

Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)

Name: Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)

Type of Organization:

- Insurgent
- non-state actor
- religious
- terrorist
- transnational
- violent

Ideologies and Affiliations:

- Islamist
- jihadist
- Qutbist
- Salafist
- Sunni
- takfiri

Place of Origin:

Indonesia

Year of Origin:

1993 (formal establishment)

Founder(s):

Abu Bakar Bashir and Abdullah Sungkar

Places of Operation:

Indonesia (primary operations); Malaysia and Singapore (cells); the Philippines, Cambodia, and Thailand (possible operations)

Overview

As Known As:

- Islamic Organization¹
- Jemaa Islamiyah²
- Jema'a Islamiyah³
- Jemaa Islamiyya⁴
- Jema'a Islamiyya⁵
- Jemaa Islamiyyah⁶
- Jema'a Islamiyyah⁷
- Jemaah Islamiah⁸
- Jemaah Islamiya⁹
- Jema'ah Islamiyah¹⁰
- Jemaah Islamiyyah¹¹
- Jema'ah Islamiyyah¹²

Executive Summary:

Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) is a jihadist group in Southeast Asia that seeks to establish a caliphate in the region through violent means. One of JI's precursors was Darul Islam, an insurgent movement that gave rise to three separate revolts against the Indonesian government in the 1950s and 1960s. JI first raised its global profile after carrying out bombings in Bali in 2002 and 2005, killing 202 and 20 people (mostly foreign tourists), respectively.¹³ Among other violent operations, JI is known for its links to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing as well as the 1995 failed "Bojinka" plot, an attempt to bomb 12 U.S. commercial airlines in the span of two days.¹⁴ JI has links to [al-Qaeda](#) [1] and the [Abu Sayyaf Group](#) [2] (ASG), a Philippines-

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based terrorist organization.¹⁵ JI's co-founder and former leader [Abu Bakar Bashir](#) [3] pledged loyalty to ISIS in July 2014. However, some reports claim that JI does not support ISIS and remains tied to al-Qaeda.¹⁶ Nonetheless, regional authorities, including Australian intelligence officials, are concerned that JI is loyal to ISIS and could increase terrorist activities in the region.¹⁷

In July 2008, Bashir established a new group called Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT), which has since been implicated in numerous terrorist attacks.¹⁸ Bashir had sought to revive the "Islamic movement" in Indonesia through public outreach and education. In order to serve this purpose, he established JAT as an "open and above-ground" organization, as opposed to the "underground" characteristic of groups such as JI.¹⁹ JAT's establishment caused a rift within JI, with some members following Bashir and others remaining committed to the original group. JI and JAT disagreed over strategy and tactics, and eventually JI leaders demanded that anyone who joined JAT must leave JI.²⁰ JI named Para Wijayanto as its leader in 2008, owing to his experience in the group and operational knowledge. Wijayanto had been involved in the terrorist group's most notorious bombings dating as far back as 2000, according to Indonesian police.²¹

In 2014, analyst J.M. Berger wrote that JI is defunct.²² Nevertheless, the group remains a threat given its extensive network and alleged ties to both [ISIS](#) [4] and [al-Nusra Front](#) [5] (Hayat Tahrir al-Sham). Australian authorities in particular have expressed concern about JI foreign fighters returning to the region. This danger is exacerbated by Indonesia's relatively lax immigration laws, which allow Indonesian citizens to travel in and out of conflict zones. Consequently, Indonesian jihadists who have fought in Iraq and Syria do not face the threat of criminal charges upon returning home.²³ Interviews conducted in February 2016 with current and former JI extremists revealed that the terror group has become more active since the start of the conflict in Syria and is recruiting. Indonesian police believe that JI poses a significant security threat because it maintains a sophisticated training and organizational structure in the country.²⁴

Numerous reports indicate a resurgent threat from JI.²⁵ Indonesian authorities fear militant and radicalized Indonesian-citizen jihadists returning home after training with JI.²⁶ Analyst Sidney Jones claims that "We're all concerned that with probably close to 200 fighters or supporting personnel in Syria and Iraq from Indonesia that we could see a real boost to the terrorist movement if they return."²⁷ Terrorism analyst Taufik Andrie has stated that returning Indonesian foreign fighters could also aggravate tensions between Indonesia's Sunni majority and Shiite minority.²⁸

JI has reportedly sought to rebuild its military wing since 2010.²⁹ JI has supposedly kept its military activity underground in anticipation of a future confrontation. However, the group has advised its recruits against any violent action. According to the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, such a dynamic could lead to dissent within JI and the splintering off of a more violent organization.³⁰

Indonesian police believe that a "Neo-JI"—a younger generation of JI militants—has emerged.³¹ The new faction developed after the organization's leadership suffered heavy losses between 2009 and 2014, as a result of deaths and arrests. Neo-JI is believed to have maintained ties to al-Qaeda in Syria.³² In 2019, former Indonesian police spokesperson Dedi Prasetyo said that the faction continues to recruit members in order to achieve the group's ultimate aim of establishing a caliphate in the country.³³ By some estimates, JI as a whole is comprised of between 2,000 to 3,000 members in Indonesia, and has many more supporters and sympathizers in the Muslim majority country.³⁴

On June 29, 2019, Indonesian counterterrorism police arrested JI leader Para Wijayanto on the outskirts of Jakarta. He reportedly attended a jihadist training camp in the Philippines in 2000 and was involved in the 2002 Bali bombings that killed more than 200 people.³⁵ Wijayanto is believed to have become the leader of JI in 2008 and was known to have recruited and trained members to join extremist groups in Syria.³⁶ During their investigation into Wijayanto, the Indonesian police discovered that JI was using two palm oil farms in Sumatra and Kalimantan to generate income, a new development

