

Qatari points of contact

Qatar and Al-Qaeda

- Qatari royal family member Abdallah bin Khalid al-Thani helped al-Qaeda strategist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed escape an attempted arrest by the FBI in 1996. Abdallah bin Khalid would later be appointed Interior Minister of Qatar.¹
- Qatari state media Al Jazeera hosted exiled prime minister Mohamed Morsi in its offices. Morsi had made an alliance with the Zawahiri family of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, one of the core factions of al-Qaeda.²
- Qatar delivered missiles to the Taliban for use against American forces in Afghanistan.³

Qatar Foundation International

- Washington Post writer Jamal Khashoggi took instruction from Maggie Mitchell Salem of Qatar Foundation International.⁴ PR agency Ogilvy Group had five people working for the foundation.⁵
- Qatar Foundation International board members Edward Djerejian and Vartan Gregorian are board members of the Carnegie Corporation which is responsible for the Common Core educational standard that was adopted by all schools in the United States in 2011.
- The director of Qatar Foundation International's Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics is Tariq Ramadan, grandson of Muslim Brotherhood founder, Hassan al-Banna.
- Former Citigroup CEO Sandy Weill (1998-2006) is a board member of Qatar Foundation International. In 2008, Citigroup executive Michael Froman recommended cabinet members for the Obama administration.⁶

The World Justice Project of Qatar Foundation board member Sheika Abdulla al-Misnad includes board members William Neukom, a past president of the American Bar Association and former chief counsel to Microsoft; William C. Hubbard, past president of the American Bar Association; James Silkenat, a past president of the American Bar Association; and Suet-Fern Lee, sister-in-law of Singapore prime minister Lee Hsien Loong.

The Pearl Initiative, led by Sharjah, includes Qatari representative Sheikha Hanadi Bint Nasser Khaled Al Thani. Other members include Jamal Fakhro of KPMG Bahrain & Qatar, Khalid Al-Rajhi of Al-Rajhi Partners, and Amir Dossal and Badr Jafar of the United Nations Office of Partnerships.

- Pearl Initiative members Badr Jafar and Arif Masood Naqvi and Badr's father Hamid Jafar are part of the UAE's Abraaj Group along with Barack Obama's college roommate Wahid Hamid.
- Pearl Initiative member Fadi Ghandour is a board member of Endeavour Global along with Edgar Bronfman Jr., Peter Kellner of EKO whose investors include Jacob Rothschild and Adam Wolfensohn, Reid Hoffman of LinkedIn, Wences Casares of Paypal, and William McGlashan of Common Sense Media.

1 Qatari Royal Family Linked to Al Qaeda, Brian Ross, <https://archive.is/m4EwP>

2 <http://www.meforum.org/3739/muslim-brotherhood-al-qaeda-connection>

3 <https://nypost.com/2014/06/08/how-the-taliban-got-their-hands-on-modern-us-missiles/>

4 https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/jamal-khashoggis-final-months-an-exile-in-the-long-shadow-of-saudi-arabia/2018/12/21/d6fc68c2-0476-11e9-b6a9-0aa5c2fcc9e4_story.html?noredirect=on

5 <https://theArabweekly.com/questions-arise-about-qatar-foundations-role-us>

6 <http://wallstreetonparade.com/2016/10/wikileaks-citigroup-exec-gave-obama-recommendation-of-hillary-for-state-eric-holder-for-doj/>

Qatar Computing Research Center collaborates with

- University of Washington's Digital Activism Research Project held a meeting at the Internet Governance Forum hosted by the Association for Progressive Communications.⁷
- Wikimedia Foundation "to increase the quantity and quality of online Arabic contributions"⁸
- Ethan Zuckerman of the MIT Media Center and Wikimedia Foundation
- Kiran Garimella of QCRI used Twitter data to identify people on either side of the Gamergate controversy.⁹

International Crisis Group:

- Robert Malley of the International Crisis Group was fired by the Obama campaign for negotiating with Hamas. Malley arranged for Wadah Khanfar to meet with Denis McDonough and Ben Rhodes in July 2009, and with Huma Abedin and Hillary Clinton in March 2010.
- Wadah Khanfar joined the board of the International Crisis Group in 2012.
- International Crisis Group communications director Scott Malcolmson joined Eric Schmidt, Jared Cohen, Lisa Shields with Julian Assange of Wikileaks in June 2011.
- Avaaz co-founder Ricken Patel is a consultant to the International Crisis Group and an advisory council member of J Street.

