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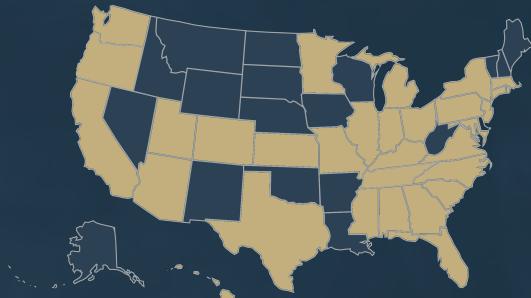
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INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED
to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

Their activities were located in **32** states and the District of Columbia



90%

are male

28

the average age of
those charged.

180

have pleaded or
were found guilty

13.1^{*}

the average length
of sentence in years.

*Uses 470 months for life sentences per
the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission

39%

were accused of attempting
to travel or successfully
traveled abroad.

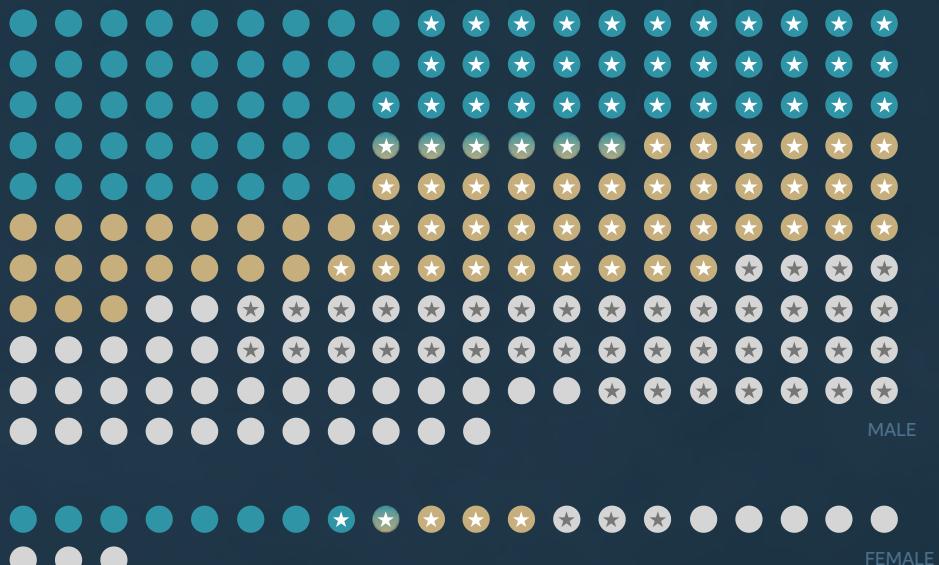
30%

were accused of being
involved in plots to carry out
attacks on U.S. soil.

57%

were charged in an operation
involving an informant and/or
an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation



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Arrests (Islamic State)

MOHAMMED KHALIFA

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VA

A criminal complaint was unsealed in the Eastern District of Virginia charging **Mohammed Khalifa**, aka Abu Ridwan Al-Kanadi and Abu Muthanna Al-Muhajir, a 38-year-old Saudi-born Canadian citizen, with conspiring to provide material support to IS, resulting in death. The complaint alleges that Khalifa traveled to Syria in the spring of 2013 and joined IS in November 2013, before being recruited to the IS Media Bureau due to his linguistic capabilities. The complaint notes that Khalifa served in prominent roles within IS, including as a fighter, lead translator in IS propaganda production, and English-speaking narrator of IS recruitment videos. Khalifa was captured by the Syrian Democratic Forces in January 2019 and recently transferred into FBI custody.

[Sources: DOJ Press Release, Khalifa Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint](#)

Apprehensions and Charges for Other Jihadist Groups

HAJI NAJIBULLAH

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Haji Najibullah, a 45-year-old resident of Afghanistan, was charged by superseding indictment with killing American troops in 2008. The 13-count superseding indictment charges Najibullah with federal terrorism-related offenses from 2007 to 2009 and stemming from Najibullah's role as a Taliban commander in Afghanistan. Najibullah, who had previously been charged with crimes related to the 2008 kidnapping of an

American journalist and two Afghan nationals, faces additional charges relating to his role in attacks against U.S. military in Afghanistan, including an attack in 2008 that killed three U.S. service members.