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in the group's terror financing efforts.³⁷ The revelation sparked fears that JI is regaining strength.³⁸ Wijayanto's trial began on March 18, 2020 on charges of terrorism that carry a possible death penalty.³⁹ On July 20, 2020, he was sentenced to seven years in prison on the charge of inciting others to commit an act of terrorism.⁴⁰

On December 10, 2020, Indonesia's counterterrorism police arrested Aris Sumarsono, also known as Zulkarnaen, during a raid on a house in East Lampung district on the island of Sumatra. Zulkarnaen, considered by Indonesian police to be JI's military commander, had evaded arrest for more than 18 years. Since May 2005, Zulkarnaen has been on the U.N. Security Council's al-Qaeda sanctions list for his ties to the global terrorist network, as well as association with Osama bin Laden and the Taliban. The U.S. State Department's "Rewards for Justice" program also offered \$5 million for Zulkarnaen's arrest. Authorities said he was one of the first Indonesian militants to receive military training in Afghanistan during the 1980s and then spent a decade running a militant training camp in the southern Philippines. In Indonesia, Zulkarnaen allegedly masterminded several deadly terrorist plots in the early 2000s and built explosives for other attacks, including those used in the 2002 Bali bombings and the 2003 attack on the JW Marriott in Jakarta.⁴¹

Doctrine:

JI aims to establish an Islamic state (*Daulah Islamiyah Nusantara*) in Southeast Asia. Initially, the state would encompass Malaysia, Indonesia, and Mindanao (southern Philippines), and later absorb southern Thailand, Singapore, and Brunei.⁴²

JI's history indicates that the group pursues a three-phase strategy of violent jihad to establish a caliphate. The first phase of jihad targets local government. The second targets regional governments through a conflagration of attacks in countries such as Singapore and Philippines. The third phase is global jihad. This latter phase developed as a result of association with al-Qaeda, which seeks a global jihad, as opposed to JI's initial localized jihad.⁴³

When Indonesia declared independence from the Netherlands, Abu Bakar Bashir and Abdullah Sungkar founded JI to overthrow the secular Indonesian state through political disruption and violence.⁴⁴ One of JI's precursors was Darul Islam, an insurgent movement that gave rise to three separate revolts against the Indonesian government in the 1950s and 1960s.⁴⁵ Both Bashir and Sungkar were involved in Darul Islam, which was too ideologically fractured to move forward as an organization. However, during this time, they became involved in subversive activities against President Suharto's government. Sungkar and Bashir later left Indonesia to join the jihad in Afghanistan and then Pakistan. It is in these two countries where they associated with Afghans who espoused extremist ideology and foreign fighters who had also sought to join jihad. It is during this period that they developed the ideological and operational underpinnings of JI.⁴⁶

JI's ideological and tactical manual is titled *General Guidelines of the Struggle of Al Jemā'ah Al Islāmiyah* (PUPJI).⁴⁷ PUPJI states that one of the group's main objectives is to develop the resources and capabilities of its members and the organization as a whole, including by teaching skills like bomb-making and acting as a "networking" organization.⁴⁸

JI's doctrine is based on five founding principles: *iman* (belief), *hijrah* (emigration), *i'dad* (preparation to struggle in the way of God), *jihad* (struggle in the way of Allah), and *al wala wal bara* (division of the world into friends and enemies).⁴⁹ JI's ideology is influenced by al-Qaeda's political theology, including works like Abu Musab al-Suri's "Call to Worldwide Islamic Resistance," Abu Bakr Naji's "The Management of Savagery," and Sayyed Imam Al-Sharif's "Rationalizing Jihad in Egypt and the World."⁵⁰

Schisms within JI have formed over disagreements on what the group's goals should be. One camp wanted to slowly progress into a caliphate through radical proselytizing and education, building an Islamic community, and increasing adherence to Islamic law. The other group advocated the use of violent jihad. The latter group, though smaller, was ultimately successful in setting JI's goals. This more violent group was led by former JI military leader Riduan Isamuddin, a.k.a. Hambali, who encouraged a shift toward al-Qaeda-style tactics, resulting in a surge of attacks against Western assets in Indonesia in 2003.⁵¹ These attacks displayed JI's tactical shift from targeting government and law enforcement to

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focusing on soft targets, such as tourist attractions, using car and suicide bombings.⁵²

Organizational Structure:

JI's structure is outlined in the group's ideological and tactical manual, *General Guidelines of the Struggle of Al Jemā'ah Al Islāmiyah* (PUPJI). JI divides its areas of operation into regional units that serve different administrative and operational purposes, each of which is called a *mantiqi*. Each *mantiqi* is in turn divided into smaller districts, each of which is called a *wakalah*.

JI is headed by an emir (commander or prince), who appoints and presides over councils for governance, theology, fatwa (Islamic jurisprudence), and discipline.⁵³ The governing council includes a central command that makes policy and determines tactical and strategic operations. For instance, the central command approves plans for future offensives and controls the leaders of the four *mantiqi* and the heads of their respective *wakalah*.

