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The AfDB's *mission statement*, to help reduce poverty, improve living conditions for Africans and mobilize resources for the continent's economic and social development is to be considered one of the unique instruments to bridge the poverty divide on the African Continent.

By using the AfDB's most valuable and greatest assets, the *Human Resources*, as well as financial funding, the AfDB has achieved since 1964 tremendous results in fighting poverty and improving living conditions for Africans in Africa, the most promising and emerging continent at this time.

Whilst operating from their temporary relocation Agency (TRA) in Tunis, the AfDB has establishment 23 field and country offices across the continent of Africa, with a staff of over 1000 professionals in several fields of interest.

By covering the Maghreb countries (Morocco, Algeria & Tunisia), Egypt, The WECA (West East Central Africa) as well as South Africa, the AfDB is to be considered the most important funding and consultant NGO for the African continent.

The continent of Africa has recently been a focus of several foreign affairs policies of Global and regional superpowers like the USA, China and India. The recent Obama administration has pledged to invest more in the socio- economic development of Africa as well as in its capacity building, education & healthcare ecosystems.

This recent change of strategy is also inspired by China's economic investment focus on Africa as well as India's ICT outsourcing projects toward African countries and regions.



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Africa's enormous natural resources (Oil & Minerals) as well as its growing population need to be recognized as a triggering factor for any (economic) Superpower.

However, it is an undeniable fact that the fear of growing Muslim extremism as well as the USA's and UN's ongoing efforts of containment policy of Muslim Extremism has been one of the most important pillars on which the "Focus on Africa" Policy of the USA, UN and other NGO's has been built on.

Poverty, bad living conditions and a lack of proper education are traditionally eco systems in which religious extremism is a fast growing element.

Although not often recognized, Africa is a key continent for The Al Qaida terror network. In the past we have observed several terror attacks in African countries (Morocco, Algeria, Kenya and Egypt) as well as religious related and inspired conflicts (Sudan/Darfur and Somalia). The CIA and other European Intelligence Agencies have mentioned Africa as a large center of "recruitment" for the Al Qaida terror network.

Al Qaida's "mission statement", to establish an **Islamic Khalifat** reaching from Morocco to Afghanistan, crosses a large part of the African continent.

Any obstacle that the Al Qaida network faces in its effort to achieve its mission statement, the Al Qaida terror network identifies as a threat. Several African regimes have been chosen as a prime target for the Al Qaida network.

One of the major "playing fields" for the Al Qaida network is Egypt, one of Africa's and Arab's most important and influential countries. While President Mubarak's ruling era is coming towards an end, the political en social unrest is growing, especially now that are indications that the Egyptian ruling government and NDP (National democratic Party) are preparing a (smooth) transition of power towards Mr. Gamal Mubarak, the son of President Hosni Mubarak, who is to be considered as one of the most loyal Arab/African presidents to the USA administration.

The above mentioned political and economic situation as well as the leading role that Egypt plays in the region has recently increased the focus of the Al Qaida network on Egypt. The Egyptian Administration has been involved in decades of fierce battles with Muslim extremism. The Gamaat Islamiya as well as the Muslim Brotherhood movement can be considered as not only Egyptian, but globally leading Islamic terror networks. Their

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operations expand outside Egypt and they have “operations” in almost every Muslim nation on the globe.

Al Qaida’s second man and thought leader, Ayman Al Zawahiri, an Egyptian national related to the Muslim brotherhood, has repeatedly mentioned Egypt and the all UN NGO’s in Egypt and Africa as a legitimate target for terror operations.

AfDB’s recent focus on Egypt and several economic development and infrastructure projects in Egypt have increased Al Qaida’s focus on the AfDB as an obstacle in achieving the network’s objectives in Egypt. By contributing to fighting poverty and improving the standard of living in Egypt, the AfDB is diminishing the conditions of the network’s expanding capabilities in Egypt.

Mid March 2009 the National Security Agency (NSA) has intercepted encrypted messages between members of the Al Qaida network mentioning the AfDB premises in Tunis as well as its subsidiaries and personnel as possible targets.

During a money laundering and risk assessment operation in Egypt and other parts of the Middle East, Ultrascan investigators have discovered, through human intelligence (humint), that the 2009 Annual meetings of the Board of Governors of the AfDB and the AFD to be held in Dakar, Senegal on the 13-14 May 2009 is a prime target for the Al Qaida network.