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CORRUPTION IN ALGERIA The Qatari-Muslim-brother channel!

EXCLUSIVE

Anti-corruption investigations in Algeria are starting to give the Qatari authorities a cold sweat. According to our sources, in at least two cases, the investigations reveal the involvement of high Qatari personalities and several figures among the "protected" of Doha within the European networks of the Muslim Brotherhood in the financial circuits used by the Bouteflika clan to loot the country's wealth.

The first case concerns *Trust Bank Algeria*, a subsidiary of *Nest Investments Holding, LTD*, a bank with Qatari and Jordanian capital, based in Cyprus. Its Vice-President, Sheikh Nasser Bin Ali al-Thani, is not only a member of the princely family. Since 2008, he is also the President of *General Takaful*, a powerful Islamic insurance company based on the precepts of Sharia.

According to initial investigations, several crooked businessmen close to Said Bouteflika allegedly benefited from the generosity of *Trust Bank Algeria*, particularly "in terms of currency transfers". So much so that as early as April 14, just ten days after Bouteflika's forced resignation, the Council of Money and Credits of the Bank of Algeria ousted Kamel Ben Damerdj, the director of the *Trust Bank Algeria*, by invalidating his appointment. This forced the bank to appoint Djamel Bouledjenat to this position, who was considered "less linked to the fallen oligarchs".

The other scandal concerns a much more explosive issue: the looting of the country's oil resources. According to our

sources, the henchmen of the "presidential clan", placed at the head of the national oil company *Sonatrach*, provided Said Bouteflika with a "real money pump", which allowed him to use crude oil at will, which a Swiss trading company, *Lord Energy*, would resell on his behalf!

Well, this society is not insignificant. Based in Lugano, it is run by Nazim Nada, son of Youssef Nada, the famous "shadow financier" of the Muslim Brotherhood. On its board of directors are Youssef Himmat, son of Ali Ghaleb Himmat, another historical leader of the Muslim Brotherhood's European networks (see page 26), as well as several Swiss and Italian Muslim Brothers, such as David Piccardo and Omar Nasseridine.

These dodgy links with an entity clearly linked to the Muslim Brotherhood are all the more surprising as the "Nada clan" has been suspected in the past of having financed the FIS and the Algerian GIAs, through its bank *al-Taqwa*, also based in Lugano, liquidated following the scandals to which it was subjected in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks ●

ALGERIA

The "Sonatrach looters" are still at large!

Despite repeated scandals, which have tarnished *Sonatrach*, some of its executives, who have contributed to the looting of the country's oil resources, are still escaping prosecution. In the

case of Said Bouteflika's oil "money pump", only *Sonatrach's* No. 1, Abdelmoumen Oueld Kaddour, was impacted. Other officials, directly linked to the scandal, are still at large. In particular, the name of a former

manager of *Sonatrach's* trading division is mentioned. Transferred, in May 2018, to a department of economic studies (sic!), he would be one of the main architects of the so-called "money pump"! ●

Muslim Brotherhood, a European danger

For a long time, the Islamist branch of the Muslim Brotherhood benefited from kindness of the authorities and extensive legislation on political asylum in European countries.

A double aberration has long dominated in this respect. First of all, there is this striking semantic contradiction called “moderate Islamism”. Because, how can one be “moderate”, or even tolerant, while claiming a divine truth which is impervious to any criticism or examination of consciousness?

In the Arab-Muslim world, Islamists systematically disqualified their laical adversaries, designating them as “Satan’s disciples” (Hizb al-Chaitan), and presented themselves the Caliphs (heirs) of Allah on Earth !

But in the West, we were blinded to calling “moderate” all those who - even reluctantly - were opposed to jihadist violence. This was, for half a century, the case with the Muslim Brotherhood. And this happened despite the fact that all the figures of global jihadism, from Abdellah Azzam and his disciple Osama Bin Laden until Aymen al-Zawahiri and his rival Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, experienced their first “feats of arms” within the Muslim Brotherhood.

To this voluntary blindness was added the victim’s posture adopted by the Muslim Brotherhood, describing themselves as supporters of “a political Islamism” persecuted by despotic regimes. And very quickly, western researchers, self-proclaimed “Islamologists”, for the mere fact to have learned some bits of Arabic in Cairo or Damascus, have invented the term calamitous “political Islam” in opposition to an “armed Islamism”.

By amputating the term “political Islam” from its original *-ism* which was present in brother-Muslim literature - deliberately, as for François Burgat and his friends from the “school of Aix”, or by ignorance and lack of precision for other “specialists of the specialty” Islamist - they contributed to the trivialization of it. Because, if it is “political”, this Islamism relieved of its cumbersome *-ism*, must be tolerated and integrated into the democratic game, both in the West and in the Arab-Muslim world!

It was necessary to wait for the terrifying and bloody attacks of ISIS, which were dropped on Europe, from 2015, so that voices rise - finally - against this Islamist “ideological enemy” of which the Muslim Brotherhood are not only the spearhead, but also the mother-house.

Thanks to this awareness, delayed but beneficial, we begin to understand the nature of the danger facing Europe. Because, the enemy is not only the one who puts knives or weapons in the hands of young European people freshly re-Islamized. They are also and especially the so-called “moderates” that make these young people a breeding ground for jihadist violence, by inculcating them the communitarianism, the living-between-oneself and the hatred of the others. ●



CONFIDENTIAL

The former Al Qaeda emissary in the Sahel is back in service for... Qatar!

After having disappeared from the radar for years, particularly since the overthrow in October 2014 of the former Burkinabe dictator, Blaise Compaoré, of whom he was the “shadow adviser”, the Mauritanian Mustapha Oued Limam Chaffi resurfaced as Qatar’s secret envoy to West Africa.

According to our sources, he allegedly intervened, in particular, to have the army of Burkina Faso equipped with military equipment (tanks and armoured vehicles) by Qatar.

He would also act as a lobbyist for Doha in others african countries, such as Côte d’Ivoire and Rwanda.

It should be recalled that Mustapha Oued Limam Chaffi became famous as an emissary of AQIM, Al Qaeda’s branch in the Sahel, in Western hostage-taking cases.

In December 2011, his home country, Mauritania, issued an international arrest warrant against him and three of his compatriots for “intelligence with terrorist groups and logistical and financial support to terrorist groups operating in the Sahel”.

Qatar contributes to the success of Chesnot and Malbrunot’s book!

According to a French confidential note, the Qatar Embassy in Paris paid Arab students in France to buy as many copies of Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot’s book Qatar Papers as

possible from booksellers and other points of sale. An unsuccessful strategy, since these massive purchases did not cause any stock shortages. On the contrary, they contributed to the success of the book!

Qatari manoeuvres at UNESCO irritate french Ministry of Foreign Affairs

After a first unsuccessful candidacy for the leadership of UNESCO in 2017, Qatar is actively preparing a new candidacy for the 2021 elections. This campaign was illustrated in particular by “underground manoeuvres” aimed at destabilizing Audrey Azoulay, the current French President of UNESCO, according to a source at the french Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visibly irritated to see Qatar resort to “such processes”.

HEZBOLLAH the 1000-day war!

According to reserved information, revealed to the West by an Iranian officer close to the *Pasdaran* (guardians of the Iranian revolution) high command, Hezbollah possesses a quantity of missiles that would be sufficient for 1000 days, at the rate of 200 missiles per day, in the event of armed conflict with Israel. According to the same source, Iran helped Hezbollah replace its old liquid-fuel missiles with more reliable and longer-range solid-fuel missiles.

The intriguing deletion of Interpol's Red Notice on Youssef al-Qaradhawi

Interpol has deleted the Red Notice issued against the Muslim Brother preacher, sheikh Youssef al-Qaradhawi, following his inclusion in the Arab list of persons suspected of collusion with

terrorist groups and the decisions taken by Great Britain, France and the United States, prohibiting his entry into their territories.

Interpol’s decision to withdraw this Red Notice,

while the said grievances against sheikh al-Qaradhawi have not changed, is all the more intriguing because Qatar, where al-Qaradhawi resides, has made generous donations in recent months to help

Interpol equip itself with new equipment or to finance some of its research.

Qatar is also increasingly calling on former senior Interpol officials, hired as cyber security consultants in Doha.

EUROPOL

The ISIS's worrying stockpiles of explosives

In a recent confidential note, Europol expressed concern about ISIS’s logistics networks, identified several months ago, which are involved in major movements of trafficking and storage of explosives in several Central European countries and the Balkans.

MOROCCO

The other Benalla case

The Moroccan financial brigade is investigating the accounts of *Intra Conseil*, a company owned by Alexandre Benalla and based in Marrakech. According to our sources, the former “Elysée security officer” is associated in his business in Morocco with Vincent Miclet, a controversial French businessman, known to be a former “supplier” of the Angolan army.

Trump's threats put the Muslim Brotherhood on alert

Since President Trump’s offensive, threatening to include the Muslim Brotherhood to the list of terrorist entities, Turkish and Qatari secret services have held numerous meetings in Doha to counter the possible consequences of the implementation of these threats.

In addition, according to a confidential source, a summit of the main leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe is being prepared. And instructions have already been given to all the organisations and associations linked to the Brotherhood, in order to secure their archives and computer listings.

FRANCE

Institutional Reforms: «Regional Parliaments» staffed by local votes prerogatives?

We are still working at the Elysée Palace on an institutional reform of the legislative process. With, in particular, a possible merger of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (EESC) and of the Senate. Among the tracks also considered, following the claims brought by the movement of the yellow vests, the creation of parliaments or regional assemblies, with possibilities of local votes. ●

New diplomatic appointments

Hélène Le Gal, former Africa Advisor of François Hollande, current ambassador of France in Israel, will leave Tel Aviv in September.

She will be appointed ambassador in Morocco, where she will work, as a priority mission, in close collaboration with the authorities in the Kingdom on issues concerning Francophone Africa.

On his side, Aurélien Lechevalier, the diplomatic adviser of President Macron, will be Appointed Ambassador at Pretoria, South Africa, where Macron will go on an official trip this autumn.

The current diplomatic movement will also affect two major embassies: Moscow and Beijing. According to our sources, the post of French ambassador in China could return to Thierry Mathou, currently director of the Asia department at the Quai d'Orsay, or to Emmanuel Lenain, the current diplomatic adviser of the Prime Minister.

Place Beauvau wants to strengthen the work with networking

The Ministry of Interior is working on better organization and rationalization of its workforce. The aim is to limit the positions which are too administrative, to emphasize the informatic aspects and the networking to strengthen the collaboration of different services in real time. A study on this subject has been appointed to the General Inspectorate of Administration (IGA).

Parliament improves its strike force in the intelligence business

The Parliamentary Intelligence Delegation (DPR) wants to strengthen its financial and Control resources. To do this, the DPR will recruit military and civil intelligence specialists. It will also sign information exchange agreements, on non-national subjects, with European parliamentary committees.

The Élysée is expanding its justice office

After the diplomatic cell and the military cabinet, the Elysée will reform its justice office, which will be more broadened.

In this context, Hélène Davo, Deputy Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Justice, Nicole Belloubet, has been appointed to the position of Justice Counselor President, replacing Judge Sonya Djemni-Wagner.

According to our sources, Djemni-Wagner will be appointed, in fall, as permanent representative of France at *Eurojust*, the European Union body in charge of judicial cooperation.

President Macron asked her to work on speeding up the procedures European level, especially in terrorism cases.

IRAN

North Korea admits to having provided more than 6,000 submarine mines to Tehran

As part of the exchange of information between the CIA and the North Korean secret services and following the last meeting between Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un, the North Koreans revealed to the Americans that they had delivered no less than 6,000 submarine mines to Iran over a period of 15 years. These would mainly be EM52-type devices: a bottom mine launched by rocket. Their use by Tehran, in the event of armed conflict, could seriously disrupt navigation in the Persian Gulf.

According to our sources, another concern is that small boats equipped with mine propellers have recently been identified on small Iranian maritime bases near the Straits of Hormuz. These are precisely the bases of *Ansali*, *Nosnar*, *Bushehr* and *Khorramchahr*, on the island of Kharg. ●

Mossad reveals to the IAEA the secrets of the Iranian AMAD programme

Mossad recently transmitted to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) a first tranche of the secret documents of the Iranian nuclear programme exfiltrated by an Israeli commando in April 2018 (see *Screen Watch*, No. 1, May 2019).

Among the most sensitive documents in this case are the internal reports of an Iranian clandestine programme, called AMAD, whose objective is to produce five nuclear warheads of 10 kilotons each, to be placed on *Shabah 3* missile warheads.

