

Jaysh al-Adl

Formerly Jundallah



OVERVIEW

AS OF JULY 2026

Jundallah, which changed its name to Jaysh al-Adl (JAA) in 2012, is a Sunni terrorist group based in Iran's Sistan va Baluchestan province. The organization is also known as the "People's Resistance of Iran." Jundallah's former leader, Abdolmalek Rigi, founded the group in 2002 or 2003 and served as its leader until the Iranian Government captured and executed him in 2010. Jundallah splintered into several elements, of which JAA became the most operationally active and influential. JAA's stated goals are to secure recognition of Baluchi cultural, economic, and political rights from the Iranian Government and to spread awareness of the condition of the Baluch people.

Operating Area

Sistan va Baluchestan province in southeastern Iran and the adjoining Baluch-majority areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan

Members

Unknown

Tactics And Targets

JAA primarily targets Iranian security personnel, although the group has also historically attacked government officials and Shia civilians using ambushes, assassinations, assaults, hit-and-run raids, kidnappings, and suicide bombings. Its weapons include small arms, light weapons, and various IEDs, such as suicide vests and car-bombs. Its fighters use guerrilla swarm-and-scatter tactics, primarily using small arms and rocket fire, to attack border outposts and convoys.

Terrorist Group Designation

The US State Department designated Jundallah as a foreign terrorist organization on 4 November 2010 and amended the designation in 2019 to include the "Jaysh al-Adl" name.

KEY LEADERS



Abdolrahim Mullahzadeh

a.k.a. Salahoodin Farooqi

Leader of JAA



Jaysh al-Adl *(continued)*

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Abdolmalek Rigi [DECEASED]

Jundallah's founder and leader from 2002 to 2010; was executed by the Iranian Government in June 2010

NOTABLE ATTACKS

13 May 2026

Sistan-Baluchistan province, Iran

JAA ambushes Iranian police forces, killing at least 10 officers.

29 April 2026

Sistan-Baluchistan province, Iran

JAA attacks an Iranian police patrol, killing three officers.

4 October 2022

Sistan-Baluchistan province, Iran

JAA attacks several police stations, banks, and stores, killing 19 people and injuring at least 20.

13 February 2019

Sistan-Baluchistan province, Iran

JAA detonates a suicide car-bomb against a bus carrying Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps personnel, killing 27 and wounding 18.

28 May 2009

Zahedan, Iran

A Jundallah suicide bomber attacks the Grand Mosque in Zahedan, killing 30 worshippers and injuring 300.

