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Country Report on Terrorism 2017 - Chapter 5 - Ansar Al-Shari'a in Tunisia

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Description: Designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization on January 13, 2014, Ansar al-Shari’a in Tunisia (AAS-T) was founded by Seif Allah Ben Hassine in early 2011. AAS-T has been implicated in attacks against Tunisian security forces, assassinations of Tunisian political figures, and attempted suicide bombings of locations frequented by tourists. AAS-T has also recruited youth in Tunisia to fight in Syria.

Activities: AAS-T was involved in the September 14, 2012 attack against the U.S. Embassy and American school in Tunis, which threatened the safety of more than 100 U.S. Embassy employees. In February and July 2013, AAS-T members were implicated in the assassination of Tunisian politicians Chokri Belaid and Mohamed Brahmi.

Tunisian authorities continued to confront and arrest AAS-T members in 2016 and 2017.

Strength: Unknown

Location/Area of Operation: Tunisia and Libya

Funding and External Aid: Unknown

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Brief description of Ansar Al-Shari'a in Tunisia (Excerpt of chapter 5 of the country report on terrorism 2017)



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