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# **Funding the Fangs**

Soros Funding to Democratic Republic of Muslim Brotherhood

Crocodile Series: Part 1

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# <u>Trivia</u>

Believe it or not, what led us to dig Soros a while ago was a YouTube Video posted by Al Jazeera. It was a video defending George Soros. While there is nothing wrong with the media defending someone, what piqued our interest was the fact that the video was a paid promotion.

A Qatari government-funded media carrying out a paid promotion on YouTube in defense of a US Billionaire.

It was odd. Very odd.

So, we decided to dig and dig what we do.

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# Introduction

It is one thing to pretend to be a democracy savior and throw money at regime change against a democratically elected govt, on the pretext of fighting radical ideology and fascism. It is totally another thing to provide funding to radical Islamist groups who have been found to be involved in terror activities. This makes the rich old man very dangerous.

It was indeed surprising, nay, shocking to find out that the Soros/ Open Society Foundation money flows freely to radical Islamist groups. The groups not only do not have any remote relation with democracy or its values, but they also do not even pretend to. Democracy demigod finds no trouble funding these fronts. Not surprisingly, a significant number of these fronts are associated with Muslim Brotherhood, spread across Asia, Europe, and the US.

#### Question is, why?

One plausible answer was found in the Al Jazeera video itself. Like Al Jazeera, Muslim Brotherhood has found patronage under the Qatari regime. In fact, the AJ and MB's symbiotic relationship has been documented by many, including the Lab, in our previous reports (part of which would be recapped in this story for reference). On the face of it, there has been a steady flow of personnel from each other, and behind the scenes, there would be much more. AJ has been eagerly providing unqualified space to MB's propaganda through its multiple platforms.

However, this alone would not explain the investment Soros has made in the MB network. If only a media eulogy was needed, he could have brought it from many places, and he has. The funding to radical Islamist groups in general, and MB in particular has much deeper connotations, which we will decode through this series.

It is a game at a scale hitherto unknown and unheard. Stay with us through the series.

This report documents the first part of the larger operation of the Muslim Brotherhood and George Soros in the Middle East and the first world countries including the EU and USA. This report aims to explain the design and the bigger picture in the simplest form and why the Soros-Muslim Brotherhood venture could be fatal for India.

## Chapter 1- George Soros

Born in Budapest to a non-observant Jewish family, George Soros is a billionaire investor and philanthropist, who is widely known for his grantmaking activities to NGOs, institutions, political movements, and organizations, through his **Open Society Foundations (OSF).** 

George Soros became a Hedge fund manager in 1967 and a few years later, began his philanthropy activities. He went on to establish the Open Society Foundation (OSF) in 1979, which has to date become one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world.

Through OSF, Soros has been a major donor to almost all domains of society; from universities to political parties, to NGOs, human rights groups, and institutions. However, he has earned himself the moniker of regime change offender. Soros himself has admitted to his involvement in many color revolutions (anti-regime protest movements) across various parts of the world. His personal belief in upholding democratic values has enabled him to control segments of media, political campaigns, NGOs, and institutions that could fulfill his quest of regime change via OSF.

#### **Open Society Foundation**

Founded in 1993, the Open Society Foundation (OSF), formerly known as *Open Society Institute (OSI)* is one of the largest grantmaking organizations in the name of philanthropy, including scholarships to NGOs, institutions, media portals, and individuals across 120 countries.<sup>1</sup>

The organization claims to champion the cause of human rights and uphold democratic values across the globe. On that pretext, it has been seeking regime change operations and goes on to fund groups (in the name of human rights advocacy) that are either affiliated/ connected to terror or radical groups.

His grantmaking business has earned him useful allies to assist him in his quest. One such key ally is the transnational Sunni Islamist organization- the global **Muslim Brotherhood**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/who-we-are</u>

## Chapter 2- Muslim Brotherhood – a brief Intro

Founded in 1928 by an Egyptian School teacher, Hasan al-Banna, Muslim Brotherhood (MB) Arabic: Jamā' at al-Ikhwān al-Muslimīn is a religiopolitical & radical organization now based in Qatar, and is becoming the new hub for radical Islamists. Over the years, MB has been alleged to be linked to several terror acts, supporting/abetting them, including bombings (such as the 9/11 terror attack) and political assassinations.<sup>2</sup> One of its key achievements since its inception was getting banned in its home country i.e., Egypt (in 2013).<sup>3</sup> Apart from Egypt, MB is also banned in the other Middle East countries namely the UAE and Saudi Arabia.<sup>4</sup>

#### **MB and Terror Kinship**

Several top functionaries of the MB are listed in the US Terror Watch List, while several of the members remain on the sanction list. MB is also believed to have inspired the formation of as many as 13 terrorist groups in Egypt.<sup>5</sup> However, there are not one, but several instances when the MB members have been exposed for links with/ leading terror groups across the globe.

Muslim Brotherhood member, Ayman al-Zawahiri, is also known to be the right hand of the Al Qaeda founder Osama Bin Laden. Zawahiri became a member of MB at an early age and later went on to become a physician. He served prison sentence for assassinating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Egyptian President, Anwar Sadat in 1981.<sup>6</sup>

Zawahiri is also credited to be the founding father of the **Egyptian Islamic Jihad militant group.** He later took over the leadership of Al Qaeda after the US killed Osama bin Laden in 2011. Zawahiri had a bounty of \$25m (£16m) on him by the US government before he was killed in a US Drone strike in Afghanistan in 2022.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2021/10/01/what-anwar-sadats-murder-40years-ago-meant-for-the-middle-east/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.britannica.com/topic/Muslim-Brotherhood

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/23/muslim-brotherhood-egyptian-court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>https://www.reuters.com/article/us-emirates-politics-brotherhood-idUSKCN0IZ0OM20141115</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/81764/Muslim-Brotherhood-formed-13-terrorist-groups-in-Egypt-NGO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-13789286



Osama bin Laden with Ayman al-Zawahiri

Another Muslim Brotherhood member, Abdullah Yusuf Azzam was a teacher and mentor to Osama Bin Laden. By qualification, Yusuf Azzam earned a doctorate with distinction in "The Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence" at the religious al-Azhar University in Cairo.



Ahmad Shah Masood with Yusuf Azzam who was teacher of Osama and who persuaded him to come to Afghanistan!



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He is believed to be the one, who influenced the formation of Al Qaeda and even laid the foundation for the militant group. Furthermore, he was also linked to Hamas (the militant wing of MB in Palestine) from the time of its inception in 1987. He also raised funds for Hamas, both from the Arab nations as well as from the Office of Services for the Mujahideen in the US.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.inss.org.il/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/systemfiles/(FILE)1298359986.pdf

It was therefore surprising, nay shocking, that messiah of democracy would fund fronts affiliated with MB. And while one-off orgs could have been a miss, the funding is spread to MB fronts across Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and the US. And while an organization of the stature of OSF may be forgiven for overlooking one-off radical/terror-linked fronts while doling out the largesse, it is not possible to overlook the same fronts across continents. However, the game becomes slightly clearer if one looks at what the fronts have been doing. But before that, let's see their global funding business.

## **Chapter 3- Palestine Theater: A Successful Experiment in Chaos**

One of the most innovative geo-strategic and influence campaigns of modern times is the Boycott-Divest-Sanction Movement (BDSM) implemented through MB and its NGO network formed to milch the Palestine conflict industry for its sustenance. The BDS Movement against Israel was launched in the early 2000s. A number of NGOs, all linked to the MB, were raising funds in the name of 'human rights' in Palestine while spearheading the BDSM against Israel in full swing. BDSM against Israel has rather been successful in terms of how the MB with its NGO network mobilized its influence in the West to call for an economic, cultural, and academic boycott of Israel.

