

The Manifestations of The Contemporary Combat Tactics of Terrorism (Lone Wolves as A Model)

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Abstract

The new manifestations of terrorism then constituted a qualitative shift in confrontation tactics, and the phenomenon of lone wolves is only one of the most prominent of these manifestations. And if it may enjoy and be influenced by the support of a group, movement, organization or ideology", lone wolves are considered that present phenomenon that transcends religions and ideologies, after it was a sub-trend in the phenomenon of terrorism in general since the past decade, and it is also strongly linked and in a direct relationship with the process of globalization And its cultural and technological mechanisms, it has turned into a very dangerous phenomenon, especially after the emergence of Al-Qaeda and the global interest in the phenomenon of ISIS terrorism after 2014.

Keywords: terrorism, lone wolves, corona pandemic, international efforts.

Introduction:

Humanity has known terrorism for a long time, and despite the historical roots of this concept, terrorism in the current era is no longer what it was before the end of the Cold War, and its problem did not emerge clearly until the seventies of the twentieth century when the international community knew the phenomenon of individual terrorism, which It represented an important challenge for all countries that suffered from terrorism or did not suffer, as many terrorist operations have been described recently as being carried out by "lone wolves". One of the behaviors of wolf groups in the animal kingdom is the lone wolf leaves the wolf group and distances itself from it, choosing to live alone, attacking and preying alone, so "lone wolves" is a new-old phenomenon begged by extremist movements in their war against the countries of the world, and it also constitutes a disturbing challenge For the global security agencies, where the concern lies in the difficulty of predicting, tracking and premonitoring the terrorist act, and the concept of the lone wolf is that person who imbibes a specific extremist ideology that is characterized by non-peaceful behaviors, without having any contacts and contacts. A direct organizational notable with the terrorist group, then with self-planning and financing, proceeds to carry out the terrorist crime, in service of the organization's goals and philosophy. Their number increased, especially after the competition between the "Al-Qaeda" and "ISIS" organizations in controlling the so-called "global jihadist movement", by adopting this option (lone wolf operations) as a "combat tactic", especially after the siege and confrontations intensified in their areas.

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First: the importance of the study:

The importance of this research lies in the danger of individual terrorism. In recent years, "lone wolf" attacks have become the modern face and common pattern of terrorist operations. There is a lack of current academic research, especially in the Arab world, on this phenomenon. This requires more integrated studies to analyze the phenomenon. "Lone Wolves".

Second: the problem of the study

The problem of the study lies in determining the severity of the phenomenon of individual terrorism, as lone wolf terrorism is the most growing form of terrorism in Translated from Arabic to English - www.onlinedoctranslator.com recent years, as this phenomenon has become a security dilemma for countries that face such dangers, especially since lone wolf operations are characterized by speed and surprise, and confronting them becomes difficult. Difficult because it is characterized by individualism and the unpredictability of its occurrence and the place that will be the scene of its operations, not to mention that these operations do not have a record of information about their perpetrators. This problem puts us in front of many questions that must be answered, including: Who are the lone wolves? What are the reasons for the spread of this phenomenon? What security measures can be used to combat lone wolf terrorism?

Third: the hypothesis of the study

The hypothesis of the study stems from the idea that (the escalation of the dangers of lone wolf terrorism has become a serious threat to the security of states as well as international security).

Fourth: Study Curricula

This study relied on the analytical descriptive approach, as it allows the collection of the various information about the phenomenon under study and also contributes to the description and analysis of the research problem, in order to clarify the nature of terrorist lone wolves and the security challenges in combating individual terrorism.

Fifth: the structure of the study

We decided to divide the subject of the research into an introduction and two axes. The first axis dealt with the phenomenon of lone wolves: the historical depth and the philosophy of the concept, and included three demands. The first demand dealt with the established origins and historical depth of the phenomenon. When dealing with the second axis Patterns of theoretic and jihadist origins of the lone wolves It included two requirements, addressing the first require mental-Qaeda theories of lone wolf terrorism Address the second requirement ISIS theories of lone wolf terrorism, dealing with the third axis The lone wolf tactic in employing the Corona pandemic and ways of confrontation, and it included two demands Address the first requirement Employing the single melt phenomenon of the global pandemic Address the second requirement International efforts to confront the growth of lone wolf terrorism And we ended the research with a conclusion that included the most important findings and recommendations that were reached.

