reportedly shouted, "British soldiers burn in hell!" Convicted of public disorder in March 2011 for "calculated and deliberate" insult to the dead and those who mourn them. Fined £50, which he refused to pay.
  - Member of al-Muhajiroun offshoot Muslims Against Crusades. Choudary paid Choudhury's £50 fine in 2011.
35. Mohammed Chowdhury [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Express](#))
- One of nine men arrested in England on December 20, 2010, in connection with a plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange on Christmas Eve. The group sought to launch a coordinated bomb-and-gun attack and considered also attacking Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, and the London Eye. Described by prosecutors as the "linchpin" of the plot. Pleaded guilty in February 2012. Imprisoned for 13 years. Inspired by Anwar al-Awlaki.
  - Former student of Choudary's. Filmed by Norway's TV2 helping Choudary set up a Skype call with Omar Bakri Muhammad a few weeks before Chowdhury's arrest. Reportedly had Choudary's phone number stored in his cellphone at the time of his arrest. Inspired by Choudary, according to his attorney. Choudary reportedly claimed the plans were "taken out of context" by police.
36. Michael Coe [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Independent](#))
- A.k.a. Mikaeel Ibrahim. Converted to Islam and radicalized in prison in 2007 while serving an eight-year sentence for firing a shotgun at police during an event. Radicalized by Dhiren Barot, who is serving a life sentence for plotting mass-casualty attacks in the United States and United Kingdom. Jailed multiple times since the age of 16 for assault, burglary, robbery, and violent disorder. Arrested in November 2014 with Simon Keeler, Anthony Small, and others on suspicion of preparing false documents in order to travel to Syria. Cleared in 2015 of charges of trying to travel to Syria. Imprisoned for two years and four months in December 2016 for attacking a 16-year-old boy publicly hugging his girlfriend. Allegedly attacked the children because he thought they were Muslims and acting inappropriately.
  - Joined al-Muhajiroun after a stint in prison. Reportedly became a close associate of Choudary's. Coe is one of several people police specifically forbade Choudary from contacting while out on bail in 2016.
37. Joseph Leonard Cohen [[image](#)] (Sources: "Statement of Facts: United States of America v. Jesse Curtis Morton, defendant," [NPR](#), [Washington Post](#), [Trib Live](#), [START UMD](#), [CNN](#))
- A.k.a. Yousef al-Khattab. Jewish convert to Islam who formed radical group Revolution Muslim in 2007 with Jesse Curtis Morton in the United States. Posted a picture online in 2009 of the Brooklyn headquarters of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement along with a map and times when the synagogue would be full. Told followers to find leaders of U.S. Jewish organizations and "deal with them directly at their homes." Pleaded guilty in October 2013 to using the Revolution Muslim website to "place persons affiliated with Jewish organizations ... in

- reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury.” Sentenced to 21 ½ years in prison in April 2014.
- Reportedly became involved with the now-defunct al-Muhajiroun spin-off group Islamic Thinkers Society (ITS), which grew out of the New York chapter of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary previously referred to as the New York chapter as one of the group’s “main hubs” before 2004. Broke away from ITS with Morton in December 2007 to form Revolution Muslim.
38. [Martin Couture-Rouleau](#) (Sources: [Daily Mail](#), [National Post](#), [CBC News](#))
- A.k.a. Ahmad. Canadian convert to Islam who ran over two Canadian soldiers in Quebec, killing one, on October 20, 2014. Shot dead by police after a high-speed chase. Previously arrested earlier in the year on suspicion of trying to join ISIS. Released based on a lack of evidence but police seized his passport. Police suspect Couture-Rouleau radicalized after his 2013 conversion.
  - Choudary tweeted his hope that Couture-Rouleau would be admitted to heaven.
39. Denis Cuspert [[image](#)] (Sources: [Newsweek](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [New York Times](#), [New York Times](#), [U.S. Department of the Treasury](#), [Guardian](#), [CNN](#), [Telegraph](#), [Hope Not Hate](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Talha al-Almani, Deso Dogg. U.S.-designated German rapper turned ISIS foreign fighter who was featured in numerous ISIS videos, recorded and distributed Islamic chants, and served as an important online recruiter for the group. Seduced and married an FBI translator, Daniela Greene, who was assigned to investigate Cuspert. Greene traveled to Syria and married Cuspert in June 2014. Greene returned within weeks of her departure and was later sentenced to two years’ imprisonment. Killed in January 2018 during clashes with anti-ISIS forces in Syria.
  - Formed German Islamist group Millatu Ibrahim in November 2011 with Mohamed Mahmoud, a.k.a. Abu Usama al-Gharib. Millatu Ibrahim was part of the al-Muhajiroun network. Choudary reportedly visited Germany and met with Millatu Ibrahim members. Choudary also supported Millatu Ibrahim over social media after German authorities began to crack down on the group.
40. Abu Waleed [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Brixton Mosque](#), [YouTube](#), [YouTube](#), [MEMRI](#), [PalTalk](#), [War on the Rocks](#))
- British citizen who ran the SalafiMediaUK network, which posted videos and other propaganda online praising ISIS, denigrating Shiites, and supporting jihad across multiple social media and online platforms. Called for the death of then-U.S. President Barack Obama in order to release convicted U.S. al-Qaeda supporter Aafia Siddiqui.
  - Former supporter of al-Muhajiroun who later became critical of Choudary. Reportedly attended several al-Muhajiroun events in 2013 and 2014 and lectured at the London School of Shariah, an al-Muhajiroun successor organization led by Choudary. Al-Muhajiroun reportedly used SalafiMediaUK to distribute its communications.
41. Richard Dart [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#))
- A.k.a. Salahuddin al-Britani. Attempted to travel to Pakistan with Jahangir Alom for terrorist training in 2011. The two also conspired with Imran Mahmoud to

- attack soldiers and families in Royal Wootton Bassett, England, where the bodies of many soldiers killed in Afghanistan have been returned. The three were arrested in London in July 2012 ahead of the Olympic Games there. Pleaded guilty in March 2013. Sentenced in August 2013 to six years in prison for preparing terrorist acts. Has since been released.
- Converted to Islam by Choudary. Belonged to the al-Muhajiroun offshoot Muslims Against Crusades. Appeared alongside Choudary in the BBC film *My Brother The Islamist*. Dart's stepbrother, Robb Leech, told British media that Choudary had become a father figure to Dart. Choudary allegedly told Leech that "some brains need washing." After Dart's sentencing, Choudary protested that Dart was jailed for a "thought crime." Choudary said Dart had committed no crime as "jihad and training" were required for Muslim men. Choudary also told British media that everything Dart knew had come from studying with him.
42. Gurukanth Desai [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
- One of nine men arrested in England on December 20, 2010, in connection with a plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange on Christmas Eve. The group sought to launch a coordinated bomb-and-gun attack and considered also attacking Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, and the London Eye. Pleaded guilty to preparing for acts of terrorism. Imprisoned for 12 years in 2012.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary reportedly claimed the plans were "taken out of context" by police.
43. Brian De Mulder [[image](#)] (Sources: [Reuters](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [Time](#), [Twitter](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Qasem Brazili. Belgian convert to Islam who traveled to Syria as a teenager in 2013 to become a foreign fighter. Radicalized by and traveled with Sharia4Belgium. Tried in absentia in Belgium in 2014 alongside 45 other Sharia4Belgium members who traveled to Syria. Found guilty. Killed in Syria in October 2015.
  - Member of Sharia4Belgium, the creation of which was directly inspired by Choudary's Islam4UK organization. Radicalized by Sharia4Belgium founder Fouad Belkacem, who had a direct relationship with Choudary.
44. Siddhartha Dhar (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Sun](#), [Independent](#), [Telegraph](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Rumaysah. Convert to Islam arrested in 2014 for encouraging terrorism. Fled for Syria while out on bail. Reportedly authored the 46-page manifesto "A Brief Guide to the Islamic State," an e-book released in early May 2015 aimed at recruiting Western foreign fighters. Allegedly killed in 2017 alongside his wife and five children, though British officials could not immediately confirm his death.
  - Converted to Islam by childhood friend and Choudary associate Mohammed Mizanur Rahman. Radicalized through al-Muhajiroun. Reportedly encouraged Choudary over social media to support ISIS. Arrested alongside Choudary in September 2014 for encouraging terrorism and promoting al-Muhajiroun.
45. Minna Dich [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Express](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
- Member of the first all-female British ISIS cell with daughters Rizlaine and Safaa Boular. Began planning a domestic mass-casualty terror attack with Rizlaine Boular after Safaa Boular was arrested in April 2017 after discussing plans for an

