

# TERROR IN TRANSITION

COLUMBIA STUDIES IN TERRORISM AND IRREGULAR WARFARE

## COLUMBIA STUDIES IN TERRORISM AND IRREGULAR WARFARE

Bruce Hoffman, Series Editor

This series seeks to fill a conspicuous gap in the burgeoning literature on terrorism, guerrilla warfare, and insurgency. The series adheres to the highest standards of scholarship and discourse and publishes books that elucidate the strategy, operations, means, motivations, and effects posed by terrorist, guerrilla, and insurgent organizations and movements. It thereby provides a solid and increasingly expanding foundation of knowledge on these subjects for students, established scholars, and informed reading audiences alike.

Ami Pedahzur, *The Israeli Secret Services and the Struggle Against Terrorism*

Ami Pedahzur and Arie Perliger, *Jewish Terrorism in Israel*

Lorenzo Vidino, *The New Muslim Brotherhood in the West*

Erica Chenoweth and Maria J. Stephan, *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict*

William C. Banks, editor, *New Battlefields/Old Laws: Critical Debates on Asymmetric Warfare*

Blake W. Mobley, *Terrorism and Counterintelligence: How Terrorist Groups Elude Detection*

Jennifer Morrison Taw, *Mission Revolution: The U.S. Military and Stability Operations*

Guido W. Steinberg, *German Jihad: On the Internationalization of Islamist Terrorism*

Michael W. S. Ryan, *Decoding Al-Qaeda's Strategy: The Deep Battle Against America*

David H. Ucko and Robert Egnell, *Counterinsurgency in Crisis: Britain and the Challenges of Modern Warfare*

Bruce Hoffman and Fernando Reinares, editors,  
*The Evolution of the Global Terrorist Threat: From 9/11 to Osama bin Laden's Death*

Boaz Ganor, *Global Alert: The Rationality of Modern Islamist Terrorism and the Challenge to the Liberal Democratic World*

M. L. R. Smith and David Martin Jones, *The Political Impossibility of Modern Counterinsurgency: Strategic Problems, Puzzles, and Paradoxes*

Elizabeth Grimm Arsenault, *How the Gloves Came Off: Lawyers, Policy Makers, and Norms in the Debate on Torture*

Assaf Moghadam, *Nexus of Global Jihad: Understanding Cooperation Among Terrorist Actors*

Bruce Hoffman, *Inside Terrorism*, 3rd edition

Stephen Tankel, *With Us and Against Us: How America's Partners Help and Hinder the War on Terror*

Wendy Pearlman and Boaz Atzili, *Triadic Coercion: Israel's Targeting of States That Host Nonstate Actors*

Bryan C. Price, *Targeting Top Terrorists: Understanding Leadership Removal in Counterterrorism Strategy*

Mariya Y. Omelicheva and Lawrence P. Markowitz, *Webs of Corruption: Trafficking and Terrorism in Central Asia*

Aaron Y. Zelin, *Your Sons Are at Your Service: Tunisia's Missionaries of Jihad*

Lorenzo Vidino, *The Closed Circle: Joining and Leaving the Muslim Brotherhood in the West*

Erin M. Kearns and Joseph K. Young, *Tortured Logic: Why Some Americans Support the Use of Torture in Counterterrorism*

Arie Perliger, *American Zealots: Inside Right-Wing Domestic Terrorism*

Boaz Ganor, *Israel's Counterterrorism Strategy: Origins to the Present*

Daveed Gartenstein-Ross and Thomas Joscelyn, *Enemies Near and Far: How Jihadist Groups Strategize, Plot, and Learn*

# Terror in Transition

LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESSION  
IN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

---

Tricia L. Bacon and Elizabeth Grimm

Columbia University Press  
*New York*



Columbia University Press  
*Publishers Since 1893*  
New York Chichester, West Sussex  
cup.columbia.edu

Copyright © 2022 Tricia L. Bacon and Elizabeth Grimm  
All rights reserved

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data  
Names: Bacon, Tricia L., author. | Grimm, Elizabeth, author.  
Title: Terror in transition : leadership and succession in terrorist  
organizations / Tricia L. Bacon and Elizabeth Grimm  
Description: New York : Columbia University Press, [2022] |  
Series: Columbia studies in terrorism and irregular warfare |  
Includes bibliographical references.  
Identifiers: LCCN 2021057522 (print) | LCCN 2021057523 (ebook) |  
ISBN 9780231192248 (hardback ; alk. paper) | ISBN 9780231192255 (paperback ; alk. paper) |  
ISBN 9780231549738 (ebook)  
Subjects: LCSH: Terrorists. | Leadership. | Hierarchies. | Terrorism.  
Classification: LCC HV6431 .B324 2022 (print) | LCC HV6431 (ebook) |  
DDC 363.325—dc23/eng/20220204  
LC record available at <https://lcn.loc.gov/2021057522>  
LC ebook record available at <https://lcn.loc.gov/2021057523>



Columbia University Press books are printed on permanent and  
durable acid-free paper.  
Printed in the United States of America

Cover image: Shutterstock

*For Jacques, Hugo, André, Lucille (who joined our family ten days  
after the manuscript was submitted), and Crouton  
and  
in loving memory of Gator*

