

# Specific Social Mechanisms to the Emergence and Evolution of the Terrorist Phenomenon - Causes

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## ABSTRACT

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Defining the terrorism and terrorists makes the object of investigation and understanding the phenomenon which has worldwide developed. International terrorists, unable to achieve their goals through conventional means, try to convey an ideological or religious message by terrorizing the general public. By choosing their targets, which are often symbolic or representative for the nation concerned, the terrorists are trying to create a strong impact on the enemy public by violence, despite their scarce material resources they have available. Through this they hope to demonstrate much more so as the concerned government or governments to be not able to protect its citizens; or by the assassination of certain victims, they can give generally a lesson to the public. For example, by the assassination of the Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat on October 6th, 1981, one year after his important trip in Israel, the Al-Jihad terrorists had hoped to persuade the world and especially the Muslims that it was committed a great error.

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