

## January 20, 1981- January 20, 1989 Ronald Reagan administration



look at Linkowski for Reagan and Israel

### **Creation of the Islamic Jihad**

Reagan inherited the Afghanistan issue from Carter. The concern was that in the 1970s, the Soviets were occupying parts of Afghanistan and creating local militants to act on its behalf. During the Reagan administration, Operation Cyclone was established to deal with this problem and became the longest and most expensive covert CIA operations ever undertaken.

Funding officially began with \$695,000 in mid-1979, was increased dramatically to \$20–\$30 million per year in 1980, and rose to \$630 million per year in 1987.

The program leaned heavily towards supporting militant Islamic groups, including groups with jihadist ties, that were favored by Pakistani General Muhammed Zia-ul-Haq. Herbi-i-islame was one of the initial militias, and was a radical oppositionist faction led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who enjoyed the largest amount of ISI Pakistan, Saudi intelligence, and American CIA funding. OBL and Hekmatyar were confederates, and Hekmatyar's Gulbuddin faction funneled into something that became Al-Qaeda.

Note that these Israeli-US actions in Pakistan and Afghanistan during the Reagan administration to bolster Islamic extremism are consistent with the replacement of the Soviets with radical Islamic terrorists as the focus of Netanyahu's version of "international terrorism."

### **Afghan-israeli-relations**

Israel cooperated with the United States, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and other countries as part of Operation Cyclone, where it indirectly provided armaments to the who were fighting the Afghan mujahideen, Soviet-backed Afghan government as well as the Soviet Union itself. Thousands of mujahideen fighters, particularly from the Hezb-e Islami militia of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, were reportedly trained by Israeli military instructors. Akhtar Abdur Rahman, the then-head of Pakistan's [3] Inter-Services Intelligence, allegedly allowed Israeli personnel into Pakistan during this time.

The intense involvement of the IDF in training the Islamic terrorists is confirmed in the following book excerpt:

Hilali, A. Z. (2005). *US-Pakistan Relationship* (  
<https://books.google.com/books?id=nhqRa0glD9oC&pg=PA124>)  
[Excerpt from Hilali text](#)

The details of the Israeli role in arming and training radical Islamic fighters during the Soviet-Afghanistan war are generally not well known. This is largely due to the fact that "of all the members of the anti-Soviet coalition, the Israelis have been the most successful in concealing the details and even the broad traces of a training role," according to John K. Cooley, author of *Unholy Wars: Afghanistan, America and International Terrorism* (2000)

Mikhail Gorbachev, who became the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in March 1985, began planning for a military disengagement from Afghanistan soon after he was elected by the Politburo, as it had become clear to the Soviet government that propping up an insurgent government in Kabul would not produce sufficient results. The Soviet Union conducted a total military withdrawal from Afghanistan between 15 May 1988 and 15 February 1989.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet\\_withdrawal\\_from\\_Afghanistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_withdrawal_from_Afghanistan)

How did the focus on International terrorism switch, in Isser Harel's mind in 1980, from the Russians to the Arab militias, which were trained by the CIA during the 1980s?

Put another way, why did the US, Pakistan, and Saudis, with full knowledge by the Israeli Mossad, spend millions of dollars to train Anti-American Jihadists that Israel (Master spy Isser Harel) said they knew by 1980 were going to attack the US???