- attack with undercover authorities. Reportedly carried out “hostile reconnaissance” with Rizlaine Boular at MI6 headquarters. Convicted in June 2018 of preparing acts of terrorism. Sentenced later that month to six years and nine months in prison with an extended five years on license for aiding Boular.
- Downloaded extremist material by Choudary, Choudary acolyte Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, and others. Found with images of Choudary on her electronic devices at time of her arrest.
46. [Abdullah al-Faisal](#) (Sources: [Washington Post](#), [New America](#), [Telegraph](#), [U.S. Department of the Treasury](#), [RJR News](#), [Manhattan District Attorney’s Office](#))
- U.S.-designated Islamist propagandist and member of the Islamist propaganda group Authentic Tauheed. Indicted in the United States in 2017 on charges of facilitating marriages of couples seeking to move to ISIS-controlled territory. Extradited to the United States from Jamaica on August 13, 2020, after a three-year extradition fight. Convicted in New York State court on January 26, 2023, on five charges, including conspiracy and supporting ISIS terrorism. Sentenced to 18 years in state prison on March 23, 2023.
  - Spoke alongside Choudary in online chatrooms and conferences following Faisal’s rise in popularity with the 2007 creation of the Revolution Muslim website by Faisal’s followers.
47. [Tuah Febriwansyah](#) (Sources: [Court News UK](#), [The Times](#), [Telegraph](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [Channel 4 News](#), [United Nations](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Yahya, Mohammed Fachry. Internationally designated Indonesian ISIS supporter. Declared support for ISIS at a March 2014 rally at the Hotel Indonesia in Jakarta. Created the website AlMustaqbal.net, which disseminated ISIS propaganda. Arrested March 21, 2015, on terrorism offenses. Sentenced to five years in prison in 2016 in Indonesia for encouraging support of ISIS online. Told Australian media in 2014 that any Muslim who does not support ISIS “will die as an infidel.”
  - Reportedly became aware of al-Muhajiroun through an online forum in 2005. Leader of al-Muhajiroun spin-off Sharia4Indonesia. Met with Choudary over Skype during a 2014 meeting in London when Choudary discussed pledging allegiance to ISIS with a group of supporters. Drafted an Oath of Allegiance to ISIS on behalf of al-Muhajiroun that appeared on the website AlMustaqbal.net in Indonesian and Arabic on July 7, 2014. Choudary, Rahman, and Febriwansyah signed the final document. British courts dismissed Choudary and Rahman’s claims denying knowledge of the document and blaming Febriwansyah for its entirety.
48. Khalid Fikry [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Independent](#), [Telegraph](#), [YouTube](#), [Guardian](#))
- Britain-based, Egyptian-born cleric who has spoken out against Shiite Muslims and on behalf of convicted terrorists, including Omar Abdel-Rahman, a.k.a. the “Blind Sheik,” Abu Qatada, and Abu Hamza.
  - Appeared beside Choudary at al-Muhajiroun rallies.
49. Abdul Hakeem [[image](#)] (Sources: [Daily Mail](#), [The Times](#), [Medium](#), [Independent](#), [YouTube](#))

- A.k.a. Ricardo McFarlane. Reportedly a close friend of London Bridge attacker Khuram Shazad Butt. Appeared in the Channel 4 documentary “The Jihadis Next Door” alongside Butt, Siddhartha Dhar, and other al-Muhajiroun members. Arrested and questioned after the June 3, 2017, London Bridge attack but later released. Told British media that Butt had been influenced by foreign policy. Filmed YouTube videos at London’s Speakers’ Corner in Hyde Park. Claimed that democracy is a man-made system that is “bad for society” and sharia “is the only solution for society.” Imprisoned for 12 months in December 2013 in connection with so-called Muslim Patrols that physically attacked non-Muslims in London who were deemed in violation of Islamic dress and behavior codes.
  - Reported follower of Choudary’s who has been photographed alongside the propagandist. Praised Choudary and declared there is no evidence that he supports terrorism.
50. [Abu Haleema](#) (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [Mirror](#), [Mirror](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Evening Standard](#), [ITV](#), [Sun](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
- A.k.a. Shakil Chapra. U.K.-based Islamist extremist who has long been active on social media platforms including YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook, despite being banned from using those platforms by the U.K. government. Arrested multiple times by British authorities. Featured in the 2016 Channel 4 film “The Jihadis Next Door.” Reportedly popular among Australian jihadists. Linked to June 2017 London Bridge attacker Khuram Shazad Butt. Admitted communication with an Australian teenager plotting an Anzac Day attack in Australia. YouTube restricted Haleema’s access after the London Bridge attack but his videos remain accessible online. Sentenced in July 2021 to two years and six months in prison for sharing a video glorifying terrorism on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in 2019.
  - Member of Choudary’s network of supporters and close associate of Choudary’s. Arrested alongside Choudary in September 2014 but released without charge. Refers to Choudary as his spiritual adviser.
51. Asif Mohammed Hanif [[image](#)] (Sources: [Independent](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
- One of two British suicide bombers who attacked the Mike’s Place bar in Tel Aviv, Israel, on April 30, 2003. Killed three people and wounded 55. Omar Khan Sharif’s explosives failed to detonate. Sharif’s body was found on a Tel Aviv beach on May 12. Hamas claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun.
52. Mohammed Reza Haque [[image](#)] (Sources: [Daily Star](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Fulan and “the Giant” because of his 6’8” height. Dubbed the “new Jihadi John” by British media after appearing in a 2016 ISIS execution video alongside Siddhartha Dhar (a.k.a. Abu Rumaysah). Charged in 2011 with a public order offence after burning Remembrance Day poppies. Reportedly attempted to recruit other British men with Michael Coe over secure messaging services. Killed in Syria in 2019.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Guarded Choudary at al-Muhajiroun rallies.
53. Malik Nasser Fadl Harhra [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#))



- Dual British and Yemeni citizen arrested in Aden, Yemen, in December 1998 with seven other Britons and two Algerians. Convicted of forming an armed gang and planning to bomb the British consulate and other locations in Yemen. Jailed in Yemen in 1999 for seven years.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Reportedly sent to Yemen by Abu Hamza al-Masri. Omar Bakri Muhammad reportedly claimed a link to Harhra.
54. Ibrahim Hassan [\[image\]](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [YouTube](#), [Reuters](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Nusaybah. Converted to Islam in 2004. Reportedly introduced Lee Rigby murderer Michael Adebolajo to Islam that year. Arrested in 2008 for giving extremist speeches at the Regent's Park mosque on November 9, 2004, alongside Shah Jalal Hussain, Abu Izzadeen, Simon Keeler, Abdul Saleem, and Abdul Muhid. The group called for the assassination of George W. Bush and Tony Blair, for Muslims to become foreign fighters, and for Muslims to obey Osama bin Laden. Convicted in 2008 of inciting terrorism overseas. Sentenced to two years and nine months for inciting terrorism. Previously convicted of robbery in 2001, religiously aggravated harassment in 2005, and two counts of assaulting a police officer in 2007. Arrested in May 2013 shortly after giving an interview to BBC News about Adebolajo. Pleaded guilty in March 2014 to encouraging terrorism and disseminating terrorist material. Sentenced to three years in prison. Received a concurrent sentence of three years for encouragement of terrorism for recording five lectures entitled "In Pursuit Of Allah's Governance On Earth." The lectures reportedly contained extremist content and had been uploaded to a website he ran with Hussain.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Arrested in 2008 alongside al-Muhajiroun members Shah Jalal Hussain, Abu Izzadeen, Simon Keeler, Abdul Saleem, and Abdul Muhid for extremist speeches in November 2004.
55. [Ubaydullah Hussain](#) (Sources: [The Local – Stockholm](#), [VG Nyheter](#), [New York Review of Books](#), [Hate Speech International](#), [The Local – Norway](#), [The Local – Norway](#), [TV2](#))
- Norwegian-Pakistani national and incarcerated ISIS supporter who praised the murder of British soldier Lee Rigby. Former spokesman of the Islamist organization Profetens Ummah based in Norway. Convicted in February 2014 of threatening journalists and hate speech against Norwegian Jews. Sentenced to 120 days in prison. Arrested in December 2015 for recruiting foreign fighters to travel to Syria and fight with ISIS, among other terror-related offenses. Sentenced to nine years in prison in April 2017 for pledging allegiance to and financially supporting ISIS, as well as recruiting Norwegian foreign fighters to the terror group.
  - Visited Choudary in England in 2014 three months before Choudary's arrest. Footage of the visit was released publicly. Choudary praised Hussain during a 2012 visit to Norway.
56. [Hasib Hussain](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#), [CNN](#))
- One of four suicide bombers in the coordinated London bombings on July 7, 2005, known colloquially as the 7/7 bombings. Carried out his suicide bomb attack on a double-decker bus in London's Tavistock Square, killing 13 people.



Other members of the cell included Shehzad Tanweer, Mohamed Sidique Khan, and Germaine Lindsay.

- Former member of al-Muhajiroun.
- 57. [Nazam Hussain](#) [Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
  - One of nine men arrested in England on December 20, 2010, in connection with a plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange on Christmas Eve. Sought to raise money with co-conspirators Mohammed Shahjahan and Usman Khan to set up a terror training camp on land owned by Khan's family in Kashmir, Pakistan. Confessed to traveling to attend operational meetings, fundraising for terrorist training, and preparing to travel abroad with intent to commit acts of terrorism. Received an indeterminate sentence with a minimum term of eight years.
  - Former member of Islam4UK with co-conspirators Mohammed Shahjahan and Usman Khan. Frustration with Islam4UK and Choudary reportedly spurred the plot. Choudary reportedly claimed the plans were "taken out of context" by police.
- 58. Syed Farhan Hussain [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
  - Part of a terrorist cell also comprising Mohammed Sharfaraz Ahmed, Umar Arshad, and Zahid Iqbal that plotted to blow up a Territorial Army base in Luton, England, with an explosives-filled toy car. Also discussed terrorism training in Pakistan. The four were arrested in April 2012. Pleaded guilty to engaging in preparation for acts of terrorism. Sentenced in April 2013 to five years and three months in prison.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun who reportedly attended several of the group's events in Luton, where Choudary frequently visited.
- 59. Shah Jalal Hussain [[image](#)] (Sources: [The Times](#), [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#), [Mirror](#), [Bureau of Investigative Journalism](#), [Reuters](#))
  - A.k.a. Abu Muwahhid. Founding member of proscribed terrorist group Minbar Ansar Deen. Arrested in 2008 alongside Abu Izzadeen, Simon Keeler, and Abdul Muhid for collecting money on behalf of terrorists in Iraq. Convicted in April 2008 of terrorist fundraising and breaking his bail conditions by failing to appear in court when the jury began its deliberations. Sentenced to two years and three months. Ran a website with Ibrahim Hassan that posted lectures, articles, and videos by radical clerics including Abu Hamza and Abu Qatada. Sentenced to three years in prison in 2014 for encouraging terrorism and spreading terrorist propaganda online. Released on parole in 2015. Reportedly posted extremist propaganda on Facebook in 2018. British officials have pointed to Hussain's posts in calling for Facebook to take more responsibility for removing extremist content.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Previously worked at Master Printers in east London, which hosted al-Muhajiroun meetings. Police raided the shop in 2011 over suspected links to al-Muhajiroun.
- 60. Andrew Ibrahim [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#), [Jamestown Foundation](#))
  - A.k.a. Isa Ibrahim. British convert to Islam and university student arrested in April 2008 after police observed him taking notes around a shopping center in Bristol, England, and then discovered explosives materials in his home. Convicted