The first topic: the phenomenon of lone wolves: The historical depth and the philosophy of the concept The first requirement: the established origins and the historical depth of the phenomenon

The phenomenon of what has come to be called "lone wolves" or "lost soldiers" is one of the latest security theories in dealing with the file of international terrorism. It talks briefly about the presence of individuals or small groups who embrace jihadist ideas and are *Res Militaris*, vol.13, n°2, January Issue 2023 2700



ideologically linked to extremist organizations and plan terrorist operations independently and according to requirements of reality and the environment in which they operate. The origins of the "lone wolf" go back to the far right in the United States of America, where the term "lone wolf" or "lone wolf" was popularized in the year1990, when the American racists "Metzger" and "Curtis" Curtis called on individual and small cells to carry arms and work underground in complete secrecy instead of large organizations operating above the ground, to avoid the surveillance of the security services and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation specialized in internal terrorism, and with the spread of "Metzger" ideas And "Kirtsu" increased the number of crimes practiced by "leaderless" right-wing extremists, as the US Federal Bureau of Investigation described these actions 1 as "lone wolf operations." The "lone wolf" operations have grown significantly and spread in many European countries. To prove this, we mention some examples that illustrate the historical depth of this phenomenon: First: in November 15, 1988, Bared Stardom, an African Christian, shot several people in and around Stride Square in Pretoria, South Africa, killing 7 and wounding 15 others. Years after his release from prison, he announced that he was the leader of the White Wolves Organization and that he was ready to kill more Blacks if necessary. Second: in late general1991 and early 1992, John Ausonius shot 11 dark-skinned people, killing one of them. III: in February general1992 Police officer Alan Moore shoots and kills three Catholic men at Belfast Sinn Fein's main office on Falls Road. Alan Moore commits suicide shortly before being arrested. Fourthly: in January 25, 1993, Pakistani citizen "Mir Aimal Kansi" opened fire on CIA employees while they were waiting inside their cars at a stop sign, killing two people and wounding three others, as he was reported to be angry at the US government's policy in the Middle East, particularly towards Palestinian people. Fifth: in February 24, 1994, Israeli Baruch Goldstein, a member of the League for the Defense of the Jews, opened fire inside the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron, killing 29 people and wounding at least 100. Sixthly: in October 9, 1995, an unidentified vandal pulled nails from railroad tracks near Palo Verde, Arizona, derailing a train, killing Mitchell Bates and injuring 78 passengers, 12 of them severely.

Seventh: in April 12, 1996, anti-government white supremacist Larry Chomicy shot eight African Americans, before taking his own life. Eighth: in January 16, 1997, antiabortion extremist Eric Rudolph planted two bombs to detonate in succession hour after hour, destroying the Sandy Springs professional building in Atlanta, Georgia, that housed the Atlanta North Side Family Planning Department. It appears that the second explosion was planned to target the likes of firefighters, paramedics and others, and resulted in the injury of seven people in the two explosions. IX: in October 29, 1998, Scott Joseph Merrill fatally shot a road worker in Emery County, Utah, in an ambush-style attack. Merrill claimed that he acted on God's command to kill the county highwayman, believing that this command would supersede Utah law. Tenth: in May 15, 1999, Kim Michael Cook, an anti-government extremist, shot Alaska police officer James Rowland Jr. during a welfare check. Authorities believe that Cook killed the officer in an ambush because of his hatred of law enforcement. Eleventh: in October 13, 2000, Palestinian-American Ramesses "Ramzi" Osman set fire to the Temple of Bethel in Syracuse, New York, severely damaging the temple building according to the testimony of an acquaintance. After Osman set the temple on fire, he exclaimed, "I did this for you, my Allah". Twelve: in May 6, 2002, nine days before the election, Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn is assassinated by Volkert van der Graaf, who says he killed the politician for using Muslims as "scapegoats". Thirteen: in March 19, 2005, Egyptian citizen Omar Ahmed Abdullah Ali detonated a car bomb registered in his name in a building attached to the Doha Players Theater of the British School in the Qatari capital, Doha, killing a British person and injuring 12 others, while the police said that he was acting

