**Table 1.**

**Balkan Jihadi & Extremist Threat Matrix**

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| **Action** | **Date** | **Balkan Jihadi/Extremist Participants** |
| Saudi National Guard Building Bombing, Riyadh | November 1995 | Muslih Al Shamrani[[1]](#endnote-1) |
|  |  |  |
| Khobar Towers Bombing | June 1996 | Juma al-Dosari[[2]](#endnote-2) |
|  |  |  |
| Pope John Paul II Assassination Plot, Sarajevo | April 1997 | (Never discovered) [[3]](#endnote-3) |
|  |  |  |
| Pope John Paul II  Assassination Plot, Bologna | September 1997 | Algerian Group[[4]](#endnote-4) |
|  |  |  |
| African U.S. Embassy Bombings | August 1998 | Mamdouh Mahmud Salim[[5]](#endnote-5)  Abdul Rashim al-Nashiri[[6]](#endnote-6) |
|  |  |  |
| Millenium Bomb Plot | December 1999 | Karim Said Atmani[[7]](#endnote-7) |
|  |  |  |
| USS Cole Attack | October 2000 | Abdul Rahim al-Nashiri[[8]](#endnote-8) |
|  |  |  |
| World Trade Center/Pentagon | September 2001 | Khalid Sheikh Muhammed[[9]](#endnote-9)  Nawaf al-Hazmi  Khalid al-Mindhar |
|  |  |  |
| Daniel Pearl Murder | February 2002 | Omar Saeed Sheikh[[10]](#endnote-10) |
|  |  |  |
| Vienna US Embassy Attack | October 2002 | Asim Cejvanović[[11]](#endnote-11)  Mehmed Dzudzić |
|  |  |  |
| Istanbul Bombings | November 2003 | Habib Aktaş[[12]](#endnote-12)  Azad Ekinci[[13]](#endnote-13) |
|  |  |  |
| Madrid Train Bombings | March 2004 | Amer Azizi[[14]](#endnote-14) |
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| Al-Khobar Massacres  Murder/beheading of US citizen Paul Johnson | May/June 2004 | Abdel Aziz Al-Muqrin[[15]](#endnote-15) |
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| Pope John Paul II Funeral Bombing Plot | April 2005 | Gornja Maoča Cell[[16]](#endnote-16) |
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| Sarajevo Western Embassies Attack Conspiracy | October 2005 | Mirsad Bektašević |
|  |  |  |
| Fort Dix Bomb Plot | May 2007 | Dritan Duka  Shain Duka  Ejljvir Duka  Agron Abdulahu |
|  |  |  |
| London Underground Bombing | July 2007 | Abu Hamza al-Masri |
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| Raleigh Group | July 2009 | Enes Subašić[[17]](#endnote-17)  Hysen Sherifi |
|  |  |  |
| NYC Metro Attack Conspiracy | January 2010 | Adis Medunjanin[[18]](#endnote-18) |
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| Bugojno Police Station Bombing | June 2010 | Naser Palislamović[[19]](#endnote-19)  Haris Čaušević  Et. Al. |
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| Sarajevo U.S. Embassy Attack | October 2011 | Mevlid Jašarević |
|  |  |  |
| Tampa Nightclub Bombing Plot | January 2012 | Sami Osmakac |
|  |  |  |
| Frankfurt Airport  U.S. Servicemen Murder | February 2012 | Arid Uka |
|  |  |  |
| Australia Terrorist Cell | September 2012 | Adnan Karabegović  Harun Mehičević |
|  |  |  |
| Kosovo Terrorist Cell | November 2013 | “Xhemati i Xhehadit”  Genc Selimi, aka “Ebu Hafs al Albani”[[20]](#endnote-20) |

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