The Iranian Navy resurrected a gigantic Soviet missile

Iran's recent tests on an *SS-N-4 Sark* (R-13) anti-ship missile raise many questions in specialist circles about the progress of this programme and its objectives.

This gigantic missile, capable of carrying a one-megaton nuclear warhead, was developed in the 1960s by the Soviet Union for its first Golf and Hotel submarines, before being retired from service in the mid-1970s.

The size of this system, which weighs 13 tons, for a military load of 1,597 kilograms, makes it impossible to integrate with existing Iranian Navy vessels or submarines. But with its 300 km range, it could, in a coastal defence version, considerably strengthen Iranian devices, which are mainly using *Silkworm* missiles, the most modern versions of which (HY-4) have a range of no more than 160 to 200 km.

However, experts consider that the *SS-N-4 Sark*, credited with an error coefficient of 1.8 to 4 kilometres, is too inaccurate to be used as a credible anti-ship system without major upgrades to its guidance system.

Has Tehran passed the tests of a "neutron initiator"?

Western services are concerned about the consequences of the current escalation, which provides the Iranian regime with the ideal pretext to resume its uranium enrichment activities. Indeed, Iranian scientific documents, recently disclosed by internal sources, suggest that the Islamic Republic has passed the tests of a "neutron initiator", usable as a nuclear device detonator.

Experiments on this subject have been conducted for years at the *Meftaz* nuclear site near Tehran by an Iranian engineer named Fereydan Abbassi, who headed teams of scientists from two universities: Imam Hossein University and Malek Ashtar University.

Macron creates a special working group on China

French President Emmanuel Macron has created a special working group to study the evolution of Franco-Chinese relations over the past ten years. The Elysée then wants to launch an inter-working group on the same subject within the European Union, in order to strengthen and better coordinate European policy against Chinese power. But also to achieve a common European policy in the face of growing US-China antagonism.

Tracfin watches over the Bordeaux vineyards!

Chinese investments are the subject of particular attention from the french Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry. Tracfin, the french agency responsible for combating fraud and money laundering, closely monitors investments from Chinese companies or funds. According to our sources, a specialised unit has even been set up in Bordeaux to carefully examine transactions involving the purchase of vineyards by Chinese investors.

CHINA Interpol: China is considering reinventing the Cold War!

In a recent report, Interpol warns against a secret plan by the Chinese Ministry of State Security to use the migration crisis to set up spy networks in Europe. Coming from ethnic Chinese, but of Cambodian, Vietnamese, Singaporean or Indonesian nationality, they could, in the long term, become valuable intelligence agents, like the Soviet infiltrators during the Cold War.

In addition, the report states that Chinese mafias are taking advantage of the focus of European security services on the crisis of Middle Eastern and African migrants, and on the dangers of jihadist terrorism, to intensify their activities and expand their networks.

Sino-Russian cooperation on ground-to-air defence systems

A contract has recently been signed with Russian armaments companies to set up a maintenance and repair centre for S-400 ground-to-air defence systems in China.

The Chinese army continues to receive the S-400 Triumph missiles (the equivalent of SA-21 Growler, in NATO's naming), ordered from Russia in 2015.

In addition, Beijing is still operating the previous generation of these missiles, the S-300 (SA-10 Grumble in NATO's naming), which will also be maintained and renovated in this future repair centre.

Beijing wants to impress with its Dong Feng-41 missile

The Chinese army has tested its new *Dong Feng-41* intercontinental ballistic missile. This three-stage missile, with solid propellant, can be launched from silos or mobile platforms. It has a range between 12,000 and 15,000 kilometres.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has given priority instructions for the development and technological improvement of this missile. Undoubtedly, to impress Asian actors, such as Japan, concerned about Trump's policy towards Beijing.

AFRICA Antiterrorism: new important issues in Central Africa

French jihadist cell in Libya worries European services

Confidential exchanges between several European intelligence services state plans for attacks in the Mediterranean Sea and kamikaze operations targeting the Italian, French and Spanish coasts. A network linked to ISIS in Libya, composed mostly of bi-nationals Franco-Tunisians, has been training for several months for this type of attack. European services are especially concerned about a cell within this network, which brings together a dozens of young French jihadists among the most hardened.

Hostage-taking of a leader of Total in Libya: A warning from the anti-Haftar to France?

According to the findings of a confidential French investigation, the leader of the oil tanker Total kidnapped in Libya last April, then released for ransom, was watched over by militias allied with the government of Favez el-Serraj, since the beginning of the attack of the Marshal Haftar on Tripoli.

The investigation established that the taking of hostages was, in fact, a "message" sent to France by the anti-Haftar, fearing a rally from Paris to the marshal's camp.

De Villepin, the African

After China and Qatar, the former French foreign minister is very active in Africa. He recently made a quiet but effective trip to Central Africa. In particular, he offered his consulting services to the new president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Felix Tshisekedi.

Terrorism continues to spread in Central Africa, particularly in Burkina Faso and Central African Republic, but also in Congo-Kinshasa. A regional instability that worries at the highest level the United States and the major European powers. And there's a new challenge in central Africa, as a consequence of the antiterrorist fight.

A study was recently conducted by the major Western chancelleries to judge African leaders which were best prepared to face this new threat.

The President of Congo-Brazzaville, Denis Sassou Nguesso, who has just signed an important agreement with the IMF, has emerged as the most able to lead a stabilization regional plan.

Western diplomacies have, moreover, praised the qualities of some of his close collaborators, such as Minister Jean Dominique Okemba. Nephew of the Head of State, responsible for the National Security Council, he quietly and effectively participated in the resolution of several conflicts in Central and West Africa.

French commandos in the equatorial forest, to guard against hostage situations

France wants to renew its defense agreements with Gabon, in particular to enlarge the Camp de Gaulle where the French forces are based. France wants also to create a secret base for French commandos, in the Gabonese equatorial forest, 70 kilometers from Libreville, in order to prepare for possible hostage-taking in Central Africa.

For this purpose, the French Chief of Staff, General Lecointre, recently carried out a trip to Libreville. And the President Ali Bongo, recovered from his medical accident, reportedly gave his agreement.

USA - Iran: the war ?

By **Christian Malard***

The US President, Donald Trump, keeps repeating that he can face Iran without resort to war. However, it would be interesting to hear him specify what he would do if Iran was getting enough enriched uranium to make its nuclear bomb or if Iran took other initiatives that would make it cross the red line set by the United States.

US officials admit that if Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani, sticks to the announcement of his intention to no longer limit the production of nuclear fuel, Iran could very quickly develop nuclear weapons.

Today, US allies are encouraging Donald Trump to clarify as soon as possible his strategic goals: does the confrontation with Iran aim to:

- put an end to the nuclear ambitions of the Ayatollah regime?

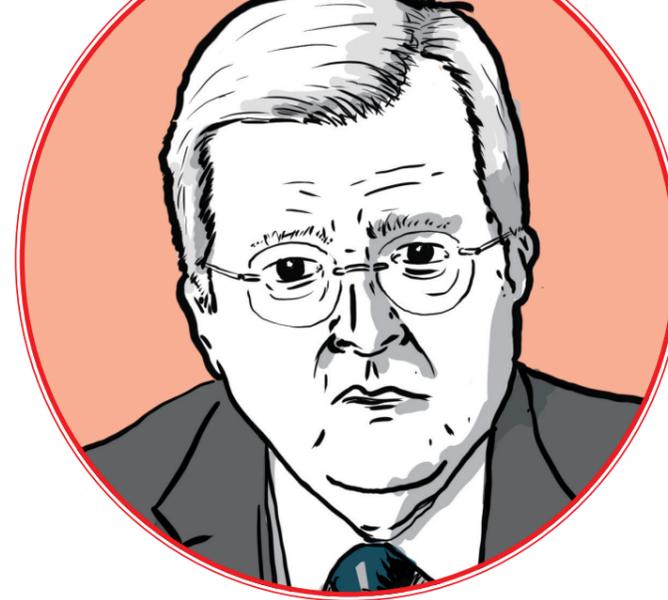
- stop supporting terrorist groups such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Houthis and Hezbollah?

- create the ideal conditions for the Iranian people to overthrow the mullahcracy in power since more than 40 years?

Donald Trump absolutely wants to leave 100% this nuclear deal signed under the Obama Administration, even though he hasn't considered, a single moment, the predictable consequences when he rejected it in May 2018.

In fact, by leaving this deal, Donald Trump opened Pandora's box. He is confronted nowadays, with the consequences of his decision. When he declares that he does not want war with Iran, he wants above all to show, whatever his most anti-Iranian advisor, John Bolton, boss of the National Security Council at the White House, can recommend, that he doesn't support an armed conflict.

But, if Iran was very close to making the nuclear bomb, he and the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could, at any time, take action.



I am tempted to say that Donald Trump is familiar with this kind of situation. In 2017, he had insulted North Korean President Kim Jung Hun and threatened him with fire when the latter fired missiles and nuclear tests.

Since then, the two men have met several times. There has been no progress on the denuclearization of North Korea and Kim Jung Hun continues its Nuclear Program according to the confession of US intelligence services.

Undoubtedly, this did not escape to the Iranians who colla-

borate with the North Koreans on the nuclear. Today they probably must laugh at the factious tweets of Trump, imagining that neither Trump nor the US military seriously are considering a military intervention against the Islamic Republic.

Iranians can not take Trump seriously when he denies wanting a change of the system. He is not reliable anymore when he states that *"the Islamic Republic has a chance to be a big country with the same power in place."*

Donald Trump often holds foreign policy speeches full of contradictory messages, ranging from threat to diplomacy. It's a method that leaves his allies and his adversaries in the middle of the road, in a world that needs certainty more than ever.

To bet on such a strategy towards Iran, means to know badly the Aytaollah regime, who will prefer to let his population suffer the horrors of sanctions, rather than give the impression of bending or to give in to American threats.

The survival of the regime is at stake here, because to bend against external adversity would be a sign of weakness that would accentuate the internal pressures of the opposition and the youth and encourage the opponents of the regime to want to do battle. This would put the mullahs face a new popular uprising they would not recover. ●

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Asia Bibi and the Pakistani black hole

By **Martine Gozlan***

Asia has finally been able to flee Asia. Asia Bibi, a Christian Pakistani, left her native country after ten years of nightmare. Ten years on death row in the prison where she was thrown in 2009 for "blasphemy". In Pakistan, "blasphemy" is a crime: it allows everyone to accuse their neighbour of insulting Islam and its prophet. A knife, a rope, a torment hanging over the unfaithful heads. For Asia Bibi - whose tragic odyssey in the West would probably not be known without the energy of a journalist, Anne-Isabelle Tollet, who campaigned and wrote for her - it all began with a story about water. Water that will turn to blood for her enemies. On a sweltering day in 2009, Asia leans towards a nearby well and takes a sip of water. Neighbours approach screaming that this well is reserved for Muslims and that she, the Christian, defiles its purity. Let us remember that Pakistan means "the land of the pure" in Urdu language. Dangerous purity. Did its founder, the reformist lawyer Ali Jinnah, ima-



gine that this nation would be damaged by tribalism and Islamism? Jinnah was married to a Parsi Indo-Persian from the Zoroastrian community, the worshippers of fire. He promised: *"Pakistan will not be a theocratic state governed by clerics entrusted with a divine mission"*. The inspired speaker has been betrayed for a long time. During General Zia's dictatorship between 1977 and 1988, political Islamism hit the country. Tens of thousands of madrassas, Koranic schools, have been created, paving the way for a single education for children: obscurantism. This is when the legislation punishing with death this primitive concept called blasphemy was passed.

In a country where the pure persons are majority and dictate the law in people's assemblies and in daily life, minorities considered impure are in great danger. Christians constitute 2% of the population. Their churches are regularly hit by attacks, as are the Shia mosques. I remember a Pakistani Christmas, a long time ago, when despite the children in bright costumes, prayers and gifts, a poorly disguised concern was floating in the air. Since the Benazir Bhutto's assassination in December 2007, everything has gone from bad to worse. Jihadism has flared up, Islamist parties have held successive governments as complacent hostages by openly supporting the Afghan Taliban. The entire border province of Afghanistan is under Taliban rule, including the Swat Valley where attempts were made to kill the heroic schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai, survivor of the attack and 2014 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Pakistan is a disarticulated nation whose current Prime Minister

Imran Khan, despite his pseudo-modernist protests, swore allegiance to the enemies of freedom, women and minorities in order to get elected in July 2018.

