



Review of the listing of Al-Murabitun as a terrorist organisation

Committee to Review Al-Murabitun Listing

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will review the listing of Al-Murabitun as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Criminal Code).

Al-Murabitun is a Sunni Islamic extremist group with leadership based in northern Mali.

Al-Murabitun was formed in August 2013 on the amalgamation of two regional extremist groups, the Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJWA) and al-Muwaqifin Bid-Dam (AMBD). MUJWA and AMBD both originated as splinter groups of al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb.

Before their formal merger, MUJWA and AMBD co-operated to conduct simultaneous attacks in Niger in May 2013 targeting a military installation in Agadez and the French-operated uranium facility at Arlit.

In January 2013, AMBD claimed responsibility for the siege of the gas processing facility at In-Amenas, Algeria, which lasted four days and resulted in the deaths of 39 hostages and one security guard.

This is the first time the group has been listed as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code.

The listing makes it an offence to direct the activities, become a member of, recruit, train or receive training, get funds to, from or for Al-Murabitun, and provide support or associate with Al-Murabitun.

Members of the public are welcome to make submissions to this review. Submissions should be received no later than Monday, 24 November 2014.

Further information about Al-Murabitun and the listing process are contained within the Attorney-General's submission which can be accessed via the Committee's website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>.

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