

# Criminal Mindset behind French Jihad Attacks



Screen shot of video of late Islamikaze Amedy Coulibaly

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Behind the *Charlie Hebdo* Massacre, the martyr finale of the Kouachi Brothers and the deadly anti-Semitic hostage standoff at the Kosher Market in Paris by [Amedy Coulibaly](#) is a factor that the mainstream talks little about: the criminal mindset of Jihadists in France and throughout the EU. [Watch](#) this MEMRI video of Coulibaly made shortly before the Jewish super market attack in he declares his connections to the Kouachi *Charlie Hebdo* massacre. In the wake of this week's sorrow over the victims of Islamic terrorism by the Kouachi brothers and Coulibaly have come some revelations about their criminal records, as well as those who previously committed barbaric murders of French Jews.

Cherif Kouachi was arrested in 2005 before he could travel to Iraq. He was part of the "[Buttes-Chaumont network](#)" that helped send would-be jihadists to join Al Qaeda. While in detention awaiting conviction, Kouachi met Djamel Beghal in 2006, who attempted an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Paris in 2001 and was an [Al Qaeda recruiter](#). Beghal was a disciple of notorious UK-based hate mongers, [Abu Hamza al-Masri](#) and Abu Qatada. Egyptian-born Al-Masri, whose hand and an eye were lost in a bomb-making explosion, was deported to the US by the British. Coincidentally on January 9, 2015, al-Masri was [sentenced](#) to life by a New York federal judge for support of Al Qaeda and the Taliban. Qatada, considered as 'Osama Bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe', was [freed](#) from a UK jail

in February, 2014. Kouachi [has a Muslim immigrant problem](#).

Prior to the bloody Jihadist spectacles this week in Paris there has been a grisly history of anti-Semitic violence perpetrated by French Muslim gangs and criminals.

In Paris in 2003, young Jewish disc jockey [Sebastien Selam](#), a.k.a. DJ Lam.C, was [brutally murdered](#) by his childhood friend Adel Amastaibou in one of the banlieues. According to [reports](#) in the *Jerusalem Post*, Adel Amastaibou took out a long knife and stabbed Sebastien Salem repeatedly in the chest, killing him. He went upstairs to his mother's apartment and told her and then the police when they arrived, "I killed a Jew, I will go to paradise. Allah made me do it." Amastaibou was examined by a panel found mentally ill, confined to a mental hospital, not brought to trial and released. Subsequently after denials of trials it was discovered that Amastaibou had a [rap sheet](#) that included "10 prior violent convictions, including assaulting rabbis, threatening pregnant Jewish women and making Molotov cocktails." Nidra Poller [wrote](#) in January 2010:

The ghastly murder and mutilation of Sébastien Selam was committed in the midst of the worst wave of anti-Semitic attacks since WW2. And, it should be noted, in the month of Ramadan. Psychiatric expertise, in Amastaibou's case, purified murderous Jew hatred into psychotic fantasies detached from reality. But the experts are not alone. Overwhelming pressure to deny the anti-Semitic motive was immediately exerted from all sides. The media, law enforcement, government officials, and Jewish organizations concurred in the cover up. The grieving Selam family was slyly accused of having somehow participated in its own misfortune or suspected of trying to attract sympathy by framing a vulgar criminal act in a noble anti-Semitic narrative. Several lawyers in succession failed to prod law enforcement and the courts into seriously investigating the case.

[French Lawyer] Axel Metzker when he took over as counsel for the Selam family found proof that the registered letter informing them that the case was closed had never been delivered. Marked “unknown at this address,” it lay in a pile of neglected mail at the post office. Based on this proof, he pleaded successfully to reopen the case and allow his clients to appeal. This culminated in the January 5, 2010 verdict, which [was] appealed to France’s highest court.

In January 2006, [Ilan Halimi](#), a young Parisian cell phone salesman of Moroccan Jewish origins was lured by a teenage French Iranian girl, abducted and tortured over a three week period by the so-called [Gang of Barbarians](#) resulting in his death . Poller [described](#) the barbaric coup de grace of Halimi and what happened to his Muslim tormentors:

On February 13th Youssouf Fofana, the Brain of the Barbarians, took an emaciated battered Ilan to Ste. Geneviève des Bois, stabbed him in the throat, sprinkled him with inflammable liquid, set him afire, and left him to die by the railroad tracks. Three years later Fofana—along with 27 accessories and accomplices— was tried behind closed doors in juvenile court and was sentenced to “life” in prison, with no possibility of parole in the first 22 years.