A former cocaine addicted playboy, he defended blasphemy legislation and showed up with a new, fully veiled wife.

Asia Bibi was thrown in jail on charges of hateful gossipers whose words had a right to life and death over the young Christian girl. Her round, smiling face has lost weight and aged. It took an international campaign for the Pakistani Supreme Court, where some consciences valiantly resist, to acquittal him on 31 October 2018, nine years after his imprisonment. But at the news, tens of thousands of fanatics across the country demonstrated by brandishing a sign with her portrait on it: *"Hang her!"*. Islamist organizations appealed, they lost and Asia Bibi was finally able to leave her dungeon. But she had to hide under good guard night and day to avoid being murdered. She was denied the right to leave Pakistani soil.

At the beginning of May, the prisoner finally flew to Canada. In September, her confidante and her support Anne-Isabelle Tollet will publish her story with *Editions du Rocher*. Today Asia has the right to breathe, to kiss her family and to pray according to her faith. But we must not forget that the country where she lived through hell is a great power. A nuclear power in the hands of the obscurantists. Its arsenal has tripled in ten years. We know nothing about the precautions surrounding this program, officially launched to compete with India, the hereditary enemy, also in possession of the Bomb and now governed by Narendra Modi, a Hindu extremist who is entering his second term. On the other hand, Pakistan, where half the population is still illiterate, can fall into anarchy from one day to the next. The West seems to care little about this black hole. ●

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Impunity of terrorism financiers: the Qatari model!

By **Roland Jacquard***

The Wall Street Journal's recent revelations about failures and inadequacies of the UN sanctions program against the financing of terrorism, have made break out what many UN experts and officials knew and have denounced for many years.

The day after the attacks of September 11, 2001, I was part of the group of counterterrorist experts formed by the UN Security Council. And in this regard, I took part in putting in place the very first blacklists of organizations and individuals financing the terrorism, whose freezing of properties was ordered by the United Nations.

I was still in office, in 2008, when Qatari Khalifa al-Subaiy was put on the UN blacklist for being one of the main people who financed the «brain» of September 11, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

And now, more than a decade later, the UN documents, which served as a basis for the investigations of the Wall Street Journal, reveals that former executive of Qatar's central bank has never

stopped his activities as a «terror sponsor»! These documents reveal that he contributed, in 2009 and again in 2012 and 2013, to the fund-raising for al-Qaeda networks in Pakistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria!

Even worse, despite the freezing of his properties, by a double decision issued by the Security Council and the United States Treasury, he continued to have access to his accounts, in order to withdraw not less than \$ 120,000 a year for a decade!

This absurd situation shows the limits of the system of control and application of sanctions imposed by the United Nations, which collide with the sovereignty of the States in which the concerned people live, with their lack of cooperation and sometimes with their complicity which offers to terrorist funders an almost total impunity.

In this respect, the example of Khalifa al-Subaiy is inspiring. The case of this Qatari citizen is, indeed, not insignificant.

He is a close relative of the former Qatari Prime Minister's and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hamad Bin Jassim al-Thani. In ad-

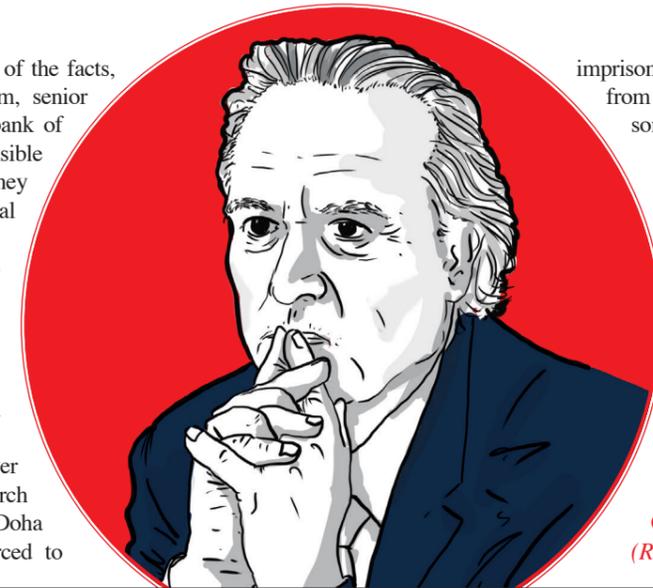
dition, he was at the time of the facts, which are blamed on him, senior executive of the central bank of Qatar, specifically responsible for the fight against money laundering and financial crime!

And it's exactly when he held this position he was guilty of funding a leader of terrorism but not the least of them: the very one who planned and directed the attacks of 9/11!

However, he has never been worried until March 2008. Date on which the Doha authorities have been forced to

imprison him, following growing pressure from the US Treasury. But his imprisonment lasted only six months.

In October of the same year, his relays in the high spheres of Qatari power have intervened to release him. And impunity, which has thus been offered, allowed him to resume immediately his activities as a «terror sponsor»! ●



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The European fatwa council: touches everything, except Sharia!

By **Ian Hamel***

Can a Muslim put wine vinegar in his salad? Can a Muslim woman ride a bicycle? Or can she open to the postman when her husband is not at home? The European Council for Fatwa and Research (CEFR), created in March 1997 in Dublin by the Qatari of Egyptian origin Youssef al-Qaradhwawi remarks, at least in theory, a good intention. It's about providing wise advice to Muslims living in Europe so that they can integrate while reconciling Islamic law.

As it is pointed out in the first collection of fatwas published in French in 2002: *"It belongs to Muslim scholars to provide them with clear, consistent and realistic answers who do not make of them, throughout their lives, foreigners in power, Muslims living in Europe inhabited by discomfort and perpetual rips"*.

To the question of whether a woman should seek permission from her

husband if she wants to shorten the length of her hair, the answer depends on the importance of the scissor cut. According to CEFR, she can, without asking authorization, cut them imperceptibly. On the other hand, if the cut is visible, this *"requires a prior agreement between the spouses before his execution, so that affection and harmony between them remain"*. The European Council on Fatwa and Research takes the opportunity to recall that *"The Muslim woman does not discover her hair outside, nor in front of men who are unknown to her. So that the husband is the first to have the right to enjoy the beauty of the hair of his wife"*.

When a Muslim writes that he is employed at McDonald's, a building that sells pork meat, scholars ask him to look for another means of support. However, they tolerate that the person can continue the current job *"if there is no other income to guarantee his livelihood"*. Nevertheless, it is necessary to deploy *"efforts in order to obtain a new job, which is not illicit"*.

This foundation, composed

by thirty scholars, living in Europe, but also in Africa and Asia, do not try to throw gasoline on a fire. So, according to the fatwa 19, if a man finds right after the marriage that his wife is no more virgin, he must not repudiate her automatically. Indeed, the CEFR recognizes that a young woman may lose her virginity *"during sports activities especially if she does not exercise caution and restraint, this is totally possible and the husband is required to believe it"*. Shortly, at first sight, it is only an assembly of scholars who are content to express occasionally simple and harmless legal advice to good believers.

A few years ago, I could follow a European Council of fatwa and research, which took place in Istanbul, at the invitation of Youssef Ibram, then imam of the Geneva mosque. The latter raised the delicate problem of repudiation. Youssef Ibram proposed that this repudiation had to be done in front of witnesses. The approach would then become more complex because the husband would be in the obligation to give serious explanations. We can also imagine that the witnesses will put all their energy to reconcile the couple. *"The divorce is the worst permitted thing for God, it is not allowed for a Muslim to resort to it for the slightest pretext"* recalled the imam of the mosque of Geneva. His suggestion, very little revolutionary, had not had unanimous acceptance in the European Council for Fatwa and Research.

In fact, the foundation is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood. And in terms of innovation, the «scholars» chosen by Youssef al-Qa-

radhwawi want to negotiate on the details, but no question of touching the essential, meaning sharia. It must remain the absolute norm for all Muslims living in Europe. And this is so true that the CEFR does not want to give up the ... polygamy!

He considers that it is a «right», which must be tolerated without encouraging it. A snake that Muslims of France had trouble to swallow.

Result: the Tawhid editions, which had published the first collection of fatwas in 2002, prefaced by Tariq Ramadan, have renounced later to publish the following editions.

Moreover, the personality of the president-founder of CEFR, Youssef al-Qaradhwawi, does not really give the image of a «tolerant» Islam and of a «good balance». On the Al-Jazeera channel, the latter justified the attacks suicides, called to kill all Alawi in Syria and explained that the elimination of Jews during the Second World War was, after all, a divine punishment.

"Throughout history, Allah has imposed on [the Jews], people who punished them for their corruption. The last punishment was administered by Hitler (...) It was a divine punishment. If Allah wants, next time, this will be by the hands of believers" he declared on January 30, 2009.

Because of his very old age (92 years), Youssef al-Qaradhwawi was replaced, in November 2018, at the head of the CEFR, by a British man of Iraqi origin, Doctor Abdullah al-Judai, 61, who teaches the fundamentals of Jurisprudence at the European Institute of Human Sciences, Wales.

But, in reality, this change of facade takes nothing away from the influence exerted by the Qatari-Egyptian preacher, in his capacity as leader of the *Tanzim al-Dawli*, the international branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, on the CEFR and on the «Muslims of Europe», the former Union of Islamic Organizations in Europe, of which the Council is the emanation. ●

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How the *Ghoraba* became “Muslims of Europe”

Investigation of the Muslim Brotherhood's European networks (part I)

The Muslim Brotherhood has been established in Europe more than 60 years ago. It is the result of three successive generations of activists and preachers.

But the European influence of the Brotherhood has increased considerably since the mid-1990s.

Thanks, in particular, to the accession to power of the former Emir of Qatar, Hamad Bin Khalifa AL-Thani, who sealed a strategic alliance with one of the Muslim Brotherhood's masterminds, the infamous Sheikh Youssef al-Qaradawi...

The first wave of Muslim Brotherhood activists arrived on the Old Continent in the mid-1950s. These were mainly executives who had fled the repression that struck the Brotherhood in Nasserite Egypt from 1954 onwards.

Thereafter, multiple waves of Muslim Brotherhood refugees swept across Europe, fleeing anti-Brotherhood purges in many Arab countries: Iraq (in 1970), Syria (from 1980), Libya (in 1980, 1990 and 1997), Tunisia (in 1981, 1987 and 1991) and Algeria (from 1992).

But before that, another category of Muslim Brotherhood activists emerged from the 1960s. A younger generation composed of students who have come to pursue their studies in European universities. Some of them arrive in Europe having already been made aware of the ideas of the Muslim Brotherhood in their countries of origin. But the overwhelming majority is recruited by the Brotherhood within European universities.

This first generation of students marked a decisive turning point in the process that would lead to the Brotherhood's long-term establishment in

Europe. For about twenty years, it served as a link between the old Brotherhood guard of the 1950s and the young generation of European Islamists, which emerged in the early 1980s, bringing together young people from the second generation of immigrants and converts of European origin.

Indeed, before the arrival of this first generation of Brotherhood students, the tentacles of the Brotherhood in Europe certainly were affiliated to *Tanzim al-Dawli*, the secret International of the Muslim Brotherhood, but their organisational structures continued to be articulated according to the countries of origin of their members. The preaching circles, open to a wide audience of sympathisers, as well as the indoctrination cells, reserved for activists officially affiliated to the Brotherhood, were structured in the form of channels called “families”: Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi or Maghrebi.

In the early 1960s, this *modus operandi*, modelled on the Brotherhood's organisational models in the Arab world, was challenged by the arrival of young Brotherhood students who formed Islamic associations in the European universities they joined. These associations go beyond the divisions linked to their countries of origin.

Student collectives

That is how the *Muslim Student Society* (MSS) was founded in Great Britain in 1962. In the same year, it launched the first brother-Muslim magazine published in Europe, *Sawt al-Ghoraba* (The Foreigners' Voice). The next year, two other Muslim-brother student organisations followed suit: the *Federation of Student Islamic Societies* (FSIS) in London and the *Association of Islamic Students in France* (AISF) in Paris. Then, the *International Union of Muslim Students* (IUMS) was created in Brussels in 1964, followed by the *International Islamic Federation of Student Organisations* (IIFSO), created in 1969 in Aachen, Germany.

Paradoxically, the overwhelming majority of Brotherhood students, who considered themselves as *Ghoraba* (foreigners) on the European continent, chose to stay there after their studies. Their dreams of returning to the “land of Islam” have been compromised by the persecution of the Muslim Brotherhood in most Arab countries.