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alone. Fifteen: in September 4, 2006, Nabil Ahmed Jaoura, a Jordanian of Palestinian origin, shot tourists in the Roman amphitheater in the Jordanian capital, Amman. A British tourist was killed and six others, including five tourists, were injured. Police said he was not associated with any organized group but was angry at Western and Israeli actions in the Middle East. Sixteen: in July 27, 2008, C. David Addison shot and killed members of a Knoxville church during a music performance, killing two people and wounding seven others. After his arrest, Edikson said he was motivated by a hatred of democrats, liberals, African Americans and homosexuals. Seventeen: in May 31, 2009, anti-abortion activist Scott Roeder murdered physician George Teller. Eighteen: in November 28, 2010, Cody Seth Crawford, age 24, threw a bomb at the Salman Al Farsi Islamic Center in Corvallis, Oregon; In response to Muhammad Usman Mahmud's attempted car bombing of a Christmas tree in Portland, Oregon. Nineteen: in January 17, 2011, neo-Nazi Kevin William Harpham placed a remote controlled pipe bomb on the path of Martin Luther King Jr.'s annual rally. The bomb was detected before it exploded, the march was re-routed, and the bomb was defused. Twenty: in August 5, 2012, white supremacist and neo-Nazi Michael Michael Page shot dead six people and wounded four others at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. He then turned the page on his life by shooting himself in the head after a police officer shot him in the stomach. Twenty one: in April 15, 2013 Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev detonated two bombs at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing three people and injuring more than 260 others. Two Twenty: in August 11, 2014, Swedish citizen Douglas Lee LeGuin started a fire in a Dallas suburb, planning to occupy a house there and declare his own sovereign state, then exchanged gunfire with police before surrendering to SWAT officers. Twenty-three: in May 3, 2015, two men shoot outside an exhibit of caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad at the Curtis Colwell Center in Garland, Texas; As a result, a security officer was wounded and the two men were killed by police bullets. Twenty-four: in June 12, 2016 Omar Mateen, a 29year-old Afghan-American Muslim, opened fire at a gay nightclub in Orlando, killing 49 people and wounding 53 others. The attacker declared his allegiance to ISIS during the attack. Five Twenty: on the first of October2017, US citizen Stephen Paddock, aged 64, opened automatic fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, amidst a crowd attending a country music festival that was being held near the hotel. At least 59 people were killed and more than 500 injured as a result of gunshot wounds and other injuries. After his killing, the police described him as a "lone wolf," although the authorities refrained from describing the incident as an act of terrorism. six Twenty: in January 29, 2017 Alexandre Bissonte, a political science student at Laval University, opened fire on the Islamic Cultural Center in Quebec City, killing six worshipers. Twenty-seven: a year2019 in New Zealand, the Australian "Brenton Tarrant" launched an armed attack with weapons bearing the names and symbols of right-wing extremists against Muslim worshipers, killing 50 people and wounding 45 others, and this incident 2 was ranked 13th in the list of the worst attacks in 2019. In the context of talking about the historical roots of the phenomenon of "lone wolves" in Islamic terrorist organizations, its emergence and increased danger came after the killing of Al-Qaeda leader "Osama bin Laden", which led to a change in the rules of the game, prompting a number of Al-Oaeda members to return to their homelands, especially with the change in the geopolitical situation. And destabilization, as well as the escalation of US attacks on the strongholds of al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Pakistan and Afghanistan, prompting members of the organization to flee to their countries again and form sleeper cells and carry out terrorist operations unilaterally, taking advantage of simple capabilities to cause media uproar, and achieve goals that serve the organization more. As this phenomenon formed part of the strategy of (the new al-Qaeda) in the "open source jihad" phase, which followed the United States' launch of the war on terrorism, which led to the dispersion of the organization's cells around the world, and the organization needed an alternative, and then a

