



TARGETING MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

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Modern means of transportation are considered to be the lifeblood of our civil life. Unlike before, when people lived simple lives away from the hustles of our modern times, transportation has become more sophisticated and advanced than ever before. Previously animals were enough to cater for man's needs in trade and transportation. Today, due to man and civilization, the industrial revolution has risen to new and higher-levels in pace and ability to produce more. With the invention of machine, man's lifestyle changed and this lifestyle became the norm of the day in his life. And with this accelerated progress in knowledge, he was able to surpass the speed of sound times over. And now man aspired to go beyond and reach the surface of any other planet out there. It is the world of fast communication and transportation.

Benefiting from his new-found fast means of communications, he integrated it in his daily life - especially in trade and military development. It radically affected the pace and ability of wars, strategies and tactics. Unlike before, we now see a single battlefield being extended to hundreds of kilometers, whereas before it was only about a few kilometers.

The industrial and scientific revolution came at a time when Muslims were weak and the west was in authority, this revolution was void of the very basics of morality. They mainly used this new-found knowledge to attain power. And so the great countries that had control of this knowledge exploited its powers to impose authority militarily, economically and culturally.

After the Second World War, two powers emerged, the Soviet Union and the United States of America. Both used science to develop in the field of communications and pace of transportation services, so as to serve in its way of life, ideologies and theories.

The Soviet Union propagated its socialist economic system and communist ideology

in most parts of the world. While America and its western allies propagated its capitalist system, secular doctrines and democratic ideas across the globe.

Two different ideas became dominant in the world and in all aspects of daily life; the work structure, personal and public ownership. It affected how life and the world in general was viewed and also had an impact in the fields of war and economics. Both powers benefited from the means of communication and transportation via satellites, broadcasting stations and other means in order to spread their cultures and ideas.

After the Soviet Union's disintegration, America became dominant and thus benefited from the fast means of communications and transportation. They began imposing authority and extending its control in all corners of the world, so as to consolidate its global empire.

In the early nineties, the term 'globalization' emerged - it generally meant that the world has become a small village. This meant that the world was being brought closer due to the fast means of transportation and communication. A much broader meaning of this term is that the world is to be under a single dominant global system - and this is the concept of political globalization i.e. one system led by America and backed by the western countries. And this system imposed capitalism to other countries. But, a more serious definition of globalization is that it uproots a peoples culture and in-turn impose its own culture upon them.

America started spreading its culture and ideals across the globe via the mass media, press and the internet. Sugar-coating these values with attractive names such as justice, freedom and equality, in order to make them much more appealing to people. But, as the days pass and through globalization itself, the reality of these values were exposed. What was once being propagated as 'good values' in the media became apparent to all; thanks to globaliza-

tion itself. America's justice was exposed in Afghanistan, Iraq and other areas where masses of innocent people were killed because of its 'justice'. Another face of America's morals and values revealed itself in the form of laws legislated to legalize sexual deviation as a proud American value. When a president comes out joyfully to proudly legislate these perversions, lighting up the walls of the Whitehouse with their perverted rainbow symbols indicating that they have adopted these morals. This collapse in morals and values, which is generally rejected in nature, all religions and denied by medical doctors and psychologists; has exposed the concealed nature of globalization and the reality of American democratic values.

► Economic Globalization

When talking about Economic Globalization, then we should point out that it is stemmed out from Capitalism. Capitalism spread from Europe to America. It is based upon the free market, and does not have any check in morality or have any pity upon the weak nor the poor. It feeds and satisfies the greed of the rich, making them richer and the poor poorer; letting society plunge into extreme poverty. America, the flag bearer of this system, has supported it through its companies which are widespread across the globe. Therefore, political influence brought in an economic reality. And the greed in economic growth called for having influence and power. And we should not only view power as a solid military might, but know that it has many cunning and deceptive forms. This is the soft-power, and the hand of authority which is possessed by a small gang from among the big countries, through a connected economic conglomeration and the power of monopolistic companies that govern the entire world cunningly and in secrecy.

When different companies around the world moved to a globalized system and entered into the free market, they were not able to survive in the face of big Western capital holders and speculators. Therefore, entering into a system ruled and dominated by one state - thus an economic suicide.

