

# Jemaah Islamiya (JI)



## OVERVIEW

AS OF MARCH 2025

Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) is an al-Qa'ida–linked terrorist group based in Indonesia that killed thousands of people in several high-profile attacks and sectarian conflicts during the late 1990s to early 2000s. In June 2024, Indonesian CT officials and imprisoned JI leaders announced the dissolution of JI as a militant organization. However, many of the group's members remain engaged in religious education and political activism and are committed to establishing an Islamic state in Indonesia. Historically, some former JI members have traveled to conflict zones, such as Afghanistan, Syria, and the southern Philippines, to join local terrorist or militant groups, potentially providing a militant capability if some supporters decide to form a new group and resume terrorist attacks.

### Operating Area

Indonesia

### Members

As many as 6,000 supporters

### Tactics And Targets

From 1998 to 2009, JI and splinter groups made up of its former members conducted multiple mass casualty attacks in Indonesia. The attackers used suicide bombs, VBIEDs, and small arms against Christian churches and foreign interests, including embassies, financial institutions, hotels, and entertainment venues. Since at least 2009, some JI supporters have participated in militant training or traveled to conflict zones, such as Afghanistan, the Philippines, and Syria.

### Terrorist Group Designation

The US Department of State designated Jemaah Islamiyah as a foreign terrorist organization in October 2002.

## KEY LEADERS



### Para Wijayanto

Former amir; arrested by Indonesian authorities in 2019 for helping Indonesian extremists travel to Syria



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**Riduan bin Isomuddin**

*a.k.a. Hambali*

Deputy amir since June 2018 Former operations and military leader; captured in Thailand in 2003



**Abu Bakar Bashir**

Cofounder of Jemaah Islamiyah; released from Indonesian prison in 2021

### NOTABLE ATTACKS

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**17 July 2009**

**Jakarta, Indonesia**

A JI splinter group conducts suicide bombings inside two hotels, killing seven people.

**1 October 2005**

**Bali, Indonesia**

A JI splinter group coordinates a triple suicide-bomb attack outside cafes and restaurants, killing 20 people.

**9 September 2004**

**Jakarta, Indonesia**

A JI splinter group detonates a VBIED outside the Australian Embassy, killing nine people.

**5 August 2003**

**Jakarta, Indonesia**

JI conducts a VBIED attack outside a hotel lobby, killing 12 people.

**12 October 2002**

**Bali, Indonesia**

JI operatives detonate a suicide bomb and a VBIED outside two nightclubs, killing 202 people.

**24 December 2000**

**Multiple cities, Indonesia**

JI conducts several nearly simultaneous bombings in Jakarta and eight other cities, targeting churches and priests, killing 18 people and injuring about 100.