- in 2009 of making explosives with intent and preparing terrorist acts. Denied the charges but pleaded guilty to another charge of making an explosive substance. Prosecution argued Ibrahim intended to create a suicide vest and blow up a shopping center in Bristol. Sentenced to an indeterminate period in prison with a minimum of 10 years.
- Reportedly viewed al-Muhajiroun-related websites, particularly those featuring Omar Bakri Muhammad, in the months prior to his arrest.
61. Zahid Iqbal [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
- Led a terrorist cell comprising Mohammed Sharfaraz Ahmed, Umar Arshad, and Syed Farhan Hussain that plotted to blow up a Territorial Army base in Luton, England, with an explosives-filled toy car. Also discussed terrorism training in Pakistan. The four were arrested in April 2012. Pled guilty to engaging in preparation for acts of terrorism. Sentenced in April 2013 to 16 years and three months in prison.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun who reportedly attended several of the group's events in Luton, where Choudary frequently visited.
62. Kazi Islam [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [ITV](#))
- British citizen who attempted to radicalize 19-year-old Harry Thomas—who suffers from Asperberger's—to build a pipe bomb and behead soldiers in a Lee Rigby-style attack. Arrested in July 2014. Convicted in April 2015 of terror grooming. Sentenced to eight years in prison. Released after four years in 2019.
  - Student of Choudary's. Returned to his family home in London—approximately one mile from Choudary's residence—after his 2019 release. The house is also next door to Islam's uncle, former al-Muhajiroun member and convicted terrorist Kazi Rahman.
63. [Abu Izzadeen](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [The Times](#), [CNN](#), [Heavy](#), [Telegraph](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Reuters](#), [Express](#))
- Born Trevor Brooks. Islamist propagandist and radical cleric who has been imprisoned in the United Kingdom for inciting and fundraising for terrorism and for association with radical Islamist groups Al Ghurabaa and al-Muhajiroun. Arrested in 2008 alongside Shah Jalal Hussain, Simon Keeler, Abdul Saleem, Ibrahim Hassan, and Abdul Muhid in relation to extremist speeches at the Regent's Park mosque on November 9, 2004. The group called for the assassination of George W. Bush and Tony Blair, for Muslims to become foreign fighters, and for Muslims to obey Osama bin Laden. Convicted of fundraising for terrorism and inciting violence against British and U.S. forces. Sentenced in April 2008 to three years and six months in prison. Arrested in November 2015 aboard a Romania-bound train with convicted terrorist Simon Keeler, in violation of travel restrictions. Sentenced to two years in prison in January 2016. Reportedly released in December 2017.
  - Reportedly served as an enforcer for al-Muhajiroun and bodyguard for Omar Bakri Muhammad. Choudary condemned Izzadeen's 2007 arrest on terror charges as part of a "witch hunt" against Muslims. Izzadeen and Choudary subsequently led protests and spoke together at events. Led al-Muhajiroun successor group al-Ghurabaa in 2004. Launched Ahl ul-Sunnah Wa al-Jamma—another iteration of al-Muhajiroun—in November 2005 alongside Choudary, Keeler, and Abu Uzair.

Met with Choudary in November 2021 months after the expiration of government restrictions on Choudary's communications and later praised his and Choudary's commitment to an Islamist agenda.

64. Abdul Aziz Jalil [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
  - Part of a seven-man cell supporting Dhiren Barot, who planned multiple terror attacks across London on behalf of al-Qaeda. Also planned to blow up the New York Stock Exchange, and the International Monetary Fund headquarters and the World Bank in Washington, D.C., with dirty bombs. Reportedly attended training camps in Pakistan. Rented a safe house in London for Barot where the cell kept planning materials. Admitted to conspiracy to cause explosions. Sentenced to 26 years in prison.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Resident of Luton, England, where Choudary regularly visited.
65. Umran Javed [[image](#)] (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [The Times](#))
  - Arrested after a February 2006 protest outside the Danish embassy in London protesting cartoons of the Islamic prophet Muhammad printed in Danish newspapers. Chanted "Bomb, bomb Denmark. Bomb, bomb USA" during the protest. Convicted in January 2007 of soliciting murder of American and Danish people and inciting racial hatred. Sentenced to six years in prison. Sentenced reduced to four years after an appeal. Released in 2009. Arrested in August 2012 after police discovered extremist propaganda on his computer during a parole check. Admitted to possession of terrorist material. Sentenced to one year in prison.
  - Former spokesman for al-Muhajiroun. Arrested in 2006 alongside al-Muhajiroun members Mohammed Mizanur Rahman and Abdul Muhid. Police found propaganda for al-Muhajiroun and its successor organizations in Javed's Birmingham home after his 2006 arrest. Choudary condemned the 2007 conviction.
66. Abdul Latheef Mohamed Jameel [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [Reuters](#), [NDTV](#))
  - One of the nine suicide bombers who blew himself up in Sri Lanka on April 21, 2019, killing more than 250 people during multiple Easter Sunday attacks. Intended to set off his explosives at the breakfast buffet at the Taj Samudra luxury hotel in Colombo. Checked into the nearby New Tropical Inn after his explosives failed to detonate at the Taj Samudra. Set off his explosives at the New Tropical Inn later that day, killing two. Educated in Australia and Great Britain. Attempted to travel to Syria in 2014 but returned after reaching Turkey.
  - Reportedly attended Choudary's lectures and met with the propagandist while studying in London.
67. Awat Karkuky [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [ITV](#), [ITV](#), [Daily Mail](#))
  - Born Awat Wahab Hamsalih. Iraqi Kurd and former Peshmerga fighter who received asylum in the United Kingdom in 2002 and became a citizen in 2008. Created in 2005 the online chatroom Didinwe, which praised Osama bin Laden, Taliban leader Mullah Omar, and Ansar al-Islam leader Mullah Krekar. Praised ISIS across social media and recruited British foreign fighters on behalf of ISIS.

- Arrested in November 2015 in the United Kingdom. Sentenced in August 2017 to six years in prison for membership in a terrorist organization.
- Spoke alongside Choudary at a March 2013 conference in Helsinki, Finland, called “Free All Muslim Hostages.” Subsequently appeared at Choudary-led rallies in the United Kingdom.
68. Simon Keeler [[image](#)] (Sources: [Daily Mail](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#))
- British convert to Islam also known as Sulayman. Claimed in 2005 to agree with al-Qaeda’s assessment that Queen Elizabeth is an enemy of Islam, but emphasized he does not call for her assassination. Arrested alongside Abu Izzadeen and four others in 2008. Convicted of fundraising for terrorism and inciting violence against British and U.S. forces. Sentenced to two-and-a-half years for terrorism fund-raising and four-and-a-half years for inciting terror overseas. Arrested in November 2014 alongside Michael Coe and three others and charged with the preparation of acts of terrorism, assisting others to travel to Syria, and conspiracy to possess false identity documents. Arrested with Izzadeen in November 2015 aboard a Romania-bound train in Hungary, in violation of travel restrictions. Sentenced in 2016 to two years in prison.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun until the group disbanded in 2004. Led successor group Ahl ul-Sunnah Wa al-Jamma, which Keeler launched in November 2005 alongside Choudary, Abu Izzadeen, and Abu Uzair.
69. Junead Ahmad Khan [[image](#)] (Sources: [Sun](#), [Telegraph](#), [Newsweek](#), [Court News UK](#))
- Delivery driver from Luton, England. Attempted to travel with his uncle to join ISIS in Syria multiple times in 2014 and 2015. Communicated with ISIS cyberhacker Junaid Hussain over encrypted messaging application Surespot. Arrested in July 2015 for plotting to kill U.S. servicemen outside a Royal Air Force base in Suffolk, England. Found in possession of bomb-making instructions from Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula’s *Inspire* magazine. Convicted of plotting a terrorist act and sentenced in May 2016 to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 12 years.
  - Authorities believe Choudary radicalized Khan, who lived in Luton, England, where al-Muhajiroun had a large presence and Choudary would regularly visit.
70. [Mohamed Sidique Khan](#) (Sources: [Daily Mail](#), [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [CNN](#), [BBC News](#), [The Times](#))
- British-born mastermind of the coordinated London bombings on July 7, 2005, known colloquially as the 7/7 bombings. Khan himself was one of four suicide bombers who targeted the London Underground transit system and a double-decker bus, collectively killing 52 people and injuring over 770 others. Other members of the cell included Shehzad Tanweer, Hasib Hussain, and Germaine Lindsay.
  - Reportedly attended al-Muhajiroun training camps in Pakistan. Choudary refused to condemn the bombers. Allegedly used al-Muhajiroun safe houses before the attack. One year after the 7/7 bombings, Choudary said Muslims in Britain had the right to defend themselves from oppression using any means.

