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## **CAUCASUS EMIRATE (CE) LEFT OFF U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIAL LIST OF TERRORISTS AND TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**

The Caucasus Emirate (CE) has been left off the U.S. State department's list of terrorists and terrorist organizations, but its top amir, Dokku Abu Usman Umarov, was included on the list. The State Department's official announcement noted, however, that this step "represents just one phase" of the U.S. government's efforts to disrupt the CE network. Thus, the U.S. government appears to have stopped just short of including the CE on the list. The State Department report on the decision reads in full:

The Secretary of State has designated Caucasus Emirates leader Doku Umarov under Presidential Executive Order 13224, which targets terrorists and those providing support to terrorists or acts of terrorism. This action will help stem the flow of financial and other assistance to Umarov.

The emergence of Umarov as the leader of the Chechen insurgency intensified the split between national separatists and radical jihadists and led to a movement seeking to create an Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus with Umarov as the Emir. Umarov claimed responsibility for masterminding attacks in both Russia and the Caucasus region, most recently acknowledging involvement in the 2009 Nevsky Express train derailment which killed 28 people, and the 2010 Moscow subway bombings, which killed 40. "The designation of Umarov is in direct response to the threats posed to United States and Russia," said Ambassador Daniel Benjamin, the Department of State's Coordinator for Counterterrorism. "The recent attacks perpetrated by Umarov and his operatives illustrate the global nature of the terrorist problem we face today. We stand in solidarity with the Russian people in our condemnation of these deplorable terrorist acts."

This designation represents just one phase of the United States Government's response to the threat posed by Doku Umarov. The action taken today against Umarov supports the U.S. effort to degrade Umarov's ability to exert operational and leadership control over Caucasus Emirates. We are determined to eliminate the group's ability to direct violent attacks and to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat Umarov's network.<sup>1</sup>

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## **CAUCASUS EMIRATE WEBSITES CONTINUE TO JUSTIFY USE OF WMD AGAINST 'UNBELIEVERS'**

Once again, on May 12<sup>th</sup>, a CE mujahedin website has posted the famous May 2003 Shariah-based research of Sheikh Nasir ibn Khamd Al-Fahd in which the global jihadists were given Islamic legal justification to carry out terrorist attacks using weapons

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<sup>1</sup> "Designation of Caucasus Emirates Leader Doku Umarov," U.S. State Department, 23 June 2010, [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2010/06/143579.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2010/06/143579.htm).

of mass destruction against millions of ‘infidels.’ This time the de facto *fatwa* appeared on the site of the Dagestan Vilaiyat mujahedin, ‘Jamaat Shariat’.<sup>2</sup> *Islamdin.com*, the site of CE’s United Vilaiyat of Kabardia, Balkaria, and Karachai, the amir of which was the now deceased *qadi* (chief judge/magistrate) of the CE’s Shariah Court and the CE Shura’s Shariah Committee Anzor Astemirov (aka Seifullah), first published Al-Fahd’s study on January 9<sup>th</sup>.<sup>3</sup> This was the first time that the CE had openly published an article justifying WMD terrorism and should be of deep concern not to Moscow but to the entire international community. *Islamdin.com* published Fahd’s study a second time on April 3rd.<sup>4</sup>

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the heads of the security services of the CIS states held in Yekaterinburg, Russia’s FSB Director Aleksandr Bortnikov reported that “terrorists continue to make attempts to gain access to nuclear materials, and biological and chemical components,” including fissile materials. He stated that the terrorists’ resource base is still large, but the security services are paying close attention to the issue of securing materials and weapons of mass destruction. He also reported that a terrorist was arrested in Moscow last year planning to carry out 12 attacks and had brought 15 kilograms of hexogen and TNT. He also reported that Russia’s secret services prevented 86 terrorist attacks in 2009, among them were attacks planned for Moscow and St. Petersburg.<sup>5</sup>

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## **EIGHTH SUCCESSFUL SUICIDE BOMBING OF 2010, FIRST IN OVER TWO MONTHS OCCURS IN GROZNY**

Russia almost saw a second consecutive month without a successful suicide bombing. However, on June 30<sup>th</sup> the eighth successful suicide attack of the year occurred in Chechnya’s capitol of Grozny. Besides the ‘shakhid’, who died from his detonation, there were 5 MVD police and two civilian passers-by wounded in the attack, and one MVD officer was killed. The bomber was identified as 22-year old Adam Khamidov, who approached two police vehicles in Grozny’s center near its central theatre complex where the first suicide bombing in years in Chechnya occurred last year on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Khamidov was apparently attempting to get near or

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<sup>2</sup> “Oni Mogut Byt’ Osazhdeny i Ubity Sredstvami Massovogo Vozdeistviya - Issledovanie o pravovom statushe ispol’zovaniya oruzhiya massovogo porazheniya protiv nevernykh (Sheikh Nasir ibn Khamd Al-Fakhd, Rabi ul’ Avval’ 1424, Mai 2003),” *Jamaat Shariat*, 12 May 2010, 15:39, <http://jamaatshariat.com/ru/content/view/755/29/>.