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man called "Abu Musab al-Suri" came forward, who He was later known as the "architect of the new al-Qaeda" with a new plan to transfer al-Qaeda's war to the West. The plan is that every Muslim "must Abu Musab al-Suri is considered the first to look at this represent a oneman army." idea and establish it in one of the chapters of his book "The Call to the Global Islamic Resistance," which he completed at the end of the year.2004 in the framework of what he called "individual jihad", where he reviewed the benefits achieved by individual terrorist acts. And in general 2010 The Islamic State "ISIS" shed light on the seriousness of terrorist operations that are carried out individually, as the organization succeeded in declaring a "caliphate state" and spreading its extremist ideas. Countries that do not fall under the control of the terrorist organization, and they can, with primitive tools, manufacture 5 high explosive bombs and carry out frightening killings. It can be said that the method of ISIS did not differ much from the method of al-Qaeda in relying on absolute terrorism.2014, in an audio recording calling on sympathizers with the organization to kill the nationals of the coalition countries anywhere and by any means available, and he continued his speech by setting the stage for the organization's future strategy, which is "lone wolves", where he urged his supporters to carry out more attacks on Western interests everywhere, and he said literally in His speech, which he titled with "Yahya from a living by evidence": "Targeting so-called civilians is more beloved and effective to us." He added, "There is no infallibility for blood, and there is no existence for the innocent," and he continued by saying: "If you do not find weapons, run them over with your cars." It was only a few days until Europe and America were subjected to unprecedented attacks carried out by lone wolves under the banner of the Islamic State. They were run over or killed with knives in France, as well 6 as attacks in the United States of America, and another killing with an ax in Germany.

The second requirement: the philosophy of the phenomenon and its formative characteristics

Lone wolves are "individuals who act alone, and who do not belong to any organized terrorist group or network, as the individual designs methods and tactics of his work and implements his plans alone, without any orders or guidance from a higher leadership or A "lone wolf" is also defined as a person who threatens or uses violence or 7 hierarchy." non-violent sabotage, including cyber attacks, against the government, military, community, business, or others, acting alone or with little support from one or two other persons. For religious, political, social, ideological, financial or other goals. Even in the absence of the target, his attack will have the same potential effect on military actions, the government, business or society in terms of disrupting the daily situation, creating a state of fear and prompting the government and army to respond to security or any other response.

- 1. The perpetrator of the attack must not have a security record and must not have been subject to any kind of security follow-up and pursuit before.
- 2. The perpetrator of the attack was alone and did not receive any assistance of any kind. It is not possible to describe an attack carried out by two or more people as "lone wolf terrorism".
- 3. His political or ideological conviction to carry out a terrorist attack must not consist of direct or indirect contact with any organized terrorist group. There are several types of lone wolves divided into five categories: 1. the secularists: They are the ones who commit their actions for economic goals. 2. Religious: They are the ones who commit their actions in the name of God, such as Boko Haram, Al Qaeda and ISIS. 3. Specific cause wolves: They are the ones who commit their actions for specific goals and causes such as opposing abortion, protecting the environment and animals.
- 4. Wolves are criminals or organized crimes.



5. Psychopathic wolves: They are the ones who suffer from psychological problems such as paranoia and schizophrenia.

Accordingly, it can be noted that the phenomenon of "lone wolves" is characterized by some characteristics, including:

- 1. Acting in an individual way: The terrorist's "lone wolf" act is characterized by unilateralism in terms of purpose, planning and execution, without any indicators that reveal his obtaining support or support from any party, except within narrow limits.
- 2. Non-organizational intellectual affiliation: The "lone wolf" is linked to an organization intellectually and not organizationally, as it is convinced of the organization's ideas and is influenced by ideological and motivational factors from well known terrorist groups, in a way that makes it carry out terrorist acts without the presence of the organizational link or even without receiving direct instructions from the organization. Carrying out the operation, but he may have contacted or received training in the past from terrorist groups.
- 3. Relying on the available simple capabilities: In "lone wolf" operations, reliance is always placed on the available simple capabilities that are easy to obtain and use, especially since the perpetrators of this type of operation seek to carry out the crime of killing in the first place and not to carry out large and specific operations.
- 4. Self-financing: The "lone wolf" finances the process that it carries out by itself, relying on its own resources. It often relies on the available resources with limited costs that are easy to obtain and use, and on the use of other materials that enter into the manufacture of explosives from the market without attracting attention and monitoring
- 5. Difficulty in monitoring: Many of the "lone wolves" are ordinary personalities who do not have any criminal records and do not raise suspicions about their movement and daily behavior and do not show signs of extremism competent agencies to prevent terrorist operations before they occur. 6. Residence in the target country: The "lone wolf" terrorist often resides in the country in which he carries out his terrorist operation in a way that helps him choose the target and the means he uses in the terrorist operation.