Mantiqi I operates in Singapore and Malaysia and serve as JI's source of financing for operations, i.e. to terror attacks and training. Mantiqi II covers Indonesia, the main area in which JI carries out terrorist activities such as launching attacks on government and law enforcement targets. Mantiqi III includes the Phillipine island of Mindanao, the Malaysian state of Sabah on the island of Borneo, and the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, where cells are responsible for training. Mantiqi IV, which includes Australia and the West Papua province of Indonesia, focuses on fundraising.⁵⁴

In accordance with the PUPJI's guidelines, from 2000 to 2001 JI was governed by a five-member Regional Advisory Council chaired by Riduan Isamuddin, a.k.a. Hambali. Before his arrest in 2003, Hambali supervised the *mantiqi*.⁵⁵

Despite the hierarchy outlined in the PUPJI, JI became more decentralized in practice during the early 2000s.⁵⁶ Regional leaders have developed a certain degree of autonomy and many cells are even completely isolated from one another.⁵⁷ This structure allows JI to remain active even when top leaders are arrested or killed. Small bands have been able to congregate in mountainous areas of Sulawesi, for example, where authorities fear they are trafficking weapons from neighboring countries.⁵⁸ According to a October 2009 Congressional Research Service report, JI's core membership at its peak consisted of between 500 and several thousand persons, with countless more given radical educations in the JI-run *pesantrens*.⁵⁹ As of October 2019, there were an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 core JI members.⁶⁰

Following the 2002 and 2005 Bali bombings, the Indonesian government cracked down on the group and a number of senior JI leaders and active members were either killed or arrested. The degradation of JI's leadership led to a shift in the group's structure.⁶¹ During a meeting in 2008, remaining senior JI leaders and younger members—many whom received JI's religious education—formed a new central command, *markaziyah*, which oversaw the group's shift to religious outreach.⁶² At that same meeting, JI senior leaders appointed Para Wijayanto as the group's new emir.⁶³ In 2009, JI created the Majelis Dakwah Umat Islam (MDUI) to serve as its public-facing organization, with the objective of spreading JI's ideology and encouraging Muslims to enforce Islamic law.⁶⁴ This recent iteration of JI leadership also sought to rebuild the group's separate military wing in 2010, which had lapsed into inactivity following the Indonesian police crackdown of the early 2000s.⁶⁵ JI's MDUI would operate openly and focus on religious education, while the military wing would remain clandestine.⁶⁶ The military wing is reportedly based on the original PUPJI structure.⁶⁷

Indonesian police believe that a faction of JI reconstituted into a "Neo-JI"—a term coined by law enforcement to refer to a younger generation of JI militants. In 2019, former Indonesian police spokesperson Dedi Prasetyo said that the faction continues to recruit members in order to achieve its aim of establishing a caliphate in the country.⁶⁸ Neo-JI has also been linked to al-Qaeda in Syria.⁶⁹

Researchers believe the entire JI network may have expanded to 2,000 members in Indonesia.⁷⁰ By one estimate, JI as a

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whole is comprised of between 2,000 to 3,000 members. The group has an unidentified number of supporters and sympathizers in the Muslim majority country.⁷¹

Financing:

JI fundraises through membership donations and criminal and business activities, according to the U.S. State Department.⁷² The group has received financial, ideological, and logistical support from other groups in its network, such as al-Qaeda's core and other Middle Eastern contacts.⁷³ While some analysts believe al-Qaeda is JI's main source of revenue, others note the group's ability to exploit charities and divert resources away for terror operations.⁷⁴

Additional sources of money for JI include cash remittances from individuals of the Indonesian diaspora, profits from *hawala* (informal money-lender networks), weapons smuggling, and extortion.⁷⁵ It is unclear how much money the group has in its coffers and how these funds are distributed to operatives. After around 2009, JI's attacks have lacked the sophistication of previous JI attacks, leading analysts to believe that the group suffered from a lack of funding.⁷⁶

The group also appears to use charitable organizations as fronts for the organization. On September 4, 2014, the U.S. Department of the Treasury designated the Hilal Ahmar Society Indonesia (HASI) for sending multiple groups of JI terrorist fighters to Syria for providing funds, military training, and recruits to JI. HASI, ostensibly JI's humanitarian wing, has been active as a non-governmental organization in Indonesia since 2011.⁷⁷

During their investigation into alleged JI leader Para Wijayanto, the Indonesian police discovered a new development in the terrorist group's financing effort: JI was profiting from two palm oil farms in Sumatra and Kalimantan.⁷⁸ The group used income from the palm oil businesses to fund their activities and pay salaries to leaders and other members in the network, said a police spokesperson.⁷⁹

Recruitment:

JI relies largely on social outreach efforts to recruit new followers.⁸⁰ For example, JI provided relief to victims of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami in order to attract support for its cause.⁸¹ While some JI recruits come from poorer backgrounds, many recruits are well-educated and attracted to "charismatic" preachers.⁸² In recent years, JI has attracted recruits from other Islamist groups in the region, including Indonesia-based Darul Islam, JI's ideological predecessor.⁸³

JI also recruits members through its Islamic schools and the family networks created by marriages in the community. The Al Mukmin school in Ngruki, Indonesia, is part of a network of pesantren for children of JI members.⁸⁴ The schools are meant to serve JI by perpetually replenishing the group's ranks. According to Sidney Jones of the Jakarta-based Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, only some 40 pesantren in the country are associated with terrorist activities, while others focus on creating "upstanding citizens."⁸⁵

According to an April 2017 report on JI, the group has increased efforts to recruit on university campuses. In 2014, Indonesian police obtained a PowerPoint presentation from JI's education wing showing that JI had reached 1,988 male university students and 862 females during 2013, though they did not necessarily become members.⁸⁶

Training:

During the 1980s, members of JI's predecessor, Darul Islam, trained in Afghanistan.⁸⁷ Since the 1990s, JI training has continued in Pakistan with assistance from the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).⁸⁸ The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) helped with JI's training in the Philippines using training camps in the southern island of

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Mindanao.⁸⁹ Training camp activities include indoctrination studies and weapons and explosives training.⁹⁰

