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ISIS IN AMERICA

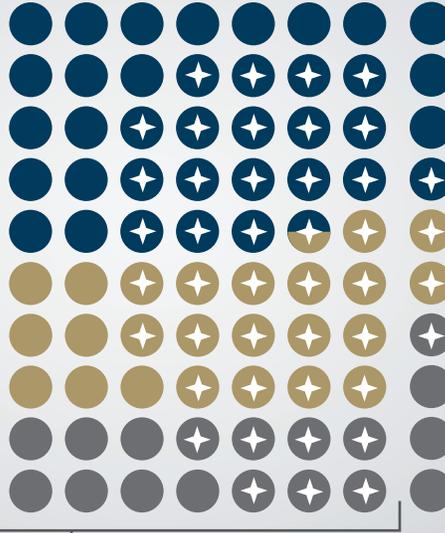
80 individuals have been arrested in the U.S. on charges related to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) since March 2014. Of those:

The average age of those arrested is **26**

Their activities were located in **22** states



88% are male



48%

Traveled or attempted to travel abroad

31%

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

55%

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

★ indicates law enforcement operation

ISIS Supporters Arrested/Charged/Indicted in January



OMAR FARAJ SAEED AL HARDAN

JAN. 7

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Omar Faraj Saeed Al Hardan, a 24-year-old Iraqi-born Palestinian residing in Texas, was charged with attempting to provide material support to ISIS, procuring citizenship or naturalization unlawfully, and making false statements. Al Hardan allegedly received military training in preparation of joining ISIS. At the time of his arrest, Al Hardan was in possession of electronic tools and equipment that could be used to make bombs and was allegedly plotting to attack a local shopping mall. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Indictment](#), [Order of Detention Pending Trial](#)

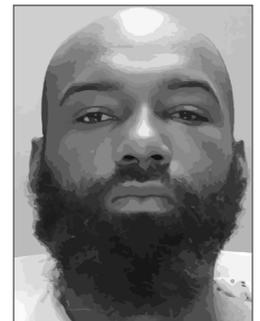
EDWARD ARCHER

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Edward Archer, a 30-year-old U.S. citizen residing in Pennsylvania, was arrested after shooting a Philadelphia police officer with a stolen police firearm. Archer was charged with attempted murder; aggravated assault; assault on a law enforcement officer; reckless endangerment; possession of firearms not to be carried without a license; violation of uniform firearms act; conspiracy; and terroristic threats with the intention of terrorizing another. At the time of the attack, Archer was on parole for an assault charge from March 2015. Source: [Court Summary](#)



MOHAMED ELSHINAWY

JAN. 14

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Mohamed Elshinawy, a 30-year-old Maryland resident, was indicted for conspiring to provide and providing material support to ISIS. From February 2015 to his arrest on December 11, 2015, Elshinawy attempted to recruit individuals to ISIS and received money from overseas for the purpose of conducting a terrorist attack within the U.S. on behalf of the terrorist organization.

Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Indictment](#), [Criminal Complaint](#)



JOSEPH HASSAN FARROKH & MAHMOUD AMIN MOHAMED ELHASSAN

JAN. 16

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Joseph Hassan Farrokh and Mahmoud Amin Mohamed Elhassan, both Virginia residents, were charged with attempting to provide material support to the ISIS. Farrokh, a 28-year-old U.S. citizen from Pennsylvania, was arrested on January 15 as he attempted to board a plane to Jordan. Following Farrokh's arrest, Elhassan, a 25-year-old Sudanese national, was arrested for aiding and abetting Farrokh's attempt to provide material support to ISIS. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Farrokh Criminal Complaint](#), [Elhassan Criminal Complaint](#)

Other Terrorist Group Supporters Arrested/Charged/Indicted in January

MUHANAD MAHMOUD AL FAREKH

JAN. 6

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Muhanad Mahmoud Al Farekh, a 30-year-old American citizen, was charged with conspiracy to murder U.S. nationals; using explosives; conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction; conspiracy to bomb a government facility; conspiracy to provide material support to al Qaeda; and provision and attempted provision of material support to al Qaeda. The charges are, in part, the result of Farekh's participation in a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attack on a U.S. military base in Afghanistan in January 2009. Farekh and two co-conspirators traveled from Canada to Pakistan in approximately 2007; Farekh was arrested in April 2015. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Superseding Indictment](#)

in terrorist activity; and traveling to Syria from November 2013 to January 2014 to join a foreign terrorist organization. Al-Jayab was indicted on January 14. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Criminal Complaint](#), [Indictment](#)