When some countries saw their economy deteriorating to the stage before recession, they went on seeking help and consultation from the International Monetary Fund. This increased their setback and calamity, because they started borrowing from International Banks, which overburdened them with endless debts and multiplied interest that made it impossible to repay. Therefore, they became tied with heavy debts that sucked its local resources and return them to deficit, and therefore the people become poorer. While the superpowers, headed by America, took control. Its companies took control of the public resources. The world thus remained dominated by these superpowers while all other third world countries, as they call them, remained poor under the mercy of America and its allies.

Our current complex world, its sophistication and the great intertwining between different fields is an outcome of the progress in science and industrial revolution, especially in the field of fast communication and transportation; and as a result of wars and culture. And this is the image and structure of the world today.

When we look at the factors and points of strength in globalization - leaving out the thought that we cannot overcome and defeat them - we will find that the reality is entirely different. Whoever critically looks at these factors will find in between them many destructive weak points, and whoever takes advantage of these weak points will be able to strike it on a deadly spot. The international system is large, complex, extensive and interwoven in many functions. This kind of structure is a point of strength, but at the same time it is a pivotal point of weakness. This is because the structure of this system is like a chain, if one ring is broken the whole system falls. The most important link of this chain that should be broken, is security. And operations that can serve this goal are numerous and wide spread; such as targeting American companies investing in countries abroad, isolating them from the country they invest in. These operations will target the security of their economy.

As for us, we will be focusing on targeting means of transportation. We will explain more on this,

which is part of the general policy of targeting the ring of security in the chain.

Civilian and military transportation, communication and daily civil activities of people around the world depend on security. Military activities and movements are always accompanied by high security and protection, we will therefore obviously focus on the enemy's civilian transportation around the world i.e. the movement of their people and goods, that keeps the globalization wheel constantly on the move. It is important to note that economic globalization is not only based upon communication and movement of goods, commodities and raw materials; but by the movement and travel of people around the world, which also has a wide and important economic impact. Such as the tourism industry. Targeting tourists in a country drastically damages this industry in that particular country; the reason being obvious - the absence of security. Another example is when businesspersons and investors fear visiting an insecure country, this makes them look for other countries which they deem safer.

When referring to transportation we refer to air, sea and ground transportation - both local and international. Jihad groups and organizations may have the ability to target international means of transportation. As for the Lone Mujahid, his abilities may be limited to targeting internal means of transportation of a country. And it is possible for him to draw a comprehensive plan so as to execute such kind of operations.

Today's means of transportation differ from one another with regards to speed, capabilities and cost. Airplanes are generally the fastest means of transportation with many passenger opting it. It is also used in transporting small quantities of goods. On the other side, ships are distinguished with their capabilities to transport heavy bulky loads. Even though it is the slowest, it is considered to be the international choice when it comes to transporting bulky loads around the world. As for trains, they had become the most used transportation means in some European countries. In America, trains are considered to be among the most important means of trans-

portation within the country i.e. between cities and its outskirts, and from one city to another, especially when transporting freight. Normal busses, trams and trolley busses are used in Europe and America for transportation within the cities and its outskirts. All these means of transportation indicate that the world and the civilian life are very dependant on them. And what becomes apparent is that it is too difficult to protect these means of transportation. And here is where we find its vulnerability - means of transportation today are considered to be a weak point which we must focus on. Previously Inspire magazine discussed on targeting airplanes, presenting means that will realize our goal of '*cutting the nerve and isolating the head from the body*'. In this issue we will discuss and focus on targeting trains.

And here arises a question:

► What is specifically targeted in Transportation?

Three things can be targeted:

- 1 - The Vehicle itself used for transportation.
- 2 - Its line of transport and pathway.
- 3 - Stations, terminals or transit points.

1. Targeting the vehicle (the actual means of transport).

This refers to the actual means of transport i.e. planes, ships, trains, buses and others. Targeting them is considered to be the greatest of the three with respect to impact. Such operations require one to overcome security obstacles placed to protect the transport vehicle. An example is Umar Farouk's operation. He was able to board the American plane. And even though the plane did not explode, he managed to pass through the tight security measures. And this fact has left the threat to stay real to this day, leaving the operation a physical and moral success. Another example is Ramzi Yousef's operation, which he tried to detonate multiple American airplanes. Another example is the Limburg and USS Cole bombings. Despite the USS Cole being a military target, which in itself has its own goals and achievements in war, it clearly affected and influenced the economic security. This is because



An example of the first type of target, in Transportation
- Targeting the vehicle (the actual means of transport).

whoever is capable of targeting military ships, was capable of targeting commercial ships with great ease. Other operations of this kind include the 7/7



Metro bombings in London.