In January 2021, Indonesian police uncovered a compilation video allegedly showing an elite force of JI members engaged in weapons and physical training as well as kidnapping simulations between 2013 and 2018. The video was found on the laptop of a recently-arrested JI member. According to Indonesian police, the members were between 19 and 23 years old and received seven months of training before being sent to fight in Syria. The terrorist training camps were run in 12 locations in Indonesia and involved seven different groups comprised of up to 15 recruits. A former JI trainer claimed that the trainings cost approximately \$6,000 per month. Additionally, JI reportedly spent at least \$28,000 to send 120 fighters to train in Syria.⁹¹

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Key Leaders



Abu Bakar Bashir
Founder and spiritual leader, alleged operational leader



Abdullah Sungkar
Founder and former spiritual leader, deceased



Noordin Top
Top recruiter, one of the masterminds behind the August 2003 attack on Marriott Hotel and September 2004 car bomb outside Australian Embassy in Jakarta, reportedly killed by Indonesian police in Java on September 17, 2009



Riduan Isamuddin (a.k.a. Hambali)
Operational leader, head of regional shura, suspected al-Qaeda operations director for East Asia, now in extrajudicial detention at Guantanamo Bay



Mohamed Iqbal Abdurrahman (a.k.a. Abu Jibril)
Primary recruiter and second-in-command, arrested in Malaysia



Zulkifli Abdhir (a.k.a. Marwan)
Bomb maker and member of central command, confirmed dead February 5, 2015



Angga Dimas Pershada
JI operative and fundraiser



Bambang Sukirno
JI leader and fundraiser



Wiji Joko Santoso
Head of JI's foreign affairs division and head of JI operations in Syria



Para Wijayanto
Emir



Aris Sumarsono (a.k.a. Zulkarnaen)
JI military commander

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History:

- **December 10, 2020:** Indonesian counterterrorism police arrest high-ranking JI militant Aris Sumarsono, also known as Zulkarnaen, during a raid on a house in East Lampung District of Sumatra. Zulkarnaen is suspected of involvement in the 2002 Bali bombings and the 2003 attack on the JW Marriott Hotel in Jakarta. Sources: "Indonesian Police Arrest Militant Leader Associated with al-Qaida," Voice of America, December 13, 2020, <https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/indonesian-police-arrest-militant-leader-associated-al-qaida> [29]; Associated Press, "Indonesian Police Move Top Terror Suspect for Investigation," Voice of America, December 16, 2020, <https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/indonesian-police-move-top-terror-suspect-investigation> [31].
- **July 20, 2020:** An Indonesian court sentences JI leader Para Wijayanto to seven years in prison on the charge of inciting others to commit terrorism. Wijayanto's deputy, Budi Trikaryanto, receives a six-and-a-half-year sentence on the same charges. Sources: Asia News Network, "Indonesian court sentences Jemaah Islamiyah leader to 7 years' jail for inciting terrorism," Inquirer.net, July 12, 2020, <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1309831/indonesian-court-sentences-jemaah-islamiyah-leader-to-7-years-jail-for-inciting-terrorism> [23]; Agence France-Press, "Indonesia jails two leaders of Jemaah Islamiyah on terror charges," Channel News Asia, July 20, 2019, <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/indonesia-jails-leaders-jemaah-islamiyah-al-qaeda-terrorist-12947984> [47].
- **June 29, 2019:** Indonesian counterterrorism police arrest Para Wijayanto, believed to be the leader of JI since 2008 on the outskirts of Jakarta. Wijayanto allegedly attended a jihadist training camp in the Philippines in 2000 and played a role in the 2002 Bali Bombings that killed more than 200 people. Wijayanto has been instrumental in recruiting and training members to fight with jihadists in Syria. Source: "Indonesian police arrest suspected leader of group behind Bali bombing," *Guardian*, July 1, 2019, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/02/indonesian-police-arrest-suspected-leader-of-group-behind-bali-bombing> [25].
- **February 24, 2015 - February 28, 2015:** Philippine security forces clash with Islamist rebels, killing 24 rebels. Three Malaysian JI members are reportedly among the rebels, providing them with bomb-making training. Source: Agence France-Press, "Toll in Philippine clashes with Islamists rises to 26," *Daily Mail* (London), February 28, 2015, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-2973152/Toll-Philippine-clashes-Islamists-rises-26.html> [48].
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- **November 14, 2014:** Indonesia releases 350 JI militants from its prisons. In response, Indonesia's neighbor, Malaysia, steps up security measures such as boosting surveillance and immigration checks. Malaysian authorities collaborate with their Indonesian counterparts and Aseanpol (Association of Southeast Asian Nations police organization) to ensure released extremists do not pose a threat to other countries. Source: "Security Boost Following Release of JI Militants," *Malaysia Digest* (Kuala Lumpur), November 14, 2014, <http://www.malaysiadigest.com/news/527879-security-boost-following-release-of-ji-militants.html> [52].
- **November 13, 2014:** Indonesia transfers JI bomb expert and former prisoner Taufik Abdul Halim to Malaysian authorities. Taufik Abdul Halim, a.k.a Dany, is the brother-in-law of bomb maker Marwan and has served 12 years in an Indonesian prison for involvement in a Jakarta blast. He will be closely monitored by Malaysian counterterrorism authorities due to his bomb-making capabilities, but is believed to not be involved in militant activities. Sources: Nawar Firdaws, "Jemaah Islamiyah bomb expert to be handed over to Malaysia," *Rakyat Post* (Malaysia), November 13, 2014, <http://www.therakyatpost.com/news/2014/11/13/jemaah-islamiyah-bomb-expert-handed-malaysia/#ixzz3VytQ92wa> [53]; Amy Chew, "Freed militant could still be a risk," *Asia One*, November 19, 2014, <http://news.asiaone.com/news/asia/freed-militant-could-still-be-risk> [54].
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- **August 21, 2014:** Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott voices concern over JI's support for ISIS. Approximately 100 Australian deaths are believed to be connected to JI activities in the country. Prime Minister Abbott fears JI's alignment with ISIS could lead to increased terror activities in the region. Source: Stephanie Balogh, "Jemaah Islamiyah alignment to Islamic State a potential threat: Abbott," *Australian* (Surry Hills), August 21, 2014, <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/in-depth/middle-east-in-turmoil/jemaah-islamiyah-alignment-to-islamic-state-a-potential-threat-abbott/story-fn7y4cm4-1227031712670> [55].
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Malaysian JI leader Zulkifli Abdhir, a.k.a. Marwan, supposedly killed in a military operation in Jolo in 2012, is still alive. The military offensive never produced concrete evidence that he was killed and Philippine authorities received consistent reports that intelligence sources have met with him. Marwan, a master bomb-maker, is an alleged supplier of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to terrorist organizations in the region. He conducts explosives training. Sources: "ISAFP chief confirms JI leader who was reported killed still alive," GMA News Online, August 6, 2014,