Huffington Post Arabic is managed by Wadah Khanfar and, in the words of one critic, "has become a most crude and vulgar propaganda outlet for the Qatari regime and the Muslim Brotherhood."¹⁰

Huffington Post board members Ken Lerer and Eric Hippeau are linked through Lerer Ventures to BuzzFeed CEO Jonah Peretti, who is linked through the Harmony Institute to Adam Wolfensohn of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Eyebeam project of Parsons, the New School, which used to be known as the Frankfurt School. Lerer Ventures funded a failed project of Christopher Poole, the owner of 4chan.

The Brookings Institute received \$17.8 million from Qatar over three years¹¹ under the leadership of Martin Indyk.

- The Doha Conference on U.S. Relations with the Arab World was organized by Martin Indyk, Peter Warren Singer, and the Solis (Soliya) project to advocate for the "integration of Islamist parties into [the] political system rather than exclusion." Early attendees in 2002 included Fareed Zakaria, Yusef Qaradawi, and Rami Khouri (International Crisis Group). Attendees in 2004 included Richard Holbrooke, Qazi Hussein Ahmed of Jamaat e-Islami, Anne-Marie Slaughter, Edward Djerejian, Wadah Khanfar, Nihad Awad, Haim Saban, Mohammed Dahlan, and Bill Clinton.
- The Brookings Institute's Saban Center is partnered with Dalia Mogahed, Alex Kronemer, Unity Productions Foundation, and Pacific Council on International Policy in Muslims On Screen and Television.

7 <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/2013-bali/igf-2013-transcripts/121-igf-2013/preparatory-process-42721/1443-dynamic-coalition-on-gender-integrating-womens-rights-at-the-igf-space>

8 <http://www.arabianbusiness.com/qatar-foundation-unit-set-boost-arabic-wikipedia-426692.html>

9 Juha-Matti Mäntylä, Yes, algorithms threaten democracy - The power slides to some billionaires, Yle Uutiset, 3.2.2018, <https://archive.fo/KWC1N>

10 <http://angryarab.blogspot.ca/2016/07/when-western-media-launch-arabic.html>

11 Eric Lipton, Brooke Williams, and Nicholas Confessore, Foreign Powers Buy Influence at Think Tanks

Georgetown University received over \$300 million from Qatar.¹² Georgetown University head John DeGioia is a board member of the Carnegie Corporation, producer of the Common Core standard, and of the Aspen Institute's Inclusive America Project.

The Inclusive America Project oversaw the planting of Islamist operatives into key positions in media industries, such as Microsoft corporation (Suhail Khan), Marvel (Sana Amanat), the Center for American Progress (Faiz Shakur and Wajahat Ali), the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (Farah Pandith), the Electronic Frontier Foundation (Jillian York, Nadia Kayyali, Shahid Buttar) and the Berkman Center that controls Wikipedia (Shahed Amanullah). Members of the project include:

- Michael Leiter, former director of the National Counterterrorism Center
- Meryl Chertoff, wife of former Department of Homeland Security chair Michael Chertoff
 - Michael Chertoff has been accused by FBI personnel of obstructing the 9/11 investigation
- Madeline Albright of Albright Stonebridge
- CNN executive producer Maria Ibrahimiji
- Michael Gerson of Bono's One.org
- Wayne Firestone of the Russian-funded Genesis Prize Foundation
- David Saperstein of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

AMIDEAST is funded by Saudi Aramco, Lockheed Martin, Occidental Petroleum, Qatar, and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi.¹³

- Board member Richard Abdoo is a board member of J Street and the Arab American Institute.
- Board member Genevieve Lynch is a board member of J Street and the National Iranian American Council.
- Board member Amal Alayan was a member of the MIT Arab Students Organization which encouraged Palestinians in East Jerusalem to "take your culture to the leaders of tomorrow" and "change the image of Palestine in America." Alayan was a co-founder of the defunct Ibtikar Venture Partners with Omar Khudari of Cecropia. Cecropia employee Scott Madin received special thanks in the credits for Depression Quest.