The seed money, so to speak, for this innovative industry was given by the messiah of democracy. Most of the Palestine conflict industry NGOs, trailblazers of the BDSM against Israel, were funded by the **Open Society Foundations.** The collaboration between Soros and MB in Palestine and BDS Movement against Israel has been going on for over two decades now. The influence of Soros and his funding has enabled these MB-linked NGOs to collect funding from other sources including foreign governments, public donations, grants from Institutions, foundations, humanitarian groups, etc.,

It is worthwhile to note that these NGOs receiving funds from OSF are not only just linked to MB but their members have been directly involved in terror groups and terror activities.

Before proceeding further to look into the groups, it is important to highlight the entities these OSF-funded & MB-linked NGOs are affiliated with. Among their affiliations and connections, these NGOs have been primarily linked to militant groups such as the **Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)** and **Hamas**.

#### What is the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine?

Founded in 1967, PFLP is one of the largest militant groups based out of Gaza with a track record of carrying out attacks across the world, including aircraft hijackings in the 1970s. As a result, PFLP has been designated as a terrorist group in Israel (1986)<sup>9</sup>, the USA (1997) <sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup>, the European Union (2002),<sup>12</sup> and Canada (2003).<sup>13</sup>

PFLP has also been accused of siphoning off the funds received from the European Union meant as humanitarian aid for Palestinian NGOs. <sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> http://www.mod.gov.il/Defence-and-Security/Fighting\_terrorism/Pages/default.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> <u>https://www.state.gov/foreign-terrorist-organizations/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> <u>https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1548657999398&uri=CELEX:32002E0462</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> <u>https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrt/cntr-trrrsm/lstd-ntts/crrnt-lstd-ntts-</u> en.aspx%20-%202042

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup><u>https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/shin-bet-european-humanitarian-funds-diverted-to-pflp-667426</u>

#### What is Hamas?

Hamas (Harakat al-Muqāwamah al-'Islāmiyyah) defines itself (based on its charter, published in August 1988) as the "Palestinian offshoot" of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood. <sup>15</sup> It was founded by Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and other Palestinian Islamist operatives in Gaza in December 1987. Due to its terror activities, Hamas stands designated as a terror group in Israel (1989)<sup>16</sup>, the United States (1997)<sup>17</sup>, Canada (2002),<sup>18</sup> the European Union (2014),<sup>19</sup> and Australia. <sup>20</sup>

Some of the key groups that are linked to radical/ terror groups and have been receiving OSF funding are as follows:

## <u>Al-Haq</u>

Established in 1979, Al Haq describes itself as an independent Palestinian nongovernmental human rights organization based in Ramallah, West Bank.<sup>21</sup> The group has been active in spearheading the BDS campaigns against Israel.<sup>22</sup> Al Haq's General Director, Shawan Rateb Abdallah Jabarin is a 'human rights' activist from Palestine who moonlighted as an activist for PFLP. In 1985, Jabarin was arrested on the charges of recruiting and training the candidates for PFLP. He has been banned from traveling to Israel and Jordan due to his linkages with PFLP.<sup>23</sup>

Due to its linkages with PFLP, in 2018, Visa, Mastercard, and American Express shut down their online credit card payment facilities for the NGO.<sup>24</sup> Despite this, AI Haq has been a regular recipient of OSF grants. In 2009 it received \$ 200K from OSF. And presently, AI Haq received \$ 2.091 million between 2016-20 from OSF.<sup>25</sup>

- <sup>20</sup> https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/2/17/australia-to-list-hamas-as-terror-group
- <sup>21</sup> <u>https://www.alhaq.org/about-alhaq/7136.html</u>
- <sup>22</sup> <u>https://bdsmovement.net/tags/al-haq</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>https://books.google.co.in/books?id=F6M0CwAAQBAJ&pg=PA93&redir\_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=f alse

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> <u>http://www.mod.gov.il/Defence-and-Security/Fighting\_terrorism/Pages/default.aspx</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> <u>https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> <u>https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrt/cntr-trrrsm/lstd-ntts/crrnt-lstd-ntts-en.aspx%20-%202042</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2001:344:0093:0096:EN:PDF</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/mena/shawan-jabarin-is-an-activist-to-some-a-terrorist-to-others-1.443032</u>

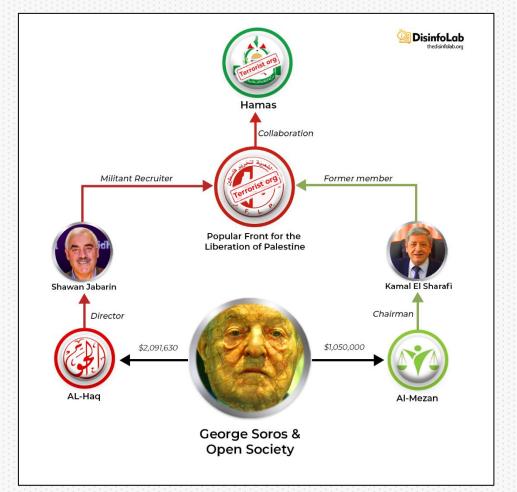
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> <u>http://www.uklfi.com/credit-card-donations-to-terrorist-linked-ngos-terminated</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> <u>https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/past?filter\_location=middle-east-and-north-africa&filter\_year=2016%2C2017%2C2019%2C2018%2C2020&page=2</u>

### Al Mezan Center for Human Rights

Formed in 1999, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights is an *independent, non-partisan, non-governmental human rights organization based in the Gaza Strip.*<sup>26</sup> Like Al Haq, the group has been one of the key fronts leading the call for the BDS movement.<sup>27</sup> A number of Al-Mezan officials have had ties with PFLP. Its chairman, Dr. Kamal Al Sharaf is a former member of the PFLP.<sup>28</sup> On its website, Al-Mezan lists OSF as one of the key donors. <sup>29</sup> And as of 2021, the NGO received \$ 450K from OSF.<sup>30</sup>

For more details about the BDSM industry and its funding, please read DisInfo Lab Report, "Muslim Brotherhood's New Startup: Kashmir".<sup>31</sup>



<sup>26</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20230227140706/http://mezan.org/en/page/1/About+Us

<sup>27</sup>https://www.mezan.org/en/post/21356/PHROC+welcomes+statements+by+European+officials+to+ uphold+the+right+to+participate+in+and+call+for+BDS+measures

<sup>28</sup> <u>https://www.all4palestine.com/ModelDetails.aspx?gid=13&mid=2063</u>

<sup>29</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20221205111831/https://mezan.org/en/posts/64/Al+Mezan+Donor+P artners+in+2016

<sup>30</sup> <u>https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/past?filter\_location=middle-east-and-north-africa&grant\_id=OR2021-81893</u>

<sup>31</sup> <u>https://thedisinfolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Muslim-Brotherhoods-Next-Startup-Kashmir-Conflict-Industry-II.pdf</u>

## Chapter 4 - Empire in Europe

Over the last few decades, there have been reports, well documenting the soft-hand influence of the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe. However, it has also been noted that the MB has been growing in terms of its branches under the cloak of NGOs and human rights advocacy groups.

The growing influence of MB in Europe has also resulted in such groups raising funds in the name of fighting 'Islamophobia' in Europe. In September 2018, France's think tank, Montaigne Institute stated that the most important Islamist federations, charities, NGOs, and associations in France were associated with the Muslim Brotherhood.<sup>32</sup>

Among them, several groups with links to radical and terror groups have been huge beneficiaries of financial assistance from OSF. According to a written inquiry by the AfD (Alternative für Deutschland) MEP Gunnar Beck in February 2021, several NGOs were possibly involved in terror financing and had possible links to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) were receiving funds from OSF.<sup>33</sup>

There are many such NGOs, which have taken up residence across various regions in Europe and have opened several of its branches and subsidiaries to multiply their influence and increase the channels of financial inflow. Incidentally, those NGOs have been found/ exposed to be affiliated with the MB/ or radical activities in the European Parliament. At the same time, those groups have also been receiving funds from the likes of the European Union and OSF.