71. [Usman Khan](#) [\[image\]](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [The Times](#), [Independent](#))
- One of nine men arrested in England on December 20, 2010, in connection with a plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange on Christmas Eve. The group sought to launch a coordinated bomb-and-gun attack and considered also attacking Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, and the London Eye. Sought to raise money with co-conspirators Mohammed Shahjahan and Nazam Hussain to set up a terror training camp on land owned by Khan's family in Kashmir, Pakistan. Sentenced in 2012 to an indeterminate sentence with a minimum of eight years in prison. Received a revised determinate sentence in 2013 of 16 years, of which he would have to serve at least eight. Released in December 2018. Indiscriminately attacked bystanders with a knife on the London Bridge while wearing a fake suicide vest on November 29, 2019. Killed two people and wounded three others before being shot and killed by police.
  - Former member of Islam4UK with Shahjahan and Hussain. Reportedly had Choudary's phone number stored in his cell phone. Frustration with Islam4UK and Choudary reportedly spurred the plot. Choudary reportedly claimed the plans were "taken out of context" by police.
72. Yasir Khan [\[no image\]](#) (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [United Press International](#))
- British foreign fighter who died in Afghanistan in 2001 fighting for the Taliban alongside fellow British foreign fighters Aftab Manzoor and Mohamed Omar.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun, which reportedly praised his death. Previously resided in Crawley, England, where al-Muhajiroun had a large presence.
73. Mohammad Momin Khawaja [\[image\]](#) (Sources: [CBC News](#), [CBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Canadian Lawyer](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [START UMD](#))
- Canadian citizen who conspired with the five-person cell led by Omar Khyam that plotted to build and explode fertilizer bombs throughout England. Arrested in March 2004 in Ottawa. Reportedly met with the British plotters in 2003 and 2004. Police found a detonator while searching his home. Found guilty of five charges of financing and facilitating terrorism in relation to the British plot in the first conviction under Canada's post-9/11 Anti-Terrorism Act. Sentenced in March 2009 to 10 ½ years in prison in Canada. Canadian Court of Appeals increased the sentence to life in prison in December 2010 after Khawaja appealed his conviction and prosecutors asked for a life sentence.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Traveled to the United Kingdom to meet with co-conspirator and al-Muhajiroun member Omar Khyam, who lived in the al-Muhajiroun stronghold of Crawley, England.
74. Omar Khyam [\[image\]](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#))
- Ringleader of the October 2004 plot with Waheed Mahmood, Jawad Akbar, Anthony Garcia, and Salahuddin Amin to set off fertilizer bombs around England. Police seized more than 1,300 pounds of fertilizer from a west London storage unit. Convicted of conspiring to cause explosions and endanger life. Sentenced to life in April 2007 with a minimum sentence of 20 years.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Radicalized by Omar Bakri Muhammad. Al-Muhajiroun reportedly motivated Khyam to fly to Pakistan in 2000 for militant



- training. Claimed he left al-Muhajiroun to focus on the issue of Kashmir because he didn't think establishing an Islamic state was feasible.
75. Mullah Fateh Krekar [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Express](#), [NBC News](#), [Associated Press](#), [Reuters](#), [Rudaw](#), [Associated Press](#), [Associated Press](#), [YouTube](#))
    - A.k.a. Najmaddin Faraj Ahmad. Iraqi-born U.S.- and U.N.-sanctioned terrorist who found sanctuary in Norway as a Kurdish refugee and subsequently threatened the country's Prime Minister Erna Solberg. Sentenced in 2012 to five years imprisonment for making repeated death threats against Norwegian politicians and the Kurdish people. Released early in January 2015. Arrested in November 2015 with 12 other members of his group in raids in Norway, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Norway agreed in December 2018 to allow Krekar to travel to Italy for trial on charges of overseeing the European terror network Rawti Shax, which seeks to install an Islamist government in Iraqi Kurdistan. Krekar has refused to travel out of fear that Italy will declare him stateless and attempt to extradite him after the trial.
    - Choudary visited Krekar during his 2012 trial and praised him as "one of the few pure voices of Islam in Europe and he stands very firm on the fact with Muslim lands need to be liberated and the Sharia needs to be implemented." Choudary called on Muslims overseas to kidnap Norwegians in exchange for Krekar's release from prison.
  76. [Germaine Lindsay](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [U.K. Home Office](#), [CNN](#), [BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#))
    - Jamaican-born suicide bomber and member of the four-person al-Qaeda-linked terror cell in the coordinated London Underground bombings on July 7, 2005, known colloquially as the 7/7 bombings. Other members of the cell included British citizens Shehzad Tanweer, Hasib Hussain, and Mohammad Sidique Khan. The attack killed 52 people and injured over 770 others. Alone, Lindsay killed 26 and injured 340 of those victims.
    - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary refused to condemn the bombers. One year after the 7/7 bombings, Choudary said Muslims in Britain had the right to defend themselves from oppression using any means.
  77. Lewis Ludlow [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [Independent](#))
    - Pleaded guilty in August 2018 to plotting to rent a van in order to carry out a ramming attack in London on behalf of ISIS. Filmed himself pledging allegiance to ISIS. Previously communicated with an ISIS member in the Philippines and planned to join the militant group there but British authorities revoked his passport. Sentenced in March 2019 to life with a minimum of 13 years in prison. Sentenced to a concurrent seven years in prison for admitting to funding ISIS abroad.
    - Former al-Muhajiroun member. Attended a 2010 al-Muhajiroun demonstration but left the group after members suspected him of being a spy.
  78. L2 [no image] (Source: [Bureau of Investigative Journalism](#))
    - Known only as L2 in British legal records. Nigerian-U.K. dual citizen stripped of British citizenship in 2013 for plotting terrorism. Reportedly fought for al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb in Mali. Reportedly engaged in terrorism in Turkey in 2007 alongside Mohammed Emwazi associate Ali Adorus. Imprisoned in the



- United Kingdom between 2007 and 2011 for possession of a handgun. Founding member of proscribed British terrorist organization Minbar Ansar Deen.
- Former member of al-Muhajiroun while living in the United Kingdom. Worked at Master Printers in east London alongside former al-Muhajiroun member Shah Jalal Hussein, with whom L2 later founded Minbar Ansar Deen. Police raided Master Printers in 2011 over suspected links to al-Muhajiroun. The shop reportedly hosted al-Muhajiroun meetings. Also reportedly closely linked to al-Muhajiroun member Afsor Ali, who was imprisoned in 2014 for possession of a bomb-making guide and al-Qaeda propaganda.
79. Imran Mahmood [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#))
- Conspired with Richard Dart and Jahangir Alom to attack soldiers and families in Royal Wootton Bassett, England, where the bodies of many soldiers killed in Afghanistan have been returned. The three were arrested in London in July 2012 ahead of the Olympic Games there. Pleaded guilty in March 2013. Sentenced to nine years and nine months in prison.
  - Reportedly radicalized by Choudary, who dismissed the guilty pleas of Mahmood, Dart, and Alom.
80. Waheed Mahmood [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [Reuters](#))
- Part of a five-person cell led by Omar Khyam that plotted to build and explode fertilizer bombs throughout England. Arrested in 2004 before the cell could carry out its plot. Sentenced to life in prison in 2007.
  - Member of al-Muhajiroun in Crawley, England. Associate of Khalid Masood, who carried out a ramming and stabbing attack on March 22, 2017.
81. Abdul Waheed Majeed [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [Evening Standard](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Suleiman al-Britani. Suicide bomber who drove a truck bomb into Aleppo prison in Syria on behalf of al-Qaeda on February 6, 2014. Reportedly the first suicide bomber from the United Kingdom in the Syrian civil war.
  - Member of al-Muhajiroun in Crawley, England. Associate of Khalid Masood, who carried out a ramming-and-stabbing attack on March 22, 2017. Worked at one point as a driver for Omar Bakri Muhammad. Organized and recorded Bakri Muhammad's lectures in Crawley, according to Bakri Muhammad. Choudary claimed he saw Majeed regularly at the Crawley events. Choudary also called Majeed's bombing a "noble event."
82. Aftab Manzoor [no image] (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [United Press International](#))
- British foreign fighter who died in Afghanistan in 2001 fighting for the Taliban alongside fellow British foreign fighters Afzal Munir and Mohamed Omar.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun, which reportedly praised his death. Previously resided in Luton, England, where al-Muhajiroun had a large presence and Choudary regularly spoke.
83. [Khalid Masood](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#))
- Born Adrian Russell Elms. Killed five people in a car-ramming and stabbing attack in London on March 22, 2017. Shot and killed by police minutes into the attack after stabbing an unarmed police officer.

- Lived for several years in Crawley and Luton, England, in the early 2000s. Both cities were active al-Muhajiroun bases while Masood was there. Authorities considered Masood a person of interest because of his ties to other al-Muhajiroun members under investigation, including suicide bomber Waheed Majeed and fertilizer bomb conspirator Waheed Mahmoud.
- 84. [Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi](#) (Sources: [New Yorker](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [CTC Sentinel](#), [Guardian](#), [Associated Press](#), [Reuters](#))
  - A.k.a. Assem Barqawi. One of the most prominent Salafist figures in the world. Mentor to the al-Qaeda branch in Iraq and the spiritual guide to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, though he later distanced himself from both because of his disagreement with targeting Muslims. Repeatedly arrested over the course of two decades on charges typically related to some variation of espousing extremist ideologies and supporting acts of terror. Arrested in October 2014 on the charge of using the Internet to promote and incite views of jihadi terrorist organizations. Released from a Jordanian prison in February 2015, allegedly in the hope that he would speak out against ISIS and provide a counterweight to its ideology.
  - Advised Fouad Belkacem in focusing Sharia4Belgium on recruitment and establishing sharia everywhere, not just Belgium. The creation of Sharia4Belgium was directly inspired by Choudary's Islam4UK organization.
- 85. [Omar Bakri Muhammad](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [Independent](#), [Independent](#), [New York Times](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Mail](#))
  - Syrian Islamist cleric who developed the al-Muhajiroun network in the United Kingdom with Choudary in 1996 after Bakri Muhammad was expelled from the international Islamist network Hizb ut-Tahrir. Al-Muhajiroun was modeled on a similar organization Bakri Muhammad created in Saudi Arabia in the 1980s. Left England in 2005 for Lebanon. Banned from returning to the United Kingdom. Arrested on terrorism charges in Beirut in May 2014. Sentenced in 2015 to six years of hard labor for founding an organization affiliated with al-Nusra Front and building training camps in Lebanon. Released in March 2023 after almost 10 years in prison.
  - Met Choudary at a mosque in Woolrich, England. Reportedly recruited him into the fledgling al-Muhajiroun. Choudary became the group's spokesman and later led various incarnations of the network.
- 86. Amer Mirza [no image] (Sources: [Independent](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Atlantic](#))
  - Attempted to set off a petrol bomb at a Territorial Army base in 1998. Sentenced to six months in prison in 1999. It was the first Islamist-related terror offense prosecuted in the United Kingdom.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. First al-Muhajiroun supporter to be convicted of an Islamist-related terrorism offence.
- 87. Bilal Mohammed [no image] (Sources: [Independent](#), [Guardian](#), [Hope Not Hate](#))
  - British suicide bomber who killed nine in a December 25, 2000, attack in which he drove a stolen car filled with explosives up to the Indian army barracks in Srinagar, Kashmir. Reportedly Britain's first suicide bomber. Left Britain in approximately 1994 to fight alongside Pakistani separatists. Reportedly trained with militant group Harkat-ul Ansar.