This is how, a quarter of a century later, the former students of the 1960s, who had to settle permanently in Europe, helped to drive Muslim-brother organisations out of mosques, where their elders were confined, and universities, to which their own

EuroFatwaApp A tool of hatred and Muslim brotherhood propaganda for smartphones!

The latest find of the *European Council for Fatwa and Research* (ECFR) is a smartphone app, launched with great fanfare last April. It is called EuroFatwaApp and is available in Arabic, English and Spanish. With the promise that other European languages will soon follow.

Accompanied by a slogan presenting it as a “theological guide for European Muslims”, it is intended to promote “moderate Islam and the middle ground”. However, it was quickly criticised by the Anglo-Saxon press because of its hateful content, which was evident from the very beginning of the application, in the introduction written by ECFR founder Sheikh Youssef al-Qaradawi, which contains violent anti-Semitic statements, as revealed by the *Sunday Times*.

In the face of this scandal, the ECFR hastened to remove the infamous introduction of its founder, without denouncing it or even commenting on it. Simply replacing it with a more conciliatory introduction, written by his new president, Abdullah al-Joudai.

But this cunning has not succeeded in putting an end to reproaches. For, beyond the anti-semitic drifts of the old Qaradawi (see the column by Ian Hamel, page 10), these are the foundations of the Muslim Brotherhood doctrine that pose a problem to Western authorities and NGOs. In particular, regarding the dogmatic positions of the Brotherhood that undermine the rights and dignity of women, and its communitarian visions that are contrary to Western values of living together and respect for the Other.

These revelations led Google to remove the App from its online store. But it remains accessible on many platforms, including the Apple store.



activities were previously limited, to conquer all of the Muslim communities in Europe.

In the early 1980s, two youth associations played a pioneering role in this regard: *Young Muslims of France* (YMF) and *Youth Muslims UK* (YMUK). They were the first to organise conferences and preaching, in French for the first one, in English for the second one, for young Muslims born in Europe who did not master Arabic.

The activism of these young Brotherhood associations met a growing audience among young Europeans from the second generation of immigrants, attracted by the sirens of the *Sahwa Islamiya* (Islamic Awakening), which was then in full swing in their parents' countries of origin.

The Muslim Brotherhood sees this as an opportunity to strengthen their presence in Europe and to extend the influence of *Tanzim al-Dawli*, the Brotherhood's secret International, to the different fringes of Muslim communities present on the Old Continent. And it is with this in mind that the *Union of Islamic Organisations of France* (UIOF) was created in 1983. Other organisations of the same type quickly followed suit in several European countries, then joined forces under the aegis of the *Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe* (FIOE) in 1989.

Pan-European networks

This is how the embryonic form of the current pan-European network of the Muslim Brotherhood was born (see the mapping of the Muslim Brotherhood's pan-European organizations, pages 14 and 15). However, it took nearly two decades to bring this project to fruition, through which the Brotherhood extended its secret spider's web to the entire Continent. Helped in this by two distinct factors: the first is linked to the global phenomenon of economic globalization and the development of digital communication technologies; the second is the result of an alliance formed in the mid-1990s between one of *Tanzim al-Dawli*'s leading figures, Sheikh Youssef al-Qaradawi, and the Emir of Qatar, Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani, who had then overthrown his father at the head of the gas emirate.

With Qatar's diplomatic, media and financial support, Youssef al-Qaradawi succeeded in establishing an almost total control by the Muslim Brotherhood over Muslim institutions in Europe. Thanks, in particular, to the highly controversial *European Council of Fatwa and Research* (see box opposite) as well as a myriad of pan-European associations and organisations, such as the *Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations* (FEMYSO), the *European Forum of Muslim Women* (EFOMW) or the *Europe Trust fund* (ET) and the *European Institute of Human Sciences* (EIHS), through which the Muslim Brotherhood increases, year after year, its control over the training of imams in Europe. ●

Investigation of the Muslim Brotherhood's European networks (part I)

Pan-European organizations:

EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR FATWA AND RESEARCH (ECFR) :
Creation date: March 30, 1997
Headquarters: Dublin, Ireland.
Key figures: Abdullah Al-Joudai (chairman), Youssef al-Qaradawi (founder, former chairman).

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN SCIENCES (EHS)
Creation date: 1998
Headquarters: Birmingham, Royaume-Uni
Key figures: Ahmed Jaballah (Dean), Abdeslam Hafidi (Administrative Director), Ounis Ghergah (Director of Studies).

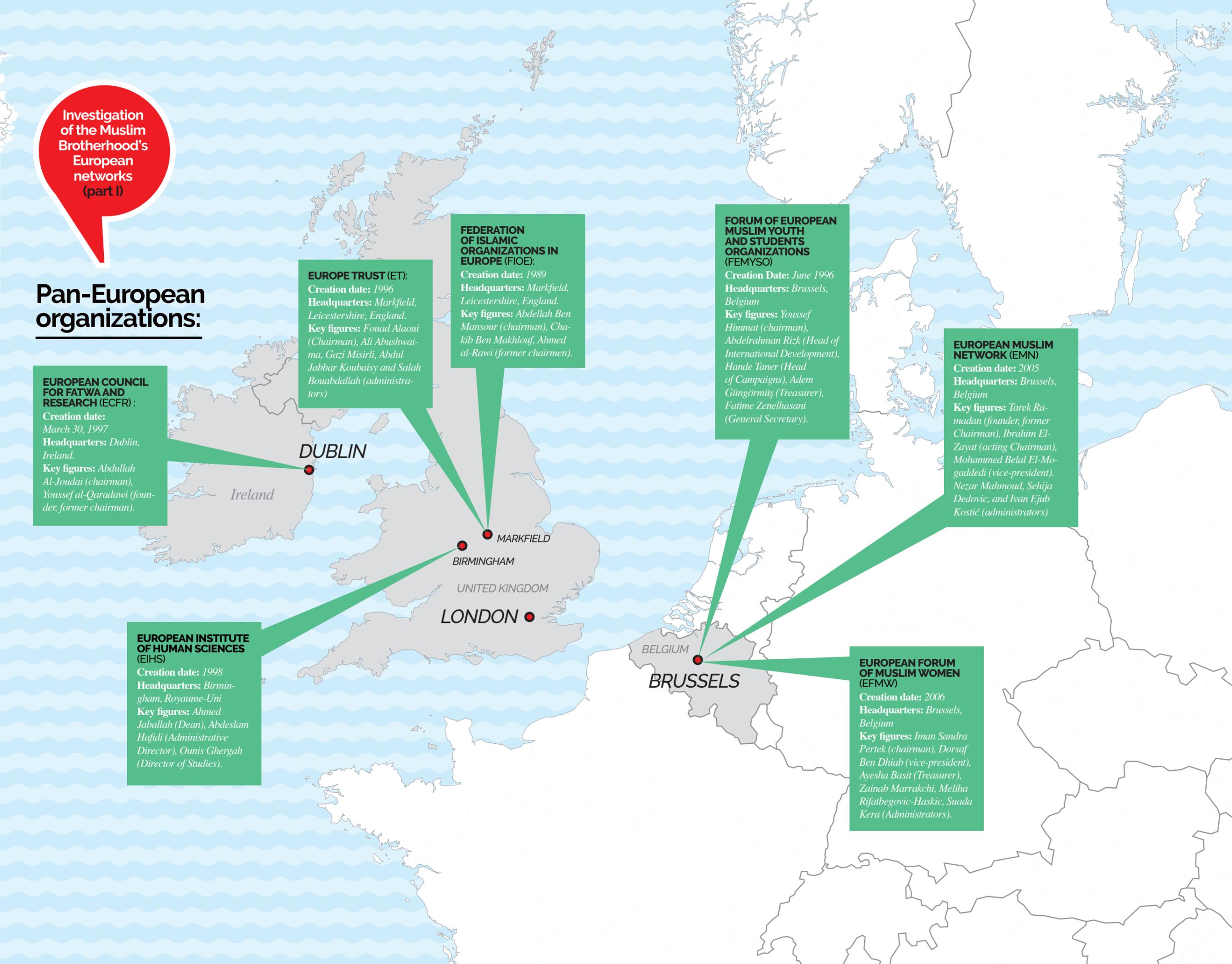
EUROPE TRUST (ET):
Creation date: 1996
Headquarters: Markfield, Leicestershire, England.
Key figures: Fouad Alaoui (Chairman), Ali Abushwaima, Gazi Misirli, Abdul Jabbar Koubaissy and Salah Bouabdallah (administrators)

FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE (FIOE):
Creation date: 1989
Headquarters: Markfield, Leicestershire, England.
Key figures: Abdellah Ben Mansour (chairman), Cha-kib Ben Makhlouf, Ahmed al-Rawi (former chairmen).

FORUM OF EUROPEAN MUSLIM YOUTH AND STUDENTS ORGANIZATIONS (FEMYSO)
Creation Date: June 1996
Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
Key figures: Youssef Himmat (chairman), Abdelrahman Rizk (Head of International Development), Hande Taner (Head of Campaigns), Adem Güngörmüş (Treasurer), Fatime Zenelhasani (General Secretary).

EUROPEAN MUSLIM NETWORK (EMN)
Creation date: 2005
Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
Key figures: Tarek Ramadan (founder, former Chairman), Ibrahim El-Zayat (acting Chairman), Mohammed Belal El-Mogaddedi (vice-president), Nezar Mahmoud, Sehija Dedovic, and Ivan Ejub Kostić (administrators)

EUROPEAN FORUM OF MUSLIM WOMEN (EFMW)
Creation date: 2006
Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
Key figures: Iman Sandra Pertek (chairman), Dorsaf Ben Dhiab (vice-president), Ayesha Basit (Treasurer), Zainab Marrakchi, Meliha Rifatbegovic-Haskic, Suada Kera (Administrators).



Switzerland

How the Swiss federation became the «Mecca» of the Muslim Brotherhood

Investigation of the Muslim Brotherhood's European networks (part I)

Switzerland is, without any equivocation, the epicenter of the Muslim Brotherhood movement in Europe. Earth that hosts several waves of refugees belonging to the Brotherhood since the 1950s, it has become the "Mecca" of the European Muslim Brotherhood. Especially, thanks to the discretion of its banks...

The Helvetian networks of the Muslim Brotherhood are organized into four distinct poles, which spread over five cantons: Geneva, Neuchâtel, Vaud, Ticino and Zurich. Each of these poles is headed by one or two families: the Ramadan in Geneva, the Kermous in Neuchâtel and Vaud, the Nada and the Himmat in Ticino and Zurich.

The inter-connectivity between these poles cannot be achieved only by the secret International of the Brotherhood, the famous *Tanzim al-Dawli*, whose existence has long been denied by Muslim Brotherhood, or by the financial occult networks protected by the sacrosanct secret of the Swiss banks. It is also supported by the presence of the representative of a «family» within an organization held by another family.

Thus, Hani Ramadan, based in Geneva, finds himself, for example, on the board of directors of the *Wakef-Suisse Foundation* (WSF), held by Kermous in Prilly, in the canton of Vaud.

And Mohamed Kermous, based in Neuchâtel, is among the administrators of the *Islamic Community in the Canton of Ticino* (ICCT), held by the Himmat in Lugano.

The Ramadan dynasty

In the Muslim Brotherhood galaxy, Geneva became an exclusive domain of the Ramadan dynasty. Even the all-powerful «spiritual guide» of the Brotherhood, Sheikh Youssef al-Qaradawi, had to close, in March 2010, the Swiss antenna of the *International Islamic Charitable Organization*, which he had established in Geneva in 1987.

The undivided reign of the Ramadan family on the Geneva networks of the Muslim Brotherhood, can be explained by the aura and prestige due to the fact that its members are the descendants of the founder of the Brotherhood.

The family is, indeed, the heiress of Saïd Ramadan, former personal secretary of the Muslim Brotherhood founder, Hassan al-Banna, of which he married the eldest daughter Wafa. Located in Geneva, in 1959, Saïd Ramadan founded an Islamic Center there. He also contributes to the implementation of Muslim Brotherhood in Germany, especially in Munich.

Upon his death in 1995, his eldest son Hani took over as head of the *Islamic Center of Geneva* (ICG). And in 2001, a foundation named Saïd Ramadan is created. It is also led by Hani Ramadan. Like the ICG, the *Saïd Ramadan Foundation* Board of Directors is composed exclusively by members of the family: his widow Wafa, his sons Hani, Aymen, Yasser, Billal, Tariq and his only daughter Arwa.

