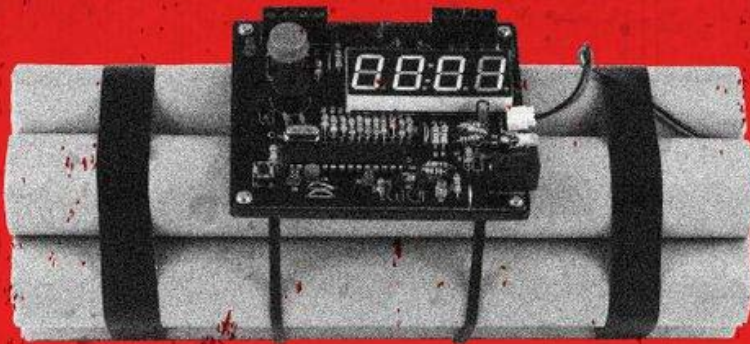


Sri Lanka Bombing: Tajir Terrorists & Why Terrorism Is Becoming More Difficult to Eradicate

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**Salah satu pelaku
teror bom Sri Lanka**

Mengenyam pendidikan
di Kingston University di Southwest
London 2006-2007, kemudian
melanjutkan studi di Australia
& juga berasal dari keluarga kaya

TERORIS PINTAR DAN KAYA

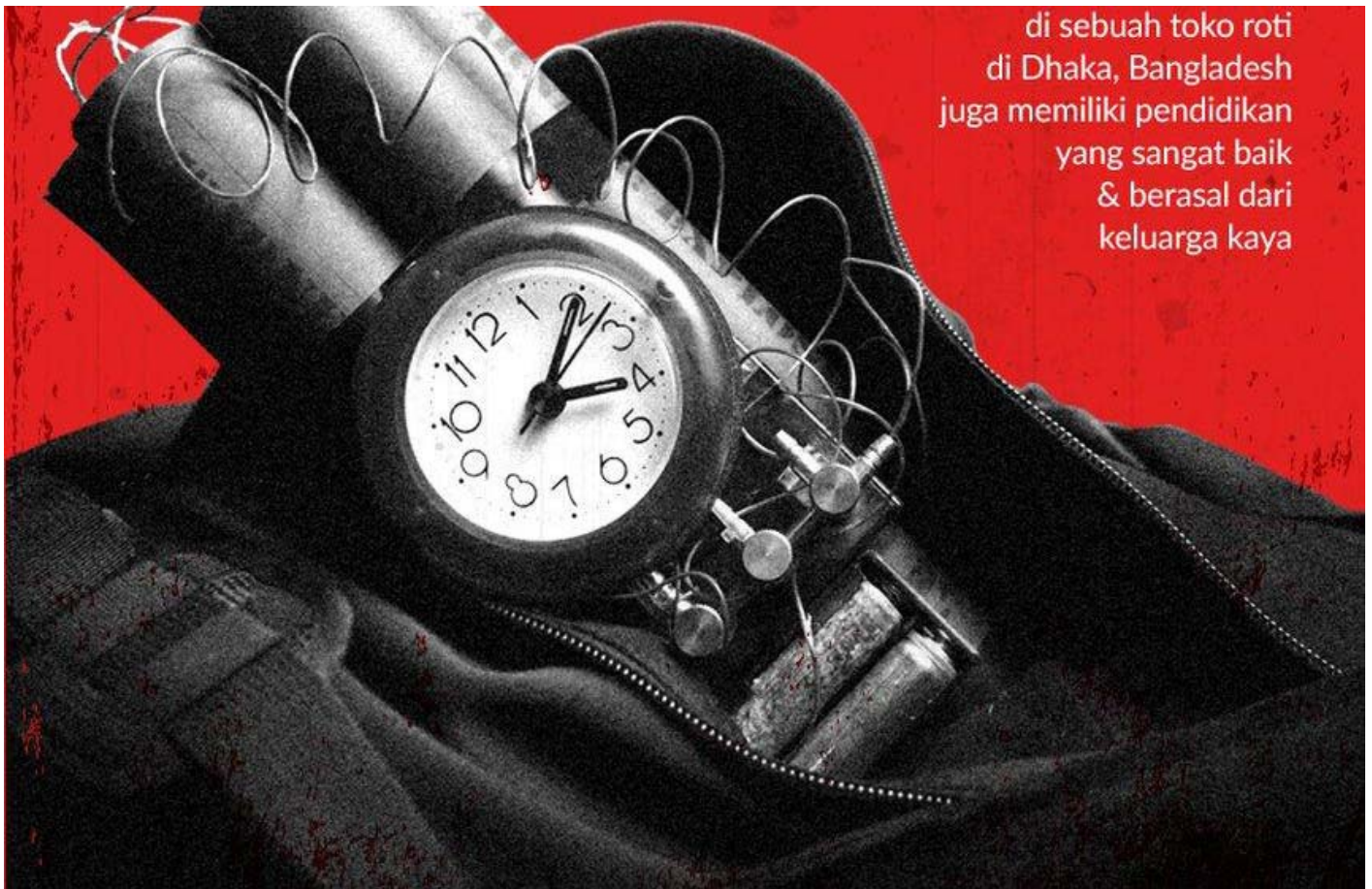
**Pemimpin
Al-Qaida saat ini,
Ayman al-Zawahiri**

