

Adolf Hitler and the KKK are from the most Infamous Terrorist in History

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An action can be considered terrorism even if the person **does not have a political objective**. Everyone – or almost everyone – agrees that terrorism is to deliberately intimidate others. But the people differ concerning how severe an action must be in order for it to be considered terrorism and what actions are considered terrorism?

According to the Arabic Encyclopedia this terminology first appeared during the French revolution during the years 1789-1799. This occurred when the revolutionaries seized power in France by way of violence against their enemies. This period of time is known as “The reign of terror”. That was followed by other terrorist movements and organizations; the most infamous of them...

- ↔ The **Ku Klux Klan** (KKK). This is an American organization which uses violence to terrorize the Black citizens and their sympathizers.
- ↔ The **Red Brigades** in Italy and the **Red Army Faction** (RAF) in Germany; both of these groups were present in the twentieth century during the 70s. Both groups intended to sabotage the political and economic systems in the respective countries so they could develop a new system.
- ↔ Jewish terrorist gangs were well-known before the Jews took control of Palestine; from them are the Jewish paramilitary organizations **Hashomer**, and **Haganah** and the strike forces **Palmach** and **Irgun** and the gangs **Kach** and **Kahane Chai**.
- ↔ Among the most infamous figures who utilized violence and terrorism to suppress their enemies were **Adolf Hitler** in Germany, **Benito Mussolini** in Italy, and **Joseph Stalin** in the former Soviet Union.

From this brief historic overview we understand a number of affairs:

1. The terminology ‘Terrorism’ appeared at the end of the eighteenth century while Islam appeared more than twelve centuries before that.
2. The first people called terrorist according to historical facts were in Europe, they were not Arabs or Muslims. The history of this term and its progression show these terrorist were not Muslims or Arabs.
3. The existence of groups and individuals whom the term “terrorist” applies to in one sense or another – all reprehensible – and they ascribe themselves to Islam

does not mean their religion is the cause of terrorism. This is shown by the historical facts we have mentioned and by common sense.

If we accept for the sake of argument that Islam is the cause of terrorism while we know Islam appears over 1400 years ago then the world would have been filled with terrorism for the past 1400 years! And it is not possible that anyone can picture this let alone believe this.

For over 1400 years the religion of Islam has classified these actions as the most heinous of crimes and from the greatest of sins. And in the contemporary laws these acts are classified as terrorism. This shows Islam is at the forefront of combating this malevolent crime. Islam categorically prohibits unjustly taking the life of another. And the punishment for one who does so is he must face death himself.

مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَآئِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَن قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ﴿٣٢﴾

Because of that, We ordained for the Children of Israel that if anyone killed a person not in retaliation of murder, or (and) to spread mischief in the land - it would be as if he killed all mankind. (Soorah Al-Mā'idah 5:32)

Causing corruption in the land by highway robbery, terrorizing the people, bombing and explosions, hijacking planes, ships and trains is from the major sins. The recompense for such a criminal is he is either executed, crucified, imprisoned, or his limbs are cut off on opposite sides. And the severe punishment will come from Allah on the Day of Judgment.

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