Recently, the reputation and aura of the Ramadan family have been tainted by the sexual scandals of

Tariq Ramadan, accused of rape by several complainants in France and Switzerland. But the new patriarch of the clan, Hani Ramadan, is no exception. In 2003, he was fired from his post of teacher by the canton of Geneva, because of statements considered discriminatory, including controversial writings in which he advocated stoning and where he considered AIDS a «divine punishment»!

In 2016, the French authorities banned him from entering France. Not having respected this prohibition measure, he is arrested in Lyon and expelled to Geneva in April 2017. And in June 2018, his assets in France were frozen for suspicions of «terrorism financing».

The insatiable activism of the Kermous spouses

In the cantons of Neuchâtel and Vaud, Mohamed Karmous and his wife Nadia created successively not less than a dozen Islamic associations. So many tentacles serve as a preface to their Muslim-brothers activism and pro-Qatari lobbying.

They lead in particular the *League of Muslims of Switzerland* (LMS), affiliated to the *Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe* (FIOE), the *Sociocultural Center for Muslims of Lausanne* (SCML), the *Mithak Euro-Swiss Foundation* (MESF), the *Islamic Union of Teachers* (IUT), the *Cultural Association of Muslim Women of Switzerland* (CAMWS).

In 2016, the couple embarked on a pharaonic project aimed at creating a «museum without collection» dedicated to the «civilizations of Islam». A huge and disproportionate building for the small locality La Chaux-de-Fonds, which has less than 40,000 inhabitants (see the box below), received a funding of more than one million Swiss francs, by the Qatar Charity Foundation!

The Islamist enclave of Ticino!

The Swiss canton of Ticino is known for its famous enclave of Campione, a small town of 2.6 km², under Italian sovereignty, in full Swiss territory. The arrival on the spot, at the end of 1960s, of two emblematic figures related to *Tanzim al-Dawli*, Youssef Nada and Ali Ghaleb Himmat, has established a less visible but much larger enclave dedicated to occult finances of the Muslim Brotherhood.

The discreet activities of the Nada and Himmat clans have only begun to attract attention in 2001 after the attacks of 9/11. In particular, following investigations into their *Al-Taqwa* bank, suspected of terrorism financing.

Ali Ghaleb Himmat, now 81, is still a director of the *Islamic Community in the Canton of Ticino* (ICCT), which he founded in 1991. His son, Youssef Himmat, chairs the pan-European organization *Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organizations* (FEMYSO).

At 88, Youssef Nada, remains very discreet. Iconic figure of the Muslim-brothers international, of which he was the occult financier for more than half a century, his name officially appears only as a founding member of the *Foundation of the Islamic Community of Zurich* (FICZ). His son, Nazim Nada, seems to have inherited from his father the culture of secrecy and the taste of occult finances.

He directs, in Lugano, *Lord Energy*, an enigmatic gas trading company and oil (see our revelations about the involvement of this oil trading company in the corruption scandals related to the Bouteflika clan in Algeria, page 1). Among its shareholders, there are several «young wolves» belonging to the Swiss and Italian Muslim Brotherhood! ●

Islamic «museum» of La Chaux-de-Fonds

The «autarchic bubble» that Muslim Brotherhood dream about

From the book «Qatar Papers», written by Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, readers have mainly retained the financial importance of the projects developed by the gas emirate in Europe through the NGO Qatar Charity. And also the salary of 35,000 euros paid each month to Tariq Ramadan by Qatar Foundation,

created by Sheikha Moza, the mother of Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, 38 years old and the Emir of Qatar since 2013.

However, the novelty is elsewhere. Unlike the other Gulf countries, and in particular Saudi Arabia, the ambition of Qatar is no longer limited to places of worship. Like in Mulhouse, it intends to offer, next to the mosque, schools, a

shopping centre, a sauna, a swimming pool, a hairdresser's salon, and even a morgue. For the Muslim Brotherhood, it is no longer a question of restricting their hold at the time of prayer but rather to take into account the Muslim individual living in Europe from birth to death. Within the very interior of the unholy West, they imagine the creation

of kinds of bubbles where Muslim minorities can consolidate their Muslim identity and reduce their contacts with the «kouffars» to a strict minimum.

In the Swiss Jura, in La Chaux-de-Fonds, next to the Museum of Islamic Civilizations, created in 2016 thanks to the donations from Qatar Charity, the gas emirate had already bought land for one million Swiss francs and was considering investing 20 million euros in a major real estate project. The apartments would be rented to Muslims

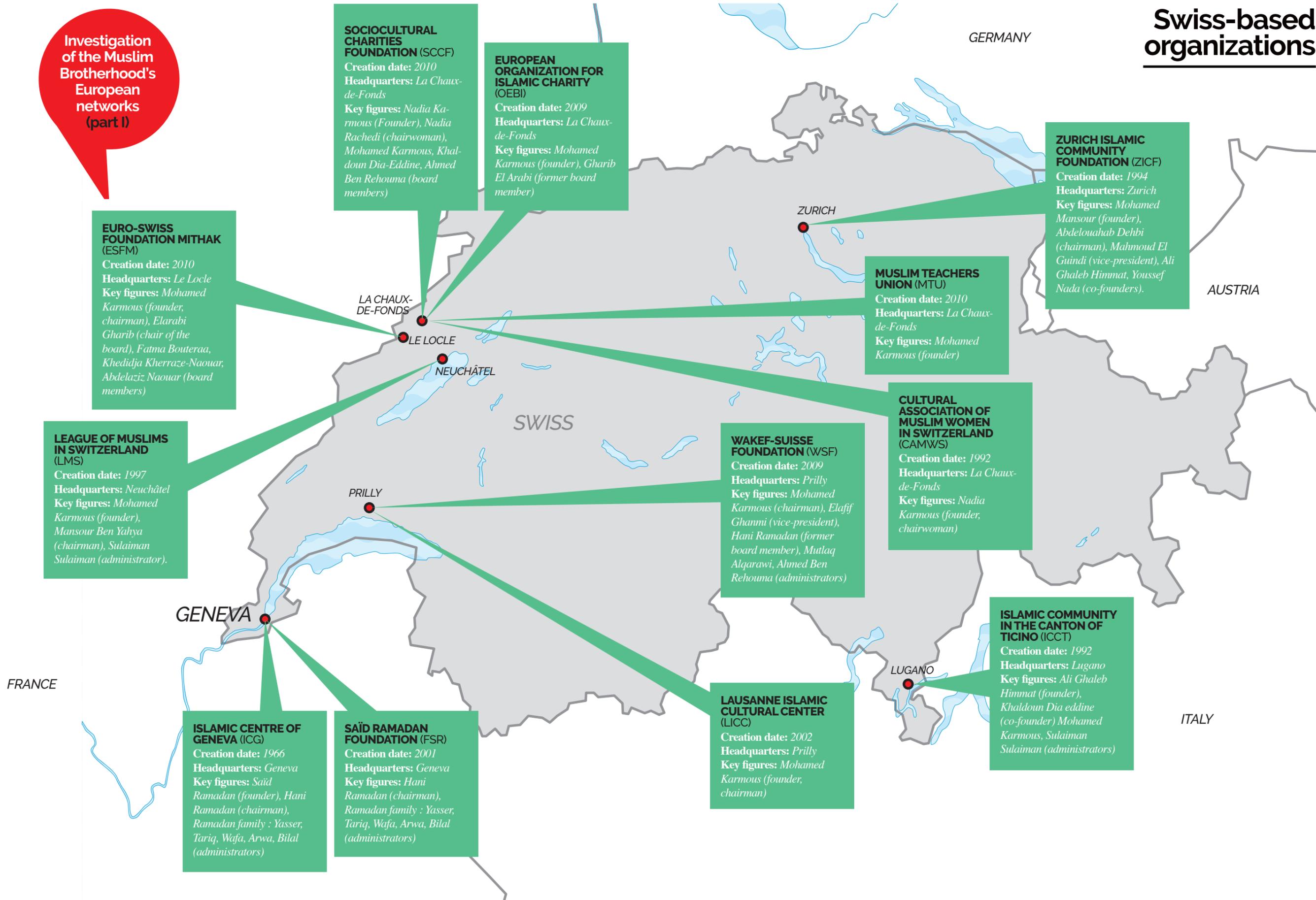
in order to perpetuate the investment. The ultimate objective is that these small Muslim communities, living practically in autarchy, will be able to finance themselves in the future without the help of subsidies from the Gulf. But the publication of the book *Qatar Papers* has finally pushed back the Qatari NGO, which is giving up its most important project in Switzerland.

If the Arab World Institute had been located in Vesoul, it would have had great difficulty filling up with visitors.

The same applies to the Museum of Islamic Civilizations in La Chaux-de-Fonds. But apparently Qatar wanted to reward a real soldier of the Brotherhood. Of Algerian origin and naturalized Swiss, Nadia Karmous dares to take up the challenge whenever it is necessary to defend radical Islam, even if it means making a fool of herself. She called women, who dared to denounce Tariq Ramadan's unbridled sex life, «frustrated». Adding that Ramadan deserved the Nobel Peace Prize...

Swiss-based organizations

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EURO-SWISS FOUNDATION MITHAK (ESFM)
 Creation date: 2010
 Headquarters: Le Locle
 Key figures: Mohamed Karmous (founder, chairman), Elarabi Gharib (chair of the board), Fatma Bouteraa, Khedidja Kherraze-Naouar, Abdelaziz Naouar (board members)

SOCIOCULTURAL CHARITIES FOUNDATION (SCCF)
 Creation date: 2010
 Headquarters: La Chaux-de-Fonds
 Key figures: Nadia Karmous (Founder), Nadia Rachedi (chairwoman), Mohamed Karmous, Khal-doun Dia-Eddine, Ahmed Ben Rehouma (board members)

EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR ISLAMIC CHARITY (OEBI)
 Creation date: 2009
 Headquarters: La Chaux-de-Fonds
 Key figures: Mohamed Karmous (founder), Gharib El Arabi (former board member)

ZURICH ISLAMIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (ZICF)
 Creation date: 1994
 Headquarters: Zurich
 Key figures: Mohamed Mansour (founder), Abdelouahab Dehbi (chairman), Mahmoud El Guindi (vice-president), Ali Ghaleb Himmat, Youssef Nada (co-founders).

MUSLIM TEACHERS UNION (MTU)
 Creation date: 2010
 Headquarters: La Chaux-de-Fonds
 Key figures: Mohamed Karmous (founder)

CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN SWITZERLAND (CAMWS)
 Creation date: 1992
 Headquarters: La Chaux-de-Fonds
 Key figures: Nadia Karmous (founder, chairwoman)

WAKEF-SUISSE FOUNDATION (WSF)
 Creation date: 2009
 Headquarters: Prilly
 Key figures: Mohamed Karmous (chairman), Elafif Ghanmi (vice-president), Hani Ramadan (former board member), Mutlaq Alqarawi, Ahmed Ben Rehouma (administrators)

ISLAMIC COMMUNITY IN THE CANTON OF TICINO (ICCT)
 Creation date: 1992
 Headquarters: Lugano
 Key figures: Ali Ghaleb Himmat (founder), Khal-doun Dia eddine (co-founder) Mohamed Karmous, Sulaiman Sulaiman (administrators)

LEAGUE OF MUSLIMS IN SWITZERLAND (LMS)
 Creation date: 1997
 Headquarters: Neuchâtel
 Key figures: Mohamed Karmous (founder), Mansour Ben Yahya (chairman), Sulaiman Sulaiman (administrator).

ISLAMIC CENTRE OF GENEVA (ICG)
 Creation date: 1966
 Headquarters: Geneva
 Key figures: Saïd Ramadan (founder), Hani Ramadan (chairman), Ramadan family : Yasser, Tariq, Wafa, Arwa, Bilal (administrators)

SAÏD RAMADAN FOUNDATION (FSR)
 Creation date: 2001
 Headquarters: Geneva
 Key figures: Hani Ramadan (chairman), Ramadan family : Yasser, Tariq, Wafa, Arwa, Bilal (administrators)

LAUSANNE ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTER (LICC)
 Creation date: 2002
 Headquarters: Prilly
 Key figures: Mohamed Karmous (founder, chairman)

France The (Muslim) Brothers of Qatar!

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Who are the representatives of the Muslim Brotherhood in France? And what are they worth within the hexagonal Islamist nebula? Although there are no precise figures on the number of militants and even fewer on the supporters of the Brotherhood, it is indisputable that it has known a growing presence and influence in France over the past twenty years thanks in particular to the entry it has been able to make into the most prominent associations and organisations representing Muslim communities. And also thanks to the generous funding provided by Qatar.