The third requirement: the spread of lone wolves (causes and factors)

First: the motivating reasons there are several reasons for the emergence of the lone wolf phenomenon:

- 1. It is a product of the phenomenon of religious extremism in its general context, which gained its momentum from the growth of the phenomenon of extremism and terrorism, especially in the West.
- 2. Some analysts and psychologists say that most of the "lone wolves" suffer from mental illnesses, schizophrenia, and they are frustrated and suffer from social isolation, diseases and psychological disorders
- 3. Retaliation for the oppression, injustice and deprivation that he faced from society, which will turn the defeated into a wolf ready to take revenge on the reality in which he is.
- 4. Racial, ethnic and regional discrimination played a role in attracting fighters and terrorists.
- 5. Islam presented itself as a factor of attraction for those dormant energies that kept looking for an "awaited hero" who would rescue them from their condition and lowliness and extend a helping hand to them and lift them out of their misery and

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humiliation, so they fell soft prey into the traps of extremism and terrorism on the assumption that it is Islam itself, even if they were completely unaware of the subject.

- 6. Those involved in the lone wolf battalion may be descended from shallow families with a bad history and a disgraceful record of crimes, alcohol and drug abuse and precedents. This feeling of humiliation will force them to search for an outlet for honorable work to restore honor and meanness.
- 7. The end of the era of al-Qaeda's central unit as a hierarchical leadership of interconnected and compact groups and the interaction of operations within structures, especially after the separation of ISIS from the central al-Qaeda and the mutual accusations between al-Qaeda leaders and their counterparts in ISIS.
- 8. The role of the founding fathers of the Afghan jihad, the nucleus of jihad today, and the spontaneous development of jihadist networks by virtue of the European relations with the leaders of the organization in the Afghan war against the Soviets under the auspices of the United States and the appreciation of their efforts because they saved capitalist Europe from the danger of communism through proxy wars, which was a natural result of the emergence of the phenomenon of lone wolves.
- 9. Colonialism and the search for identity will be brought together by jihad in one crucible, and they will be mobilized by those extremist religious groups as an ideological charge. The existence of suicide operations is, in essence, a political reaction to the military occupation.
- 10. Technology and its role in bringing the image of imagination closer to reality and the East to the West, where the Internet played a prominent role in radicalizing many and recruiting teenagers through social networks and chat rooms, and watching videos about the crimes of the United States, the Zionist entity and its allies in Chechnya, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Palestine.

Second: the breeding factors of lone wolves there are a number of factors that fuel the breeding of lone wolves:

1. The presence of a good number of European fighters among the ranks of terrorist organizations, communicating via the Internet with their counterparts in Europe, which increases the possibility of the birth of new wolves, as the European media released statistics for the year 2014 regarding the number of Arab and Western fighters in the ranks of ISIS, and that the Gulf states Saudi Arabia and Jordan in particular come in the first place, and Africa in the second place, and these proportions changed in 2015, as the while the Europeans ranked third with about 2,000 fighters, and in Europe Britain came in the first place with about 500 fighters. This was followed by France, then Belgium, then Germany, then the Netherlands. This can be inferred by the American desire to liberate the Syrian city of Manabí in order to control the movement of these terrorists. 2. The spirit of revenge generated by Europeans of Arab and Middle Eastern descent; Because of the involvement of European governments in the instability in the security and political arena in those regions, they turn into lone wolves to avenge their mother countries. 3. The number of immigrants and refugees has increased in recent years to Europe, especially after ISIS occupied lands in Iraq and Syria and declared its alleged state, as these people pose a threat to European security. 4. Ill-treatment of people of Arab and African descent in Western societies and considering them as second class leads to the birth of a spirit of revenge among them. 5. The rise of extreme right-wing currents in the Western world against Islamic movements, as US President Donald Trump adopted a decision banning 7 Islamic countries from traveling to the United States, namely: (Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Libya, Iran, Somalia, Sudan).



The second axis: patterns of theorizing and jihadist origins of the lone wolves

Most of the jihadist movements were founded on a secret organizational, structural choice based on the hierarchical leadership. At the top of the hierarchy sits the "caliph, the emir, the sheikh..." and through structural hierarchies, positions and titles branch out and responsibilities are distributed to the lowest networks of advocacy and recruitment. The jihadist movements preserved this organizational base, especially Al Qaeda However; its loss of safe haven in Afghanistan resulted in the idea of decentralizing the organization, which is the call for "lone wolf operations." Accordingly, the idea of the individual terrorist being independent from the group, concealing his direct links with them, and announcing his movement, planning, and individual.

