



UAE blacklists 82 groups as 'terrorist'



In line with a federal law on combating terrorism, the UAE blacklisted 82 organizations and groups as terrorist. (File photo: Reuters)

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The government of the United Arab Emirates formally endorsed on Saturday the designation of 82 organizations, including Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), as terror groups, in line with a federal law on combating terrorism.

The list, published by the country's state-run WAM news agency, includes the Muslim Brotherhood, the group's local and regional affiliates, as well as Al-Qaeda-linked groups operating in different parts of the region.

Several brigades fighting on both sides in the Syrian conflict along with Islamist groups in Libya, Tunisia, Mali, Pakistan, Nigeria's Boko Haram as well as Afghanistan's Taliban account for the bulk of the list.

Shiite militants groups also figure in the list, including Shiite Hezbollah in the Gulf states and brigades with the same name in Iraq. Lebanon's Iranian backed Hezbollah was not blacklisted.

In late August, UAE President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al-Nahayan enacted federal law number 7, which mandated the list to be published and circulated by the media to further "transparency" and "increase awareness" of terrorist threats.

The move follows a similar step taken by Saudi Arabia in March.

The groups blacklisted by the UAE were as follows:

- 1- UAE's Muslim Brotherhood called Al-Islah
- 2- UAE terrorist cells
- 3- Karama organization
- 4- Uma Parties in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula
- 5- Al-Qaeda
- 6- Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)
- 7- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)
- 8- Yemen's Ansar al-Sharia
- 9- Muslim Brotherhood, both the organization and movement
- 10- Al-Gamaa Al-Islamiyya in Egypt
- 11- Bait al-Maqdis group in Egypt
- 12- Ajnad Misr (Soldiers of Egypt group)
- 13- Majlis Shura Al-Mujahedin Fi Aknaf Bayt Al-Maqdis (Mujahidin Shura Council in the Environs of Jerusalem, or MSC)
- 14- Yemen's Houthi movement
- 15- Hezbollah party in Saudi Arabia's Hijaz
- 16- Hezbollah in the Gulf region
- 17- Al-Qaeda in Iran
- 18- Badr organization in Iraq
- 19- Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq, also known as the Khazali Network in Iraq
- 20- Fath al-Islam in Lebanon
- 21- Osbat Al-Ansar or Asbat an-Ansar (League of the Partisans) in Lebanon
- 22- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)
- 23- Ansar Al-Sharia in Libya
- 24- Ansar Al-Sharia in Tunisia
- 25- Al-Shabab in Somalia
- 26- Boko Haram in Nigeria
- 27- Al-Murabitoon brigade in Mali
- 28- Ansar Al-Din movement in Mali
- 29- Haqani network in Pakistan
- 30- Lashkar Taiba in Pakistan
- 31- Eastern Turkestan Islamic Movement headquartered in Pakistan
- 32- Mohammed Army in Pakistan
- 33- Mohammed Army in India
- 34- Indian mujahideen in India/Kashmir
- 35- The Caucasus Emirate by Chechen militants
- 36- Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU)

- 37- Abu Sayyaf Islamist group in the Philippines
- 38- Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
- 39- Alleanza Islamic d'Italia or Islamic Alliance in Italy
- 40- Islamic Association in Finland
- 41- Islamic Association in Norway
- 42- Islamic Relief Organization in the UK
- 43- The Cordoba Foundation in Britain
- 44- International Islamic Relief Organization belonging to the international Muslim Brotherhood
- 45- Taliban movement in Pakistan
- 46- Abu Thur al-Fiqari battalion in Syria
- 47- Al-Tawheed and Iman battalion in Syria
- 48- The Green Battalion or Al-Khadraa battalion in Syria
- 49- Al-Tawhid Brigade in Syria
- 50- Abu Bakr brigade in Syria
- 51- Talha bin Ubaidallah in Syria
- 52- Al-Sarim Al-Batar brigade in Syria
- 53- Abdullah bin Mubarak brigade in Syria
- 54- Convoys of Martyrs brigade in Syria
- 55- Abu Omar brigade in Syria
- 56- Ahrar Shumar or Free Shumars brigade in Syria
- 57- Hezbollah brigades in Iraq
- 58- Brigade of Abu Al-Fadl al-Abbas in Syria
- 59- Brigades of Al-Yom Al-Mawood (Destined Day in Iraq)
- 60- Battalion of Omar bin Yasir in Syria
- 61- Ansar Al-Islam group in Iraq
- 62- Nusra Front in Syria
- 63- Harakat Ahrar ash-Sham Al Islami (Islamic Movement of the Free Men of the Levant) in Syria
- 64- Jaish Al-Islam (Islam Army) in Palestine
- 65- Abdullah Azzam Brigades
- 66- Kanvaz in Belgrade, Serbia
- 67- The Muslim American Society (MAS)
- 68- Union of Muslim Scholars
- 69- Union of Islamic Organizations in Europe
- 70- Union of Islamic Organizations of France
- 71- Muslim Association of Britain (MAB)
- 72- Islamic Society of Germany
- 73- Islamic Society in Denmark
- 74- Islamic Society in Belgium
- 75- Sariyat Al-Jabal brigade in Syria
- 76- Al-Shahbaa brigade in Syria
- 77- Al-Qa'Qaa' in Syria
- 78- Sufian Al-Thawri (Revolutionary Sufian brigade) in Syria
- 79- Abdulraham brigade in Syria
- 80- Omar bin Al-Khatib brigade in Syria
- 81- Al-Shayma brigade in Syria
- 82- Al-Haq brigade in Syria

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