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- **July 14, 2014:** JI founder Abu Bakar Bashir pledges allegiance to ISIS while in prison. He instructs his followers to support their "fellow brothers" by fighting alongside ISIS. Bashir's message is delivered to the chairman of Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT), a JI splinter group. Source: Rendi A. Witular, "Abu Bakar Ba'asyir calls on followers to support ISIL," *Jakarta Post*, July 14, 2014, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2014/07/14/abu-bakar-ba-asyir-calls-followers-support-isil.html> [57].
- **June 2014:** A wave of Indonesians, including many JI members, join rebel groups in Syria and Iraq. Authorities fear that these fighters will pose a threat to Indonesia once they return home, having developed their insurgency tactics and grown more militant and radicalized. There is also fear that, since most recruits are Sunni, tensions with minority Shiites in the region will exacerbate sectarian clashes. Source: "Indonesians joining rebels in Syria, Iraq," *Manila Times*, June 20, 2012, <http://www.manilatimes.net/indonesians-joining-rebels-in-syria-iraq/105529/> [22].
- **June 2010 - July 2010:** The Attorney General's Office Task Force on Terrorism and Transnational Crime (SATGAS) secures 11 convictions for the 2009 hotel bombings in Jakarta that killed nine and injured 41. The 12th defendant, a Saudi national named Al Khalil Ali, is charged with financing the attack. Ali is eventually acquitted of the crime but imprisoned for 18 months for immigration violations. According to the Department of State, by the end of 2010, SATGAS prosecutes more than 70 defendants associated with the Aceh training camp. Source: "Country Reports on Terrorism 2010," U.S. Department of State, August 18, 2011, 37, <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/170479.pdf> [58].
- **February 2010:** Indonesian authorities raid a training camp in Aceh, Indonesia, and arrest more than 120 JI suspects, as well as militants from other extremist groups. Aceh-trained militants allegedly intended to carry out attacks on foreigners and assassinate moderate Muslim leaders. Source: Niniek Karmini, Stephen Wright et al, "Indonesia cleric gets 15 years in terror case," *USA Today*, June 16, 2011, http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/world/2011-06-16-indonesia-cleric-prison-terror_n.htm [59].
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- **September 17, 2009:** Indonesian authorities kill key JI leader Noordin Mohammed Top in a police raid. Top, a Malaysian-born extremist, is responsible for organizing the 2009 Jakarta bombings. Content in a laptop found at the site confirms links between Indonesian militants and al-Qaeda. The content also reveals JI plans to target Bali and stoke conflict between Christians and Muslims in Indonesia. Sources: Bruce Vaughn, Emma Chanlett-Avery et al, "Terrorism in Southeast Asia," Congressional Research Service, October 16, 2009, <http://fas.org/spp/crs/terror/RL34194.pdf> [37].
- **July 17, 2009:** JI detonates nearly simultaneous explosions at the Ritz-Carlton and JW Marriott hotels in Jakarta, killing nine people and injuring 41. The attacks stun the Indonesian government, whose crackdown on JI supposedly kept the country free of terror attacks since 2005. Source: "Timeline: Attacks and plots blamed on Jemaah Islamiyah in Asia," Reuters, September 17, 2009, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2009/09/17/us-indonesia-militants-timeline-sb-idUSTRE58G29X20090917> [8].
- **2009:** JI creates the Majelis Dakwah Umat Islam (MDUI) to serve as its public-facing organization. The MDUI's goal is to spread JI's ideology and encourage Muslims to enforce Islamic law. Source: "The Re-emergence of Jemaah Islamiyah," Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, April 27, 2017, 4, http://file.understandingconflict.org/file/2017/04/IPAC_Report_36.pdf [12].
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- ¹¹⁹ Stephanie Balogh, "Jemaah Islamiyah alignment to Islamic State a potential threat: Abbott," *Australian* (Surry Hills), August 21, 2014, <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/in-depth/middle-east-in-turmoil/jemaah-islamiyah-alignment-to-islamic-state-a-potential-threat-abbott/story-fn7ycml4-1227031712670> [55].
- ¹²⁰ Dan Murphy, "Philippines bloodbath: was one of last major Jemaah Islamiyah leaders killed? (+video)," *Christian Science Monitor*, January 27, 2015, <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Security-Watch/Backchannels/2015/0127/Philippines-bloodbath-was-one-of-last-major-Jemaah-Islamiyah-leaders-killed-video> [51].

