



## Illegal aliens from terrorist-sponsoring nations revealed in report

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During his testimony before members of the U.S. House of Representatives, FBI Director Robert Mueller told the House Homeland Security Committee that illegal aliens from countries with ties to al-Qaeda have crossed into the U.S. from Mexico using false identification including Matricula Consular ID cards.

Mueller stated that some of the illegal aliens are people with Middle Eastern names who have adopted Hispanic last names before entering the United States. "We are concerned, [the] Homeland Security [Department] is concerned about special interest aliens entering the United States," Mueller said.

"Special interest aliens" are those from countries where al-Qaeda is known to be active

On Wednesday, a Washington, DC-based public interest group announced it acquired disturbing documents from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection directorate detailing Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 apprehension statistics for illegal alien smugglers.

The documents also revealed statistics on illegal aliens from countries considered to be a high threat to the United States because of their suspected ties to terrorism.

Among the highlights from the documents, obtained by Judicial Watch as a result of its officials Freedom of Information Act request, originally filed on January 26, 2011:

\* U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 463,382 individuals smuggled across the border, including 8,905 smugglers. (3,027 of the smugglers apprehended were deemed "deportable.")

\* U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 59,017 "Other Than Mexican" illegal aliens through October 7, 2010.

\* Among the nations represented in apprehension statistics are the four countries currently on the State Department's list of "State Sponsors of Terrorism," Cuba (712), Iran (14), Syria (5) and Sudan (5), as well as Somalia (9), Afghanistan (9), Pakistan (37), Saudi Arabia (5) and Yemen (11).

\* Overall, U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 663 "Aliens from Special Interest Countries." These countries are deemed "special interest" because of their suspected ties to terrorism.

\* The countries yielding the highest "Other Than Mexican" apprehensions include: Guatemala (18,406), El Salvador (13,723), and Honduras (13,580).

(U.S. Border Patrol estimates that three out of every four illegal aliens who cross the border evade apprehension.)

Press reports thrust the issue of suspected terrorists crossing the border into the spotlight in May 2010 when the Department of Homeland Security issued an alert to authorities in Texas to be on the lookout for a member of the Somali-based terrorist group Al Shabaab, who was suspected of hatching a plot to cross into the U.S. through Mexico.

The warning followed an indictment unsealed earlier that month in a Texas federal court accusing a Texas Somali man of running a "large-scale smuggling enterprise" charged with bringing hundreds of Somalis across the Mexican border. Many of these illegal aliens were suspected of having ties to terrorist organizations.

However, until now, the Obama administration offered little information regarding the overall scope of this growing national security problem.

"We should not be surprised if terrorists take advantage of our porous borders in light of the Obama administration's lax approach to border security," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

"When you have an administration that pushes illegal alien amnesty, permits illegal alien sanctuary policies, and attacks states like Arizona for seeking to enforce the rule of law, it sends a signal to our enemies to cross the border illegally and to do their worst. The Obama administration continues to allow our borders to spiral out of control. These numbers are simply astonishing. Our country cannot secure our borders soon enough!" Fitton stated.

### **RADICAL IMAM NABBED AT US-MEXICO BORDER**

In January, U.S. Border Patrol agents captured a radical Muslim cleric attempting to sneak into the United States across the California-Mexican border. Imam Said Jaziri was discovered hiding in a Mexican registered BMW. The terrorism supporting cleric has been banned from France and Canada, as well as the United States, police sources told the Law Enforcement Examiner.

Jaziri, who gained notoriety when he ordered his followers to "execute" the controversial Danish cartoonist who drew pictures of the prophet Mohammed, was arrested, as was the BMW's driver Kenneth Robert Lawler.

Jaziri, 44, had been deported from Canada to Tunisia in 2007 after Canadian immigration officials discovered that he had fabricated statements on his refugee application. Prior to that he had been imprisoned in France on terrorism-related charges.

While serving as Imam at a Wahabbi mosque in Montreal, Canada, Jaziri advocated civil unrest and the institution of Sharia law in Canada and the U.S. His detractors accused him of attempting to incite civil unrest among the Islamic population in Canada.

He also advocated stoning of homosexuals, whom he branded diseased.

In 2006, he led protests over cartoonist Kurt Westergaard's illustrations that satirized Islam and were published in a Danish newspaper and later other publications and Internet web sites.

After the Canadian government deported him he alleged police and intelligence agents physically and mentally tortured him during the flight from Montreal to Tunisia. His deportation case garnered him support from the Muslim community as well as Amnesty International when he claimed he was tortured and forcibly returned to Tunisia.

According to Border patrol sources, Jaziri had allegedly paid a Tijuana-based smuggling ring thousands of dollars to sneak him across the border. He told the "coyotes" that he wished to be taken somewhere secure in the United States.

He reportedly told U.S. law enforcement officials he had flown from Africa to Europe and then to Central America and finally Chetumal, Mexico, at which point he traveled by jitney bus to the Mexican border town of Tijuana.

Counterterrorism experts believe that radical Muslims and Islamic terrorists routinely sneak into the U.S. across the Southwest border since many of them are indistinguishable from Mexican illegal aliens.

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