The first requirement: al-Qaeda theories of lone wolf terrorism

Abu Musab al-Suri, in his book: "The Call of the Global Islamic Resistance," suggested the method of individual jihad, bypassing the centrality of al-Qaeda and denoting the lone wolves. To be independent by itself, forming an independent army and able to move and attack without referring to the leadership of al-Qaeda and the head of the organization and its local leadership. The new situation, the organization divided into small local and regional cells, the most prominent of which was Al-Qaeda in Iraq and the Levant, which announced the change of its name to "the State Organization" and became a competitor to Al-Qaeda after declaring the caliphate state, especially after it 14 pledged allegiance to about more than40 organizations in the world. Thus, al-Qaeda adopted the "lone wolf strategy", and in order to spread its roots, features and rationale, several affiliated magazines in both Arabic and English published excerpts from Abu Musab al-Suri's book, the most prominent of which was the , which aims to encourage his sympathizers and fighters to * electronic magazine Inspire carry out individual terrorist operations, and the Al-Sahab Foundation affiliated with Al Oaeda issued a general incitement tape2011, when the organization adopts this combat strategy. The leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, "Qasim Al-Rimi," also referred to a lengthy dialogue about the implementation of lone wolf operations in one of the He called for 15 organization's magazines, and he mentioned Operation (Omar Mateen). Lessons to be drawn from it as easy and simple, as he likened its perpetrators to the army, asking: "A single Mujahid or an army within a Mujahid?" He considered the wolf not to be alone, but to be seen as a fraction or a group, but as an army, and that it is part of the body and its movements are central and essential to jihad, and the individual operation is essential. The organization also presented a guide to jihad under the title Inspiration Guide With the signature of the "Guidance Team for Individual Jihad" in Arabic and English, where he issued several guides analyzing individual operations, including the Omar operation, the Orlando operation, the nice operation, and the British Parliament operation.

The second Requirement:

ISIS theories of lone wolf terrorism after the emergence of ISIS, the volume and level of lone wolf operations increased, calling on its fighters to move from their countries. Operation "Omar Mateen" was the beginning of various and many operations in Germany, Britain, France, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia... and other operations adopted by ISIS. Because of the organization's adoption of the individual choice in its speeches to its supporters, loyalists, and sympathizers, and in order to implement this on the ground, the organization hastened to promote the lone wolf operations through videos, newspapers, and magazines such as (Al-Naba', Dabiq, and Al-Roumieh...), and through a booklet written by "Abu Obeida Abdullah." Nothingness" in English under He 16 the title "Directions of Safety and Security for the Mujahideen and Small Cells" called on the lone wolves to carry out terrorist



operations and target the enemies of the "Caliphate State" with individual operations. He also called on them to engage in their societies and appear in normal clothes and shave their beards...etc. in order to avoid arousing suspicions and for the success of these operations and ensuring their continuation and survival. He also intensified his propaganda for these operations in 2008. In 2014 and after in 2016, Abu Muhammad al-Adnani (the media spokesman for the Islamic State organization before his assassination) sent audio messages to sympathizers, calling on them to target the countries of the international coalition inside their countries and to carry out operations targeting their interests, as he linked these moves to individualism, caution, and caution. The defeats incurred by the Islamic State and the retreat of its lands in Iraq and Syria also had a role in intensifying its communication accounts by calling for adopting this method as an alternative to immigration to the land of the caliphate and targeting the countries of the world with all available means and various propaganda methods. Thus, the strategy of contemporary terrorism has become implemented through the lone wolf tactic, on which the jihadist movements with all their names are based, as a directive to follow them by unilateral movement and execution of operations, in order to ensure the continuity of the jihadist phenomenon on the one hand, and to confirm its ability to threaten the countries of the world, especially the Western countries and their enemies in the place and time that On the other hand, the competition for the leadership of the banner of jihad between al-Oaeda and its allies on the one hand, and the organization of the state and its affiliated Emirates on the other hand, and the efforts of each of them in developing jihadist approaches, goals, means, and operations, played a role in encouraging and developing the phenomenon of individual tiresome

