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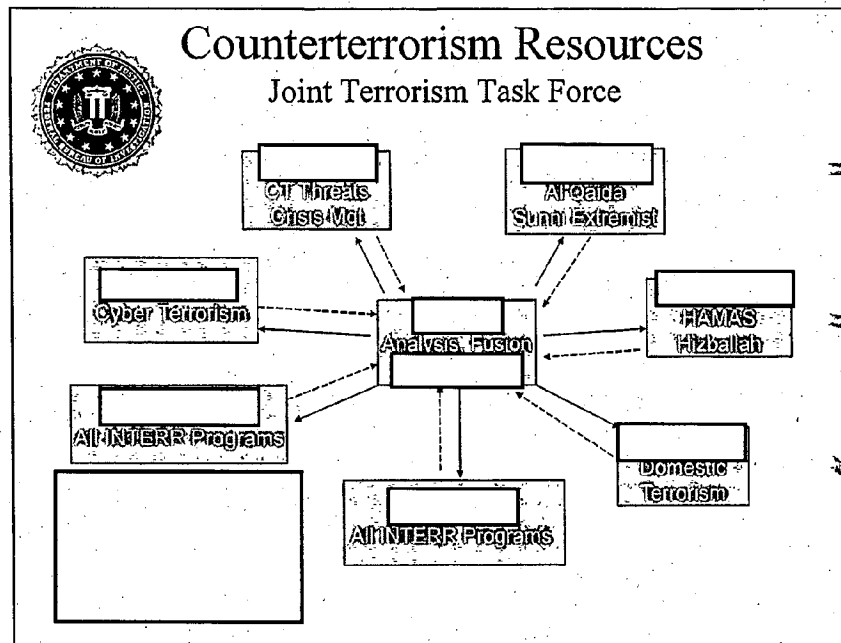
in the New Millennium

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What is the FBI Doing to Prevent Terrorism in the SF Bay Area?

- Promoting and enhancing the Joint Terrorism Task Force –
[redacted] participating agencies and [redacted] investigators.
- Building a robust intelligence base.
- Established a Terrorism Liaison Officers Program to include small/outlying police agencies.
- Sharing intelligence with various partners.
- Establishing partnerships with citizens, private industry, and governmental entities to protect cities/states, critical infrastructure, and national landmarks.

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Threats to U.S.

- Al Qai'da is the largest terrorist threat to US.
- Strategy/Goals/Objectives
 - Launch a series of attacks against US to cripple the US economy so American citizens force politicians to change current US foreign policy supporting Middle East, No. African, and So. Asian governments, together with US companies doing business there.
 - Bring disparate extremist groups under the AQ umbrella based upon common ideology and hate against US and Western governments.
 - Provide training, financing, and use propaganda to expand ideology – use of global flashpoints, US missteps, and successful terrorist acts to incite militant extremism.



Threat Origins

- External threats from South Asia, Europe, Middle East, Horn of Africa – infiltration of AQ trained operatives.
Example: Umar Farook Abdulmutallab, 2006 UK Trans-Atlantic bombing plot against US commercial airliners.
- Internal homegrown threats in US – AQ inspired extremist located in the US (i.e. Maj. Nidal Malik Hassan, Carlos Bledsoe, James Cromitie, Daniel Patrick Boyd, Michael Finton, Najibullah Zazi).
 - Lone offender
 - Gang mentality

-Unlike past wars, today's enemy is an unconventional foe who engages in guerilla warfare.

-Terrorists **do not** wear uniforms.

-For the most part they look like us.

In the past month and a half, the FBI has disrupted four terrorist plots.

DN/NY plot involving Najibullah Zazi wanting to use homemade explosives to target sites in NY.

Springfield plot on 09/23/2009 – Michael Finton aka Talib Islam
– Inert truck bomb provided by FBI UCEs to blow up federal building.

Dallas Plot 09/24/2009 – Hosan Maher Husein Smadi, 19 yo illegal alien from Jordan. Provided with an inert car bomb to blow up a 60 story Dallas highrise called Fountain Place.

Sudbury, Mass. Plot 10/21/2009. Tarek Mehanna – traveled to the ME in Feb 2004 to receive training at a terror camp. Discussed conducting a mall attack using automatic weapons.



Challenges facing Law Enforcement

- Combating Asymmetric/Guerilla warfare in an urban environment while operating within constitutional parameters.
- Defending against militant extremist who want to commit mass murder and who are willing to die in the process.
- Ultimate Challenge facing USG
 - Countering the impact of AQ's propaganda and militant extremist ideology.