- Omar Bakri Muhammad confirmed that al-Muhajiroun regularly sent out “freedom fighters” to Kashmir. Told the *Guardian* it was “possible” that Mohammed was a member.
88. Abdul Muhid [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#), [Reuters](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Muhsina. Arrested after a February 2006 protest outside the Danish embassy in London protesting cartoons of the Islamic prophet Muhammad printed in Danish newspapers. Sentenced to six years in prison. Arrested in 2008 alongside al-Muhajiroun members Abu Izzadeen, Simon Keeler, Abdul Saleem, Ibrahim Hassan, and Shah Jalal Hussain in relation to a series of extremist speeches at the Regent’s Park mosque on November 9, 2004. The group called for the assassination of George W. Bush and Tony Blair, for Muslims to become foreign fighters, and for Muslims to obey Osama bin Laden. Convicted in April 2008 of terrorist fundraising. Sentenced to two years in prison. Set up the website MuslimPrisoners.com in 2012 to support those he said had been “forgotten.” The site became a hub for extremist support and featured prisoners such as al-Qaeda facilitator Salahuddin Amin—involved in the 2004 fertilizer bomb plot—and Ahmed Ali, a Taliban supporter who led a plot to blow up transatlantic airliners. Muhid shut down the website in February 2012. Told BBC News that he does not think it is a crime to go live in ISIS-held territory, i.e., the Islamic State.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Arrested alongside other al-Muhajiroun members in 2006 while protesting outside the Danish embassy and in 2008 for extremist speeches at the Regent’s Park mosque in November 2004. Arrested in September 2015 for membership in a proscribed organization. Defended Choudary acolyte Siddhartha Dhar (a.k.a. Abu Rhumaysa) traveling to Syria to join ISIS.
89. Afzal Munir [no image] (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [United Press International](#))
- British foreign fighter who died in Afghanistan in 2001 fighting for the Taliban alongside fellow British foreign fighters Aftab Manzoor and Mohamed Omar.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun, which reportedly praised his death. Previously resided in Luton, England, where al-Muhajiroun had a large presence and Choudary would regularly speak.
90. Mohamed Omar [no image] (Sources: [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [United Press International](#))
- British foreign fighter who died in Afghanistan in 2001 fighting for the Taliban alongside fellow British foreign fighters Aftab Manzoor and Afzal Munir.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun, which reportedly praised his death. Previously resided in Luton, England, where al-Muhajiroun had a large presence and Choudary would regularly speak.
91. Ab Qasim [no image] (Sources: [De Telegraaf](#), [De Standaard](#), [Washington Post](#), [New Yorker](#), [AIVD](#), [CTC Sentinel](#), [Dutchnews.nl](#))
- Spokesman of Dutch Islamist group Sharia4Holland, a radical, Salafist organization that sought to institute sharia in the Netherlands through proselytization of an extremist interpretation of Islam. Sharia4Holland disseminated its jihadist propaganda through demonstrations and leafletting. Declared “dormant” in an October 2014 report by the Dutch General Intelligence

- and Security Service (AIVD). An earlier AIVD report from 2012 identified members of Sharia4Holland as “among those that left to Syria to join the jihad.”
- Sharia4Holland was inspired by the Belgian terror group Sharia4Belgium, co-founded by Fouad Belkacem, who in turn directly drew inspiration from Choudary’s Islam4UK group. Choudary also reportedly spoke at Sharia4Holland events.
92. Kazi Rahman [[image](#)] (Sources: [Evening Standard](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#))
- A.k.a. Abdul Haleem. British citizen arrested in November 2005 after attempting to buy three Uzi submachine guns from an undercover MI5 agent with the intention to later purchase RPGs. Pleaded guilty to attempting to possess property for the purpose of terrorism. Sentenced in May 2006 to nine years in prison.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. As of 2019, lives next door to his nephew Kazi Islam, a Choudary disciple who was imprisoned for attempting to radicalize a teenager to commit a Lee Rigby-style murders.
93. Mohibur Rahman [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#))
- One of nine men arrested in England on December 20, 2010, in connection with a plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange on Christmas Eve. The group sought to launch a coordinated bomb-and-gun attack and considered also attacking Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, and the London Eye. Sentenced in 2012 to five years for possession of al-Qaeda propaganda. Met Naweed Ali and Khobaib Hussain in prison. Plotted Lee Rigby-style attacks targeting police and military in England with Ali, Hussain, and Tahir Aziz between May and August 2016. Group called themselves the three musketeers. Arrested August 6, 2016, in an MI5 undercover operation that uncovered a bag of lethal weapons in the group’s possession. Convicted in August 2017 of planning terrorist acts between May and August 2016. Sentenced to life in prison with a minimum sentence of 20 years for his “significant role” in the plot.
  - Reportedly visited Choudary in May 2016 with Aziz while Choudary was out on bail. Reportedly had Choudary’s phone number stored in his cellphone. Texted Choudary ahead of the visit to confirm. Choudary texted Rahman after to ensure he had returned home safely. Choudary was prohibited from meeting with specific individuals as part of his bail conditions, but Aziz and Rahman were not on the list. Choudary reportedly claimed the London Stock Exchange plans were “taken out of context” by police.
94. [Mohammed Mizanur Rahman](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Star](#), [New York Times](#), [Guardian](#), [Islamic Theology of Counter Terrorism](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Baraa. British preacher and convicted ISIS supporter. Reportedly radicalized Siddhartha Dhar, a.k.a. Abu Rumaysah, who became an executioner for ISIS before his death in 2017. Convicted in 2007 of soliciting to murder during a November 2006 rally outside of the Danish embassy in London, during which he called for British soldiers to be brought back from Iraq in body bags. Sentenced to six years in prison. Released in 2010. Convicted alongside Choudary in July 2016 of inviting support for ISIS. Sentenced to five-and-a-half years in prison. Released on parole in October 2018. Radicalized Naa’imur Rahman,

- sentenced in September 2018 to 30 years in prison for planning a “multi-faceted attack in which he envisioned he would die as a martyr.”
- Former member of al-Muhajiroun who was recruited to the organization at age 17 by Choudary. Studied under Choudary and Omar Bakri Muhammad while running web design and social media accounts for al-Muhajiroun. Arrested alongside Choudary and seven others in 2014 for suspected membership in ISIS. Sentenced in 2016 to five-and-half years in prison for soliciting support for ISIS. Released in October 2018. Some authorities have warned that he is more dangerous than Choudary because of his youth.
95. [Rachid Redouane](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#), [New York Times](#), [Sky News](#), [Heavy.com](#), [The Times](#), [The Times](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- One of the three London Bridge attackers who killed eight individuals and injured 48 others on June 3, 2017. Redouane, Youssef Zaghba, and suspected ringleader Khuram Shazad Butt drove a van into pedestrians on the London Bridge, then continued on foot to the Borough Market area where they stabbed bystanders before police arrived and shot dead all three assailants. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack the following day.
  - Reportedly belonged to al-Muhajiroun. Attended the Ummah Fitness Centre in Ilford, England, with Butt and Zaghba. Police raided the gym shortly after the 2017 London Bridge attack after CCTV recordings surfaced of the three planning the attack at the gym. The gym was reportedly run by al-Muhajiroun member Sajeel Shahid. Police first raided the gym in 2015 after reports that jihadists were training there.
96. [Richard Reid](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The Times](#))
- Attempted to blow up American Airlines Flight 63 between Miami and Boston with a bomb hidden in his shoe on December 22, 2001. Pleaded guilty in October 2002. Sentenced in the United States to three life terms without parole.
  - Reportedly attended London’s Finsbury Park mosque with members of al-Muhajiroun. Reportedly attended several meetings of al-Muhajiroun in the months prior to his attempted attack.
97. [Abu Sayfillaah](#) (Sources: [YouTube](#), [Express](#), [Twitter](#), [Twitter](#))
- British Twitter personality and ISIS propagandist. Operates a YouTube channel on which he has touted the benefits of sharia and warned against the evils of nationalism, democracy, and interfaith dialogue. Called democracy “a violation against God.”
  - Has voiced support on social media for Choudary. Tweeted there should be an “Anjem Choudary in every city of the UK.”
98. Abdul Rehman Saleem [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Telegraph](#), [Telegraph](#), [Reuters](#))
- A.k.a. Abu Yahya. Self-declared “soldier of Allah.” Marched on London’s Regent’s Park Mosque in February 2006 with 300 others chanting “UK you will pay – Bin Laden is on his way” and “UK, USA, 7/7 on its way.” Protesters then joined a protest at the Danish embassy in London against the publication of cartoons depicting Muhammad. Convicted in 2007 of inciting racial hatred. Arrested in 2008 for extremist speeches at the Regent’s Park mosque on November 9, 2004, alongside Shah Jalal Hussain, Abu Izzadeen, Simon Keeler,



Ibrahim Hassan, and Abdul Muhid. Convicted in April 2009 of inciting terrorism overseas. Sentenced to three years and nine months in prison. Released in August 2009 after serving just more than half his sentence. Joined Mohammed Shamsuddin in 2010 protesting at London's Old Bailey as Roshonara Choudhry was sentenced to life for trying to kill MP Stephen Timms in a knife attack. Yahya and Shamsuddin held signs declaring "Islam will dominate the world" and "British soldiers must die!" Media reports surfaced in December 2010 that Yahya was illegally claiming government unemployment benefits while selling clothing in London.