Some of these prominent NGOs operating with the blessing of Soros are as described as follows:

### A. Collective Against Islamophobia in France (CCIF)

The Collective Against Islamophobia in France (CCIF) was a French NGO founded by Samy Debah, a French teacher, community activist, and politician. Debah founded CCIF in 2003 and chaired it until 2017.<sup>34</sup>

However, since its inception, the organization was accused of peddling Islamist propaganda and spreading extreme ideologies. CCIF was named in the beheading of the French teacher, Samuel Paty, which took place on October 16, 2020.<sup>35</sup> According to the French government, CCIF was one of the two groups directly involved in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> <u>https://www.institutmontaigne.org/en/publications/islamist-factory#</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-000839 EN.html

<sup>34</sup> http://www.islamophobie.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/CCIF-Report-2017-ENG.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-factcheck-french-id-idUSKBN2861NU

killing and called out the organization for spreading radical Islamism. The organization was called an "Islamist pharmacy" by Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin.<sup>36</sup>

Subsequently, CCIF was banned on December 2, 2020. However, the move was condemned by European Network Against Racism, another MB front, and the Open Society European Policy Institute via an open letter to the French Government.<sup>37</sup>

## **CCIF Funding from OSF**

Before its shop was shut, this controversial front was duly assisted by Soros' OSF. Open Society had been an advocate of CCIF and had been financing its *"anti-Islamophobia"* campaigns despite its proven connections with MB. CCIF was granted \$ 49, 882 in 2014 under the flagship project of the Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE). The goal of the project was to *"raise awareness against Islamophobia"* in France.<sup>38</sup> In 2015 again OSF gave CCIF funding of USD 48,700.<sup>39</sup>

OPEN S	SOCIETY DATIONS		Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE) LIST OF EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2014 PROJECTS			
Organization	Project title	Project countries	Project description	Project Term	Contact person	Awarded amount
CCIF	Fighting political islamophobia - Combattre l'islamophobie politique	FR	The project aims to mobilize people to vote through a door-to-door campaign and the organizing of a national day against islamophobia. In addition, they will use a social network campaign with video clips and radio programs to generate awareness on the necessity of voting and run a monitoring website to denounce islamophobic hate speech. The overall goal of this project is decreasing the large abstention rate amongst Muslim communities, by promoting voter awareness and registration through mosques and community organizers.	10/04/2013 09/15/2014	Ms. Sonia Omakhir somakhir@gm ail.com	USD 49,882.00

OSF funding to CCIF between 2013-14

Although CCIF denied its association with Muslim Brotherhood it was closely linked to it. CCIF's connections with MB are portrayed by its ties with the grandsons of Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan al Banna, Tariq Ramadan, and Hani Ramadan. Both have spoken at the events hosted by CCIF on several occasions. <sup>40</sup> Tariq, who is facing five rape charges, is held in high regard by the CCIF. He was invited as a keynote speaker in their event CCIF: **Islamophobia in France "actions & perspectives"** on August 21, 2014.<sup>41</sup>

<sup>37</sup> <u>https://www.enar-eu.org/joint-statement-france-s-shrinking-civic-space-must-be-protected/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> <u>https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2020/10/19/france-beheading-minister-wants-to-dissolve-islamic-ngos-after-murder-of-teacher-samuel-pa</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> <u>https://www.fpoe.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Open-Society-Initiative-for-Europe-List-of-</u> <u>European-Elections-2014-Projects.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> https://twitter.com/IslamismMap/status/858995564746354688/photo/2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/french-islamist-pharmacy-charity-ccif-is-forced-to-close-</u> 1.1121828

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> <u>https://www.cilecenter.org/fr/media-center/videos-webtv/tariq-ramadan-invite-au-ccif-islamophobie-en-france-actions-perspectives</u>

#### Who is Tariq Ramadan?

Tariq Ramadan is the son of Said Ramadan, and Wafa al-Banna, the eldest daughter of the Muslim Brother founder, Hassan al-Banna.<sup>42</sup> Said Ramadan was a prominent member of the MB, who was exiled from Egypt and settled in Switzerland.

Ramadan is a Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies at Oxford University, teaching in the two Faculties of Oriental Studies and Theology & Religion.

Tariq Ramadan was accused of raping a disabled woman in 2009 and a feminist activist in 2012.<sup>43</sup> He was accused of rape in 2018 and 2020.<sup>44 45</sup>

The spokesperson of CCIF (before its dissolution), Marwan Muhammad is regularly accused of inciting tensions between Muslims and non-Muslim groups and is known to be a staunch supporter of Tariq Ramadan.<sup>46 47</sup> Both were supposed to share the platform at the annual congress of Muslims for France in 2019.

After its dissolution, the CCIF announced that it would transfer its funds to its associated organizations in Europe, which are working on similar lines.

#### B. European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

Set up in 1998 but Incorporated on 31 January 2011,<sup>48</sup> ENAR describes itself as a "*pan-European anti-racism network that combines advocacy for racial equality and facilitating cooperation among civil society anti-racism actors in Europe.*" <sup>49</sup> On its website, ENAR mentions that it is supported by the European Union (EU), the Open Society Foundations (OSF), the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, and the Sigrid Rausing Trust.<sup>50</sup>

On May 5, 2015, a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from Belgium, Frédérique Ries raised a question in the European Parliament citing concerns about

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> <u>https://www.swissinfo.ch/fre/politique/retour-de-b%C3%A2ton\_tariq-ramadan-ou-la-chute-d-un-nouveau-proph%C3%A8te/43655884</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> <u>https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/11/08/former-oxford-professor-tariq-ramadan-accused-destroying-alleged/</u>

<sup>44</sup> https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-42925424

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> <u>https://www.rfi.fr/en/france/20200213-Rape-accused-scholar-Tariq-Ramadan-back-court</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> <u>https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/french-government-body-targets-anadolu-agency-journalist/2649645</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/controversial-scholar-ramadan-s-absence-overshadows-muslim-gathering-with-france-at-crossroads-over-islam-s-role-1.853091</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> <u>https://opencorporates.com/companies/ie/494388</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> <u>https://www.enar-eu.org/about/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> <u>https://www.enar-eu.org/about/</u>

the presence of Muslim Brotherhood-linked in Belgium.<sup>51</sup> The organizations in question, mentioned in her letter included:

- a. ENAR,
- b. Forum of European Muslim Youth and Students Organisation (FEMYSO),
- c. European Muslim Network
- d. Empowering Belgian Muslims (EmBem).

Ries also raised questions over the allocation of EU funding to these organizations, despite their associations with MB.

Notably, ENAR has members tied to MB. Its co-founder and former director, Dr. Michaël Privot was a member of MB. During his activism years with MB, he contributed to the creation of several organizations along with fellow members, the most militant of which is Empowering Belgian Muslims (EmBeM). <sup>52</sup>

Another member of ENAR, Intissar Kherigi is the daughter of the Tunisian politician, Rached Ghannouchi.<sup>53</sup> Ghannouchi is the founder of the Ennahda Movement (also known as the Renaissance Party), a democratic political party in Tunisia formed in 1981 as the Islamic Tendency Movement (ITM).<sup>54</sup> However, the formation of the party was originally inspired by the Muslim Brotherhood.<sup>55 56</sup>

It is important to note that Tunisia's stance against MB has been critical. In 2017, the Tunisian government banned senior MB leader Yusuf al-Qaradawi from entering the country as one of the steps against several MB leaders.<sup>57</sup>

Besides, ENAR is deemed as an organization promoting religious unrest in France.<sup>58</sup> For keeping the veneer of human rights and other ideals, ENAR claims to support the Collective against Islamophobia, the Council of Black Associations, and the Citizens' Alliance.<sup>59</sup> Citizens' Alliance is a partner of the Muslim Students of France, the student branch of MB in France.