2. Targeting the lines and pathways used in transportation.

This is in two forms;

► The first type:

Disrupting the mainline or pathway where the vehicle passes on, by destroying it. For example destroying some of the railroad lines so as to delay the movement or destroying the sea lanes to keep them closed up.

► The second type

Targeting the route so as to damage the main transport vehicle. For example, destroying a railroad minutes before the train arrives, so as to derail the train in order to destroy it or targeting civilian or commercial airplanes passing

through a specific airway by anti-aircraft rocket launchers or by deploying a number of sea mines in a sea-lane to target a ship. This kind of targeting in general has lesser impact than the previous one.

3. The third type is targeting the transportation stations

An Example of this is the operation which targeted the train station in Madrid. Many passengers were killed even before boarding the train. Another example is the Belgium attack which targeted the airport terminal.

These types of operations, that target stations, are considered to be the least vulnerable to danger and impact compared to the other two. But they directly affect the security of transportation. What distinguishes them from the other types is that they have to overcome few security measures.

Our brothers in Inspire Magazine will present to you in this issue an easy method for targeting trains using the second type of targeting means of transportation (Targeting the lines and pathways used in transportation).

The following are the effects and consequences caused by targeting means of transportation, either directly or indirectly:

1. There will be a state of terror, fear and lack of security among the masses. And this is because of:
 - a. The targeted areas are public infrastructure, used by people from all classes and walks of life at all times. The daily routine surrounding it makes it impossible to be rid of.
 - b. The large numbers and numerous types of

- c. Difficult to cover all security loopholes. Doing so will mean halting all the necessary daily civilian activities, such procedures might be the same as security measures placed during pandemics.
- d. The existence of tough security measures in all public arenas and the transportation sector increases the feeling of insecurity and fear among the people. This is because in cases of emergency and increased searches, security officers deal with people in a manner that make them feel a sense of danger and therefore makes them respond to these tough procedures placed by the government by being extra cautious and take quick precautions to inform the government in cases of any real threat. It is no doubt that all these create an environment of fear.

2. These operations will damage the security of the economy by directly exhausting the economy. Here are some important points that explain the causes of the exhaustion of the economy.
 - a. The security measures that would be placed so as to cover the loophole which allowed an operation to succeed in the first place. These measures include increase in security forces and labor hours, purchasing sophisticated equipment, establishing new special units to specifically face these threats and reinforcing counter intelligence efforts to disrupt any attempt of another attack whatsoever.
 - b. Insurance companies increase their rates with the increase in risk.
 - c. Loss incurred in the target vehicle itself (Train, airplane etc.), E.g. The cost of a single plane is millions of dollars.
 - d. Some transport companies may get into bankruptcy if targeted regularly and are unable to secure themselves, this will make people seize using such a company for their transportation needs.

These are the most important consequences that may accompany these kind of operations.

On the other hand, here are some features and characteristics of these kinds of operations:

1. Means of transportation have extensive and multiple targets that are widespread and open to access with varying degree of security, increasing the opportunity for a successful operation.
2. The capability to infiltrate the security measures placed by all means of transportation. With little resources, it is possible to achieve great results, this is, if the operations is well executed and planned.
3. The results of these kind of operations are disastrous to the economy, especially if they occur regularly.
4. Gives the Lone Mujahid the ability to carry out a large scale operation using these types of small resourced operations.
5. It is difficult for the authorities to secure all security loopholes in these operations.
6. The ability to use different kinds of weapons, and ways to subdue the enemy according to the conditions and circumstances at hand.

After this quick review, in which we show the importance of focusing on specific kinds of targets, I urge my Mujahideen brothers everywhere, especially the Lone Jihad heroes; I say to them: Target America, by Allah they are in a great predicament. They cannot get out of it and cannot find real solutions to its problems beyond its borders. We see them laying alternative plans to their wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places; making alliances after being unable to fight the war all alone. This state of weakness appears clearly in one of Obama's speeches in which he said "globalization is still standing". Trying to imply that America is still a dominant power. What makes Obama declare this is the weakness that is overshadowing America. The U.S. laid a fifteen-year plan in which it raised the debt, lowered interest rates and reduced military expenditure, which will continue for many years to come. America today is refreshing its efforts to revive its economy. And we should continue to focus our efforts against it until the world gets rid of this international system led by America, and until Muslims enjoy freedom to practice their faith, freedom to apply the Laws of Allah and until Muslims secure themselves, wealth and resources from the hands of America.