The infamous organisation “Muslims of France” (MoF) is the main manifestations of the Muslim Brotherhood in France. Founded in 1983, MoF has long been known as the “Union of Islamic Organisations of France” (UIOF). Then, in favour of the unpacking that followed the establishment of a blockade against Qatar by the “coalition of moderate Arab countries” (Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain), the UIOF was included on the list of terrorist organisations, because of its allegiance to *Tanzim al-Dawli*, the global tentacle of the Muslim Brotherhood, of which Qatar is the main donor.

Fearing to find itself in the line of fire of the European services in charge of the fight against terrorism financing, the UIOF hastened to hold an extraordinary congress in February 2017. The organization then officially distinguished itself from *Tanzim al-Dawli* and decided to change its name to “Muslims of France”.

Despite these changes in facade, MoF remains the centre of gravity of the Muslim Brotherhood nebula in France. To maintain and increase its influence among Muslims in France, it relies on a large network of about 100 mosques. Its ideological and organizational control also passes through the training of imams.

Thus, the former president of MoF, Abdellah Ben Mansour, teaches in Saint-Denis, a suburb of Paris, within the imams’ training institute affiliated to the “European Institute of Human Sciences” (EIHS). A private university entity, whose Qatari funding

and ideological control of the Muslim Brotherhood has been revealed by several police and journalistic investigations, the most recent of which is Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot’s *Qatar Papers* (see *Sreen Watch*, n°1, May 2019).

Satellite organisations

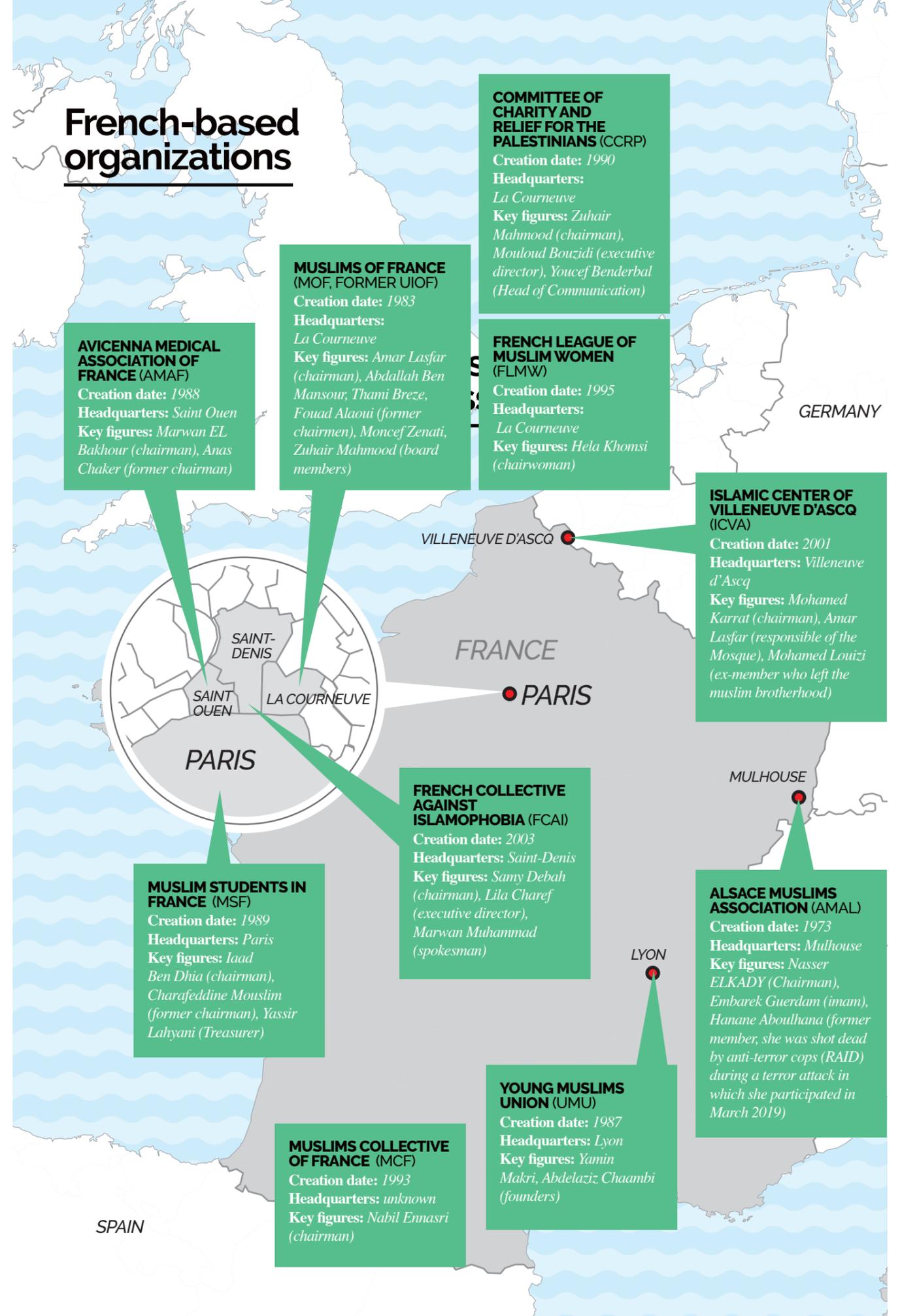
The Muslim Brotherhood’s strategy, which aims at influencing the faithful on a daily basis, is also based on a multitude of associations, which have in common that they gravitate around MoF and benefit from Qatar’s financial generosity. In this sprawling group of associations, there are a jumble of local or regional associations, such as the “Association of Muslims of Alsace”, the “Havre of knowledge” or the “Islamic Center of Villeneuve d’Ascq”; categorical organisations for young people, such as “Young Muslims of France” and “Muslim Students of France”, or for women, such as the “French League of Muslim Women”; anti-racist or humanitarian NGOs, such as the “Collective Against Islamophobia in France”, the “Avicenna Medical Association of France” or the “Committee of Charity and Relief for Palestinians”.

As in all the countries where they are present, the Muslim Brotherhood also relies on the education sector to assert its influence on Muslim communities in France. They have about thirty Islamic schools, the most famous of which is the “Lycée Averroès” in Lille. A school of excellence, ranked best high school in France in 2013 and best in the “Hauts de France” region in 2018, but whose pedagogical content is strongly criticised by Soufiane Zitouni, a philosophy teacher who resigned from his position at the school. In an article published by *Libération*, he denounced the “unhealthy and dangerous mix of religion and politics” in this high school educational programs.

Some figures linked to the Muslim Brotherhood in France do not have formal links with MoF, even if they have privileged relations with some of its leaders. These are Islamist activists who act, on the surface, as free electrons or as a kind of “lone wolf”, unarmed but extremely virulent. Their ideological links with the Muslim Brotherhood and financial ties with Qatar are, however, beyond doubt.

This is the case, for example, of Nabil Ennasri, a true Islamist activist and pseudo academic, who presents himself as a “qatarologist” (sic !) and who runs a site to the glory of the Emirate of Gas, entitled “*Qatar Observatory*”!

Since 2011, he also chairs the *Muslims Collective of France* (MCF), which was born in the early 1990s and has long been a fan club of Tarek Ramadan in France! ●



Belgium Brussels, European (Islamist) capital

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Belgium has two main poles linked to the Muslim Brotherhood's movement, around which a number of local associations and satellite organisations gravitate. But, the European capital is also coveted by several pan-European organisations of the Brotherhood whose main activity is lobbying the European institutions.

As the capital of the European Union, Brussels is a very coveted hub for Muslim Brotherhood's networks. Three of the six pan-European organisations of the Brotherhood hold their headquarters here: the *Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations* (FEMYSO), the *European Forum of Muslim Women* (EFOMW) and the *European Muslim Network* (EMN).

Their establishment in Belgium is not fortuitous, since it allows them to lobby the European institutions, as well as to join the many Belgian and pan-European NGOs, such as the *European Network on Religion and Belief* (ENORB) or the *Humanist Democratic Center* (HDC).

As for the local networks of the Belgian Muslim Brotherhood, they are structured around two main poles. One is based in Brussels, the other in Verviers.

The *League of Muslims in Belgium* (LMB) has its headquarters in the capital and is present in four other cities: Liege, Antwerp, Ghent, and Verviers. Created in 2005, LMB quickly established itself as the most representative organisation of the Muslim Brotherhood in Belgium.

Currently chaired by Karim Azzouzi, it maintains very close links with its French alter-ego *Muslims of France* (former UIOF), whose organisational structure and working patterns it adopts.

This is illustrated, in particular, by outreach work based on the federation of a multitude of local and regional associations. And by the assiduous effort of preaching, especially through the organisation of Islamic meetings, symposiums and fairs.

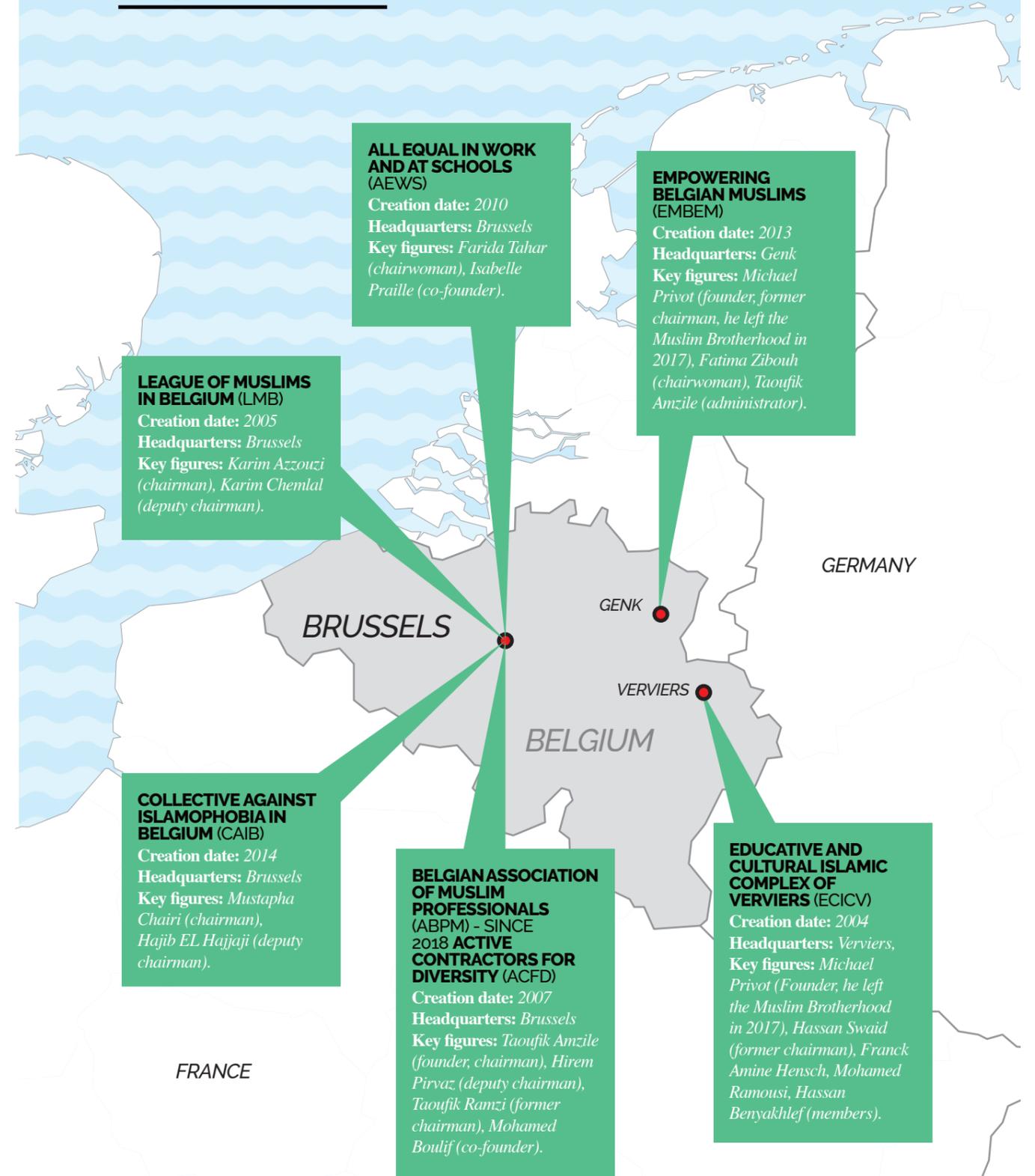
The second main pole of the Belgian Muslim Brotherhood is the *Educative and Cultural Islamic Complex of Verviers* (ECICV). Created in 2004 by the German Islamist Hassan Sawaid, it runs the *Assahaba Mosque* and a socio-cultural centre attached to it.