<sup>56</sup> https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-15442859

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> <u>https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2015-008736\_EN.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> <u>https://global-watch-analysis.com/michael-privot-quand-jetais-frere-musulman/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> <u>https://www.enar-eu.org/Interview-with-Intissar-Kherigi-on-ENAR-s-Forgotten-Women-project/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ennahda-Party

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/24/world/africa/tunisia-rachid-ghannouchi-ennahda.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> <u>https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/7688/Tunisia-bans-Yusuf-al-Qaradawi-from-entering-the-</u> <u>country</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/europe/2022/01/27/eu-commission-accused-of-giving-52m-to-groups-linked-to-muslim-brotherhood/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-002743 EN.html

#### **OSF funding to ENAR**

In 2015, Open Society granted a total of \$ 430,625 to ENAR. The funding was meant for a range of motives including ENAR's events and providing it with general support.



Between 2011-2013, ENAR was granted over \$ 592,759.<sup>60</sup> In 2014, ENAR received a subsidy of \$ 97,825 for covering *"Forgotten Women: Impact of Islamophobia on Muslim Women"*.<sup>61</sup>



<sup>60</sup> https://twitter.com/IslamismMap/status/860240174218964992/photo/1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> <u>https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/uploads/cf533b00-2578-480d-88ef-f00bae85ce3d/open-society-initiative-for-europe-2014-20170424.pdf</u>

# C. Forum of European Muslim Youth & Student Organisations (FEMYSO)

Established in 1996 and registered on March 17, 2002, Belgium-based FEMYSO describes itself as a "pan-European network of 33 Member Organisations across 20 European countries, and is the voice of Muslim Youth in Europe and is regularly consulted on issues pertaining to Muslim Youth."<sup>62</sup> The organization is intimately linked to MB and forms a key element of MB's web in Europe.

FEMYSO is the subsidiary organization of the **Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe (FIOE)**- which was founded by the Muslim Brotherhood in 1989.<sup>63</sup> FIOE rebranded its name to the Council of European Muslims (CEM) in 2020.<sup>64</sup>

FEMYSO's first President (1996-2002), Ibrahim El-Zayat is a prominent figure of MB. <sup>65</sup>He has served as the Chair of the Islamic Students Organization in Germany (IGD), FIOE's German offshoot. He has also served in various leadership positions in other MB fronts in Europe including Europe Trust and the Institut Européen des Sciences Humaine (IESH).

Zayat has his MB roots in his family. He is the son of Farouk El-Zayat, an Egyptian engineer and former member of IGD. Zayat is married to Sabiha Erbakan, the sister of Mehmet Sabri Erbakan, for many years the General Secretary of the Islamist movement Millî Görüş in Germany.<sup>66</sup>

Zayat participates in a variety of initiatives and groups connected to the FIOE as a trustee and public relations representative. He also sits on several other boards for Islamic institutions in Europe, including the **Islamische Gemeinschaft Germany (IGD)**, founded by another leader of MB, Said Ramadan.<sup>67</sup>

In November 2014, MEP, Dr. Timothy Charles Ayrton Tannock wrote to the European Parliament raising concerns that FEMYSO, which is a pan-European umbrella group, has numerous links to MB. At that time, FEMYSO's president was Intissar Kherigi.<sup>68</sup>

<sup>62</sup> https://femyso.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20180318054733/https:/www.msb.se/Upload/Kunskapsbank/Studier/Isl amic%20activism%20in%20a%20multicultural%20context.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup><u>https://www.dokumentationsstelle.at/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/Report\_EU\_Strukturen\_final.pdf#p</u> age=8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> <u>https://www.dokumentationsstelle.at/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/DPI\_MB\_AustriaGermany.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> <u>https://trendsresearch.org/insight/finance-network-of-muslim-brotherhood-in-the-west-forms-and-manifestation/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> <u>https://www.globalmbwatch.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/The-Influence-of-the-Muslim-</u> <u>Brotherhood-in-the-Netherlands.pdf#page=9</u>

<sup>68</sup> https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2014-009044 EN.html

Moreover, according to a study conducted by Lorenzo Vidino and Sergio Altuna in October 2021, the Brussels office of FEMYSO is financed by Syrian activist and a prominent MB member, **Bassem Hatahet**.<sup>69</sup> Hatahet appeared to be one of the key figures in the Belgian Muslim Brotherhood.

In April 2008, the Massachusetts-based NEFA Foundation published a report on the presence of the Muslim Brotherhood in Belgium. The report cited numerous pieces of evidence proving Hatahet was a key member of the MB.<sup>70</sup> Hatahet is one of the members of the Syrian National Council (SNC), the umbrella group representing the opposition to the Syrian President, Bashar al-Assad.<sup>71 72</sup>

FEMYSO is described as a global branch of The **Union of Islamic Organizations Europe (UOIE)** by numerous researchers, a body connected to MB, and a purported youth branch of the **Council of European Muslims (CEM)**, previously known as FIOE one of whose leaders have been Ibrahim El-Zayat.<sup>73</sup>

In 2013, FEMYSO's network includes CCIF, ENAR, and CIIB. FEMYSO launched a program, Islamophobia Monitoring and Action Network (IMAN) in partnership with CCIF. In October 2021, several MEPs including France Jamet, Annika Bruna, Andrey Slabakov, and Jorge Buxadé among others raised concerns over the infiltration of MB in the European Parliament. They further stated that *"FEMYSO presents a noble front, its alleged connection to the Brotherhood reveals its true nature."*<sup>74</sup>

FEMYSO branded IMAN as a project aimed "to put in place a cross-European system for reporting Islamophobic acts and supporting victims of Islamophobia."<sup>75</sup> The project received generous financing from the Open Society and EU Commission of up to EUR 70,187.<sup>76</sup>

Open Society also collaborated with FEMYSO between 2016-18. From the 21st of March 2016 to 2018, FEMYSO ran a campaign with the Open Society Foundation, named the Advocates Against Islamophobia in Education (ADVISE) project.<sup>77</sup>

- <sup>71</sup> <u>https://carnegieendowment.org/2012/11/09/elements-of-political-settlement-pub-49991</u> <sup>72</sup> <u>http://www.syriancouncil.org/</u>
- <sup>73</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20070604195306/http://www.verfassungsschutz.de/download/SHOW/v sbericht\_2005\_engl.pdf

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> <u>https://www.dokumentationsstelle.at/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Report\_EU\_Strukturen\_final.pdf</u>
<sup>70</sup> <u>https://www.globalmbwatch.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Muslim-Brotherhood-in-</u> Belgium.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> <u>https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-004897\_EN.html</u>

<sup>75</sup> https://femyso.org/campaigns/past/iman/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> https://www.dokumentationsstelle.at/wp-

content/uploads/2021/10/Report EU Strukturen final.pdf#page=84

<sup>77</sup> https://femyso.org/campaigns/past/advise/

## D. INSSAN

INSSAN is yet another organization promoting radical Islam in Germany, which is supported by Open Society. <sup>78</sup> The organization was founded on October 25, 2002, and claims to carry out 'social work' and *"to promote the development of a German-speaking Islam and to make a valuable contribution to coexistence in our city through their social commitment."* <sup>79</sup>