<sup>3</sup> “Issledovanie o pravovom statushe ispol’zovaniya oruzhiya massovogo porazheniya protiv nevernykh,” *Islamdin.com*, 9 January 2010, 12:37, [www.islamdin.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=614:2010-01-09-13-06-19&catid=4:2009-02-04-14-07-09&Itemid=28](http://www.islamdin.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=614:2010-01-09-13-06-19&catid=4:2009-02-04-14-07-09&Itemid=28).

<sup>4</sup> “Issledovanie o pravovom statushe ispol’zovaniya oruzhiya massovogo porazheniya protiv nevernykh,” *Islamdin.com*, 3 April 2010, 06:53, [www.islamdin.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=706:2010-04-03-01-42-51&catid=4:2009-02-04-14-07-09&Itemid=28](http://www.islamdin.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=706:2010-04-03-01-42-51&catid=4:2009-02-04-14-07-09&Itemid=28).

<sup>5</sup> “FSB Has Info On Terrorists Attempts To Seize Fissile Materials,” Itar-Tass, 2 June 2010, [www.itar-tass.com](http://www.itar-tass.com).

into the theatre, but was stopped by police to check his documents, whereupon he detonated his suicide vest.<sup>6</sup>

May saw three suicide bombing attempts interdicted before each of the three male suicide bombers was able to detonate. A fourth interdiction occurred in April. There have now been 8 successful and 4 failed suicide attacks this year, expending 12 suicide bombers, three of which were female. One of three female suicide bombers failed; two of nine male attackers failed. The number of casualties resulting from successful and attempted suicide attacks at the end of June stands at 21 killed and 49 wounded state agents, 43 civilians killed and 114 wounded.

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CAUCASUS EMIRATE ANNUAL SPRING SHURA STILL NOT CONVENED

By all appearances, the CE has yet to convene its traditional, annual spring Shura. The 2008 and 2009 shuras were held in the month of April, but as of late June there had been no announcement that this year's shura has been convened. Since the shura is convened to approve the battle plan and take any necessary personnel or organizational decisions before the peak operational season from late spring to mid autumn, possible explanations for the lack of the meeting cry out for consideration. One possible explanation lies in the Russians' early spring counter-terrorism successes with the elimination of leading operatives and amirs such as the Dagestan Vilaiyat's amir Umalat Magomedov (al-Bara), Sheikh Said Abu Saad Buryatskii, and CE Shariah Court qadi and OVKBK amir Anzor Astemirov 'Seifullah'. This might have convinced the leadership that it would be better to err on the side of caution and not risk gathering the entire leadership in one place. This caution could be dictated by fears that Russian intelligence has succeeded in infiltrating the CE, facilitating the recent counter-terrorism successes, and suggesting the need for caution.

Another possible explanation is that Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov's aggressive hunt for mujahedin in his republic has the Chechen (Nokchicho Vilaiyat) mujahedin on the move, making even a short respite to convene the shura inside Chechnya too risky. Last year CE amir Dokku Umarov boasted that the shura had convened right under the noses of Kadyrov and Chechen-led counter-terrorism operations and just eight days after Moscow had terminated the general counter-terrorism operation in Chechnya instituted with the beginning of the second war. An accompanying explanation to this second possible explanation would be possible disarray among the Ingushetia (Vilaiyat G'ialg'aiche) mujahedin after the demise of Buryatskii in early March. Buryatskii's arrival to the jihad and activity focused on Ingushetia coincided with that republic's emergence as the center of gravity of CE operational activity from summer 2007 until this spring. The Ingushetia mujahedin's possible disorganization could only be deepened by the June capture of their amir and the CE's military amir Magas (aka Ali Taziev/Magomed Yevloev).