ECICV has long been led by Michael Privot, one of the leading intellectual figures of Belgian Islamism. After officially claiming his membership in the Muslim Brotherhood in 2008, Privot dissented, with a bang, in 2012. Five years later, he recounted the experience of his indoctrination within the Brotherhood in an autobiographical book entitled *Quand j'étais Frère musulman* (see the box below).

Satellite organisations

Around these two main poles of the Belgian Muslim Brotherhood, several satellite organisations gravitate. The most influential are the *Collective against Islamophobia in Belgium* (CCIB), based in Brussels and chaired by Mustapha Chairi, *Empowering Belgian Muslims* (EmBeM), based in Genk and led by Fatima Zibouh, the *Belgian Association of Muslim Professionals* (ABPM), which has become since 2018 *Active Diversity Entrepreneurs* (LEAD), based in Brussels and chaired by Taoufik Amzile, and the women association *All Equal in Work and at Schools* (also known as *Collectif TETE*), based in Brussels and managed by Farida Tahar. ●

Belgian-based Organizations



Michael Privot: When I was a Muslim Brother...

A graduate of Oriental History and Philology, Michael Privot converted to Islam at the age of 19.

In addition to his position as head of ECICV in his hometown of Verviers, Privot contributed, during his years of activism within the Brotherhood, to the creation of several Muslim Brotherhood's organisa-

tions, the most virulent of which was *Empowering Belgian Muslims* (EmBeM) Four years after having made

public his membership of the Muslim Brotherhood, in 2008, Michael Privot decided to leave the Brotherhood. Since then, he has been campaigning for an "Enlightenment Islam" In 2015, he co-signed with

three other Belgian Muslim intellectuals a manifesto in ten actions to reform European Islam.

Last May, he announced the creation of a European Institute of Islamic Studies, dedicated to the training of imams in Europe. This initiative was welcomed by the authorities and by Muslim representative bodies in Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands.



Germany Everything began with a mosque in Munich...

Investigation
of the Muslim
Brotherhood's
European
networks
(part I)

Established in Germany since the late 1950s, the Muslim Brotherhood holds an almost total grip on Islamic places of worship and sociocultural associations. This is done through two branches of the Brotherhood: one is Arab, imported into Germany by a trio of leaders of the *Tanzim al-Dawli* (Saïd Ramadan, Ali Ghaleb Himmat and

Youssef Nada), and the other Turkish, controlled by the Erbakan clan, one of the most influential families in the Muslim Brotherhood movement in Turkey.

The first prayer offered up in the European building of the Muslim Brotherhood was in Munich in 1958. In August of the same year, the leader of *Tanzim al-Dawli*, Saïd Ramadan, had settled in Switzerland. However, before founding his famous *Islamic Centre of Geneva* in 1961, he has already set his sights on the capital of Bavaria, by implementing the construction project of the first mosque of the Brotherhood in Europe.

This choice is explained by the presence of a large Muslim community in Bavaria. Indeed, before the mass arrival of Muslim immigrant workers in Germany -mainly Turkish- in the 1960s and 70s, an initial Muslim community of Caucasian origin had settled in Germany in the mid-1940s. These were former Chechen, Azerbaijani and Dagestani soldiers mobilized by the Nazis to fight against the USSR during the Second World War. They remained in Germany following the defeat of the Third Reich, mainly in Bavaria.

Anti-Soviet instrumentalization

The choice of Munich as home to the first Muslim Brotherhood mosque was also related to other, less pious, reasons that aimed at instrumentalizing this Caucasian community against the Soviet bloc, within the context of the Cold War. This is what Pulitzer prize-winning American journalist Ian Johnson revealed in 2011 in a book titled "A Mosque in Munich. Nazis, the CIA and the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in the West".

According to Johnson, as soon as Saïd Ramadan arrived in Europe he was "treated" by a CIA agent based in Munich who went under the name of Bob

Dreher. The book also gives a detailed description of the trip made in July 1953 by a delegation of representatives of the Muslim Brotherhood, which included Saïd Ramadan, to the White House. Receiving the delegates of the Muslim Brotherhood, President Eisenhower offered them an unambiguous deal: "Our faith in God should give us a common objective: the fight against Communism and its Atheism".

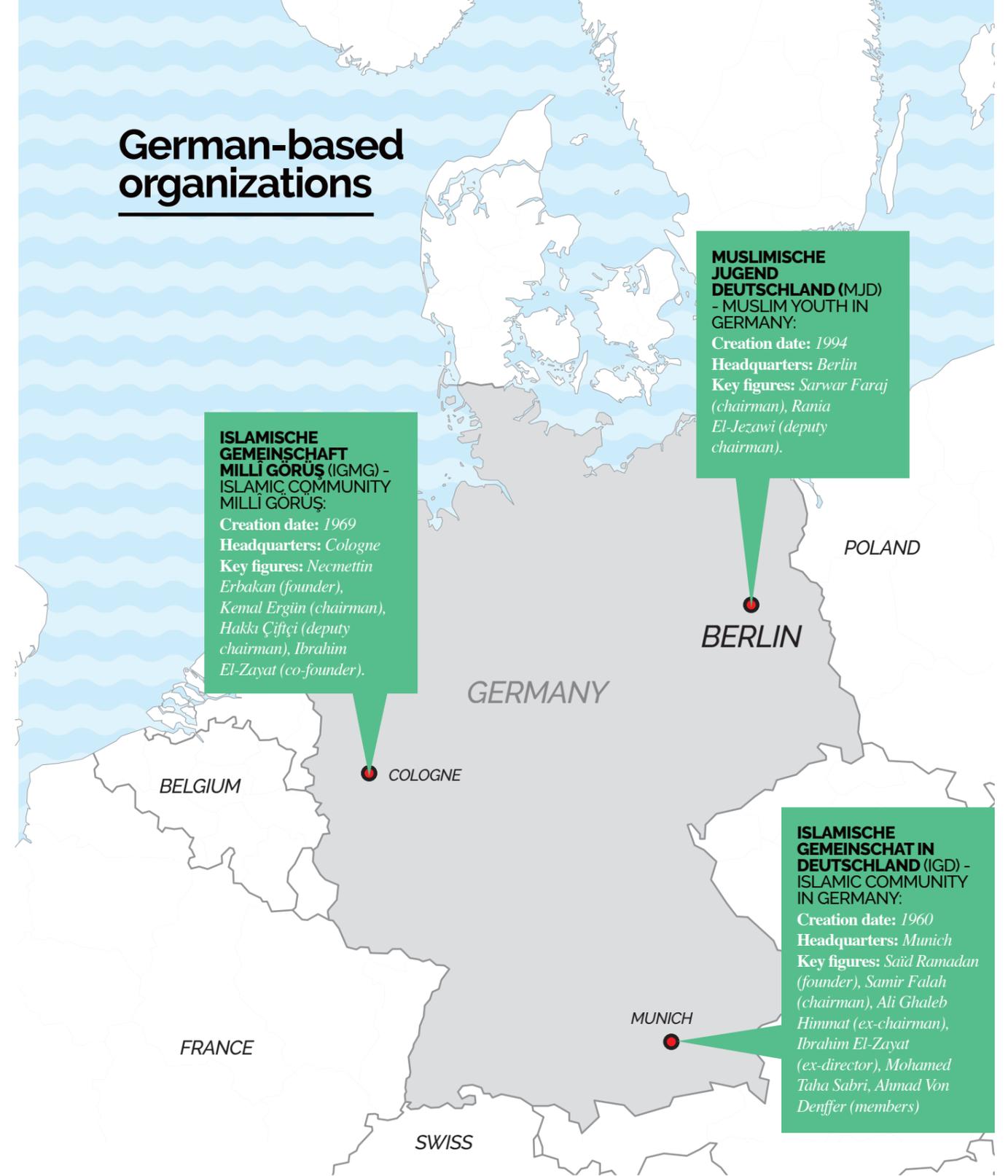
To give the Munich project substance, Saïd Ramadan created the very first Muslim Brotherhood organisation in Europe in the form of a committee charged with the construction of the great mosque in Munich. Two years later, in 1960, this committee gave rise to an association called *Islamische Gemeinschaft in Deutschland* (IGD) [Islamic Community of Germany]. In 1968, following the relocation of Saïd Ramadan, who moved to Geneva after a long dispute with his Muslim Brotherhood companions (see our article *When the 'Brothers' (warring) gutted each other in Munich*, page 26), the IGD was taken over by two historic members of *Tanzim al-Dawli*: Ali Ghaleb Himmat and Youssef Nada (see page 16).

A "pretence non-violence"

Currently affiliated to the *Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe* (FIOE), the IGD has become the main Muslim Brotherhood body in Germany. Headed by Samir Falah, it has a youth branch known under the name of *Muslimische Jugend in Deutschland* (MJD), led by Sarwar Faraj. However, the core of the propaganda and preaching activities of the IGD involves outreach work through charitable associations, Koranic schools and Islamic sociocultural centres. To do this, it has a variety of *Islamische Zentren* (Islamic centres) in a number of German Länder, the best-known being the *Islamic Centre of Munich*, headed by Ahmad Von Denffer, which publishes the magazine *al-Islam*, and the one in Berlin, headed by Mohammed Taha Sabri, who runs the great mosque of Berlin-Neuköln.

While enjoying legal recognition, the activities of the IGD are under close scrutiny from the *Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz* (BfV), the national intelligence service of Germany. In a report dated December 2018 on "legalistic Islamic organisations", the BfV pinpointed the IGD for "non-conformity with the foundations of democracy", denouncing its "pretence non-violence, which hides objectives that aim to strengthen a feeling of mistrust of Western values and discredit democracy". According to the report, when the leaders of the IGD discuss things behind closed doors, they do not conceal their desire to "create Islamic states based on divine law, including in Germany sometime in the future".

German-based organizations



The Turkish brothers

In parallel to the Arabic part of the Muslim Brotherhood, established in Germany thanks to the Ramadan-Himmat-Nada trio, there is a Turkish branch of the Brotherhood controlled by the Erbakan clan and organised within the *Islamischen Gemeinschaft Millî Görüş* (IGMG). It is the German branch of the Turkish Brotherhood *Millî Görüş* (monotheistic vision), founded in 1969 by Necmettin Erbakan, the leader of *Refah Partisi*, the forerunner of the present-day AKP, President Erdogan's party. Currently headed by Kemal

Ergün, Millî Görüş controls more than 300 mosques in Germany.

These two branches of the German Muslim Brotherhood ignored each other for a long time. Family alliances were put in place later to help their rapprochement. As a consequence, the former head of the IGD Ibrahim el-Zayat married the daughter of Mehmet Erbakan, one of the founders of *Millî Görüş*. This alliance allows him to act as a go-between between the current leaders of the Arab branch -from which he came- and their 'Brothers' in the Turkish "family". ●

Germany When the 'Brothers' (warring) gutted each other in Munich!

On 23 August 1973, a muezzin called for the first time for prayer from a mosque in Bavaria: the brand-new Islamic centre located on the outskirts of Munich, in the middle of the woods. At that time, West Germany had only five mosques. The Munich one cost five million Marks.

Built by a German architect of Turkish origin, it has "a dazzlingly slender 115-foot minaret crowned with a golden half-moon. A spiral staircase wound up to the muezzin's balcony", wrote Ian Johnson in his book *A Mosque in Munich...*

The Germans and behind them, the Americans, and more particularly the CIA, gave three Muslim Brothers, who came to implant the Brotherhood in the West, a leg up. First there was the Egyptian Said Ramadan, son-in-law of Hassan al-Banna, the founder of the Brotherhood. To get his hands on the Muslim community in Germany and build this famous mosque, he relied on a Syrian 'Brother', Ali Ghaleb Himmat, and on his compatriot Youssef Nada, the Muslim Brotherhood's occult financier.

Initially, the Americans were betting on Said Ramadan. They see him as the future spokesman of the West in the Muslim world. "U.S. intelligence services pressured Jordan to issue a passport to Ramadan", Johnson said.

But Hani and Tariq Ramadan's father didn't really have a perfect lifestyle.