While in itself the organization doesn't practice terrorism, it reeks of concerning associations with MB fronts. Canadian-American Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist, Ian Johnson, who has authored the book **"A Mosque in Munich: Nazis, the CIA, and the Muslim Brotherhood in the West"** in an interview stated that INSSAN is closely connected to Islamic Community Germany (IGD), MB's representative in Germany. <sup>80</sup>

To corroborate, INSSAN's location was brought by Ibrahim El-Zayat on behalf of the Europe Trust. Ibrahim served as the Director of Europe Trust between 2004-2015.<sup>81</sup>

On its website, INSSAN lists several supporters behind its sustenance including the Open Society Foundation (OSF), which supports the organization.<sup>82 83</sup> In 2015, Open Foundation granted INSSAN a sum of over \$100,000 to support its campaign against Islamophobia. <sup>84</sup>

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	OPEN SOCIETY INITIATIVE FOR EUROPE   3
HELLENIC ROMA ACTION	IMMIGRANT COUNCIL OF
\$25,000	IRELAND
Roma Scientificity's Revelation	\$54,000
(Countering Stereotypes: Roma in	Islamophobia in Ireland
Higher Education, Academia and Business)	23 MONTHS
10 MONTHS HELSINKI COMMITTEE FOR	INITIATIVE BLACK PEOPLE IN GERMANY (ISD BUND)
HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE	\$18,055
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	European Network Meeting for
\$25,000	People of African Descent 4 MONTHS
Improvement of the rights protection	
for migrants and asylum see ers in the Republic of Macedonia	INSSAN E.V.
6 MONTHS	\$100,000
HOPE NOT HATE EDUCATIONAL	Empowering Muslims and advocating against anti-Muslim hatred and Islamphobia
\$166.092	2 YEARS
Counter-Jihad Monitoring Unit	
2 YEARS	INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS
	\$75,000
HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE	European Research Programme (ERP) 2015/2018
\$22,994	3 YEARS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> <u>https://www.inssan.de/ueber-uns/unterstuetzer/414-open-society-foundation</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> <u>https://www.inssan.de/ueber-uns/geschichte</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> https://taz.de/Moscheebau/!5183471/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> https://www.northdata.com/el+Zayat,+Ibrahim,+Markfield/e62

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> <u>https://www.inssan.de/ueber-uns/unterstuetzer/#</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> <u>https://www.inssan.de/ueber-uns/unterstuetzer/414-open-society-foundation#</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> <u>https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/uploads/cd6e5010-c2d2-4938-b3d6-058b896f6877/open-society-initiative-for-europe-2015-20170424.pdf</u>

## E. European Forum of Muslim Women (EFOMW)

Founded in 2006, EFOMW is considered the women's front of the Muslim Brotherhood network expanding in Europe and is the sister wing of the Council of European Muslims (CEM), the MB front in Belgium.<sup>85</sup> Several members of EFOMW including its past and current leadership have been linked to CEM and Muslim Brotherhood.

- Former EFOMW President, Noura Jaballah is the wife of Ahmed Jaballah who is a senior leader in the French and Global Muslim Brotherhood. Jaballah was the president of the Union des Organisations Islamiques de France (UOIF), which is part of the International Union of Muslim Scholars (IUMS). IUMS was founded by senior MB leader Yusuf al-Qaradawi. <sup>86</sup> Jaballah has also been the Vice President of FIOE.<sup>87</sup>
- Hiba Taraji, sister of Houaida Taraji, is a former board member of EFOMW. Houaida Taraji has worked at IGD as deputy to Ibrahim-EI-Zayat. She is the wife of Almoutaz Tayara, a leading member of Islamic Relief Germany (IRD) and Islamic Relief Worldwide. 88

The organization has received funding from the Open Society Foundation as structural support. In 2015, Open Society granted the organization \$15,776 for around two years. EFOMW also received grants from Open Society in 2018 of up to \$86,000.

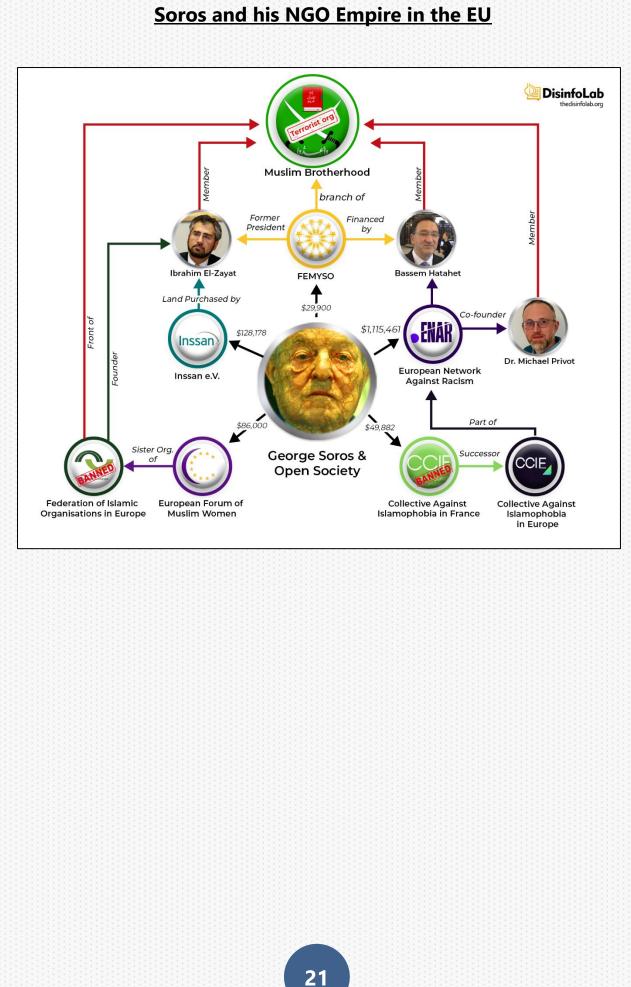
DOKUFEST	DUISBURG INSTITUTE FOR LINGUISTICS AND SOCIAL
\$24,920	SCIENCES
Holiday	\$24,660
9 MONTHS	The perception of immigration from
	south-east Europe to Duisburg in the
DRUŠTVO KULTURNO, INFORMACIJSKO IN	local media
SVETOVALNO SREDIŠĐE LEGEBITRA	3 MONTHS
\$15,000	DUISBURG INSTITUTE FOR
Equality for All!	LINGUISTICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
6 MONTHS	\$24,000
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DRUŠTVO KULTURNO,	Duisburg in Local Media-National and
INFORMACIJSKO IN SVETOVALNO SREDIŠĐE	international dissemination of findings
LEGEBITRA	5 MONTHS
\$90,000	
The New Civil-Political Rights and	ERGO NETWORK
Freedom Alliance	\$50,840
20 MONTHS	Wall Free Europe
	1 YEAR
DUBLIN TRAVELLERS	
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT GROUP-TRADING AS PAVEE	EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CENTRE FOR MIGRATION AND
POINT TRAVELLERS AND ROMA	DEVELOPEMENT (EMCEMO)
CENTRE	\$22,000
\$85,254	Islamophobia: Don't Accept It, Report I
Counting Us In. Human Rights Count-	6 MONTHS
Ethnic data project challenging discrimination against Travellers and	
Roma	EUROPEAN FORUM OF MUSLIM
16 MONTHS	WOMEN
	\$15,776
	Women against Islamophobia

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20190307004616/https:/efomw.eu/tekstovi1.aspx?gid=4</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> https://ecrgroup.eu/files/MuslimBrotherhood.pdf#page=21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> <u>https://doc-catho.la-croix.com/Urbi-et-Orbi/Actualite/Carnet/Ahmed-Jaballah-nouveau-president-</u> <u>de-I-UOIF-2011-06-06-622104</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> <u>https://eeradicalization.com/the-muslim-brotherhood-sisters-in-the-shadow/</u>



## Chapter 5 - MB-Soros Partnership in the US

Starting 1960s, Islamist groups started spreading from their Europe base to the US such as the **Muslims Students Association (MSA)**, setting up its shop in 1963. The front eventually morphed into the '**Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)**' by the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) in the US in 1981-1982.

