



MISGUIDED AUSTRALIANS SEEK AN ISIS TERRORIST CAREER & MISADVENTURE

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Everyone recognises the Uncle Sam recruiting poster of the Civil War except that in this case it is a satire recruiting poster for ISIS with Osama bin Laden image on the front. This poster would not appeal to the average Aussie as it has no meaning to them and in fact would be looked upon as a joke. That is Aussie humour for you.

However being a terrorist and/or being associated with a terrorist organisation is no laughing matter, especially if one lives in one of the many volatile hotspots on the globe. It's also un-Australian to be linked in any way with terrorist activities or even to be seen supporting terrorism.

However, according to the AFP and other security agencies, that is exactly what is occurring right at this moment. For the life of me, I cannot fathom any son of mine and I have four of them being attracted to fight in a war or being involved in an organisation that has been associated with terrorism.

My own parents like many others post WW2 travelled to this country we call home Australia in the hope that they would be providing a better life for their children. They have achieved their aim and in doing so created another life for their family.

The parents of these men who in some cases are mere young boys fighting and or being involved in terrorist activities have left the safety of their homes in Canada, Australia, Great Britain and the USA based on information fed to them by skilful ISIS propagandist. This is a shame and one asks the question what were the parents done at the time to dissuade their sons from leaving the safety of Western shores to be involved in a conflict far from home. Did not their own parents escape from such upheavals to seek a better quality of life in the western world. Do the parents honestly believe that their children will not be arrested should they return back home.

I was discussing this very same problem with two dear friends and asked their opinion on the subject at different times and locations. My question to both was: "Whom would you fight for if Australia was at war with your country of origin"? Even though they may have been born in Australia country of origin meant no matter how many generations. One was a young man in his early twenties and a business man who deals on a daily basis with a diverse background of employees and the other was a practicing Medical doctor in his late thirties.

In both cases these two members' responses mirrored each other without the knowledge of the other. I was not surprised by their responses as I had also been asked this very same question when I was a soldier in the Australian Army. My response at that time (I remember it well) was Australia. When asked why, I responded by saying that Australia of course because it was home. I also added as a joke that the bloody bullet from the other side does not differentiate between faith, colour and country of origin.

My two friends who by the way do not know of each other said that no war was just as innocent lives were killed, both said that no matter what the situation was that Australians should not be involved in. But the best of the responses was that both had indicated that terrorist organisations were recruiting young men to fight in a war not of their choosing by using online media, appealing to their Islamic faith. What is interesting about these two friends is that although both are Australians, their faiths differed. One was an Anglican and the other was of the Islamic faith.

I can find no comfort or reason as to why young Australians of the Islamic faith feel that it is all right to travel overseas and become embroiled in terrorism. Do they honestly believe that what they are doing is just and do they honestly believe that their faith advises them to take such a path. They are but dreamers who live in the past and the enlightened ones amongst the western world of the Islamic faith can see that a life of terrorism is not the way of the Prophet.

The days of killing, trampling beneath the horses' hooves the innocent, the raping of women, the pillaging, the slaughter of innocent and the murder of non converts belong to a bygone era. Or so I thought. However I was sent three links that led to other links describing the horrors faced by civilians and military personnel alike in war-torn countries such as Syria and Iraq.

Just watching the video clips made ones stomach churn to say the least and one wonders why these videos are not removed or at least blocked by the providers as being provocative and disturbing. These videos found on websites such as [LIVELEAK](#) and [SHOEBAT](#) are disturbing and must be watched with caution as they are not for the faint hearted. ISIS is attempting to return people back to an era that no longer exists and that people want peace. The images that may be found on line are revolting to say the least and it would not come as surprise to those who have a good understanding of propaganda, cgi and image manipulation to understand that not all of the images and videos being displayed on social media re for real. And yet they appear to appeal to the naive and to those who are seeking 'so called glory' in the name of something they do not truly understand.

Should parents and community organisation be counselled and advised of the dangers and pitfalls or do we leave as always to our law enforcement and security organisations? Australian security and law enforcement agencies have the skills, knowledge and expertise to monitor and combat such home grown terrorism but it is the Australian public that needs to be educated using online media and other methods to create an awareness on what is occurring right beneath their noses. What can we do to help is another question.

My guess is to ensure that all Australians recognise that no longer is Australia safe from terrorism and that terrorism can strike on our shores at the most unlikely of times and places. Vigilance, educational, training and community awareness is paramount. Furthermore support measures be provided that will allow our law enforcement and security agencies to be either prepared to monitor identify, prevent and take action necessary to safe guard the interests of Australians and Australia. What those support measures will entail is matter for government to decide.



