Saudi Military Ideology & the Florida Naval Shooting

Saudi Military’s Official Magazine Promotes Hatred of Jews & Christians

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Did the Saudi Army Ideological Education Trigger Naval Base Shooting?

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**Washington DC …** The Institute for Gulf Affairs has obtained a copy of an official publication by the Saudi Ministry of Defense, which promotes anti-Semitic, anti-Christian, and anti-Shia rhetoric and views.

The publication, entitled: “The Muslim Soldier,” is put out by the Saudi Ministry of Defense’ Armed Forces General Directorate of Religious Affairs. In volume 172, which was published in February 2018, prominently displays the logo of Vision 2030, championed by the Saudi Crown Prince and Minister of Defense Mohamed bin Salman (MBS).


For years, the United States has been aware of this particular publication and the hatful ideology being taught within the Saudi armed forces. A retired American official who worked at the National Security Council, and the Pentagon, confirmed to us the US knew of the magazine and its contents years ago. He is a top Arabic linguist in US government and worked on Saudi issues for more than 25 years. His name and contacts will be provided to a selected number of the media.

The Saudi Airforce has been mainly dependent on the United States arsenal and training since the foundation of Saudi Arabia in 1932. The Saudi Air Force is notorious for being the most sectarian and racist of all branches of Saudi’s armed forces. To date, not a single black or Shia, not to mention females, are accepted as pilots in the Saudi air force, something that did not appear to concern consecutive American administrations.

The United States’ support of the Saudi monarchy dates to 1940, which is when President Roosevelt gifted King Abdul-Aziz ibn Saud a Douglas DC3 airplane and, later, several other military aircrafts.

The translated articles below were written by known Saudi extremist clerics with a long and public history of extremism and even supporting terrorism. The writing were taken from the only publically available edition of the official magazine. Previous editions are not currently present online, and they appear to have been intentionally limited to Saudi military bases. Due to time consternates, we will publish these selections to highlight the ideological problems plaguing the
Saudi military, which was built like its government on Wahhabi ideology, something it shares with the terror group ISIS. Previous editions of the magazine seemed to have been removed from the ministry’s website and the most recent editions were not uploaded.
In an article by Sheikh Yahya Ibrahim Idrissi on page, 11 titled “Getting Close To God With Prayers), he prescribes the killing of those who do not pray. The terrorist group ISIS, which shares the same ideologies as the Saudi state and its military, has **executed many people for missing prayers.**

"The rule on those who do not perform prayers. Ibn Ghannam Al-Ahsaee Al-Maliki said, “The scholars agreed on executing whomever refuse to perform it [meaning prayer] but they disagreed on the reason for the killing. Is it because he became an infidel or is it because he didn’t pray?”

A quick search of Sheikh Al-Hougail’s archive reveals anti-Semitic and anti-Christian speeches. It includes:

- **The Jews and Fortresses**
- **The relation between the Christians and Muslims**
- **The Death of the Iraq Ruler (Saddam)**
On page 30, an article by Dr. Mohamed Bassam Yousef, entitled “Combating the Neo Safavids (Persian) Project” states the following:

“2- Continuous clarification that confronting the Iranian project does not mean ignoring the confrontation of the Zionist project, so not allow Iran and its allies an opportunity to exploit the resisting of Zionism.”

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“3- Exposing the similarities between the Zionist ideology and the racist Persian ideology and its supremacist racist views as to the Arabs.”

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The same article states the following:

“4- We must be wary of the Iranian trap, which Iran claims through its media propaganda that any combating of its suspicious projects is joining the basket of the Zionist project…the fact states that both products are enemies of our umma and that they have a complementary purpose against us as proven by the facts on the ground. And when they disagree sometimes, they do over their share of our countries, survival and existence.”
Yousef continues to write; "4- Exposing the secret Iranian-Zionist ties. There are several studies that discuss this issue and several events similar to Iran-gate."

In an article by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Ajlan titled “The neo Safavids,” he writes;

“May God bring his mercy to the Sheikh of Islam, Ibn Taymyah, who understood the Rafidah religion and their action. He said about them: “… so if the Jews had a state in Iraq and other places, the Rafidah will be among their greatest supporters, they always befriend the infidels, be it the polytheists or the Jews or Christians. And support them in fighting the Muslims.”

Al-Ajlan continues by saying;

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1 Rafidah is a derogatory word for Shia Muslims widely used in Wahhabi and extremist circles
“After the crusaders’ occupation of the land of Iraq\(^2\), the head of the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq stood to clarify the truth behind his Safavid goals and his religious hatred and said, “we give to the Sunnis of Iraq three choices only: either they become Shia, or they leave Iraq, or they will be killed.”

\[^2\text{A reference to the occupation of Iraq in 2003. The use of “crusaders” is meant to invoke anti-Christian sentiments.}\]

Al-Ajlan adds;
“The danger of these (Shia) is by God greater and more harmful than the danger of Jews and Christians because their animosity is hidden and their hatred of the people of Sunnah is stronger and longer.”

In an article by Sheikh Abdulmohsen Abdulrahman AlQhadi on page 40, titled (the Unity of Word and Cautioning Against a Decisive Media), he writes;

“Who incites such crisis, manipulating our differences and separating us, be they Jews or Rafidah (Shia), will gain and be happy with this disagreement amongst our Ummah, so we may be distracted from their conspiracies and aggressions on the weak.”
In an article by Sheikh Saleh Al-Fawzan titled (Encouraging Unity and Discouraging Division) on page 50, he writes;

“Before this religion (Islam), and working with this word, the Arabs were humiliated and divided. And the defeat of the infidels such as Jews, the Christians and the polytheists.”

AlFawzan adds;
“These doctrines that contradict the doctrine of God and His Messenger are what has divided the Muslims and weakened them. It is [a result of] planning and inspiration by the infidels who incite these sects and plan these doctrines for them in the name of Islam in order to destroy Islam and Muslims.”
AlFawzan is one of the most senior Saudi clerics with widespread influence on the monarchy’s ideological and religious intuitions and narrative. He is a member of the official Supreme Council of Clerics and appointed by the King. His influence is evident in the next photo.

Saudi Crown Prince and Minister of Defense Kisses the Forehead of Sheikh Saleh AlFawzan, one the Saudi Government Senior Clerics. (Source)

In an article by Sheikh Mohamed Saleh Al-Monjed titled “How Can the Muslims Unite” on page 60, Al-Monjed, blames Jews and Christians for Muslim infighting.

“The Jews and Christians have figured out the vulnerability and the Ummah [Muslim nation] of monotheism must be targeted from the inside and outside, using several types of polytheists and hypocrites to attack it in its core. They all cooperated for the sake of corruption, for the goal of assassinating monotheism and for the goal of preventing the unity of Muslims.
He continues to write about the long-held conspiracy, which is part of the Saudi state religious order that a Jewish man by the name of Abdullah Ibn Saba, was behind the wars among the early Muslims in the Seventh Century, and that he was the founder of the Shia school of Islam. “The conspiracy of Abdullah Ibn Saba lives on, and the ancient Jewish ideology’s connection to the contemporary one lives on, the conspiracy going back several centuries is behind our divisions...”

Al-Monjed archives are full of extremist ideologies and he was publicly known as he ran https://islamqa.info/en one of the most popular Saudi-based websites spreading Wahhabi ideology in 15 languages.

**The relationship between Jews and baatini (esoteric) sects**

**Resources:**

The Saudi Ministry of Defense website

[www.mod.gov.sa](http://www.mod.gov.sa)

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3 A reference to the Zionist movement.