

TYOLOGY – SUSPECTED SELF-FUNDED JIHADI

EXTRACT FROM THE FIUTT STRATEGIC ANALYSIS CASE COMPILATION 2015 - 2020

Typology

12. Suspected Self-Funded Jihadi

Subject T, a male business entrepreneur from Trinidad and Tobago in his late 20's first rose to notoriety in 2011 when he was implicated in an alleged plot to assassinate a high profile government Minister. Although Subject T was never charged for the plot, intelligence suggested that he fled to Syria in 2013 after taking part in a revenge killing. Several years later, Subject T was reported in media headlines again in 2016, when he was featured in a lengthy interview in the Islamic State of the Levant / Syria (ISIL/ISIS) Dabiq magazine in which he encouraged sympathizers to "attack the interests of the crusader coalition, including embassies, businesses and civilians."

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY:

Bank Accounts: - A review of the account activity of Subject T revealed financial accounts with little or no balances, which were generally inactive or dormant prior to late 2013. Activity was, however, observed in late 2013 and early 2014 when Subject T allegedly traveled to Syria via Turkey. Subsequent to Subject T's departure, several

Suspected Offence	Terrorism; FT
Customer Type	Individual; Group
Industry	FI's; CU's; MVTS
Channel	Physical; Electronic
Jurisdiction	Local; Foreign

Suspicious Indicators

Currency exchanges/cash conversion days prior to the alleged departure to the conflict zone;

- Use of credit cards/debit cards to conduct cash advances in areas that lie in close proximity to conflicts zones;
- Use of numerous low value wire transfers;
- Multiple senders to a common receiver in high risk jurisdictions known for terrorist activities;
- Numerous transactions between unrelated parties;
- High levels of account activity followed by dormant or closed accounts
- Use of nominees, trusts, family members or third parties
- Use of the internet i.e. encryption, payment systems, online banking
- New payment technologies i.e. mobile phone payments and remittance systems
- Sudden sale of possessions (e.g. car, house, jewelry); and adverse media reports.

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cash advances, approximately USD 1,500.00, were conducted in Turkey from a pre-paid card held in the name of Subject T.

An associate of Subject T also deposited approximately USD 4,500.00 into Subject T's account.

A relative of Subject T also conducted a stored value cash-out (over the counter transaction) withdrawal of USD 5,000.00 by order of Subject T. The purpose and destination of cash obtained by the said relative from Subject T's account remains unknown.

Pre-paid Card Purchases: - Subject T's pre-paid card was used to make purchases from Google Store for several gaming applications, which were strategy/tactical and weaponry based. Subject T also purchased Viber credit (telephone/message based application), to facilitate communication with possible associates or family members. Subject T's pre-paid card was also utilized in areas that lie in close proximity to conflict zones along the Turkey/Syrian border.

The travel footprints of Subject T, corroborated the existence of a known route utilized by suspected foreign terrorist fighters. Intelligence received by the FIUTT also indicated that Subject T sold all his valuables such as motor vehicle and television for cash in an attempt to raise funds to facilitate the travel to Syria.

Money Value Transfers: - During the years 2009 to 2011, Subject T sent several transactions, approximately under USD 1,000.00, to several individuals located in an African and Middle Eastern country. It was also observed that Subject T formed part of a network of individuals across Trinidad and Tobago who were sending wire transfers to countries located in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean, South America and North America. It is estimated that approximately USD 6,000.00 was conducted by Subject T and the network to persons for unknown purposes and with whom there was no determinable legitimate business association or family relationships.

Online Presence: - Subject T was also a central figure seen in videos and various media prints issued by or on behalf of ISIL/ISIS. Subject T was described as a sniper and an English Propagandist for ISIL/ISIS and was tasked with encouraging sympathisers to "attack the interests of the crusader coalition," including embassies, businesses and civilians in Trinidad and Tobago as well as several foreign jurisdictions.

Inference: - Subject T's close affiliation with an alleged facilitation network to transfer funds to persons within the high-risk Middle-Eastern jurisdictions and surrounding African territories with known affiliations to ISIL/ISIS in conjunction with Subject T's alleged participation in

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terrorist activities in Syria and affiliation to other individuals suspected of traveling to join ISIL/ISIS point to the possibility of terrorism and the FT.

Case Result: - The U.S. Department of the Treasury listed Subject T on the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Specially Designated Nationals List in March 2017.

Subject T was listed an individual under the United Nations Security Council 1267 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions list in August 2017 for being associated with ISIL or Al-Qaida for "participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name if, or on behalf of, or in support of", "recruiting for", "otherwise supporting acts or activities of" and "other acts or activities indicating association with" Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

The High Court of Trinidad and Tobago also declared Subject T as a listed Entity in Trinidad and Tobago and ordered that all his funds be frozen pursuant to the provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07 in 2017.



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