- Former spokesman for al-Muhajiroun. Attended the 2005 launch of al-Muhajiroun offshoot Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah alongside Choudary, Simon Keeler, and others. Arrested in 2008 alongside al-Muhajiroun members Shah Jalal Hussain, Abu Izzadeen, Simon Keeler, Abdul Saleem, and Abdul Muhid for extremist speeches in November 2004. Promoted the group's Magnificent 19 conference on September 11, 2010.
99. [Mohammed Shahjahan](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#))
- One of nine men arrested in England on December 20, 2010, in connection with a plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange on Christmas Eve. The group sought to launch a coordinated bomb-and-gun attack and considered also attacking Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, and the London Eye. Sought to raise money with co-conspirators Usman Khan and Nazam Hussain to set up a terror training camp on land owned by Khan's family in Kashmir, Pakistan. Sentenced in 2012 to an indeterminate sentence with a minimum of eight years and 10 months in prison. Received a revised determinate sentence of 17 years and eight months in April 2013.
  - Former member of Islam4UK with Khan and Hussain. Frustration with Islam4UK and Choudary allegedly spurred the plot. Had Choudary's phone number stored in his phone at the time of his arrest. Choudary reportedly claimed the plans were "taken out of context" by police.
100. Adeel Shahid [no image] (Sources: [Daily Mail](#), [The Times](#))
- Older brother of al-Muhajiroun member and terrorist trainer Sajeel Shahid. Reportedly ran the Ummah Fitness Centre in Ilford, England, with Sajeel. London Bridge attackers Khuram Shazad Butt, Rachid Redouane, and Youssef Zaghba would meet at the gym to discuss their plans. Adeel Shahid reportedly registered the gym's website. Police raided the gym shortly after the 2017 London Bridge attack after CCTV recordings surfaced of the three planning the attack at the gym. A gym representative told *The Times* that Shahid does not work at the gym and does not run the business. The gym first came to police attention in 2015 after reports that jihadists were training there.
  - Al-Muhajiroun founder Omar Bakri Muhammad created an al-Muhajiroun branch in Pakistan in the 1990s. He reportedly sent Shahid and his younger brother Sajeel to Pakistan in 2001 on behalf of al-Muhajiroun.
101. Sajeel Shahid [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [Manchester Evening News](#), [Independent](#), [ITV](#), [The Times](#), [The Times](#), [Independent](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#))



- A.k.a. Abu Ibrahim. U.K.-born coordinator of al-Muhajiroun in Pakistan. Called for turning Pakistan into an Islamic state. Believes the American and British governments are the world's biggest propagators of terrorism. Allegedly coordinated training for jihadi recruits at a camp in Pakistan that likely included explosives training. Mohamed Siddique Khan, one of the 7/7 bombers, allegedly attended Shahid's camp. Ran the Ummah Fitness Centre in Ilford, England, which was frequented by London Bridge attackers Khuram Shazad Butt, Rachid Redouane, and Youssef Zaghba. Butt worked at the Ummah Fitness Centre and the Ad-Deen Islamic primary school that Shahid also ran and has since closed. Police raided the gym shortly after the 2017 London Bridge attack after CCTV recordings surfaced of the three planning the attack at the gym. A gym representative told *The Times* that Shahid does not work at the gym and does not run the business. The gym first came to police attention in 2015 after reports that jihadists were training there. Told authorities in June 2019 that he had no recollection about the content of the 329 text messages he exchanged with Butt and had no "social or personal relationship" with him.
  - Reported leader of al-Muhajiroun in Pakistan, though he has denied membership in the group. Al-Muhajiroun founder Omar Bakri Muhammad created an al-Muhajiroun branch in Pakistan in the 1990s. He reportedly sent Shahid and his older brother Adeel to Pakistan in 2001 on behalf of al-Muhajiroun. Allegedly ran al-Muhajiroun's office in Lahore. Told British police in June 2019 that he left al-Muhajiroun approximately 10 years before Butt joined.
102. [Mohammad Shamsuddin](#) (Sources: [Independent](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- British citizen who reportedly assumed leadership of the remnants of al-Muhajiroun following the imprisonment of Choudary and Omar Bakri Muhammad. Arrested several times on terror charges but has not been imprisoned. Featured in the Channel 4 documentary "The Jihadis Next Door" watching ISIS execution videos alongside Abu Haleema. Admitted in the film to being radicalized by Bakri Muhammad. Called for U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron to be arrested under sharia.
  - Previously served as Choudary's deputy in al-Muhajiroun before taking over the group's remnants. Took over the group from Siddartha Dar, a.k.a. Abu Rumaysah, after he fled to Syria in 2014. Arrested alongside Choudary, Dhar, and Abu Haleema in September 2014. Released without charge. Arrested again in August 2015 alongside Haleema but not charged.
103. Mohammed Sharfaraz Ahmed [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
- Part of a terrorist cell comprising Zahid Iqbal, Umar Arshad, and Syed Farhan Hussain that plotted to blow up a Territorial Army base in Luton, England, with an explosives-filled toy car. Also discussed terrorism training in Pakistan. The four were arrested in April 2012. Pleaded guilty to engaging in preparation for acts of terrorism. Sentenced in April 2013 to 16 years and three months in prison.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun who reportedly attended several of the group's events in Luton, where Choudary frequently lectured.
104. Omar Khan Sharif [[image](#)] (Sources: [Independent](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#))
- Failed British suicide bomber who attempted to blow up the Mike's Place bar in Tel Aviv, Israel, with Asif Hanif on April 30, 2003. Hanif killed three people and

wounded 55 but Sharif's explosives failed to detonate. Ran off after being confronted by patrons in the bar. Sharif's body was found washed up on the beach two weeks later. Cause of death was recorded as drowning. Hamas claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing.

- Former member of al-Muhajiroun who had distributed the group's literature outside a mosque in Derby, England. Members of al-Muhajiroun in Derby accused Israeli forces of murdering Sharif and dumping his body in the ocean.
105. Zeeshan Siddiqui [[image](#)] (Sources: [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Telegraph](#), [Express](#))
- British citizen who traveled to Pakistan for militant training in February 2003. Trained alongside other British jihadists, including the leaders of the 7/7 bombing and the failed fertilizer bomb plot. Reportedly suggested as a suicide bomber during his training. Arrested in May 2005 in Peshawar by Pakistani intelligence. Deported back to the United Kingdom after three months of alleged torture. Subject of an April 2006 British control order that concealed his identity from the public until 2007. Escaped from a mental health hospital in September 2006 and reported missing since.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Friends with Mike's Place suicide bomber and former al-Muhajiroun member Asif Hanif. Trained in Pakistan alongside al-Muhajiroun members 7/7 bomber Mohammad Siddique Khan and fertilizer bomb plot ringleader Omar Khyam.
106. Anthony Small [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Guardian](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Sun](#))
- A.k.a. Abdul Haqq. Former British boxing champion who converted to Islam. Claimed the 9/11 attacks sparked his initial interest in Islam. Won the British and Commonwealth light middleweight championships in 2009 using the alias Sugar Ray Clay Jones Jr. Small's manager dropped him in 2010 after he was seen screaming obscenities at returning British soldiers during a Muslims Against Crusades protest. Appeared in a March 2014 YouTube video denigrating murdered British soldier Lee Rigby. Appeared in an August 2014 YouTube video justifying the 9/11 attacks, the 7/7 attacks, and ISIS's murder of journalists Steven Sotloff and James Foley. Arrested in December 2014 for allegedly aiding Simon Keeler and Michael Coe in attempting to travel to Syria. Acquitted in early 2015 of attempting to travel to Syria but convicted of fraud in December 2015 for using false names to avoid parking fines between 2010 and 2012. Featured in the premiere episode of the BBC series "Muslims Like Us," during which he criticized other Muslims' religiosity. BBC was criticized for featuring Small because of his past ties to Choudary. Reportedly told the BBC production team that he would go to Syria if the British government returned his passport. BBC producers defended Small's inclusion as necessary for the show to be representative of the entire community as long as others challenged his positions.
  - Participated in a 2010 march organized by an offshoot of Choudary's Islam4UK group. Appeared alongside Choudary and Siddhartha Dhar at a Muslims Against Crusaders event in 2011. Released a video on September 6, 2016, titled "Anjem Choudary sentenced to 5 and a half years but the shariah is still coming to the UK!" Described Choudary as his "beloved brother" and "dear friend."

107. [Shehzad Tanweer](#) (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [U.K. Home Office](#), [CNN](#), [New York Times](#), [BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- One of four suicide bombers in the coordinated London bombings on July 7, 2005, known colloquially as the 7/7 bombings. Other members of the cell included Mohamed Sidique Khan, Hasib Hussain, and Germaine Lindsay. The men targeted the London Underground transit system and a double-decker bus, collectively killing 52 people and injuring over 770 others. Al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for the bombings in a video released in September 2005.
  - Member of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary refused to condemn the bombers. One year after the 7/7 bombings, Choudary said Muslims in Britain had the right to defend themselves from oppression using any means.
108. Unidentified Suspect (Anzac Day Plot) [no image] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [The Times](#), [BBC News](#))
- In March 2015, British police arrested an unidentified 14-year-old boy from Blackburn, Lancashire, on suspicion of orchestrating an ISIS-inspired plot to behead Australian police officers on April 25, Australia and New Zealand's memorial day known as Anzac Day. Suspect's identity was not publicly released because of his age. Operated 89 Twitter accounts with 24,000 followers. Coordinated thousands of messages with conspirators in Australia, including 18-year-old Sevdet Besim, who was to carry out the attack. Pleaded guilty in July 2015 to inciting terrorism overseas. Sentenced to life in prison in October 2015. Ordered to serve at least five years and be released only when he is no longer considered a threat. He was reportedly Britain's youngest convicted terrorist.
  - Radicalized through an online jihadist forum accessed on his smartphone. Reportedly in communication with Choudary and Mohammed Mizanur Rahman before his arrest.
109. Abu Uzair [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [BBC News](#))
- A.k.a. Sajid Sharif. Described the 9/11 attacks as "magnificent" and "retaliation" during a 2004 al-Muhajiroun meeting filmed by the BBC. Told the BBC after the 7/7 attacks that "the banner has been raised for jihad inside the UK." Investigated on possible treason charges in 2005 alongside Abu Izzadeen and Omar Bakri Muhammad, though not officially charged.
  - Former member of al-Muhajiroun. Launched al-Muhajiroun offshoot Ahl ul-Sunnah Wa al-Jamma in November 2005 alongside Choudary, Abu Izzadeen, and Simon Keeler. Led al-Muhajiroun offshoot the Saviour Sect. The U.K. government banned Saviour Sect and other iterations of al-Muhajiroun in 2014.
110. Michael Zehaf-Bibeau [[image](#)] (Sources: [Reuters](#), [Daily Mail](#), [CBC](#), [New York Times](#))
- Went on a shooting spree on October 22, 2014, at a national war memorial and a Parliament building in Ottawa, Canada. An eyewitness reported hearing Zehaf-Bibeau yell "For Iraq" before shooting and killing 24-year-old soldier Corporal Nathan Carillo. Killed by parliamentary security forces. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper blamed ISIS-inspired extremism for the attack.
  - Followed Choudary on Twitter, though Choudary denied any links to Zehaf-Bibeau.