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"One thing no one should think is that this is a problem on the other side of the world," said Brandis. "This is a problem that exists and germinates within our suburbs." It is believed Sharrouf and Elomar left Australia last year to fight in Syria and crossed over to Iraq when conflict broke out. Last week, they posted photos of themselves holding up the severed heads of fighters. It followed a series of graphic and provocative photos from the Iraqi battlefield and various threats of violence. It's believed Sharrouf and Elomar are fighting with al-Qaeda-linked rebel group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which is classified in Australia as a terrorist organisation.

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Australian Islamic State fighters Mohamed Elomar, Khaled Sharrouf, after gruesome beheading photographs published online. The Australian Federal Police has issued arrest warrants for the two most prominent Australians fighting for a banned terrorist group in Syria and Iraq, following the publication several days ago of gruesome photos of one of them brandishing severed heads.

There is deepening concern among intelligence agencies about the potential for the bloody Syrian and Iraqi civil wars to spill over onto Australia's shores, with Attorney-General George Brandis saying the threat presented by returning Islamist fighters is the greatest threat to Australian security in years. The ABC's 7.30 program can reveal that the AFP has issued warrants seeking the immediate arrest of Khaled Sharrouf and Mohamed Elomar for terrorism offences if they return to Australia.



PHOTO: (L to R) Khaled Sharrouf and Mohamed Elomar(Supplied). The two Sydney men travelled to Syria and then Iraq late last year and joined the most vicious of the Al Qaeda-linked groups fighting there, the Islamic State, formerly known as ISIS or ISIL. Elomar pictured with heads of Syrian government soldiers. The existence of the warrants was confirmed amid outrage after a Twitter account, purporting to belong to Sharrouf, published photos on Thursday and Friday of Elomar holding the severed heads of Syrian government soldiers. In one photo Elomar holds up two severed heads. In another, he presents one head to the camera, with another three on the floor beside him.

The heads belong to soldiers who were killed late last week during fighting in the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, which has seen some of the bloodiest fighting of the war. "The Australian government came out very strongly on Friday criticising the type of behaviour that those two gentlemen are allegedly involved in, [saying] that they should not set foot back in Australia," AFP counter-terrorism head Neil Gaughan told 7.30. "If they do, we can assure the Australian community that we have first instance warrants for their arrest. "As soon as they set foot on Australian soil they will be taken into custody."

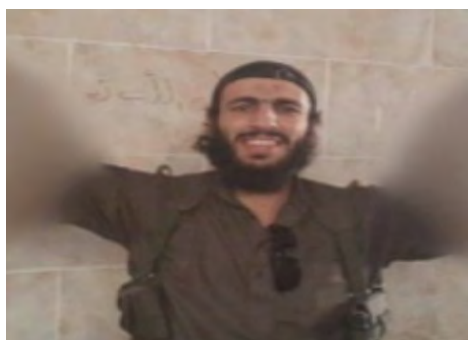


PHOTO: Mohamed Elomar brandishes the heads of Syrian government soldiers (Supplied). Brandis raises concerns over possible attacks in Australia In an interview with 7.30, Attorney-General George Brandis also made the first public reference to recent intelligence warnings that Australian citizens have been trained in Syria or Iraq to undertake terrorist attacks in Australia and elsewhere.



"There is evidence that they are trained in terrorist tradecraft to perform acts of domestic terrorism in the event that they return either to their home countries or go elsewhere after they have been in theatre," Mr Brandis said. "So that is a new and very alarming development." He confirmed that Australians were among those being trained.

"That's why I've said several times now that this is the biggest threat to Australian domestic security in many years." Western intelligence agencies have become increasingly concerned about the potential for the Syria and Iraq conflicts to result in terrorist attacks back home. In May, a returned fighter opened fire at a Jewish museum in Brussels, killing four people. Last week the Norwegian government announced it had reliable intelligence suggesting an attack was imminent, prompting Australia to issue new travel advice for that country. "The one thing no Australian should ever think is that this is a problem that exists on the other side of the world," Mr Brandis said.

The war against extremism must be waged online. We desperately need to counter the extremist message being propagated by Islamic State recruiters online, Anthony Bergin writes. "Because while it may take shape on the other side of the world, the number of Australians who are participating in this war fighting in Syria and Iraq shows that this is a problem that exists and germinates within our suburbs, within the suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne and Brisbane." The Federal Government is using the concerns about returning fighters to push through a suite of reforms to Australia's federal counter-terrorism laws. Mr Brandis told 7.30 he was considering lowering the evidentiary bar used by police investigating terrorism offences.

