

Connections

Through interviews with family members, neighbours, lawyers, authorities close to the investigation and relying on court documents, the Star has laid out the web that appears to join the 17 suspects.

Charges laid

TERRORIST ACTIVITY: All 12 men were charged under terrorism provisions of the Criminal Code for knowingly participating in or contributing to, directly or indirectly, a terrorist group, activity or facilitating a terrorist activity. Maximum sentence is 10 years.

GUN OFFENCES: The three men were charged with two offences each concerning the smuggling of guns for terrorist activity. They face sentences from up to 10 years to life.

TRAINING: Nine men were charged with training for the purpose of terrorist activity. Training is alleged to have taken place between Nov. 27, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2005. Maximum sentence is 10 years.

RECRUITING: The four men charged under this provision of Criminal Code are alleged to have either recruited or trained others for the purpose of terrorist activity. Maximum sentence is 10 years.

EXPLOSIVES Six men were charged with intent to cause an explosion at the direction of or in association with a terrorist group. Maximum sentence is life imprisonment.

Suspect	Terrorist Activity	Gun Offences	Training	Recruiting	Explosives
Fahim Ahmad		X	X	X	X
Zakaria Amara			X	X	X
Asad Ansari			X		X
Shareef Abdelhaleen					X
Qayyum Abdul Jamal			X		X
Mohammed Dirie	X				
Yasin Abdi Mohamed	X				
Jahmaal James			X		
Amin Mohamed Durrani			X	X	
Steven Vikash Chand			X	X	
Ahmad Mustafa Ghany			X		
Saad Khalid			X		X

Training camp:

Police allege sometime between Nov. 27 and Dec. 31, 2005, nine of the suspects allegedly travelled to a remote area in Washago where they donned fatigues and allegedly made a video imitating warfare. At a press conference Saturday police displayed a pockmarked door they allege was a target as part of the training.

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Fahim Ahmad, 21: It's alleged the Scarborough father rented the car that Dirie and Mohamed were driving when they were arrested in 2005.



Zakaria Amara, 20: Married to Ghany's wife's sister, he attended Meadowvale Secondary School with Saad Khalid and Fahim Ahmad and transferred to another Mississauga high school with Ahmad. He attended the Ar-Rahman Islamic Centre. Allegedly purchased the ammonium nitrate for the bomb plot.



Saad Khalid, 19: Went to Meadowvale Secondary School where he was close friends with Amara. He is one of the six suspects accused in the bomb plot.



Qayyum Abdul Jamal, 43: A bus driver with outspoken Wahhabist views, the married father of four sons volunteered at the Ar-Rahman Islamic Centre in Mississauga where he sometimes led prayers.



Ahmad Mustafa Ghany, 21: A health sciences graduate from McMaster University whose father, a doctor, emigrated from Trinidad and Tobago in 1955. Ghany attended the Ar-Rahman Islamic Centre.

Shareef Abdelhaleen, 30: An unmarried computer programmer who came to Canada at a young age from Egypt. He is charged in the bombing plot.

Asad Ansari, 21: Not much is known about Ansari, but he was part of the group of six who often attended the Mississauga centre to pray, learn about Islam and play sports outdoors.

Mississauga's Meadowvale Secondary School: Three of the suspects were close friends for their early years in school. In later years, Saad Khalid formed a club known as R.A.C. (Religious Awareness Club) where he'd preach Islam during lunch hours in the school's drama room.

Prayer group: Six of the suspects were drawn to the Al-Rasham Islamic Centre where they would pray, play sports and discuss Islam with one of the volunteer leaders, Qayyum Abdul Jamal. Jamal, 43, who has not been charged with training or recruiting, did raise the suspicion of the local community for his fiery speeches and influence on the youths.

Gun smuggling: On Aug. 13, 2005, suspects Ali Dirie and Yasin Abdi Mohamed were stopped in Fort Erie after crossing the Peace Bridge and arrested for smuggling guns and ammunition into Canada. They pleaded guilty in October and received two-year sentences now being served in a Kingston penitentiary. Sources say Fahim Ahmad rented the white Buick the men were driving. All three men are now charged with acquiring weapons for a terrorist activity.

Scarborough suspects: Two of the accused, Steven Vikash Chand and Jahmaal James attended the Salaheddin Islamic Centre. The mosque has been closely watched by security services since it was discovered that reputed Al Qaeda financier Ahmed Said Khadr prayed there in the 1990s. Khadr was killed in October 2003 by Pakistani forces and his children, who are not incarcerated, still frequent the centre. Amin Mohamed Durrani, 19, attended the same high school where the five unnamed youths went to school.



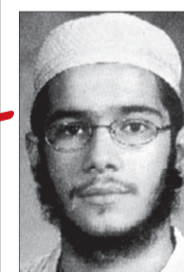
Mohammed Dirie, 22: Arrested with Mohamed for bringing weapons into Canada, he's also serving a two-year sentence.

Yasin Abdi Mohamed, 24: In jail serving a two-year sentence for attempting to bring weapons from the U.S. to Canada.

Steven Vikash Chand, 25: When Chand converted to Islam he began using the name Abdul Shakur. He attended the Salaheddin Islamic Centre and knew at least one of the youths now charged, who was also a recent convert to Islam. Just recently he began working at a shawarma shop.



Jahmaal James, 23: Attended Pakistan recently and sources say it will be alleged that he went there to find a training camp. His friends refute the claim and say he went to get married.



Amin Mohamed Durrani, 19: It's alleged he knew the unidentified youths who have been charged and who attended the same Scarborough high school.

LEGEND
 Suspect's residence
 Other places of interest