MAALIK ALIM JONES

JAN. 14

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Maalik Alim Jones, a 31-year-old Maryland resident, was indicted for conspiring to provide and providing material support to al Shabaab (al Qaeda's affiliate in Somalia); conspiring to receive and receiving military-style training from al Shabaab; and possessing, carrying, and using firearms during and in relation to a crime of violence. In July 2011, Jones traveled from New York to Somalia, and eventually became a member of al Shabaab's specialized combat force, Jaysh Ayman. Jones was arrested by Somali authorities in December 2015 while en route to Yemen; he was later extradited to the U.S. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Indictment](#), [Criminal Complaint](#)

AWS MOHAMMED YOUNIS AL-JAYAB

JAN. 7

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Aws Mohammed Younis Al-Jayab, a 23-year-old Iraqi refugee residing in California, was arrested for making a false statement regarding international terrorism. In a 2014 interview with U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, Al-Jayab denied having been a member of a rebel group or militia; providing support to a person or group engaged

SAMY MOHAMED HAMZEH

JAN. 26

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Samy Mohamed Hamzeh, a 23-year-old Wisconsin resident, was charged with possession of machine guns

and a silencer. In October 2015, Hamzeh planned to travel to the West Bank via Jordan to conduct an attack on Israeli soldiers and settlers living in the West Bank. Hamzeh later abandoned this plan, and instead plotted a domestic terror attack targeting a Masonic temple in Milwaukee. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

Entered Plea/Sentenced in January (All Groups)

FAZLIDDIN KURBANOV

JAN. 7

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Fazliddin Kurbanov, a 33-year-old Uzbek national who was residing in Idaho, was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for conspiring and attempting to provide material support to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU)—a designated foreign terrorist organization—and possessing an unregistered destructive device. Between the summer of 2012 and his arrest in May 2013, Kurbanov communicated with a member of IMU and purchased bomb-making materials in furtherance of his desire to conduct an attack targeting American military bases in the U.S. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

American-origin goods from the U.S. to Syria, in violation of sanctions imposed on Syria by the U.S. government. From approximately December 2011 to March 2013 al-Baroudi and his co-conspirators exported U.S. tactical equipment to Syria with the goal of arming Ahrar al-Sham. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Statement of Facts](#)

MINH QUANG PHAM

JAN. 8

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Minh Quang Pham, a 33-year-old Vietnamese national, pleaded guilty to providing and attempting to provide material support to al Qaeda in the Arabia Peninsula (AQAP); conspiring to receive military-style training from AQAP; and possessing, carrying, and using a firearm in furtherance of providing material support to AQAP. In December 2010, Pham traveled to Yemen from his residence in London. While in Yemen, Pham assisted in the production of AQAP's magazine, Inspire, and received training from Anwar al Awlaki in the construction of explosive devices. Pham was arrested in the United Kingdom in July 2012; he was later extradited to the U.S. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Plea Agreement](#), [Indictment](#)

ALI YASIN AHMED & MOHAMED YUSUF

JAN. 15

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Ali Yasin Ahmed and Mohamed Yusuf were both sentenced to 11 years in prison for conspiracy to provide material support to al Shabaab. Between December 2008 and August 2012, Ahmed, now 31, and Yusuf, now 33, traveled from the U.S. to Somalia to join the terrorist organization. The pair was apprehended by local authorities in East Africa while en route to Yemen and was later extradited to the U.S. Both pleaded guilty on May 12, 2015. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

ALI ALVI AL-HAMIDI

JAN. 19

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Ali Alvi al-Hamidi, a 31-year-old Yemeni national, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to murder U.S. nationals in Afghanistan, conspiracy to provide material support to al Qaeda, and receiving military-style training from al Qaeda. In early 2008, al-Hamidi traveled to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan to join al Qaeda, and later fought with the Taliban against coalition forces in Afghanistan. Al-Hamidi also assisted Bryant Neal Vinas, a U.S. citizen from Long Island, in joining al Qaeda; Vinas was arrested in 2008. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

AMIN AL-BAROUDI

JAN. 15

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Amin al-Baroudi, a 50-year-old Syrian-born naturalized U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to export