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Designations:

Designations by the U.S. Government:



October 23, 2002: The U.S. Department of State designates Jemaah Islamiyah as a Foreign Terrorist Organization on October 23, 2002.¹²¹

January 24, 2003: The U.S. Department of State designates Nurjaman Riduan Isamuddin (a.k.a. Hambali) as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) on January 24, 2003.¹²²

The U.S. Department of State designates Mohammad Iqbal Abdurrahman (a.k.a. Abu Jibril) as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) on January 24, 2003.¹²³

April 13, 2006: The U.S. Department of State designates Abu Bakar Bashir as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) on April 13, 2006.¹²⁴

August 16, 2011: The U.S. Department of State designates Umar Patek as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) on August 16, 2011.¹²⁵

August 16, 2011: The U.S. Department of State designates Muhammad Jibril Abdul Rahman as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) on August 16, 2011.¹²⁶

September 24, 2014: The U.S. Department of Treasury designates Hilal Ahmar Society Indonesia (HASI) as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) on September 24, 2014.¹²⁷

Designations by Foreign Governments and Organizations:



October 27, 2002: Australia designated Jemaah Islamiyah as a terrorist organization on October 27, 2002.¹²⁸



April 23, 2008: Indonesia designated Jemaah Islamiyah as an illegal organization on April 23, 2008.¹²⁹

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November 2002: The United Kingdom designated Jemaah Islamiyah as a terrorist organization in November 2002.¹³⁰



October 25, 2002: The United Nations Security Council Committee listed Jemaah Islamiyah as a terrorist organization linked to al-Qaeda or the Taliban on October 25, 2002.¹³¹

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¹²¹ "Foreign Terrorist Organizations," U.S. Department of State, accessed March 30, 2015, <http://www.state.gov/jct/rls/other/des/123085.htm> [69].

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¹²³ U.S. Designated Two as Terrorists Linked to Jemaah Islamiyah," IIP Digital United States Embassy, January 24, 2003, <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2003/01/20030124161402mkellerh@pd.state.gov0.1734735.html#axzz3GdW8jgk6> [70].

¹²⁴ "Recent OFAC Actions," U.S. Department of the Treasury, April 13, 2006, <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20060413.aspx> [71].

¹²⁵ "Treasury Sanctions Three Senior Members of the Jemaah Islamiya Terrorist Network," U.S. Department of the Treasury, August 16, 2011, <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1276.aspx> [72].

¹²⁶ "Treasury Sanctions Three Senior Members of the Jemaah Islamiya Terrorist Network," U.S. Department of the Treasury, August 16, 2011, <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1276.aspx> [72].

¹²⁷ "Treasury Designates Twelve Foreign Terrorist Fighter Facilitators," U.S. Department of the Treasury, September 24, 2014, <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/jl2651.aspx> [39].

¹²⁸ "Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)," Australian National Security, October 19, 2014, <http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/Listedterroristorganisations/Pages/JemaahIslamiyahJI.aspx> [7].

¹²⁹ Mark Forbes, "Jakarta backs court's decision to outlaw Jemaah Islamiyah," *Sydney Morning Herald*, April 23, 2008, <http://www.smh.com.au/news/world/jakarta-backs-courts-decision-to-outlaw-jemaah-islamiyah/2008/04/22/1208742940633.html> [73].

¹³⁰ "Proscribed Terrorist Organisations," GOV.UK, August 20, 2014, https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/354891/ProscribedOrganisationsAug14.pdf [74].

¹³¹ "The List established and maintained by the 1267/1989 Committee," United Nations, last modified March 26, 2015, <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/1267.pdf> [75].

¹³² "QDe.147HILAL AHMAR SOCIETY INDONESIA (HASI)," United Nations, March 13, 2015, https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list/summaries/entity/hilal-ahmar-society-indonesia-%28hasi%29 [76].

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Associations:

Ties to Extremist Entities:



Abu Sayyaf Group
(ASG)

ASG, an extremist Islamic insurgent group in the Philippines, has provided a special training camp for JI militants within its training camp in Southern Mindanao. JI members in turn have provided training in subjects such as bomb-making and weapons-handling. JI also served as a direct connection between ASG and al-Qaeda core. A key JI leader, Zulkifli Abdir, a.k.a Marwan, was long harbored in the ASG-controlled region in the Philippines and continued to operate there.¹³³ Marwan was confirmed dead after a 12-hour bloody gunfight with Philippine police's elite Special Action Force (SAF), during which 44 members of SAF were killed.¹³⁴ However, a Philippine intelligence chief has asserted that 10 to 12 JI members continue to reside among ASG in the southern Philippines.¹³⁵



Al-Qaeda [1]

JI's experiences with al-Qaeda jihadists in Afghanistan significantly influenced its doctrine and also served to solidify a connection between JI and al-Qaeda core.¹³⁶ Al-Qaeda core had initially provided a bulk of revenue to JI also, though JI members are able to raise their own funds. Some analysts believe the group is still financially connected.¹³⁷ Between 2014 and 2016, some members of JI associated with al-Qaeda's former formal affiliate in Syria, al-Nusra Front, and joined the group there.¹³⁸



ISIS [4]

In July 2014, former JI leader Abu Bakar Bashir pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi from an Indonesian prison.¹³⁹ Though some recent reports claim that JI leadership is opposed to ISIS, Southeast Asian and Australian government officials fear a possible JI-ISIS link threatens the region.¹⁴⁰ Australian PM Abbot concurs on this assessment, stating, "Jemaah Islamiyah have pledged their allegiance to the ISIL movement and that does indicate the potential for increased terror activity in our region."¹⁴¹ Some analysts believe that the Indonesian jihadists see ISIS as an "embryo of an Islamic caliphate."¹⁴²



Al-Nusra Front
(Hayat Tahrir al-Sham) [77]

By one account from a JI member himself, there were at least 150 Indonesian fighters who have joined either ISIS or al-Nusra Front to fight on the frontlines in Syria.¹⁴³ Al-Nusra Front is a jihadist insurgent group and al-Qaeda's formal affiliate in Syria. It aims to replace Syria's Assad regime with an Islamist state.