Marketing company Captive Minds experienced a takeover in late 2014 led by Bob Wigley, chair of EMEA at Merrill Lynch, board member of the Qatar Financial Centre Authority, advisor to Boris Johnson, and UK ambassador for business. Captive Minds founder Marcus Chidgey was appointed to the board of the UN Office of Partnerships, whose Amir Dossal and Inge Solheim joined the board of Captive Minds.

Human Rights Watch "quotes [the] account of Al Karama foundation, an 'NGO' founded by Abdulrahman Bin Umair, [a] Qatari accused of funding terrorists by the Treasury Department... Qatar's AlJazeera recycles HRW reports as soon as they are published, information laundering operation at its finest."¹⁴

The UN Broadband Commission Task Force on Sustainable Development includes Amir Dossal, Hoda Baraka of ictQatar, Jessica Dorr of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Irina Bokova of UNESCO.

12 <https://dailycaller.com/2018/12/16/qatar-georgetown-texas-university/>

13 <http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=AMIDEAST>

14 <https://twitter.com/YousefAlNaimi/status/1037306209118941184>

Sanela Diana Jenkins helped arrange a £7.3 billion investment in Barclays bank by Qatar and Abu Dhabi and was accused by anonymous online sources of running a prostitution ring serving Sean Penn, Rahm Emanuel's brother Ari Emanuel, and Vatican authorities.¹⁵¹⁶

The Jewish Daily Forward has been accused of publishing pro-Qatar propaganda. "3rd pro-Qatar, pro-AJ piece in @jdfoward in as many days, by AJ staff"¹⁷

Qatar Holding invested in Glencore in late 2012.¹⁸ Tony Blair was paid \$1 million for setting up a meeting between the al-Thani and Glencore.¹⁹

Strobe Talbott was accused of having "took in millions to run #Qatar ops."²⁰

Tony Podesta lobbied for Qatar in 2013.²¹ "Tony Podesta owns entire collections of Damien Hirst pieces. The same Damien Hirst that the Qataris are fascinated with."

Silatech was launched at the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Forum in January 2008 by Qatar, Cisco, Gallup, and ImagineNations.

Model View Culture co-founder Shanley Kane wrote an article on bagpiping in the Winter 2008/Spring 2009 issue of Akbar, the magazine of Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar.²² Kane was later head of developer relations at Apigee, a small company whose board includes Samir Ramji and Bryan Kirschner, each previously Microsoft's director of open-source strategy. Apigee CEO Chet Kapoor is head of Tenzing Global Investors whose co-founder Richard Dong Wang used to work for the Pritzker family.

Miramax was founded by the Weinstein brothers before it was sold to Disney. Disney sold Miramax to Qatar Holding and other investors in 2010. Qatar sold its shares in 2016.

Open Learning Exchange board members include Maggie Mitchell Salem of Qatar Foundation International.

The Cummings Foundation reportedly promoted Qatari propaganda in schools.²³

The separate Nathan Cummings Foundation is partnered with the PLO-led OneVoice, the Pillars Fund of Linda Sarsour, and the Facing Race conference of the Applied Research Center.

France's Bollere Group launched a joint venture with Qatar in 2015²⁴

15 <https://www.crazydaysandnights.net/2019/01/blind-items-revealed-38.html>

16 Robert Downey Jr. Blows the Whistle on Elite Hollywood Pedophile Ring (retracted story) <https://archive.fo/WXK3I>

17 <https://twitter.com/JoshBlockDC/status/974088596947918848>

18 <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-qatar-xstrata-idUSBRE8AE0FT20121115>

http://www.glencore.com/assets/investors/doc/reports_and_results/2013/GLEN-2013-Annual-Report.pdf

19 <https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/1799>

20 <https://twitter.com/JMichaelWaller/status/882727223089913856>

21 <http://www.desmogblog.com/2015/04/30/hillary-clinton-john-podesta-tony-podesta-lng-export-terminal-qatar>

22 <http://qatar.cmu.edu/media/assets/Feb.2009Akhbar.pdf>

23 <https://thefederalist.com/2018/10/03/foreign-terrorist-funders-get-u-s-public-schools-teach-anti-jew-propaganda/>

24 <https://insideevs.com/bollere-state-qatar-launching-joint-venture-bluecongo/>