111. [Youssef Zaghba](#) (Sources: [Sky News](#), [New York Times](#), [The Times](#), [The Times](#), [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- One of the three London Bridge attackers who killed eight individuals and injured 48 others on June 3, 2017. Zaghba, Rachid Redouane, and suspected ringleader Khuram Shazad Butt drove a van into pedestrians on the London Bridge, then continued on foot to the Borough Market area where they stabbed bystanders before police arrived and shot dead all three assailants. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack the following day.
  - Reportedly belonged to al-Muhajiroun. Initially connected with Italian members of al-Muhajiroun, who put him in contact with Butt. Attended the Ummah Fitness Centre in Ilford, England, with Butt and Zaghba. Police raided the gym shortly after the 2017 London Bridge attack after CCTV recordings surfaced of the three planning the attack at the gym. The gym was reportedly run by al-Muhajiroun member Sajeel Shahid. Police first raided the gym in 2015 after reports that jihadists were training there.
112. Brusthom Ziamani [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#))
- Arrested in August 2014 in London while carrying a 12-inch knife and a hammer with the intention of beheading a British soldier. Reportedly inspired by the 2013 murder of Lee Rigby. Convicted of preparing an act of terrorism. Sentenced in March 2015 to 22 years in prison.
  - Converted to Islam in 2013 and radicalized by members of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary reportedly offered Ziamani a place to stay in Camberwell, England, after his Jehovah's Witness family asked him to leave. The residence was reportedly an al-Muhajiroun meeting place. Subsequently attended al-Muhajiroun meetings and demonstrations.

## **Ties to Organizations**

### *Al-Muhajiroun Successor Organizations [[flag](#)]*

1. Ahl ul-Sunnah Wa al-Jamma, “the People of the Sunnah and Community” (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Ynet News](#), [Guardian](#), [BBC News](#))
  - United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun. Launched in November 2005 by Choudary associate Simon Keeler, who called England's queen an “enemy of Islam” during the group's launch event. Choudary attended the event, along with former al-Muhajiroun members Abu Izzadeen and Abu Yahya, and Abu Uzair. An affiliated website in 2006 called on British Muslims to join jihadist forces in Somalia. The British government did not ban the group because its name is a common phrase describing Sunni Muslims. Keeler was arrested on terrorism charges in 2008. The group reverted to al-Muhajiroun in 2009 as Choudary attempted to relaunch the group, which the British government banned in 2010.
2. Call to Submission (Source: [U.K. Home Office](#))

- United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun. Banned as such in the United Kingdom in January 2010 and November 2011.
- 3. Al-Firqat un-Naajiyah, “the Saved Sect” (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [U.K. Home Office](#), [Guardian](#))
  - United Kingdom-based al-Muhajiroun successor group launched in October 2004 under the leadership of Abu Uzair. Seeks the creation of an Islamic state governed by sharia. Organized a February 2006 protest against Danish cartoons depicting the Islamic prophet Muhammad. Protesters threatened violent reactions, including suicide bombings. Banned in July 2006.
- 4. Al-Ghurabaa, “the Strangers” (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [U.K. Home Office](#), [Guardian](#))
  - United Kingdom-based al-Muhajiroun successor group launched in October 2004 under the leadership of Abu Izzadeen. Seeks the creation of an Islamic state governed by sharia. Organized a February 2006 protest against Danish cartoons depicting the Islamic prophet Muhammad. Protesters threatened violent reactions, including suicide bombings. Banned in July 2006.
- 5. Islam4UK (Sources: [BBC News](#), [U.K. Home Office](#), [Guardian](#))
  - United Kingdom-based successor group to al-Muhajiroun led by Choudary. Inspired the creation of Sharia4Italy and other foreign groups. Banned in the United Kingdom and labeled a terrorist organization in January 2010. The U.K. government declared that Islam4UK is an alternative name for al-Muhajiroun.
- 6. Islamic Dawah Association (Sources: [U.K. Home Office](#), [BBC News](#))
  - United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun. Banned as such in the United Kingdom in June 2014.
- 7. Islamic Path (Source: [U.K. Home Office](#), [Guardian](#))
  - United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun. Banned as such in the United Kingdom on January 14, 2010.
- 8. London School of Sharia (Sources: [U.K. Home Office](#), [Independent](#), [Express](#))
  - United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun. Choudary claimed to be one of the main lecturers at the school. British media revealed the school to be a front for Choudary giving advice over the phone and, at times, from his van. Banned in the United Kingdom in 2010 as an al-Muhajiroun front.
- 9. Muslims Against Crusades (Sources: [U.K. Home Office](#), [MEMRI](#), [Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#))
  - United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun founded in 2010 by Afsor Ali, a.k.a. Abu Assadullah, who claimed he wanted “the Muslim voice against the crusaders to be heard.” Members verbally abused returning British soldiers in June 2010 and violently clashed with members of the English Defense League. Members also burned poppies—a British symbol of mourning—on the United Kingdom’s Remembrance Day in November 2010. Banned as an al-Muhajiroun alias in the United Kingdom on November 9, 2011, after the group announced plans to stage another Remembrance Day protest. Choudary attended and supported the group’s protests.
- 10. Need4Khilafah (Sources: [U.K. Home Office](#), [BBC News](#))
  - United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun. Banned as such in the United Kingdom in June 2014.



11. Shariah Project (Sources: [U.K. Home Office](#), [BBC News](#))
- United Kingdom-based successor organization and alias of al-Muhajiroun. Banned as such in the United Kingdom in June 2014.

*Other Organizations Linked to Anjem Choudary*

1. Ansar al-Islam [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Express](#), [Rudaw](#), [News in English](#), [YouTube](#))
  - Iraqi-based Kurdish group linked to al-Qaeda. U.S. forces targeted Ansar al-Islam strongholds in Iraq in 2003. Choudary attended the 2012 trial of founder Mullah Fateh Krekar in Oslo, Norway. Choudary called Krekar a “pure” voice of Islam and called on Muslims to kidnap Norwegians overseas to exchange for Krekar’s release.
2. CAGE [[image](#)] (Sources: [Telegraph](#), [CAGE](#), [CAGE](#), [CAGE](#), [CAGE](#))
  - British advocacy group “working to empower communities impacted by the War on Terror.” The group has faced accusations of excusing terrorism and its directors have defended such people as American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh and Mohammed Emwazi, a.k.a. ISIS executioner Jihadi John. CAGE issued a statement in September 2014 protesting police raids in which Choudary and other supporters were arrested. CAGE referred to al-Muhajiroun as “a group that is well known for its outspoken views on UK foreign policy.” The group further called the raids part of a “coordinated campaign orchestrated by the government” to promote its “hawkish stance” on Syria.
3. Centre for Islamic Services [no image] (Source: [Express](#))
  - Reported recruitment organization created by Choudary. Housed in a London building purchased by Choudary’s older brother, Yazdani. The building also housed Master Printers, which police raided in 2011 over suspected ties to al-Muhajiroun.
4. Islamic Emergency Defence [[image](#)] (Sources: [Facebook](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Vice](#))
  - Islamic protection units formed in the United Kingdom in 2013 by Siddhartha Dhar, a.k.a. Abu Rumaysah—a Choudary acolyte who fled to Syria—after the murder of British soldier Lee Rigby by Choudary-linked Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale. The group claimed to be in response to rising Islamophobia and set up a hotline and website for Muslims to report instances of anti-Islam attacks. Choudary praised the group on Twitter, writing that “it should not be the case that Muslims are intimidated into pacifism, or adopt a silent approach in the hope that the problem will just ‘disappear.’” Largely inactive since 2014.
5. Jama’at al-Tahid [no image] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Telegraph](#))
  - French Islamist group linked to the Sharia4 network. Staged an illegal April 2011 protest against the banning of burkas in France during which more than 60 protesters were arrested. Choudary was invited to attend but banned from entering France by the government. Inactive since April 2011.
6. Kaldet til Islam [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hate Speech International](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Time](#))