While the Chechen and Ingush fronts have been quiet and their leaderships' silent, it appears that both the United Vilaiyat of Kabardia, Balkaria, and Karachai (OVKBK) and the Dagestan Vilaiyat (DV) managed to convene their own shuras of sorts in lieu of a

⁶ "Lichnost' vzorvavshegosya v Groznom terrorista ustanovlena," *Kavkaz uzal*, 30 June 2010, 20:21, www.kavkaz-uzel.ru/articles/170969/.

central shura. A full-fledged OVKBK was not announced. However, as discussed in IIPER, No. 16, on May 30th “the amirs of the sectors” of the OVKBK posted a video on Islamdin.com dated from April 20th that seemed to be very similar to a shura. The 22-minute video included OVKBK Asker Dzhappuev ‘Abdullah’ and 7 other amirs. Four of the amirs spoke for a few minutes without identifying himself or his sector. Dzhappuev-Abdullah opened and closed the meeting. All the statements were rather typical if bland appeals to follow the true form of Islam and join or support the mujahedin.⁷

The mujahedin of the DV’s Central Sector held their shura on May 30th, according to the DV’s ‘Jamaat Shariat’ website, and discussed the “current situation” and “further plans.” Attending were the Central Sector’s amir Saifullah Gubdenskii, Kumtarkalin jamaat amir Akhmad, the DV Central Sector’s qadi Sheikh Malik Temir-Khan-Shurinskii, Levashinsk jamaat amir Rabbani, veteran of the 1994-1996 war Abu Umar, amir of one Makhachkala (Shamilkala) jamaat Khalid, Khalid’s naib Khattab, Kadar jamaat Khalif, Kaspissk jamaat amir Al’Bara, Shuabkalinsk (Sergokalinsk) jamaat amir Abdusalam, amir Khamza of a “group” in Shamilkala, amir Askhab of “one of the Mountain groups”, and representatives of the Botlikh jamaat and the Azerbaidzhan jamaat (thus the Dagestani mujahedin are officially extending their presence into Azerbaijan). Amir of the Gubden jamaat Salikh and amir of the Temirkhan-Shurinsk jamaat Pushtun were on missions and were replaced at the shura by their naibs, Anas and Usman, respectively.⁸ Thus, it appears that at the middle-levels, the CE’s sectors, at least those in Dagestan and the OVKBK, held shuras in spring. It is perhaps no surprise then that it is these CE units that have been the most effective since April, with Dagestan followed by the KBR (part of the virtual CE’s virtual OVKBK) lead in in the number of attacks.

According to the report on the Dagestani Central Sector shura, several groups of amirs ran into security forces on their way back from the shura. In one battle, naib Anas of the Gubden jamaat’s amir and amir Abdusalam of the Shuabkalinsk (Sergokalinsk) jamaat were injured.⁹ On June 8th, as noted in IIPER, No. 16, Russian and Ingush security forces captured CE Mudzhlisul Shura Military Committee amir ‘Magas’ (aka Ali Taziev and Magomed Yevloev) in Ingushetia; an unprecedented event since most mujahedin fight to death. On the same day, Russian and Chechen forces killed Sudanese naib of the Al-Ansar Foreign Volunteers’ Brigade, Abu Yasir al-Sudani (born Yasir Amarat), along with eight other mujahedin.¹⁰ Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov claimed he died from grave wounds, while the CE claimed nine mujahedin had been

⁷ “Kratkoe obrashchenie amirov sektorov Ob”edinennogo Vilaiyata KBK, Imatat Kavkaz,” *Islamdin.com*, 20 April 2010, accessed 31 May 2010.

⁸ “Znamenie Allakha Vo Vremya Boya v Vilaiyate Dagestan, Golos Amira Khattaba (Shakhid Inshallakh) Prizval Kafirov k Sdache,” *Jamaat Shariat*, 7 June 2010, 17:43, <http://jamaatshariat.com/ru/new/15--/861-2010-06-07-16-44-40.html>.

⁹ “Znamenie Allakha Vo Vremya Boya v Vilaiyate Dagestan, Golos Amira Khattaba (Shakhid Inshallakh) Prizval Kafirov k Sdache,” *Jamaat Shariat*, 7 June 2010, 17:43, <http://jamaatshariat.com/ru/new/15--/861-2010-06-07-16-44-40.html>.

