Basra (?-2002), Riaz

Former chief of the Khalid bin Walid Unit of Afghan Mujahideen in Afghanistan, he was a founder, along with Akram Lahori and Malik Ishaque, of the breakaway Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ; Army of Jhangvi), and became its chief commander until he was killed on May 14, 2002. The LeJ was allegedly created as its founders believed the Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP) was deviating from the ideals of its slain co-founder, Maulana Haq Nawaz Jhangvi [1], and that these ideals ought to be implemented by force. The basic aim of LeJ, banned since August, 2001, is to impose a Sunni State, primarily through violent means, and it targets systematically Shias.

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