Subsequently, several Islamist organizations started mushrooming in various parts of the US. Incidentally, South Asia's Jamaat-e-Islami front- the **Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)** was set up in 1968. These two groups have since their inception brought about a paradigm shift in the US.

As documented in the DisInfo Lab report "*The Longest War: Operation Tupac*", ICNA and ISNA were key constituting fronts of the **Kosova Task Force** (founded by Abdul Malik Mujahid), which later transformed into **Justice For All (JFA)**.<sup>89</sup>

And while both Jamaat and Muslim Brotherhood off-shoots have flourished with their several chapters operating across the US, the MB fronts have been a step ahead of the Jamaat off-shoots in terms of their operations in the West. Two of its most successful fronts include ISNA and the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

MB now has substantial backing in the US as it prevails in the cover of several human rights advocacy groups. And its groups seem to be having good backing from philanthropists and grants. More importantly, these Muslim Brotherhood groups in the US enjoy strong financial backing from Soros and his OSF.

## Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)

ISNA claims its inception in 1963 when the MSA was formed. ISNA has evolved into one of the largest Muslim umbrella groups in the US. Between 2016-2020 Open Society Foundation (OSF) paid \$ 500,000 to ISNA for various causes including 'faith community advocacy around the NO BAN Act' and to combat anti-Muslim sentiment.<sup>90</sup> But the humanitarian cause becomes a dubious tale as ISNA has had its fair share of terror funding background and links to radical groups.

In 2021, one of ISNA's constituent organizations- **the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA),** raised millions of dollars during the COVID-19 wave in India. It received millions of dollars from all over the world, including from countries where India had sent Covid vaccines, all in the goodwill of India. No media questioned how

<sup>90</sup>https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/past?filter\_keyword=islamic+Society+of+North+A merica&grant\_id=OR2020-69372

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup><u>https://thedisinfolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/THE-LONGEST-WAR-OPERATION-</u> <u>TUPAC.pdf#page=68</u>

IMANA spent that money and that it has been linked to organizations that were linked to terror groups. <sup>91</sup>

#### ISNA and terror linkages

In 2017, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) audited ISNA Canada's books for two years from January 1, 2007, to Dec. 31, 2009, and found shocking details. The ISNA-established Jami Mosque was used for terror funding to Relief Organization for Kashmiri Muslims (ROKM) – A charitable arm of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan.<sup>92</sup> After the findings, CRA revoked the charity status of ISNA Canada for distributing over \$ 280,000 to an organization, which was linked to a terrorist organization in Pakistan, such as Hizbul Mujahideen.<sup>93</sup>

**Note:** As a clever ploy, the ISNA dissociated itself with ISNA-Canada, and claimed "no official tie". However, the following facts establish beyond doubt the organic relationship between the sister concerns:

- a. ISNA Bylaws specifically include a Canadian ISNA official. The current ISNA Canada head is also in charge of major ISNA projects in the U.S. <sup>94</sup>
- b. ISNA conferences introduce ISNA Canada officials as organizing officials. <sup>95</sup>
- c. ISNA Canada President (2009) Dr. Mohammed Bekkari has also served as the executive director of ISNA USA. <sup>96</sup>

## Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)

Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) is one of the leading Islamist organizations in the USA. It was formed in 1994 out of the **Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP)**, which glorified Hamas and raised funds for the terror outfit in the US.<sup>97</sup> Currently, CAIR describes itself as a *"leading advocate for justice and mutual*"

<sup>93</sup> <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/4490892/cra-suspends-fines-major-islamic-charity-over-concerns-it-may-have-provided-resources-to-armed-militants/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> https://thedisinfolab.org/covid-aid-scam-2021/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> <u>https://smedia2.intoday.in/indiatoday/354089173-CRA-s-Intention-to-Revoke-Letter-to-ISNA-Islamic-Services-of-Canada.compressed.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> https://isna.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/19-Year-End-Newsletter-2-2.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> https://isna.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ISNA-2020-Program-9.pdf#page=4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> <u>http://www.muslimlinkpaper.com/national-news/4426-isna-announces-nationwide-search-for-transformative-executive-director</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CREC-1996-06-13/html/CREC-1996-06-13-pt1-PgE1081-</u> <u>4.htm</u>

understanding. Promote understanding of Islam, and empower American Muslims." <sup>98</sup> However, CAIR was involved in the infamous Holy Land Foundation (HLF) case wherein its members were found to support Hamas and its activities. A few years later, in 2017, CAIR's chapters including Florida, California, Texas, and New York received funding from OSF. Total funding allotted to chapters of CAIR amounted to \$ 3,66,010 for various programs.<sup>99</sup>

## **CAIR and Terror linkages**

CAIR's founder Nihad Awad served as a top official of the IAP. IAP's Dallas-based office was in contact with the conspirator of the World Trade Center bombing in 1993.<sup>100</sup> IAP became defunct in 2004, while CAIR continues to function in the USA with several active chapters. On the face of it, CAIR operates under the tag of a civil rights group but has deep-rooted links with the Muslim Brotherhood-created network.

On that note, we look at the number of instances CAIR has been linked to a number of activities including supporting terror groups or organizing rallies with Pakistanbacked groups such as Stand With Kashmir (SWK), Islamic Circle of North America (the US arm of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan), and ISI-backed fronts in the US.

## CAIR, ISNA, & the Holy Land Foundation (HLF) Case

In 2007, CAIR was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the federal **criminal prosecution of the Holy Land Foundation (HLF) for financing the terror outfit Hamas** via donations on its website that redirected to HLF's website. 101 <sup>102</sup> Holy Land Foundation, which was the subject of US Treasury designations. <sup>103</sup>

CAIR was among the three organizations named in the Holy Land Foundation Case. The other two: North American Islamic Trust (NAIT) and ISNA, were listed *as "entities of the Muslim Brotherhood"* in the US by the Justice Department.<sup>104</sup>

The US Government estimated that from 1995 to 2001, Holy Land Foundation sent USD 12.4 million out from the United States to donate funds, goods, and services to the terrorist group Hamas. <sup>105</sup> Five Holy Land Foundation officials: **Shukri Abu Baker**, **Mohammad El-Mezain**, **Ghassan Elashi**, **Mufid Abdulqader**, and **Abdulrahman** 

<sup>100</sup>https://www.google.com/books/edition/The Future of Terrorism/5h6SJ1iWdvgC?hl=en&gbpv=1& dq=cair+&pg=PA50&printsec=frontcover

<sup>98</sup> https://www.cair.com/about\_cair/about-us/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> <u>https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/past?filter\_keyword=CAIR&grant\_id=OR2016-32511</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> <u>https://www.eff.org/files/filenode/savagevcair/cair19.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> <u>https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2013/e0707r-summary.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> <u>https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/terrorist-illicit-finance/Pages/protecting-charities</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup><u>https://web.archive.org/web/20140828191155/http:/media.radicalislam.org/misc/pdf/List+of+Unind</u> icted+HLF+Co-conspirators.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions%5Cpub%5C09/09-10560-CR0.wpd.pdf

**Odeh** were found guilty by a U.S. court on the charge of providing *"material support to Hamas worth \$ 12 million."*<sup>106</sup>