¹⁰ “Ramzan Kadyrov podtverdil fakt gibeli Yasira Amarata,” 11 June 2010, 18:19, www.kavkaz-uzel.ru/articles/170044/.

poisoned.¹¹ Regardless of how they died, the demise of two more leading CE mujahedin plus the close calls experienced by Dagestani amirs as they left their local shura perhaps continues to lead the CE leadership to conclude it is best to err on the side of caution and postpone convening their shura. Days after the demise of Magas and Yasir, Chechen sources claimed they were in hot pursuit of the amir of the Al-Ansar Foreign Volunteers' Brigade, the Jordanian Abu Anas Muhannad, and leading CE field commander Muslim Gakaev.¹²

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## **OVKKB AMIR DZHAPPUEV'S VIDEO BLITZ**

OVKKB amir Asker Dzhappuev has been exceedingly visible on the virtual vilaiyat's website Islamdin.com, producing a series of videos since he took over the amir's post from Anzor Astemirov (Seifullah) in spring after the latter's demise at the hands of Russian security forces on March 24<sup>th</sup>. In the one, a 24:26 minute declaration or *obrashchenie* Dzhappuev announces his predecessor Astemirov-Seifullah chose him to be his successor and praises his predecessor. Dzhappuev warns that Astemirov's death (and that of Sheikh Said Abu Saad Buryatskii that same month) will not stop the jihad and has not discouraged the mujahedin, who are firm in their oaths to Allah and CE amir Umarov. He also lists some of the some 40 operations conducted by the OVKBK mujahedin this spring.<sup>13</sup> In a 24:26 minute audio 'statement' or *zayavlenie* Dzhappuev claims the OVKBK's responsibility for the May 1 Nalchik bombing, but stresses that it was intended to kill only state officials. He states that OVKBK mujahedin will answer to Allah for their actions, which are based on Shariah law. Dzhappuev repeats the CE mujahedin's frequent warnings to civilians to stay away from places where police and security forces gather, since they could be attacked by mujahedin at any time. He says the OVKBK cannot be held responsible for whatever happens to civilians who choose to ignore such warnings and become casualties. Dzhappuev reiterates the now five-year refrain of the Kabardino-Balkaria jihadists that all Muslims are obliged to join or assist the jihad.<sup>14</sup> In another video Dzhappuev invoked the standard jihadi warning regarding the obligation of all Muslims to join or at least assist the mujahedin.<sup>15</sup>

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700 MUJAHEDIN AND FACILITATORS IN THE KBR

Recently, Valerii Ustov, the leader of the investigative committee in the KBR under the Russian Prosecutor's Investigative Committee, declared that the number of underground

¹¹ "Ramzan Kadyrov podtverdil fakt gibeli Yasira Amarata," 11 June 2010, 18:19, www.kavkaz-uzel.ru/articles/170044/ and "Vilaiyat Nokhchicho: V Vedenskom raione v rezul'tate otravleniya stali Shakhidami, inshaallah, 9 modzhakhedov, Kavkaz tsentr, 17 June 2010, 12:49, www.kavkazcenter.com/russ/content/2010/06/17/73227.shtml.

¹² "Ramzan Kadyrov podtverdil fakt gibeli Yasira Amarata," 11 June 2010, 18:19, www.kavkaz-uzel.ru/articles/170044/.

¹³ "Obrashchenie Amira Abdullakha," *Islamdin.com*, 24 May 2010, www.islamdin.com, last accessed 17 June 2010.

¹⁴ "Zayavlenie amira Abdullakha," *Islamdin.com*, 28 May 2010, www.islamdin.com, last accessed 17 June 2010.

¹⁵ "Raz'yasnenie po povodu podryva ippodroma," *Islamdin.com*, 15 June 2010, www.islamdin.com, last accessed 18 June 2010.

mujahedin, including both fighters and facilitators (i.e., informants, couriers, and suppliers of safe houses, intelligence, food and medical supplies) in Russia's Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria (KBR) number 700.¹⁶ The KBR forms just part of the United Vilaiyat of Kabardia, Balkaria and Karachai (OVKBBK) led by amir Asker Dzhappuev and has seen a sharp rise in jihadi terrorism since April of this year (see IIPER, No. 17). At the same time, in a recent article propagandist for the G'ialg'iache (Ingushetia) Vilaiyat mujahedin, Abu-t-Tanvir Kavkazskii, noted that there is "rapid growth in the number of mujahedin."¹⁷