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Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT), Indonesia

JAT seeks to establish an extreme interpretation of Islamic law with the ultimate goal of creating an Indonesian caliphate. There is likely an overlap in membership with JI since JAT founder, Abu Bakar Bashir, is a key leader of JI.¹⁴⁴ According to the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, however, Bashir's establishment of JAT led to his break from JI.¹⁴⁵

Kumpulan Mujahadin Malaysia (KMM, or Malaysian Militant Group), Malaysia

KMM is a Malaysian extremist group that seeks to overthrow the Malaysian government and establish an Islamic state. The group also aims to include Indonesia and southern Philippines to create a pan-Southeast Asian Islamic state. Many of KMM's members, much like the Jemaah Islamiyah, (JI) trained as jihadists in Afghanistan with some members fighting in the Soviet-Afghan war.¹⁴⁶ As mujahidin, KMM members established relationships with members of other Islamic extremist groups in the region.¹⁴⁷ Some sources claim that Abu Bakar Bashir, JI's founder, is also a founder of the KMM,¹⁴⁸ while others claim that he advises and assists KMM leaders.¹⁴⁹

¹³³ "Marwan alive has serious implications: Trillanes," ABS-CBN News, August 7, 2014, <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/08/07/14/marwan-alive-has-serious-implications-trillanes> [78].

¹³⁴ Tim Hume, "Man killed in Philippines raid was wanted terror suspect Marwan, DNA indicates," CNN, February 5, 2015, <http://www.cnn.com/2015/02/05/world/philippines-marwan-dna-positive/> [49].

¹³⁵ "Marwan alive has serious implications: Trillanes," ABS-CBN News, August 7, 2014, <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/08/07/14/marwan-alive-has-serious-implications-trillanes> [78].

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¹³⁷ Yanina Goldburt, "An In-Depth Look at the Jemaah Islamiyah Network," *al Nakhlah* (Fall 2004), <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/Al-Nakhlah/Archives/~media/Fletcher/Microsites/al%20Nakhlah/archives/pdfs/golburt.ashx> [11].

¹³⁸ Julie Chernov Hwang and Noor Huda Ismail, "There and Back Again: Indonesian Fighters in Syria," Middle East Institute, January 27, 2015, <http://www.mei.edu/content/map/there-and-back-again-indonesian-fighters-syria> [79].

¹³⁹ Perdani, Yuliasri and Ina Parlina. "Govt to tighten prison security following Ba'asyir's 'baiat'," *Jakarta Post*, August 5, 2014, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2014/08/05/govt-tighten-prison-security-following-ba-asyir-s-baiat.html> [80].

¹⁴⁰ Stephanie Balogh, "Jemaah Islamiyah alignment to Islamic State a potential threat: Abbott," *Australian* (Surry Hills), August 21, 2014, <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/in-depth/middle-east-in-turmoil/jemaah-islamiyah-alignment-to-islamic-state-a-potential-threat-abbott/story-fn7ycml4-1227031712670> [55]; "The Re-emergence of Jemaah Islamiyah," Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, April 27, 2017, 1, http://file.understandingconflict.org/file/2017/04/IPAC_Report_36.pdf [12].

¹⁴¹ Sarah Dean, David Martosko et al, "Truly sickening and utterly evil': Tony Abbott warns of Aussie beheadings as it's revealed Indonesian terrorists Jemaah Islamiyah has sided with ISIS killers who beheaded James Foley," *Daily Mail* (London), August 20, 2014, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2730480/PM-Tony-Abbott-warns-Australians-new-threats-Indonesian-terror-group-Jemaah-Islamiyah-calls-James-Foleys-beheading-truly-sickening.html> [13].

¹⁴² "Indonesians joining rebels in Syria, Iraq," *Manila Times*, June 20, 2012, <http://www.manilatimes.net/indonesians-joining-rebels-in-syria-iraq/105529/> [22].

¹⁴³ Julie Chernov Hwang and Noor Huda Ismail, "There and Back Again: Indonesian Fighters in Syria," Middle East Institute, January 27, 2015, <http://www.mei.edu/content/map/there-and-back-again-indonesian-fighters-syria> [79].

¹⁴⁴ "Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT)," 2014 Counterterrorism Calendar, accessed October 19, 2014, <http://www.nctc.gov/site/groups/jat.html> [81].

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¹⁴⁸ "Jemaah Islamiyah," Mapping Militant Organizations, Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University, February 2012, <http://web.stanford.edu/group/mappingmilitants/cgi-bin/groups/view/251> [36].

¹⁴⁹ "Terrorist Organization Profile: Kumpulan Mujahidin Malaysia (KMM)," National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, accessed April 17, 2015, http://www.start.umd.edu/tops/terrorist_organization_profile.asp?id=4401 [83].

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Media Coverage:

JI and ISIS, Resurgent Threat

JI was thought to be lying dormant after the arrests and killings of many of its top leaders. One analyst even asserts that the group is now defunct.¹⁵⁰ However, recent activity in the Philippines, combined with JI's alignment with ISIS,¹⁵¹ have renewed fears of the resurgent threat JI poses in Australia and the surrounding region. Australian PM Abbot concurs on this assessment, stating, "Jemaah Islamiyah have pledged their allegiance to the ISIL movement and that does indicate the potential for increased terror activity in our region."¹⁵² In July 2014, JI leader Abu Bakar Bashir pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi from an Indonesian prison.¹⁵³

In May of 2014, a spate of terror arrests in Java was thought to signal the return of JI to the country, possibly ushering in a new stage in JI's history.¹⁵⁴ According to a source within the National Police anti-terror squad, "The new JI cell is very neat and organized; they have a management, soldiers and an Amir. We estimate to have at least 3,000 soldiers and we think the Amir is a returning old player."¹⁵⁵ During the May arrests, it was revealed that the group had a makeshift arms industry. The particular cell is known for its weapons assembly skills.¹⁵⁶ In addition to this the growth of support for ISIS, some analysts believe that the Indonesian jihadis see ISIS as an 'embryo of an Islamic caliphate.'¹⁵⁷ The dangers of JI in the region have recently therefore greatly expanded.