He said he was also considering modifying the language regarding an offence related to providing vocal support for terrorist acts. Mr Gaughan said the AFP had struggled to pursue cases against Australian Islamists because of the lack of strong, verifiable evidence. "We are [in the] dark in relation to what occurs there a lot of the time because there is no competent authority to deal with. We're not getting the normal intelligence feeds," he said.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-07-29/warrants-out-for-australian-islamic-state-fighters/5632562>



BLOODCURDLING IMAGES OF AUSTRALIAN JIHADISTS PUTS 'LUCKY COUNTRY' ON EDGE

Ian Lloyd Neubauer Sydney 29 July 2014. Thousands of people stage a demonstration to protest the Israeli ongoing attacks in Gaza on July 26, 2014, in Melbourne, Australia. Recep Sakar—Anadolu Agency/Getty Images. Shocking photos emerge amid fears that the worsening conflict in Gaza will only prompt more young radical Muslims to enter the fray.

One of the pair, a teenager from Melbourne identified in the video as Abu Bakr al-Australi, later detonated an explosive belt in a crowded Baghdad marketplace, killing five people and wounding 90 more. He was the second Australian suicide bomber praised by ISIS in recent weeks; an estimated 200 Australian jihadists are currently fighting in Syria and Iraq. The figure puts Australia in the unenviable position as the highest foreign per capita contributor to the conflict in the Middle East, and providing the largest contingent of foreign fighters from a developed nation. And there are fears that the worsening conflict in Gaza will only prompt more radical young Muslims to enter the fray. "The government is gravely concerned by the fact that Australian citizens are heading to Iraq and Syria not only to fight but to take leadership roles," Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said in parliament last week.

She paused before adding, "There's a real danger that these extremists also come back home as trained terrorists and pose a threat to our security." The man holding the decapitated heads in the Twitter feed turned out to be Khaled Sharrouf, a boxer from Sydney who was jailed for four years in 2005 for his role in planning the most serious terrorist plot Australia has ever seen. Despite his notoriety, Sharrouf managed to flee while on parole in January by using his brother's passport to board a flight from Sydney to Southeast Asia from where he made his way to Syria. The security breakdown has made Canberra redouble efforts to protect the nation from jihadists in the event they return home. Earlier this month, the attorney general's office added ISIS to its list of terrorists organizations, making it a crime for an Australian to join them punishable with up to 25 years imprisonment.

On advice from intelligence agencies, the Foreign Ministry has canceled the passports of 40 Australians suspected of extremist links. More than \$700 million in additional funding will be injected into customs and border patrol over the next six years. In 2015 the service will be streamlined under a tough new national-security agency named the Australian Border Force. Professor Gary Bouma, acting director of the Global Terrorism Research Centre at Melbourne's Monash University, agrees that returning jihadists pose "a very serious problem, as they will be ideologically energized." But he adds some will have been pacified after witnessing the "hideous gore of battle and the unrighteousness of all sides." "The first thing that needs to happen is those people need to be reintegrated into society," Bouma says. "That means counseling, getting them a job and ensuring their cultural and social needs are met. It's a much healthier approach than isolating them."

The leader of an Australian Muslim organization who spoke to TIME on condition of anonymity says calling foreign combatants in Syria "terrorists" was wrong, as many had gone there to protect family members from President Bashar Assad's repressive regime, which has unleashed torture, mass killings, starvation and chemical weapons upon Syrian civilians. "The idea of them being terrorists just because they go to fight overseas, that is not a fair thing to say," he says. "It's also unreasonable to say just because they fought in Syria that they're going to do the same thing when they come back home. There will always be one or two crazy fanatics among them, but they're a minority. They'd have to be really misguided to try something here."

Another community leader, Samier Dandan, president of the Lebanese Muslim Association, has accused the government of double standards by outlawing those who fight in Syria while allowing others, namely members of Australia's Jewish community, to join the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). "It's hard when you say something to one side, and they look and say 'How come we're not being treated the same?' The law should be across everyone," Dandan told the Australian Associated Press. However, Rafael Epstein, author of Prisoner X, a book about an Australian lawyer who fought with the IDF and worked as an operative with Israel's spy agency, Mossad, before going rogue, insists Dandan's comparison is flawed.

"What he is saying is someone who fights for Israel will be just as radicalized and have just as many [warring] skills to pose a security risk to Australia," Epstein says. "But the values under which someone would fight for Israel, a democratic country with the rule of law, are very different to the values someone would fight for under ISIS, and they'd be much closer to Australia's values than ISIS's." Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott agrees. "The best thing we can do ... is to ensure that jihadis do not come back to this country," he said last month.