In 2012, petty criminal and alleged Al Qaeda operative, [Mohammed Merah](#) gunned down four French soldiers in Montauban. He then went to Toulouse where he killed a Rabbi and three young Jewish students at the [Ozar Hatorah Jewish day school](#). The standoff and ultimately killing of Merah in a shootout with police occurred in Montauban. *Israel Hayom* reported that Merah, had been [arrested](#) in Israel in 2010. His family was deep into the Jihadist circle in Toulouse. A *Wall Street Journal* article noted:

His mother is married to the father of Sabri Essid, a leading member of the Toulouse radical milieu who was captured in Syria in 2006. Essid and another Frenchman were running an al Qaeda safe house in Syria for fighters going to Iraq. In a 2009 trial that came to be known in the press as “Brothers for Iraq,” they and six others were convicted in France of conspiracy for terrorist purposes. Essid was sentenced in 2009 to five years imprisonment.

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Merah’s Mother and Sister were arrested by French authorities in April 2014 for support of terrorism and other charges. More than 30 suspects had been detained by French counterterrorism prosecutors. Those still under arrest, according to a *Jerusalem Post* [report](#) were: “Abdelkader Merah, the older brother of the killer, Muhammad Mounir Miskine, a friend, and Fetha Malki, the arms supplier. “ Merah’s heinous murder of the Rabbi walking his young children to the Toulouse Jewish school was the worst anti-Semitic Islamic terrorist murders prior to the Hyper Cacher Paris supermarket killing of four innocent Jewish customers by Coulibaly.

In the wake of the Toulouse fiery martyrdom of Merah, we issued a warning about what occurred in Paris this week regarding criminal mindset of jihadists.

Given the lengthy criminal record of French Jihadists Mohammed Merah, [the Kouachi Brothers and [Amedy Coulibaly](#)] , it is time to give wider credence, both in the EU and here, to Danish psychologist Nicolai Sennels’ clinical observations drawn from his assessment of young Muslim criminals in Copenhagen. See: [Muslims and Westerners: The Psychological Differences ...](#) in the May 2010 NER.

It is the Islamic doctrine at the core of their rejection of host country values and integration in the West that leads

them to perpetrate such criminal enterprise and commit violence. They spent time in French jails for their criminal convictions, where their Jihadist creed clearly gave rise to rejection of the West, criminal recidivism and terrorism. Their minds and those of young Danish Muslim criminals were marinated in Islamic doctrinal violence towards unbelievers.

**In a December 2014, 10 News.Dk article [“Psychology: Why Islam creates monsters”](#) Sennels wrote following the Sydney Lindt Café jihad attack:**

Brainwashing people into believing or doing things against their own human nature – such as hating or even killing innocents they do not even know – is traditionally done by combining two things: pain and repetition. The conscious infliction of psychological and physical suffering breaks down the person’s resistance to the constantly repeated message.

Totalitarian regimes use this method to reform political dissidents. Armies in less civilized countries use it to create ruthless soldiers, and religious sects all over the world use it to fanaticize their followers.

During numerous sessions with more than a hundred Muslim clients, I found that violence and repetition of religious messages are prevalent in Muslim families.

Muslim culture simply does not have the same degree of understanding of human development as in [Western] societies, and physical pain and threats are therefore often the preferred tool to raise children. This is why so many Muslim girls grow up to accept violence in their marriage, and why Muslim boys grow up to learn that violence is acceptable. And it is the main reason why nine out of ten children removed from their parents by authorities in Copenhagen are from immigrant families. The

Muslim tradition of using pain and intimidation as part of disciplining children are also widely used in Muslim schools – also in the West.

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Not only does a traditional Islamic upbringing resemble classical brainwashing methods, but also, the culture it generates cultivates four psychological characteristics that further enable and increase violent behavior.

These four mental factors are anger, self-confidence, responsibility for oneself and intolerance.

Counterterrorism officials in France and elsewhere in the West should study this important body of work by Sennels. It might materially assist counter terrorism echelons in understanding the criminal mindset behind predatory jihadist Islamic threats whether in Paris, Israel or elsewhere in the West.