RUSSIAN SECURITY REPORTEDLY INFILTRATING DAGESTAN MUJAHEDIN

The CE website '*Kavkaz tsentr*' claimed in connection with the Russian law enforcement organs' killing of several mujahedin in Bota-Yurt (Dagestan) that they were exposed by one of informers Russian security services have tried to insinuate among the mujahedin in Dagestan since March 2010. Recall that on March 29th two female suicide bombers from the republic detonated their bombs on the Moscow subway killing 40 and wounding over 100. It would be logical for Russian security to undertake the infiltration described by *Kavkaz tsentr*.¹⁸

RUSSIAN SECURITY WARN OF UPSURGE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY DRIVEN BY MIGRANTS AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS

Russian security agencies predicted an upsurge in jihadist activity recently. On June 3rd Arkady Yedelev, the deputy Russian presidential envoy to the North Caucasus Federal District, said in Pyatigorsk, Stavropol that such an upsurge could be expected in Dagestan, Ingushetiya, Kabardino-Balkariya and Karachaevo-Cherkessiya. This is an easy prediction to make, since this is the pattern every spring and especially summer. Yedelev explained the likely trend in terms of "(m)igrants returning from abroad, some of them with experience in subversive and terrorist activities are being drawn into gangs." He stressed interdicting "persons on the international wanted list, emissaries and couriers of terrorist organizations in the migrants' streams at border checkpoints" who are inclined to radicalism of a "very tough, fundamentalist, extremist kind" and "wage the struggle against our state, against many other countries, and actually present a large terrorist international." He said that most of the arrivals to Russia this year are citizens of Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Tajikistan and Ukraine. Yedelev added that such

¹⁶ "SKP: v Kabardino-Balkarii deistvuyut okolo 700 boevikov," *Kavkaz uzal*, 29 May 2010, 04:04, www.kavkaz-uzel.ru/articles/169436/.

¹⁷ Abu-t-Tanvir Kavkazskii, "O gosudarstvennom rezhime," *Hunafa.com*, 16 May 2010, 4:04, <http://hunafa.info/?p=3061>.

¹⁸ "Vilaiyat Dagestan: V Bota-Yurte modzhakhedy byli unity po navodke agenta FSB," *Kavkaz tsentr*, 31 May 2010, 00:44, www.kavkazcenter.com/russ/content/2010/05/31/72773.shtml.

elements “regard one of the regions of North Caucasus as a bridgehead for escalating inter-ethnic conflicts, for launching so-called color revolutions and destruction of integrity of our country.”¹⁹

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## **TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST MUSLIMS IN ST. PETERSBURG**

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 unidentified “young people” threw a grenade into a store that sells halal food located close to the main mosque in St. Petersburg. Two people were slightly injured. Law enforcement organs opened a criminal investigation into the attack.<sup>20</sup>

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CAUCASUS EMIRATE’S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP, AS OF MAY 2010

PART 4 - UNITED VILAIYAT OF KABARDIA, BALKARIA AND KARACHAI, AND OTHER STRUCTURES

UNITED VILAIYAT KABARDIA, BALKARIA AND KARACHAI (KBR, KChR, and Adygea): Amir – Asker Dzhappuev (aka Abdullah), cited 16 May 2010. Predecessors – Arsen Tatarov, killed 31 March 2010; Anzor Astemirov (aka Seyfullah), killed 24 March 2010.

Naib – unknown.

Naib - Abu Dudzhan Adam Dzhappuev (appointed March 2009, killed 21 June 2009).

Naib - Abdu-R-Rakhman Marat Guliev (appointed March 2009, killed 20 May 2009).

Naib - Imam Musa Mukozhev (appointed March 2009, killed 11 May 2009).

Naib - Abu Usman Zeitun Sultanov (appointed March 2009, killed 22 April 2009).

Kabardino-Balkarian Sector: Amir – unknown. Predecessors - Anzor Astemirov ‘Seyfullah’ (killed 24 March 2010);

Naib - Abu Djalil (killed 21 June 2009).

- **Eastern and Central Sectors: Amir** - Abu Usman Zeitun Sultanov (killed April 22, 2009).
- **Baksan Sector: Amir** - Tasha Kazbek (cited February 9, 2010).

¹⁹ “Security agencies foresee more extremism in NCaucasus republics,” *Itar-Tass*, 03 June 2010, 17.08, www.itar-tass.com/eng/level2.html?NewsID=15192841&PageNum=0.