[Sources: DOJ Press Release, Najibullah Indictment, New York Times](#)

FARHIA HASSAN

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VA

Farhia Hassan, a 38-year-old resident of the Netherlands was extradited to the United States and made her initial appearance in the Eastern District of Virginia to face charges of conspiring to provide and provision of material support to al-Shabaab. The charges stem from Hassan's alleged participation in a terrorist financing ring in support of al-Shabaab, through which women from more than a dozen countries are alleged to have transferred cash payments via money remitters to members of the group. Hassan is alleged to have fundraised under false pretenses in the Netherlands, representing to donors that funds were being collected to fund charitable ventures.

[Sources: DOJ Press Release, Hassan Indictment, WTVR](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

DELOWAR MOHAMMED HOSSAIN

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NY

Delowar Mohammed Hossain, a 36-year-old resident of the Bronx, New York, was convicted by a federal jury in the Southern District of New York of attempting to provide material support for terrorism and attempting to contribute funds, goods, and services to the Taliban. According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, beginning in the fall

of 2018, Hossain expressed a desire to Afghanistan, join the Taliban, and kill American service members. In furtherance of this plot, Hossain saved at least \$10,000, bought survival gear for use in Afghanistan, and attempted to contact an individual in Pakistan who was associated with the Taliban. During this time, Hossain had conversations with two confidential sources in which he reiterated his desire to join the Taliban and explained his cover story to avoid detection by the FBI would include travel to Thailand on his way to Afghanistan. Hossain was arrested in July 2019 at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he was boarding a flight to Thailand, and a search of his luggage revealed \$10,000 in cash and survival gear.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, ABC News, The Washington Post

THOMAS OSADZINSKI

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IL

Thomas Osadzinski, a 22-year-old resident of Chicago, Illinois, was convicted by a federal jury in the Northern District of Illinois of attempting to provide material support to IS. Evidence presented at trial indicated that Osadzinski designed a process using a computer script to allow IS to more conveniently disseminate its propaganda online. The computer script, the prosecutors noted, would automatically copy and preserve IS media once it was posted online, allowing for the content to be accessed by IS supporters even in the event of content moderation by a social media platform.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Voice of America News, Chicago Tribune

DILSHOD KHUSANOV

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IL

Dilshod Khusanov, a 36-year-old resident of Chicago, Illinois, pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of New York to attempting to provide material support to IS and Al-Nusra Front. According

to the court documents, beginning in 2014, Khusanov encouraged individuals, including co-conspirator Akmal Zakirov, to travel to Syria to engage in jihad. Later in 2014, two Brooklyn residents, Abdurasul Juraboev and Akror Saidakhmetov, began planning to travel to Syria to fight for IS. To support these efforts, Khusanov worked together with other individuals to raise funds to financially support the travel efforts, and solicited money from others to help fund Saidakhmetov's travel to Syria. Khusanov is the last charged defendant in this plot to be convicted. Juraboev, Saidakhmetov, Abror Habibov, Zakirov, and Azizjon Rakhmatov previously pleaded guilty, and Dilkhayot Kasimov was convicted at trial.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Khusanov Plea Agreement

MAHDE DANNON

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IN

Mahde Dannon, a 22-year-old resident of Fishers, Indiana, was sentenced in the Southern District of Indiana to 240 months in prison for attempting to provide material support to IS. Mahde Dannon and his brother Moyad Dannon were both charged in July 2019 with material support charges as well as various firearms offenses after the pair allegedly sold both illegally-obtained and illegally-manufactured firearms to FBI undercover employees (UCEs). The brothers were accused of agreeing to illegally manufacture 55 unlicensed firearms for an individual they believed would ship those weapons overseas to members of IS, and were arrested after selling five such weapons to UCEs at the southwest border of the United States. Moyad Dannon has pleaded not guilty.

Sources: Judgment

SAMUEL BAPTISTE

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FL

Samuel Baptiste, a 29-year-old resident of Miami, Florida, pleaded guilty in the Southern District of Florida to attempting to materially support terrorists. According to the court documents, in November 2016, Baptiste posted and distributed documents online that included “Instructions: How to Make a Homemade Pipe Bomb,” “Pipe Bombs,” “Improvised Explosive Devices,” and “Improvised Munitions Black Book, Volume 1,” with the intent that this information be used for and in furtherance of a federal crime of violence. In pleading, Baptiste admitted that the distribution of these documents this distribution was done by acting in concert with, and providing information to, persons he believed were acting on behalf of IS.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Plea Agreement, Factual Proffer, AP News