The third axis: the lone wolf tactic in employing the Corona pandemic and ways of confrontation The first requirement:

Employing the phenomenon of lone wolves for the global pandemic Terrorist organizations have exploited the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.19) In the formation of terrorist cells targeting the security and stability of countries, where ISIS took advantage of the crisis of the spread of the Corona virus, thinking that the world's preoccupation with the Corona pandemic would make it more powerful and able to rearrange its ranks and prove its existence, as the organization called on its solitary elements as "lone wolves" to carry out lightning strikes In countries with any weapon, and in an analysis of the phenomenon, the Global Fatwa Index (GFI) of the Egyptian Dar Al Iftaa and the General Secretariat was monitored The role and fatwa bodies in the world The interaction of terrorist organizations with the event of the "Corona" outbreak, as they follow the fatwa discourse of these organizations regarding the virus by claiming that it represents (a punishment from God, and requires taking steps to explate sins), so the organization made the implementation of terrorist operations, even with the simplest available means, the only way to get rid of the virus and eliminate it, and it was mentioned in "Al-Naba" newspaper in the issue (226) For the month of March, complete topics for spreading the ideas of lone wolves and inciting against them under the title "The Crusaders' Worst Nightmares", including: "The duty of Muslims today, while striving to protect themselves and their families from the spreading disease, is also striving to release Muslim prisoners in the polytheists' prisons, and not to take pity on the infidels and apostates Even when they are at the height of their ordeal." And in confirmation of what the indicator revealed in the fatwa discourse of the Islamic State organization, urging its followers to carry out its unilateral operations, this is what was achieved on the ground with a terrorist operation by the "Boko Haram" group affiliated with the organization, which led to the killing of 92 soldiers from Niger and Chad, and wounding 47 others, and also a terrorist operation of the organization that targeted a religious headquarters for the Sikhs in Kabul, which left 25 dead and 8 wounded. The fatwa index also confirmed that the



organization considered the Corona virus as a punishment for Muslims as well. Because of turning away from religion and the necessity of their repentance and return to God Almighty and avoiding immoralities, as stated in the month of March in a written publication under the title "The way for humanity to get out of the belly of the whale (commandments and revelations about the Corona epidemic)", and also what was mentioned in the "Daughter of Islam" magazine, issue 13 for the month of April, under the title "Corona: Conspiracy or Sign of Torment?", which included: "The Corona epidemic has revealed to us a degree Doctrinal backwardness and alienation from religion that people suffer from, and at a time when Italy resorted to praying and seeking help from God, and so did arrogant America and set a national day for supplication and supplication, we see among our people who insist on denying the signs of torment, and continue arrogantly arguing! The organization tried to exploit this doctrinal aspect by attracting non-Muslims in the West by calling them to Islam as a religion of purity and cleanliness. It also called on them to take advantage of the period of home quarantine to read about the Islamic religion, saying: "O Western peoples... make this epidemic a warning for you to return." to your nature and return to your Lord. The Global Fatwa Index also revealed the exploitation of the Corona virus by al-Qaeda branches to support this idea, especially the "Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam wa al-Muslimeen" and the "Mojahedin Youth Movement", through the issuance of a book "On the Battle of Pemba in Mali" by the Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam wa al-Muslimin, which includes: "This battle came Blessed at a time when God Almighty empowered an army of His soldiers over the mightiest countries participating in this crusade against our Muslim peoples in Mali and the region, and we especially mention France, the spearhead in this campaign, and its neighbor Spain, which announced its intention to withdraw its forces from this criminal alliance due to the exhaustion that afflicted it from an epidemic Corona ", as well as the Mujahideen Youth Movement, one of whose leaders was considered "Fouad Chungli"That Muslims should rejoice in the Corona epidemic in the world as a calamity sent by God Almighty to those who constitute an obstacle to the spread of the Islamic religion, and on the basis of these statements, the Mujahideen Youth Movement intensified its operations in its areas of influence on the African continent. In the month of April, the number of operations in East Africa reached Somali government approx45 operations resulted in about 120 deaths, while the regions of the Kenvan government carried out 4 operations, resulting in more than 40 deaths.