Generously "sponsored" by the Saudis, Saïd Ramadan drives a garish Cadillac. And he is not insensitive to the charms of women of easy virtue. We return the traces of his escapades in the archives of the Swiss intelligence services, decalcified and 2018. His neighbours, according to a secret note from November 1960, complained about the frequency of visits by women of easy virtue to the Egyptian sheikh!

Worse: in 1960, Saïd Ramadan told his 'Brothers' that he had collected a large sum of money for the construction of the Munich mosque from the King of Arabia, Saud Bin Abdelaziz, King Hussein of Jordan and Turkish and Libyan businessmen. He even announces that he has set up "branches" in Mecca, Medina, Jeddah and Beirut, appointing "honorary advisors" to raise funds on his behalf.

But the months go by without him bringing back any money. "No one had yet seen the colour of the sum promised on the occasion

of his pilgrimage to Mecca the previous year", writes Ian Johnson. Finally, Saïd Ramadan, dropped by the Saudis, abandoned the Munich project and withdrew to Switzerland, where he created the *Islamic Centre of Geneva*.

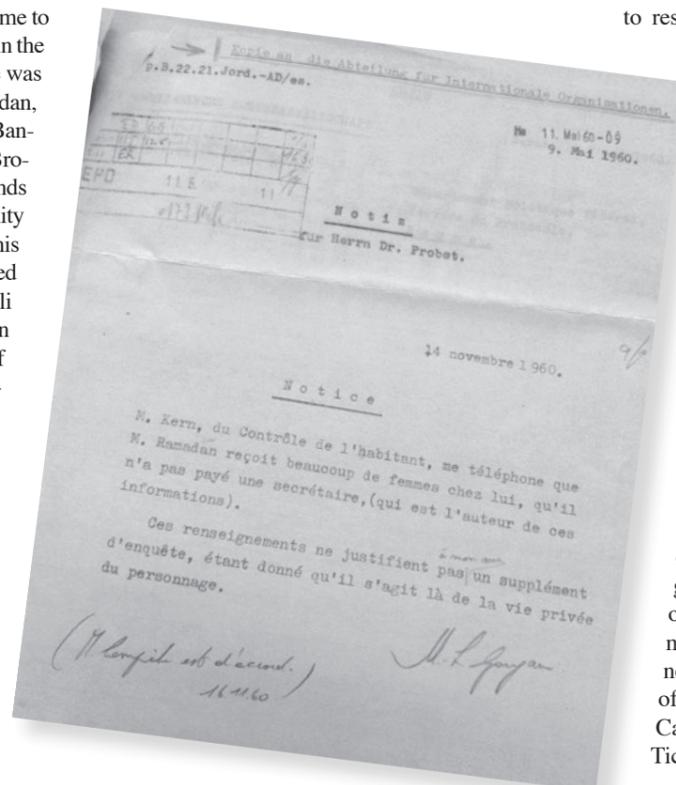
The culture of secrecy, dear to the Muslim Brotherhood, meant that the conflict did not break out in the open. But when the Munich mosque was finally inaugurated in August 1973, Saïd Ramadan was not even invited. The committee in charge of building the mosque even removed it from its list of members!

Ali Ghaleb Himmat escaped disgrace from his motor. Releasing Saïd Ramadan, he took on the role of Brutus, getting closer to his rival Youssef Nada. Unlike Saïd Ramadan, who was able to leave Egypt soon after Nasser came to power, Youssef Nada spent several years in prison. When he left, he started his business and eventually settled in Libya. From where he was forced to flee, following Colonel Gaddafi's military coup in September 1969. But as hatred in the Arab world is not eternal, the Libyan guide, who sought to restore his reputation among the

Muslim world, agreed to help him in 1971.

Thus, it is thanks to a cheque for 1.5 million marks, received from Gaddafi, that Youssef Nada manages to finalize the construction of the Munich mosque. He prefers, however, to remain in the shadows, leaving the lead role to Ali Ghaleb Himmat, who was enthroned for three decades as head of the mosque.

The two men, now in their eighties, have remained very close. Despite the suspicions of terrorist financing that weighed on them in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, the two men are living happily in their neighbouring villas, in the heart of the peaceful Italian enclave of Campione, in the Swiss canton of Ticino. ●



"The global threat of the Muslim Brotherhood" The report of the US Congress that alarms the Muslim Brotherhood

Never has a Western document provoked such panic among the ranks of the Muslim Brotherhood. The most inflamed see it as a "declaration of war" and threaten to take revenge. The most cunning adopt a low profile, fearing a ban on the Brotherhood.

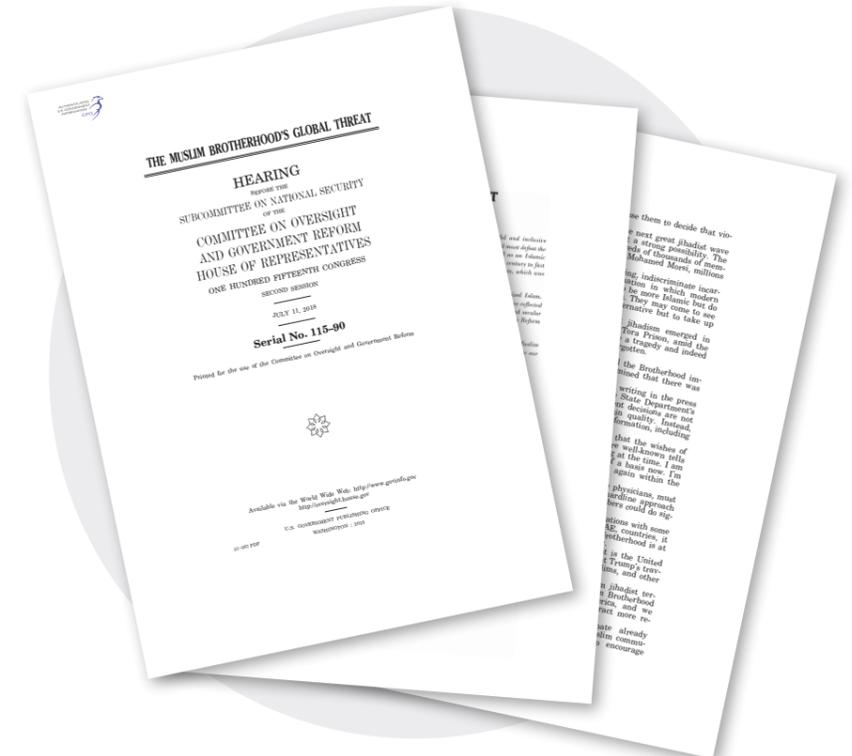
In a hearing held on 11 July 2018 under the title of "The threat of the Muslim Brotherhood to the United States and its interests", the US Congress Subcommittee on National Security presented a report with extremely alarming conclusions, describing the Brotherhood founded in 1928 by the Egyptian Hassan Al-Banna as "a radical Islamist organization that has expanded into a network of branches in over 70 countries".

To define the scope of the threat posed to the United States and the world by the Muslim Brotherhood, the committee based its conclusions on testimonies and expert reports by a group of eminent analysts made up of Hillel Fradkin (Hudson Institute), Jonathan Schanzer (Foundation for Defence of Democracies), Zuhdi Jasser (American Islamic Forum for Democracy), Daniel Benjamin, Norman E. McCulloch Jr. and John Sloan Dickey (Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College) and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, Diplomat in Residence at Princeton University.

The committee produced a highly detailed 90-page report titled "The Muslim Brotherhood's Global Threat", concluding that the Muslim Brotherhood constitutes "an influential global movement whose different branches work to promote a radical and extremely violent ideology, even though some of these branches are not directly involved in terrorism".

At the end of the hearing, the Chair of the Congress Subcommittee, Ron DeSantis openly acknowledged that "US policy has not taken into account the radical behaviour of the Muslim Brotherhood and its support for terrorist groups". This admission is seen as an early indication of the will of the US Congress and the Trump Administration to classify the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization.

In the face of this threat on the horizon,



the headquarters of the Muslim Brotherhood remained discreet, restricting itself to the usual rhetoric by accusing the US committee report of being part of a "campaign led by the religious extreme Right in the United States against Islam". However, certain offshoots of the Muslim Brotherhood, particularly in Libya, have called this report a "declaration of war".

For instance, Khaled El-Mashri, the head of the "Justice and Construction Party", the political showcase of the Muslim Brotherhood in Libya, was quick to meet with Stephanie Williams, who he knew when she was acting ambassador in the US Embassy in Libya, and who had just been appointed assistant representative of the United Nations in the country, to "ask her for clarification", while warning her that the report could have "dangerous consequences".

For his part, the Head of the Milita-

ry Council of Tripoli, the former Jihadist affiliated to al-Qaida Abdelhakim Belhadj, who is presently close to the Muslim Brotherhood, sounded an even more threatening note. According to a confidential European document, he would have cautioned a Western source with whom he had spoken in Istanbul that the report by the Congress constituted, as he saw it, "a declaration of war by the United States and their Emirati allies against the Muslim Brotherhood", while warning his interlocutor that this "would have consequences, including in Libya".

At the moment, these threats remain at the level of verbal intimidation. However, if the Trump Administration decided to carry out its threats to classify the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organisation, there is no doubt that the armed wing of the Brotherhood would not hesitate to turn words into deeds. ●

The financier of the 'brain' of 9/11 still active!

Can you openly finance the 'brain' of the most spectacular and lethal terrorist attack in History, one that shook the foundations of the first world power and caused nearly 3,000 victims, and manage to avoid any prosecution or indictment?

Even worse, can you be on the blacklists of the UN and the US Treasury and continue surreptitiously accessing your supposedly frozen assets to take out the tidy sum of 120 million dollars per year, i.e. \$10,000 per month?

The answer is yes, provided you are a Qatari citizen protected by the most influential figures in this extremely rich gas-producing Emirate!

The recent revelations by the *Wall Street Journal* on the shortcomings of the UN sanctions against the financiers of terrorism have lifted the lid off the bizarre story of Khalifa al-Subaiy, an eminent figure in the Central Bank of Qatar and generous benefactor... of al-Qaida!

When the preparations for the 9/11 attacks entered their active phase in spring 2000, al-Subaiy was at the head of the fight against money laundering and financial crime in the Central Bank of Qatar (see the column by Roland Jacquard, page 10). An ideal cover to carry out, with complete impunity, his secret activities as a financial backer of the highest echelons of al-Qaida, among them the 'brain' of the 9/11 attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohamed.

We had to wait seven years to see the name of this 'terror sponsor' written down on the blacklists of the UN and the US Treasury. His bank accounts were theoretically frozen at the time. However, we now discover that the Qatari authorities intervened before the Security Council to obtain exemptions that would al-

low him to withdraw no less than \$120,000 per year from his 'frozen assets' without anyone expressing the slightest concern for more than a decade!

Even more serious, US diplomatic telegrams revealed by WikiLeaks indicate that as well as these exemptions that allowed him to access a part of his frozen assets,

al-Subaiy also has an active bank account, something that should be forbidden to anyone wanted for funding terrorism. These telegrams also provide proof that the US authorities knew about the largesse he benefited from and have not done anything, or hardly anything, to put a stop to it.

We had to wait until March 2008, following a sentence in absentia condemning al-Subaiy in Bahrain for activities supporting terrorism after 9/11, for the US Administration to finally exert pressure on Doha forcing them to undertake proceedings against him. As a result, he was imprisoned, but senior figures from the Qatari power soon intervened to obtain his release. They did such a good job that he was freed less than six months later, and the sub-Secretary of the US Treasury, David Cohen, made a feeble protest, lamenting that "*the authorities in Doha adopt lax jurisdictions in the fight against the funding of terrorism*".

Bolstered by this impunity, guaranteed to him by his closeness to certain key members of the princely family of Qatar such as the former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hamad Bin Jassim al-Thani, al-Subaiy did not take long to return to

his activities as a 'terror sponsor' by raising funds -once again- for networks linked to al-Qaida and ISIS. He does not even conceal these activities, and even goes as far as disseminating videos on social media in which he exhorts his countrymen to make donations to the Jihadist cause. ●

5 DATES

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2001

The attacks on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, causing 2,977 deaths.

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MARCH
2003

The 'brain' behind 9/11, Khalid Sheikh Mohamed, is arrested in Rawalpindi (Pakistan).

MARCH
2008

The Qatari authorities imprison Khalifa al-Subaiy, and then release him six months later.

10
OCT.
2008

The UN Security Council puts al-Subaiy on the blacklist of financiers of terrorism.

20
JUNE
2019

The Wall Street Journal reveals that al-Subaiy gets around the freezing of his assets and continues to finance terrorism.

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