- Denmark-based Salafist Islamist organization that has reportedly inspired numerous Danes to travel to Syria to fight alongside extremist groups. Modeled after, and formerly in close contact with, Islam4UK.
- 7. Master Printers Ltd. [no image] (Sources: [Express](#), [Bureau of Investigative Journalism](#), [Trial By Jeory](#), [Companies in the UK](#))
  - London-based business created in 2010 by Choudary's older brother, Yazdani. The *Sunday Express* reported observing Choudary, Muslims Against Crusades spokesman Asad Ullah, and other al-Muhajiroun members repeatedly enter the business, which reportedly hosted al-Muhajiroun meetings. Company dissolved in September 2012. Replaced by the Choudary-linked business Yummy Yummy.
- 8. Millatu Ibrahim [image] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Newsweek](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [Associated Press](#), [YouTube](#), [The Local – Denmark](#), [Ekstra Bladet](#), [U.S. Department of State](#), [Agence France-Presse](#))
  - European Islamic organization based in Denmark and Germany founded in 2011 by Denis Cuspert, a.k.a. Abu Talha al-Almani, and Mohamed Mahmoud, a.k.a. Abu Usama al-Gharib. Part of the al-Muhajiroun network. Choudary reportedly visited Germany and met with Millatu Ibrahim members. Choudary also supported Millatu Ibrahim over social media after German authorities began to crack down on the group. The German chapter is largely inactive since the German government banned it in June 2012 for seeking to undermine Germany's constitutional order. Before its banning, Millatu Ibrahim openly called on German Muslims to boycott national elections and, according to German authorities, instructed Germany's Muslim community to disobey secular law and follow sharia. The Danish government has not banned Millatu Ibrahim Denmark, which denounces democracy and advocates sharia inside the Nordic country. The group was reportedly launched in the summer of 2014 in the Danish city of Vejle. Several of its members have fought alongside ISIS in Iraq and Syria and, according to the Danish newspaper *Ekstra Bladet*, the group "takes its inspiration from" the terror group. According to Danish police, the ISIS-inspired perpetrator of the September 2016 shooting in Christiania had "ties" to Millatu Ibrahim. That attack—which critically injured two policemen—was later claimed by ISIS.
- 9. Profetens Ummah [image] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [The Local – Stockholm](#), [VG Nyheter](#), [VG Nyheter](#), [New York Review of Books](#), [Hate Speech International](#), [Guardian](#), [The Local – Norway](#), [Agence France-Presse](#))
  - Islamist Salafist organization formed in Norway in 2011 and based in Oslo. Formerly known as Ansar al-Sunnah. Described by Norwegian media in 2012 as the most "extreme" Islamist organization operating in Norway. Choudary traveled to Norway to meet with the group twice in 2012. Choudary claimed he acted as "a mentor and adviser" to the group. Former Profetens Ummah spokesman and convicted ISIS supporter Ubaydullah Hussain visited Choudary in England in 2014 just three months before Choudary's arrest. Footage of the visit was released publicly.
- 10. [Al-Shabab](#) (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Council on Foreign Relations](#), [U.S. Federal Register](#))
  - Al-Qaeda's formal affiliate in East Africa. Established in the late 1990s, the Somali-based terror group seeks to establish a fundamentalist Islamic state in the

country that it hopes will ultimately expand to encompass the whole Horn of Africa. The group released an almost-hour-long video in October 2013 that praised the murder of British soldier Lee Rigby and featured interviews with Choudary, who was described in the video as a “caller to Islam.”

11. Sharia4America [[image](#)] (Sources: [De Standaard](#), [Washington Post](#), [New Yorker](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [CBN News](#), [Edmond Sun](#))
  - U.S.-based Islamist organization inspired by the Belgian terror group Sharia4Belgium, co-founded by Fouad Belkacem, who in turn drew inspiration from Choudary’s Islam4UK group. The group’s motto is “Communism is dead. Capitalism is dying. Islam in the solution.” Choudary attempted to organize a March 2011 demonstration in front of the White House under Sharia4America. The event was canceled. Choudary told the Christian Broadcasting Network in 2012 that Sharia4America represented “an alternative to democracy and freedom and the kind of life that people lead in America.” The group’s website and social media presence has since been deleted.
12. Sharia4Australia [[image](#)] (Sources: [De Standaard](#), [Washington Post](#), [New Yorker](#), [Hope Not Hate](#))
  - Islamist organization inspired by the Belgian terror group Sharia4Belgium, co-founded by Fouad Belkacem, who in turn drew inspiration from Choudary’s Islam4UK group. Sharia4Australia leader Ibrahim Siddiq-Conlon has described Choudary as his primary spiritual guide.
13. Sharia4Belgium [[image](#)] (Sources: [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [New Yorker](#), [New York Times](#), [Atlantic](#), [De Standaard](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Post](#), [United Nations](#))
  - Belgian Islamist group that sought to institute sharia in Belgium. Founded in 2010 and disbanded in 2012. The group claimed hundreds of members and inspired the creation of similar groups across Europe. Labeled a terrorist organization by a Belgian judge in February 2015 when co-founder and leader Fouad Belkacem was sentenced to 12 years in prison for encouraging foreign fighters to travel to Syria. Belkacem met with Choudary frequently and drew inspiration from Choudary’s Islam4UK organization. Sharia4Belgium stood accused—and ultimately convicted—of radicalizing, recruiting, and facilitating travel for a number of Belgium’s foreign fighters. Sharia4Belgium sent its first jihadist to Syria in May 2012. The group sent 70 of its members to Syria by March 2013. A Belgian court in October 2015 found 46 members of Sharia4Belgium guilty of traveling to Syria to become foreign fighters. All but eight were tried in absentia. Belkacem founded Sharia4Belgium in March 2010, two months after Choudary announced plans to expand Islam4UK into Belgium. Choudary later told the *New Yorker* that Belkacem had asked him for advice while visiting London. Choudary is also reported to have had spoken at Sharia4Belgium events about the “methodology to overthrow the regimes.”
14. Sharia4Finland [no image] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Savoir ou se faire avoir](#))
  - Finnish chapter of the Sharia4 network created and overseen by Choudary from the United Kingdom. Choudary traveled to Finland in March 2013 to address the group.

15. Sharia4France [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation](#), [Daily Mail](#))
- A.k.a. Fursan Al-‘Izza. French chapter of the Sharia4 network. Inspired by the Belgian terror group Sharia4Belgium, co-founded by Fouad Belkacem, who in turn drew inspiration from Choudary’s Islam4UK group. Banned in France in January 2012 for inciting racial hatred. Subsequently regrouped as the Force de Defense Musulmane sur Internet (FDMI – Online Muslim Defence Force), which sought to remove perceived anti-Muslim online content.
16. Sharia4Hind [no image] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Digital Journal](#), [New Age Islam](#), [Hindu American Foundation](#), [Indian Express](#))
- Indian chapter of the Sharia4 network created and overseen by Choudary from the United Kingdom. Choudary operated the group’s website, Sharia4Hind.com, on which he issued a fatwa against Indian political leaders and the Indian constitution and called for a ban on public displays of Hinduism. Sharia4Hind was subsequently banned in 2012 after Choudary unsuccessfully tried to organize a pro-sharia march in India.
17. Sharia4Holland [[image](#)] (Sources: [De Standaard](#), [Washington Post](#), [New Yorker](#), [AIVD](#), [CTC Sentinel](#), [Dutchnews.nl](#))
- Radical Dutch, Salafist organization that sought to institute sharia in the Netherlands through proselytization of an extremist interpretation of Islam. Sharia4Holland disseminated its jihadist propaganda through demonstrations and leafletting. The Dutch General Intelligence and Security Service (AIVD) declared the group “dormant” in an October 2014 report. An earlier AIVD report from 2012 identified members of Sharia4Holland as “among those that left to Syria to join the jihad,” indicating that while the group may no longer be active, its former members may still influence jihadism internationally. According to the AIVD, Sharia4Holland and other Dutch Islamist groups “created an environment in which people with similar ideas meet and develop radical ideas into jihadist ideologies.” Inspired by the Belgian terror group Sharia4Belgium, co-founded by Fouad Belkacem, who in turn drew inspiration from Choudary’s Islam4UK group. Choudary is also reported to have had spoken at Sharia4Holland events about the “methodology to overthrow the regimes.”
18. Sharia4Indonesia [[image](#)] (Sources: [Hope Not Hate](#), [Washington Post](#))
- Indonesian chapter of the Sharia4 network. Hosted the October 2013 Sharia4TheWorld Campaign rally in South Tangerang, Indonesia. Choudary and Abu Izzadeen were the featured speakers. ISIS reportedly saw an increased number of Indonesian foreign fighters in the aftermath of the rally.
19. Sharia4Italy [[image](#)] (Sources: [Daily Beast](#), [U.S. Department of State](#), [Long War Journal](#), [Il Fatto Quotidiano](#), [quiBrescia.it](#), [quiBrescia.it](#), [Sharia4Italy](#))
- Self-styled Italy-based chapter of the global Sharia4 network founded by Anas El Abboubi in 2012. Inspired by the Belgian terror group Sharia4Belgium, co-founded by Fouad Belkacem, who in turn drew inspiration from Choudary’s Islam4UK group. Italian police arrested El Abboubi in June 2013 for jihadist propaganda—including his Sharia4Italy blog—and incitement to racial hatred. He was released two weeks later and traveled to Syria to join ISIS that

- September. El Abboubi continued to post on Sharia4Italy until 2015. His social media accounts went silent that year and authorities reportedly lost track of him.
20. Sharia4Pakistan [[image](#)] (Sources: [De Standaard](#), [Washington Post](#), [New Yorker](#), [Hope Not Hate](#), [Hope Not Hate](#))
- Pakistan-based Islamist organization inspired by the Belgian terror group Sharia4Belgium, co-founded by Fouad Belkacem, who in turn drew inspiration from Choudary's Islam4UK group. Choudary reportedly led the group from the United Kingdom. Choudary and Omar Bakri Muhammed were to speak at the group's inaugural conference in Islamabad on November 30, 2012. The conference was canceled after speakers were denied visas.
21. Women4Shariah [[image](#)] (Sources: [Express](#), [Hope Not Hate](#))
- Loose U.K.-based network that distributed fliers and posted to social media in support of Choudary and jihadist causes. Women4Shariah delegations reportedly appeared regularly at Choudary's rallies. A 2013 Women4Shariah Facebook post praised the murder of British soldier Lee Rigby by Choudary-linked Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale. Another Facebook post said British leaders were responsible for the repercussions of their actions taking "the war to Muslim lands." The group also distributed fliers in the Yummy Yummy candy store chain owned by Choudary's older brother, Yazdani. Only 29 percent of the network were reportedly confirmed as women.
22. Yummy Yummy [[image](#)] (Sources: [Express](#), [Sun](#), [Trial By Jeory](#))
- Chain of candy stores operated by Choudary's older brother, Yazdani. Al-Muhajiroun members distributed propaganda to customers calling for the creation of an Islamic state. One of the London stores was based in a building owned by Yazdani Choudary that previously hosted al-Muhajiroun-linked businesses, including Master Printers, which employed al-Muhajiroun members and was subject to a 2011 police raid over suspected links to al-Muhajiroun. According to British law enforcement, Yummy Yummy shops provided al-Muhajiroun members with "employment and meeting places under an apparent legitimate veil of a confectionery shop."