Whether that will be enough to maintain Australia's record as one of the few major U.S. military partners in Afghanistan and Iraq to not have suffered a terrorist attack on its own soil remains open for discussion. "U can't stop me and trust me if I wanted to attack aus [sic] I could have easily," tweeted convicted terrorist Khaled Sharrouf in a message taunting Australian federal police posted from the battleground in Syria. "I love to slaughter use [sic] and ALLAH LOVES when u dogs r slaughtered."

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AFP POSTS WARRANTS FOR THE ARREST OF AUSTRALIAN JIHADISTS WHO POSTED SICKENING PICTURES POSING WITH DECAPITATED HEADS

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Khaled Sharrouf and Mohamad Elomar have warrants out for their arrests. It comes after Sharrouf posted a photo of Elomar holding up severed heads. Both men fled Australia for Syria in December last year. They are fighting for al-Qaeda off-shoot Islamic State in the Middle East. Sharrouf has been taunting Australian Federal Police on social media. Arrest warrants have been issued for two of the nation's most notorious jihadists, Khaled Sharrouf and Mohamed Alomar, by the Australian Federal Police.

This comes after Daily Mail Australia revealed a disturbing photo of Elomar holding up two decapitated heads for the camera in Syria. The picture was uploaded on Friday by his friend, convicted terrorist Khaled Sharrouf, on Twitter. Since then, the AFP have issued warrants for their arrest for terrorist activities if they return to Australia, according the ABC. Disgusting: Mohamed Elomar, who is believed to have left Australia last year to fight in Syria, is shown holding up the decapitated heads of two men



In the sickening image, Elomar is seen smiling - with a pair of sunglasses tucked into his shirt - as he holds up two decapitated heads by the victims' hair.

Another image, uploaded on Friday, shows the heads of alleged Syrian soldiers being impaled on metal railings. Like something out of the 18th century, the heads were left on show in a sickening display that aims to cause terror and fear. The photos were uploaded by terrorist Khaled Sharrouf, alongside disgusting tweets such as 'bucket full of heads any1 in aus want some organs please dont be shy to ask'.

I would love to assist u with body parts [sic]'. Disturbing: Sharrouf also posted a photo of two men placing severed heads on a metal railing. Arrest warrants issued for Australian jihadists fighting for ISIS. His disturbing rant continued 'few more heads how lovely bludy amazing stuff abuhafs u keep cutting those infidel throats but the last 1 is mine! [sic]'.

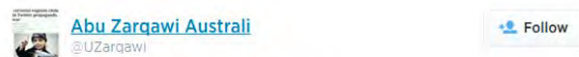
Elomar and Sharrouf, who spent time in jail for his part in a foiled plot to blow up targets in Sydney and Melbourne, are believed to be fighting with terrorism group Islamic State - an al-Qaeda off-shoot. They are thought to have flown to Syria together late last year after Sharrouf fled the country on his brother Mustafa's passport. Meanwhile, Elomar's wife Fatima, 29, appeared in court in Sydney on July 8 charged with 'preparing for incursions into a foreign state with the intention of engaging in hostile activities'.



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May Allah swt show these kuffar what they hate from us...This guys lost his head!!! Loll



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He directed his tweets to people in Australia and joked about organ donation



Convicted terrorist Khaled Sharrouf has threatened the Australian Federal Police and his countrymen on his Twitter account. On Thursday night Attorney General George Brandis's spokesman told The Australian that 'if real, these photos are evidence of serious crimes against Australian law and possible war crimes.'



Fatima Elomar hides under a burqa as she emerges from the Downing Centre court complex with her lawyer Zali Burrows (right) and four children after appearing on terrorism related charges. Daily Mail Australia has contacted AFP for further comment. Sharrouf, also a former Sydney resident, taunted Australian police via his social media account two weeks ago, boasting that he would 'slaughter' Australians.

The jihadist is currently in the Middle East fighting with the extremist group after he evaded authorities in December. The tweets came as the nation's Director General of Security David Irvine revealed 'tens of people' had already returned to Australian shores from fighting alongside suspected terrorist organisations.

