

FACT SHEET

General Background on Madrassas

- A madrassa is an Islamic religious academy where students as young as six years old jettison all learning to memorize every one of the 6,666 verses of the Koran. Many of these institutions are founded and staffed by radicals intent on creating jihad against the West.
- There are thousands of madrassas in Pakistan alone where academies indoctrinate new generations of holy warriors passionately loyal to radical Islam.
- Colin Powell identified Pakistan's Islamic schools are breeding grounds for terrorism.
- Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld wrote, "Are we capturing, killing or deterring and dissuading more terrorists every day than the madrassas and the radical clerics are recruiting, training and deploying against us?"
- After the London bombing in 2005, Pakistan President Muasharraf ordered all foreign students studying in madarassa return home. The order has not been enforced.

Background on the Jamia Binoria Madrassa

- Located in Karachi, Pakistan, the Jamia Binoria madrassa was founded by Mufti Muhammed Naeem and espouses Deobandism -- the religion of the Taliban.
- The institution houses over 3,000 students including children from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany and the Far East.
- Selig Harrison, the Director of the Asian Program for the Center for International Policy recently gave a speech that reaffirms the link between the Jamia Binoria and the Taliban: "*In Karachi, the Jamia Binoria, with some 10,000 students enrolled in eight affiliated madrassas, displays a banner at its main gate urging Muslims to join the Taliban.*"¹
- Mufti claims to have graduated over 100 Americans from his institution. and asked what they teach the children, Mufti relied, "Islam, not math or anything else, only Islam."²

Background on the Karachi Kids

While working in London, filmmaker and musician Imran Raza, a California Muslim of Pakistani decent, was two blocks away from the devastating July 7th 2005 terrorist attack that rocked the city. The bombing was orchestrated by four young British men of which two of them had been attended a Pakistani madrassa. Imagine British-born suicide bombers killing their own countrymen. What did they learn in the madrassa that set them down this path? Raza wanted to find out. Two months later, Raza gained entry into the well-funded Jamia Binoria madrassa and Raza discovered the shock of his life -- American children were in the madrassa, learning from the Taliban.

¹ <http://www.isasnus.org/2007MaySymposium/Panel%20One%20-%20Presentation%20Paper%20-%20Dr%20Selig%20Harrison.pdf>

² <http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200009/kaplan-border/4?ca=q4zOU64ldFz1Ahj4hyS%2B0wXKX9cnkwLL5FtyN1XrmVw%3D>