²⁰ “V musul’manskom magazine Sankt-Peterburga vzorvali garanatu,” *Regnum.ru*, 5 May 2010, 12:36, www.regnum.ru/news/fd-nw/piter/1280788.html and “Po faktu vzryva v tsentre Peterburga vozbuzhdeno ugolovnoe delo,” *Regnum.ru*, 5 May 2010, www.regnum.ru/news/fd-nw/piter/1280833.html.

- **Baksan Jamaat:** Sultan Shevhuzhev (killed May 28 2009).
- **Yarmuk Jamaat: Amir** - Adam Dzappuev (killed 21 June 2009); Predecessors - Anzor Astemirov ‘Seyfullah’; Muslim Atayev (killed April 2005); Ruslan Bekanov (killed June 2005);
- **Chegem Jamaat: Amir** - unknown.

Karachevo-Cherkesskii Sector: Amir – unknown. Predecessors - Achemez Gochiyayev (killed or fled abroad).

- **Jamagat Jamaat** (last cited May 2010, see <http://djamagat.wordpress.com>)
- **Karachaevo-Cherkesskii Jamaat** (last cited October 2006). Predecessor group - Jamaat Number 3.

Adygea Sector: Amir – Asker Setov? (cited 23 January 2009, captured 8 October 2009).

- **Al-Garib Jamaat** (cited 23 September 2009).
- **Group of Adygs: Amir** – Marat Teuchezhskii (last cited 2008).
- **Nogai Jamaat.**

Other amirs:

Asker Setov? (cited 23 January 2009).

VILAIYAT OF CHERKESSIA-? (Only reference to this vilaiyat is on a map of the CE circulated on CE websites).

Adygea Sector?

VILAIYAT NOGAI STEPPE (Krasnodar & Stavropol):

Krasnodar Sector?

Stavropol Sector?

- **‘Sary-Su’ Nogai Jamaat** (also operates in Dagestan and Shelkovskii district, Chechnya, see Dagestan Front below, last cited 15 March 2007): **Amir** - unknown. Predecessors - Tahir Bataev, killed 21 March 2007.

VOLGA FRONT (created President Dokka Umarov’s 8 July 2006 Ukaz No. 108): Amir Abdurrahman Kamalutdin (Dzhundulla, last cited 9 January 2007).

- **Islamic Jamaat** (Naberezhnyi Chelny in Tatarstan, arrested in 2005).
- **Jamaat Muvakhodov** (of the Muvakhids) (Astrakhan Oblast, arrested December 2006).

URALS FRONT (created President Dokka Umarov’s 8 July 2006 Ukaz No. 108): **Amir** - Mikhail Zakharov (Asadulla).

- **Islamic Jamaat** (Bashkortostan? and arrested in Tatarstan).

Other Structures

- **Moscow Jamaat** (Moscow and KBR, last cited in 2005).
- **Jamaat Muvakkkhidun ar-Rusi** (Muvakkkhidun of the Mujahideen of Russia - ostensibly a jamaat of ethnic Russians located deep inside Russia (first cited August 2009, last cited 25 November 2009, www.kavkazcenter.com/russ/content/2009/11/25/69355.shtml): **Amir** - Pavel Kosolapov? (last cited 7 December 2009, <http://milleti-ibrahim.com/ru/2009-11-08-10-10-29/123-2009-12-07-17-50-02.html>).

Caucasus Emirate Representation Abroad:

Wakil (foreign representative abroad) - Batukayev Shamsuddin. Predecessors - Bukhari Barayev (defected to pro-Russian side, 2009); Akmed Zakayev (until CE/ChRI split November 2007).

Naib (Vice Wakil) – Bislan Madaev (appointed 3 December 2009).

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW NON-PROLIFERATION/TERRORISM STUDIES MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE AND TERRORISM STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

The Monterey Institute for International Studies has recently opted to combine its very popular and highly regarded M.A. International Policy Studies degree specializations in Terrorism Studies and Nonproliferation Studies into a combined new **M.A. Program in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies**, a program that will now have an even higher profile and greater institutional autonomy. Apart from combining two of the Institute’s strongest academic programs, this will ensure that students take the introductory courses in both subjects but will also allow them to concentrate primarily on either terrorism or nonproliferation (or, if they prefer, to focus on both subjects equally, e.g., on CBRN terrorism). As you may already know, our students have an exceptionally high success rate getting jobs in these specialized fields.

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If you know of any students or professionals who might find this new program of particular interest, or who wish to obtain outstanding preparation for careers in these fields, or who wish to obtain further specialized training before going on to obtain a doctorate, it would be very much appreciated if let them know about our new program.

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