The second requirement: International efforts to confront the growth of lone wolf terrorism

Despite the measures taken by the security services to eliminate the phenomenon of terrorism, individual terrorist operations still pose an escalating threat that is difficult to control. Developed societies suffer as much as developing societies suffer from lone wolf terrorism, and international efforts seek to curtail and confront this type of operations. Individual terrorist, who requires the following, first, activating the concept of preemptive security: Preemptive security is a basic guarantee to stave off the risks of terrorism before it occurs and avoid the scourge of society. Inter-relationships within and outside organizations and with each other, in order to abort these operations before they begin. Second: Activating intellectual and religious reviews: The thought of intellectual and religious revisions must be activated during periods of detention, especially with young elements, as they are the closest to recruitment and most likely to correct and review extremist ideas, as we can call it "incubations for correction and moderation." Third: Activating the lone wolf isolation strategy: It is necessary to work on activating a strategy based on isolating the lone wolf and making it alone and away from contact with terrorist groups. The farther the lone wolf is and the less it interacts with extremist groups that provide it with guidance and training, the less

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dangerous it is. Fourth: Activating the strategy of monitoring electronic accounts: The need to direct the security services to monitor and hack the electronic accounts of terrorist groups, to put pressure on private companies and to tighten the restrictions imposed on accounts such as: Facebook and Twitter, and to monitor their users and suspend accounts when necessary, as this helps to know the locations of jihadists who have previous ties to terrorist groups.

Those who see that international efforts to confront the growth of lone wolf terrorism operations are not mistaken have been affected by several factors, most notably:

1. The difficulty of controlling all search engines on the Internet: It is easy for extremists to establish communication channels in several ways in order to spread their ideas and deliver extremist content to interested individuals and those who belong to this ideology, and this guarantees the continuation of the process of attracting new elements of different age groups and pushing them towards committing terrorist crimes.

2. Weak ability of states to integrate fighters returning from conflict zones into society: Some countries take different measures. They have launched projects aimed at reintegrating returning fighters into their original societies. However, the reintegration process may require a lot of time and effort, as it is difficult to ascertain the readiness of refugees to integrate. Returnees may prefer conflict areas to living in societies that adopt ideas different from their own. Or take hostile actions against those communities.

3. The difficulty of achieving a balance between security measures and human rights: Human rights issues may put pressure on the security services when taking the necessary steps to monitor and combat individual terrorist operations, as some organizations concerned with human rights view the measures taken by the security services against suspects as inconsistent with human rights charters and with the right to life.

4. Some countries refuse to exchange data and consider it interference in internal affairs:

Some countries refuse to join information exchange agreements, especially with regard to cybercrimes such as Russia, China and India, as they see that they give external parties the ability to access electronic data from outside the borders, and this violates the privacy and national sovereignty of countries, and these agreements give organizations and companies the right to collect Data and control over it on behalf of governments, and this contradicts the policy of the three countries in their desire for state control over data, as this may reduce the effectiveness of efforts to track down and identify terrorists and prevent individual terrorist operations.

Conclusion

In summary of the foregoing, the phenomenon of lone wolves has become the "fifth wave" of the global phenomenon of terrorism or the "terrifying enemy number one" in the world, and the use of the term lone wolf has spread globally in the era of contemporary globalization, as it has been widely talked about in the media and among security and intelligence experts and analysts after The recent wave of terrorist operations late in the year2011, so lone wolf terrorism has become a dangerous phenomenon that is difficult to prevent, then today it is a phenomenon that is likely to expand and increase from which many sub- and major trends branch out, and that the danger that this phenomenon represents comes from the difficulty of predicting the intentions, movements and actions of the lone wolf, then the difficulty of permanent monitoring and the collection of criminal evidence Who was able to bring him to a fair civil trial, and since 2011 the "Al Qaeda Organization" and then the **Res Militaris**, vol.13, n°2, January Issue 2023



"ISIS" organization has been using the process of globalization and its technological mechanisms to motivate and call for open war on all enemies without waiting for guidance or orders from the leadership, even if operations are not called. Which attributed to him or attributed to himself the name "lone wolf"? In a related context, there is a growing realization among the various security agencies in the world that some extremist nationalist movements have returned to this method. The Middle East, and in North Africa, due to the difficulty of predicting their attacks and combating them effectively, and this is something that all the security and intelligence agencies in the world stand for, no matter how effective and powerful these agencies are.

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