WHO IS KHALED SHARROUF? According to Attorney-General George Brandis, the former Sydney resident fled the country - believed to be on the way to Syria - on his brother's passport last December. At that time, Sharrouf's passport had been cancelled and he was put on airport watch-lists

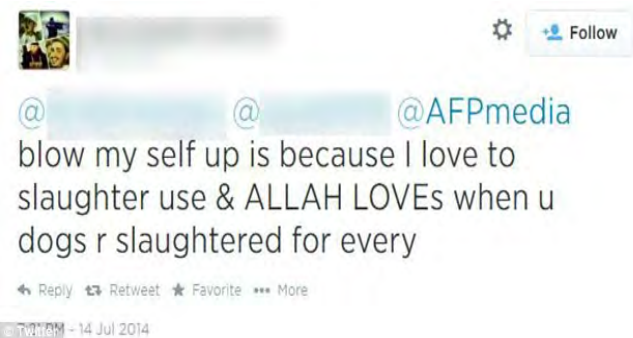
1. Sharrouf is being investigated by authorities in relation to allegations he is fighting with Islamic State
2. It was revealed he had been receiving disability pension payments for at least two months after fleeing the country
3. He is a convicted jihadi terrorist after he pleaded guilty and was jailed for acts in preparation for a terrorist act in 2008 and was released in 2009, the Daily Telegraph reported
4. The conviction came after Sharrouf was one of eight people arrested in a plot to attack the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor - in Sydney's south, according to the Sydney Morning Herald



Sharrouf's account is littered with photos of him posing with weapons and military trucks as well as a young child brandishing a rifle. Speaking to media earlier this month, Attorney-General George Brandis said engagement with the Islamic community was an important strategy 'to keep Australia free from terrorism'. 'The imams who are faith leaders, who are influential and respected opinion members in their communities, are integral to our goal to saving young men - it is almost always young men - in their communities from being radicalised,' he said.

Mr Irvine added a majority of the 60 Australians they were aware of fighting with Islamic radicals were siding against the government with Al-Qaeda off-shoots. 'We have some tens of people that have already returned [from the Middle East], we have probably another 150 we're looking at here in Australia who have inclinations to support those two extremist movements,' he said. When asked if the ones who had returned to Australia were being actively monitored, Mr Irvine said 'I'm not saying anything further'.

On July 14, Sharrouf fired off a tweet to the AFP and Australians, saying: 'you cowards I am running to my death I want martyrdom thats [sic] why I am blessed u rock spiders'. Just half an hour earlier, he claimed 'Australia belongs to the muslims not infidels like you' as well as boasting of his evasion of police. 'u can't stop and trust me if I wanted to attack aus I could have easily,' Sharrouf said.



He also added: 'I love to slaughter [Australians] & ALLAH LOVEs when u dogs r slaughtered'. These threatening tweets are part of a more disturbing picture of Sharrouf painted by his Twitter account. Some of the content is so graphic that Daily Mail Australia has chosen not to publish the posts.



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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2709278/AFP-issues-arrest-warrants-Australian-jihadists.html>

PASSPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN JIHADISTS CANCELLED, SAYS JULIE BISHOP DAT

June 22, 2014 Lisa Cox National political reporter

'MY BROTHERS, COME TO JIHAD'. A chilling 13-minute propaganda video from the Islamic group Isis surfaces online, encouraging young jihadis from around the world to join forces with them. nine news. Foreign minister Julie Bishop says Australians fighting with extremists in Iraq and Syria "is one of the most disturbing developments" in domestic security for some time, as the number of Australians believed to be participating in the conflicts reached 150.

Ms Bishop told the abc's *Insiders program* on Sunday that the government was concerned that a number of Australians who were travelling through Lebanon to reach Syria were now moving from Syria into Iraq to join Sunni militants. she said the government had cancelled several passports for Australians seeking to fight in Iraq, as it had done when it was reported that Australians were seeking to join or come back from fighting in Syria.

"we are receiving reports that they are also in Iraq where Isis is fighting the Iraqi security forces and so we are doing what we can across government," ms bishop said. "it is a topic that is engaging the Australian government at every level. "our national security committee is discussing this matter and we are working out ways to ensure that Australians are safe from what i find to be a deeply disturbing development in our domestic security."

ms bishop said she was in regular talks with her counterparts in Malaysia, south east Asia, Europe and the us about the issue. "it's a global issue but we are particularly concerned with the reports of Australians who are heading off not only to train but to take leadership roles in radicalising others and of course the fear is that they will come back to Australia with these newfound abilities and talents in terrorism."

but she again talked down the possibility of Australia contributing to greater military involvement in Iraq, beyond the small detachment of Australian soldiers that has been sent to guard the Australian embassy in Baghdad. "I don't envisage that situation," she said. "Certainly the Iraqi government has not requested support, has not requested Australia to provide any military support. "The us has not requested us to do so." Australia is contributing \$5 million in humanitarian aid to Iraq.

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/passports-of-australian-jihadists-cancelled-says-julie-bishop-20140622-3aly1.html>