JI and Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)

Both Western and Southeast Asian media outlets highlight the strong relationship between JI and the ASG, the latter still making news even in the U.S. and Europe for targeting tourists for kidnap and ransom. ASG, known to have conducted vicious killings in 2014,¹⁵⁸ continually harbors JI terrorists, such as now-deceased leader Marwan.¹⁵⁹ According to Philippine Senator Antonio Trillanes IV, Marwan was one of the most dangerous terrorists in the world and topped the FBI's most-wanted list. Agence France-Presse reported that ASG militants are harboring three Malaysian JI members who provide bomb making training to the group.¹⁶⁰ This highlights one of the key features of the relationship: exchange of tactics and skills. For instance, JI fighters were trained in Afghanistan and Pakistan and in turn established a training camp at Camp Abu Bakr in Mindanao, Philippines. In summer 2014, the GMA network, a major Tagalog and English language news conglomerate in the Philippines, drew attention to ASG's connection to JI during coverage of the ASG's recent deadly attacks on over two dozen civilians.¹⁶¹

¹⁵⁰ J.M. Berger, "The Islamic State vs. al Qaeda: Who's winning the war to become the jihadi superpower?" *Foreign Policy*, September 2, 2014, <http://foreignpolicy.com/2014/09/02/the-islamic-state-vs-al-qaeda/> [17].

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¹⁵⁴ Farouk Arnaz, "Arrests Reveal Jemaah Islamiyah's Return, Police Source Says," *Jakarta Globe*, May 21, 2014, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/arrests-reveal-jemaah-islamiyahs-return/> [84].

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¹⁵⁸ "21 civilians killed in suspected Abu Sayyaf ambush in Sulu," GMA Network, July 28, 2014,

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¹⁵⁹ "Marwan alive has serious implications: Trillanes," ABS-CBN News, August 7, 2014, <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/08/07/14/marwan-alive-has-serious-implications-trillanes> [78].

¹⁶⁰ Agence France-Presse, "Toll in Philippine clashes with Islamists rises to 26," *Daily Mail* (London), February 28, 2015, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-2973152/Toll-Philippine-clashes-Islamists-rises-26.html> [48].

¹⁶¹ "21 civilians killed in suspected Abu Sayyaf ambush in Sulu," GMA Network, July 28, 2014, <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/372295/news/regions/21-civilians-killed-in-suspected-abu-sayyaf-ambush-in-sulu> [85].

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Rhetoric:



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[*Istimata \(Absolute Struggle\) Webpage, In Reference to Bali bombings, December 2002*](#) [86]

“Let it be acknowledged that every single drop of Muslim blood, be it from any nationality and from any place will be remembered and accounted for.

[...]

“The heinous crime and international conspiracy of the Christians also extends to the Philippines and Indonesia. This has resulted in Muslim cleansing in Moro, Ambon, Poso and surrounding areas. It is clearly evident the crusade is continuing and will not stop. Every blow will be repaid. Blood will be redeemed by blood. A life for a life. One Muslim to another is like a single body. If one part is in pain, the other part will also feel it.

[...]

“To all you Christian unbelievers, if you define this act on your civilians as heinous and cruel, you yourself have committed crimes which are more heinous. The cries of the babies and Muslim women... has never succeeded in stopping your brutality. Well, here we are the Muslim men! We will harness the pain of the death of our brothers and sisters. You will bear the consequences of your actions wherever you are.

[...]

“We are responsible for the incident in Legina, Kuta, Bali.”¹⁶²



[87]

[*Abu Bakar Bashir, October 2002*](#) [87]

“The government of Indonesia right now is being directed by America to service its needs and the primary need of America is to bury Islam particularly in Indonesia. Therefore, following on from this, America will be able to direct political and economic affairs in accordance with its own desires. Because of this, let us defend our religion, let us being to defend our religion... Hence our religion Islam, our nation and our country is currently being threatened by foreign races with hall manner of libels, with the bombings in Bali, with explosions everywhere, all of those are the plots of non-believers whose aims are to weaken and profane the believers of Islam. Therefore, accordingly they can exert power over this country in order that it may be taken advantage of. Brother and sisters let us hope for and be conscious of the defense of Islam, let us embark upon Jihad for Allah, let us struggle to implement the law of Allah and let us apply a unity within ourselves between all Muslims.”¹⁶³



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[*Imam Samudra, Bali Bombing Perpetrator, October 2002*](#) [88]

“I hate Americans because it is the real center of international terrorism, which has already repeatedly tyrannized Islam...I carry out jihad because it’s the duty of a Muslim to avenge, so the American terrorists and their allies understand that the blood of the Muslim community is not shed for nothing.”¹⁶⁴

¹⁶² Greg Fealy, “Hating Americans: Jemaah Islamiyah and the Bali Bombings,” International Institute for Asian Studies Newsletter #31, July 2003, http://www.iias.nl/iiasn/31/IIASN31_03.pdf [89].

¹⁶³ Zachary Abuza, *Militant Islam in Southeast Asia: Crucible of Terror* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers Inc., 2003),167.

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