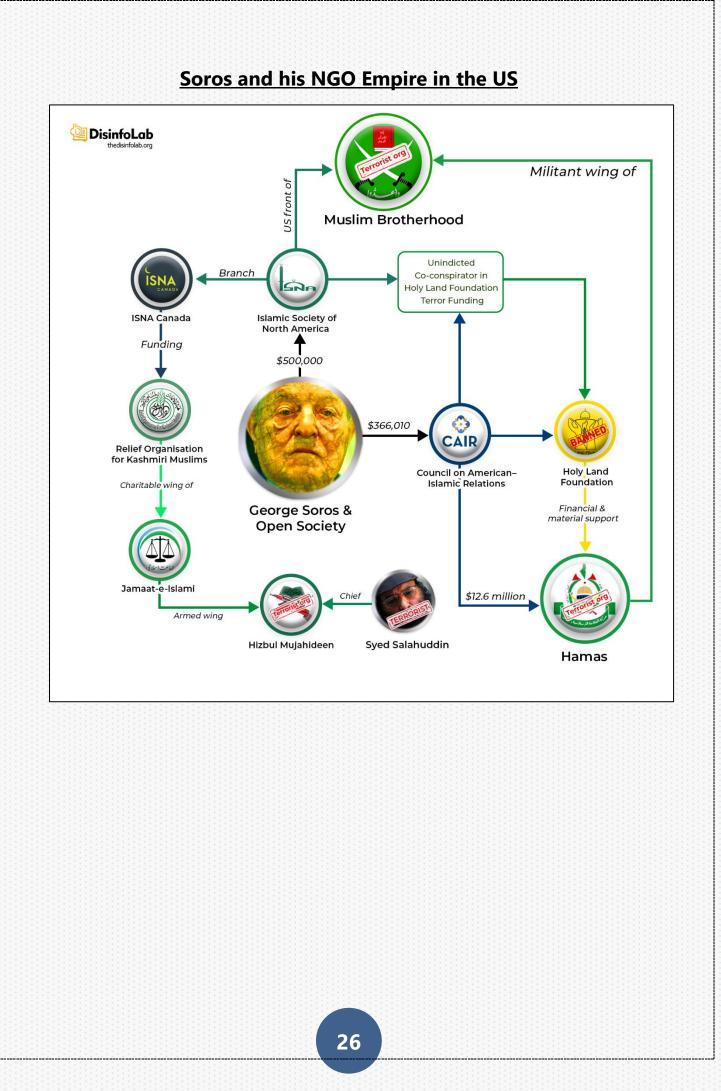
In 2009, a federal judge also upheld the designation as 'ample' evidence was found linking ISNA to the Hamas funding network.<sup>107</sup>

Subsequently, in 2009, the FBI cut ties with CAIR following the latter's terror-funding trial. It is to be noted that the FBI and CAIR were earlier in partnership and the agency invited CAIR officials to give training sessions for its agents for better cooperation and public relations with the American Muslim community.<sup>108</sup>

Owing to its past deeds & terror funding case, CAIR was amongst the 82 groups (including al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, al Shabab, and Boko Haram) around the world to be designated as a terror group by the UAE for having links with Hamas, the militant wing of the Muslim Brotherhood in 2014. <sup>109</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> <u>https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-downs-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case</u>
<sup>107</sup> <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20141229221303/http://media.radicalislam.org/misc/pdf/43380629-</u>
2009-order-on-Holy-Land-Foundation-unindicted-coconspirator-list.pdf
<sup>108</sup> <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20200909191422/https://www.foxnews.com/politics/fbi-cuts-ties-</u>
with-cair-following-terror-financing-trial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> <u>https://www.foxnews.com/us/us-group-cair-named-terrorist-organization-by-united-arab-emirates</u>



# Soros-funded, MB-linked NGOs

ORGS. FUNDED BY SOROS							
Name of Org.	OSF Grants	Linked Terror Radical Groups Islamists					
Al-Haq	\$2,091,630*	PFLP					
Al-Mezan	\$1,050,000*	PFLP					
ENAR	\$1,115,461*	Muslim Brotherhood					
EFOMW	\$86,000 <sup>*</sup>	Muslim Brotherhood					
CCIF	\$49,882*	Muslim Brotherhood					
FEMYSO	\$29,900	Muslim Brotherhood					
INSSAN	\$128,178 <sup>*</sup>	Muslim Brotherhood					
ISNA	\$500,000*	Muslim Brotherhood					
CAIR	\$366,010*	Hamas, MB					

\* Data is from 2016 ownwards.

## Chapter 6 – The Return on Investment

"I may be naive, but I expect a democratic revival in India."<sup>110</sup>

George Soros (Feb 16, 2023)

No billionaire worth the salt would invest without a substantial return, philanthropist, or no philanthropist. For Soros, the vast network of MB provides a useful weapon to destabilize any region. For a short seller, destabilization is fertile. We have seen the toolkit operating in the Palestinian conflict (documented in our report *"Muslim Brotherhood's New Startup: Kashmir"*<sup>111</sup>. The same toolkit was also seen in the Arab Spring.

What are the implications?

A number of significant changes have taken place globally, which could hint at the possible implications for India. Firstly, the Palestinian theater has been squeezed by MB and its affiliates. There must be donor fatigue. How long one can exploit the same cause without delivering anything? As noted in our previous report, if only the funds collected in the name of Palestinians would have reached them, it would have done much good to Palestine. Instead, the funding was used by Human rights and Muslim 'activists in the US and Europe to pontificate on the poor situation of Palestine, while sitting in five-star hotels, and flying business class. These vulture activists have sucked the Palestinian cause, and they are in search of greener pastures.

Secondly, the geo-strategic calculations have started changing significantly in the Arab world with the Saudi-Qatar détente. One of the persisting demands from the Saudi faction has been reining-in in MB, which is a designated terror group in that part. With the Egypt-Turkey détente, space for MB in the Arab world will be further squeezed. Some of the pastures, such as Tunisia and Morocco have not been the best host for MB, despite the MB's new kid Khaled Bedoun trying to spin the secular football game win of Morocco as Islam's victory. Hence, MB would need a new place, and South Asia and Southeast Asia seem fertile. While so far MB had abdicated these regions for Jamaat-e-Islami, it has realized that it's time for a direct play. As such, Jamaat fronts have been under MB influence for quite a while, and doing well.

But the most important factor is the change of the geostrategic gravity center to Indopacific, with India as one of the most critical theaters. This would explain the real motive behind Soros/OSF cultivating such fronts for decades. The gameplan of Soros in funding MB fronts hence would require a separate story, which we would attempt at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> https://www.ft.com/content/58689a0a-4154-45f9-a562-5f0145ec8091

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> <u>https://thedisinfolab.org/muslim-brotherhoods-new-startup-kashmir/</u>

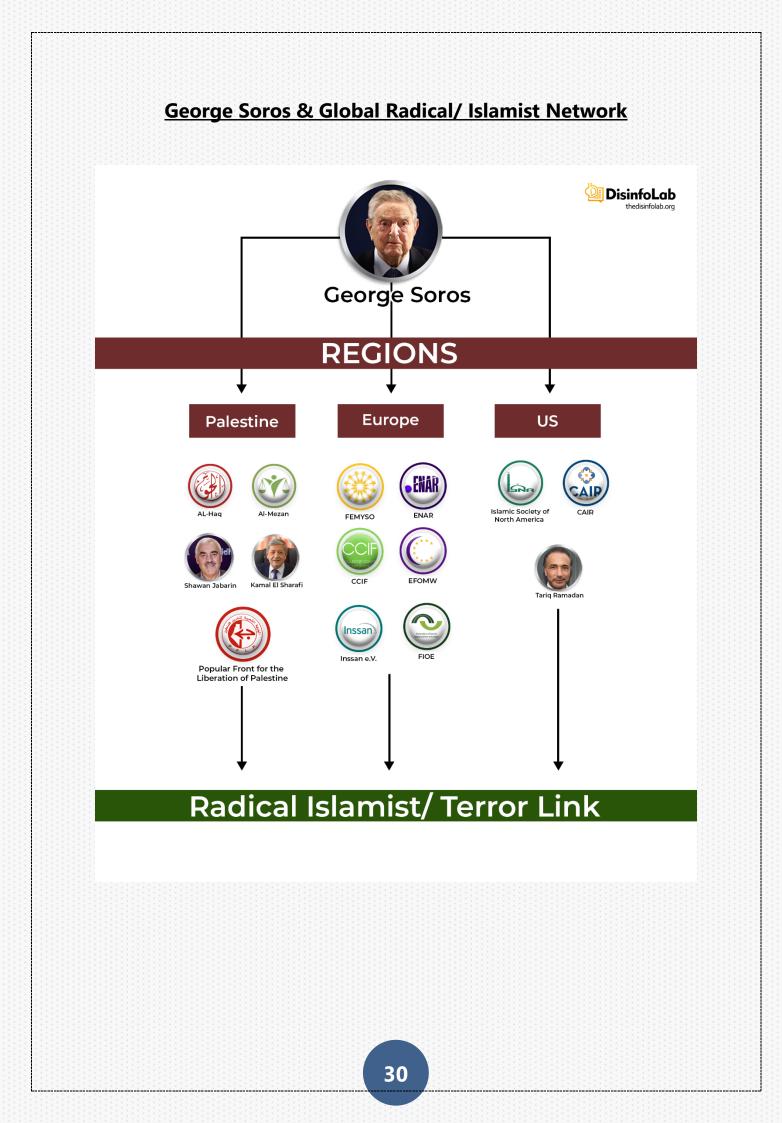
the conclusion. Suffice it to say at this stage that this will bring upheaval in South Asia and Southeast Asia not seen so in centuries.

A glimpse is already seen. The same players from the Human Rights stable of MB/ Soros have started targeting India. It has been noted in our previous reports how the MB has set its eye on India. MB's interest in India was first observed via a social media boycott campaign *#BoycottIndianProducts* in September 2021. MB had run a similar campaign against France in the past. Three months later, the first 'Russell Tribunal on Kashmir' (RToK) was held in Bosnia in December 2021. Incidentally, the organizers of the tribunal were either backed/ were linked to the Qatar-Turkey-Pakistan (QTPi) nexus. It was a notable event in terms of the kind of luminaries who participated in the threeday tribunal.

And one key highlight of the tribunal was the presence of the MB and its affiliate fronts and individuals. The *#BoycottIndianProducts* campaign which was laced with fake pictures and videos was essentially spearheaded by the MB officials and propagated by the news platforms all linked to MB. The campaign was a dry run/ more of testing grounds for the MB before augmenting its full-fledged efforts on India, which would be duly backed by Soros.

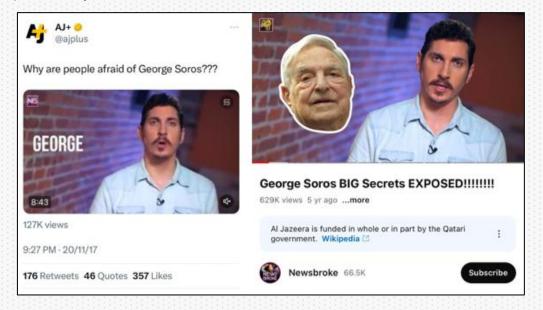
As noted in our Twitter thread, Soros has been operating under the shadows by funding several organizations and granting fellowships to individuals, who have been exploring & exploiting the Indian fault lines.<sup>112</sup> Likewise, MB has made India its target for replicating the BDS campaign, which they successfully executed in the case of Israel. And all the organizations receiving grants from Soros have been colluding with MB in their quest. The role of Soros in threatening India's interest needs no further explanation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> https://twitter.com/DisinfoLab/status/1626912787246239745



## Rol: a Cute little Gift by Al Jazeera

As we noted at the beginning, it was rather odd to find that the Qatari media Al Jazeera was spending its dollars to 'explain' US Billionaire Soros. Given that the symbiotic relationship between MB and AJ is no secret, it is now obvious that the 'paid promotion' of the video by AJ was a sweet thank-you note to the democracy demagogue. After all, he had been funding millions of dollars if not billions to Muslim Brotherhood, which is not particularly known for its democratic credentials.



#### Expose of an 'Expose': a clever strawman

This 'explainer' of George Soros was a piece of beauty. It created a whole range of strawman arguments, and voila, demolished them. Soros is innocent, hence proven. To spare you the horror of the AJ+ video, this is what the video concluded:

Soros's name change is innocuous.

Soros is NOT a Zionist. Soros is NOT a Nazi.

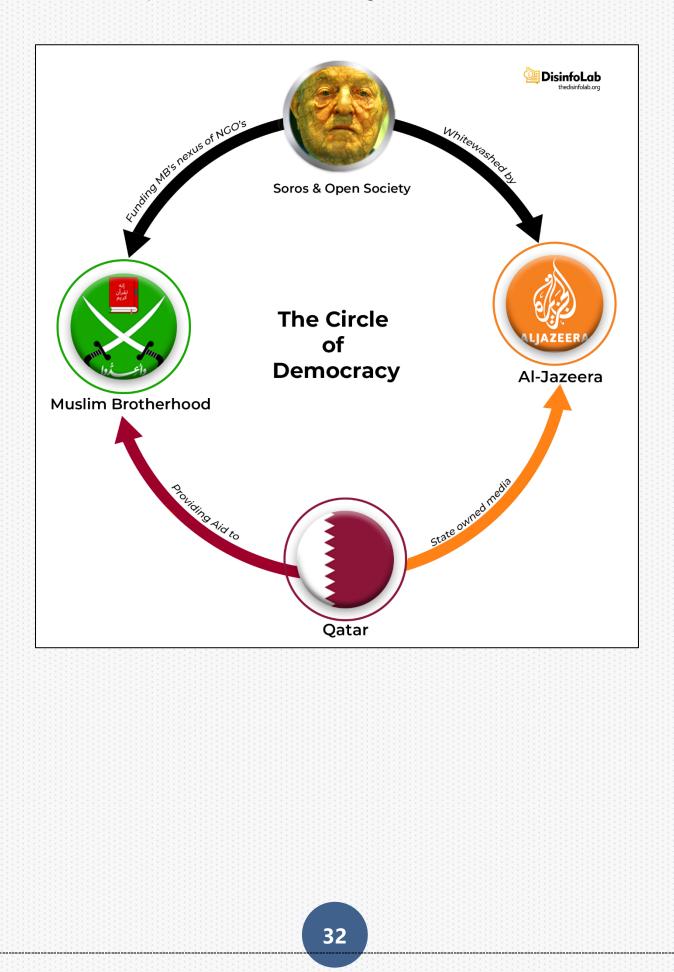
Soros is NOT a Neo-Nazi.

Soros is NOT a Communist.

Soros is NOT racist (against white at least).

Soros DOESN'T Control US Govt.

Yes. The brilliant video established all these facts, without a doubt. The phony accusations against Soros, are most likely popped up through paid actors or even anonymous Twitter handles. In terms of digital marketing, it's called Teflon coating, where a brand launches an attack on itself along the weakest lines (strawman), which is then 'exposed' to prove in effect that all criticisms are unfounded. It usually works.



Al Jazeera tried to do the same. The video producers were smart not to engage with the substantial question, such as Soros's funding to MB fronts.

# To be continued...

The report has no conclusion.

The next part will detail how several 'human rights fronts' including the US-based Islamist fronts, and individuals who have been active on several Indian fault lines and are somehow linked to the Soros machinery via the NGO channels and human rights advocacy groups – the 'Tears of Human Rights'.

Stay Tuned!