Merupakan dokter anak
yang terqualifikasi



2016

Para pelaku teror bom



di sebuah toko roti
di Dhaka, Bangladesh
juga memiliki pendidikan
yang sangat baik
& berasal dari
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Police stand guard in front of the house of the bombing suspect family after a series of bomb attacks on a number of churches and luxury hotels in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Thursday (4/25/2019). BETWEEN PHOTOS / REUTERS / Thomas Peter / djo / nz

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The roots of terrorism are often associated with lack of education, injustice, and poverty. The reality is not that simple.

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The Easter Day terror in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on the Christian Easter day, Sunday (4/21/2019), not only shocked the domestic public, but also the world. The background of the actors who were highly educated and from rich families increasingly emphasized that the causes of radicalization were very diverse. The potential for acts of terrorism seems increasingly difficult to eradicate.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in an interview specifically on [CNN](#) said that he was surprised to see the perpetrators of terror coming from established families and even one of them had received higher education abroad.

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"They themselves are financially quite independent and their families are quite well established," Wickremesinghe said, as reported by the [BBC](#).

Two of the bombers were indeed the sons of a wealthy spice trader in Colombo. In the terrorist's residence, there is a BMW car parked outside the house with three floors.

Their home is located in a neighborhood that is not suspected by police or even the army, Dematagoda. Jason Burke from [Guardian](#) reports that the area is one of the richest neighborhoods in Colombo.

"They look like good people," said one neighbor whose house was opposite the house of the terrorists.

Besides them, there was also one perpetrator who [had](#) the [chance](#) received his education at Kingston University, London in 2006-2007. But he did not complete his studies and then continue his education in Australia.

Wickremesinghe said there was a possibility that the latter was said to have undergone a radicalization process while abroad. Investigators in the UK are currently looking for partners or signs of extremism activities that he did while in the country of Queen Elizabeth.

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Not new

Terrorists with higher education and strong economic backgrounds such as those found in Sri Lanka are not really new. According to [Tirto's](#) investigation, a married couple and their four children who were the perpetrators of a series of suicide bombings in a number of churches in Surabaya in May 2018, for example, have sufficient economic background.

Furthermore, the Bali bombers, Azahari Husin from Malaysia, also has not only an established economic background but also an excellent education degree. He holds a Ph.D at the University of Reading, England and has taught at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

Similar thing also happened. A number of terrorists bombed a bakery in Dhaka, Bangladesh and killed 20 people, as reported by [Dawn](#), came from elite schools, renowned universities, and some of prominent political party leaders in Bangladesh.

Still in the [Guardian](#), Al-Qaida leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, meanwhile, is a qualified pediatrician. Osama bin Laden who is believed to be the mastermind of the 9/11 terror attacks is also the son of a construction company tycoon. Two-thirds of terrorists on 9/11 also have tertiary degrees.

The phenomenon of terrorists in Sri Lanka with a rich and well-educated background further emphasizes the trend that terrorists now come from diverse backgrounds. At the same time, this fact also casts aside the stereotype that poverty, low levels of education, and injustice are the main causes of radicalism and acts of terror.

Dawn quoted *AFP*, in the case of the bomb terror in Bangladesh, for example, Interior Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said that the fundamental reason for the perpetrators involved in terrorist acts was not because "it has become a fashion."

Meanwhile, in the case of the bombing in Surabaya, Director of Postgraduate Studies at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Noorhaidi Hasan saw that an identity crisis created from frustration over the political system that was at odds with the ideals of the perpetrators was the main reason why acts of terror occurred.

"They tried to change the system, but it never changed. So through the struggle that he believes to be jihad, he tries to build his uprooted identity," he said.

Economic factors, on the other hand, can also be a factor driving radicalism. Security observer for the *BBC*, Frank Gardner, said that poverty and lack of employment opportunities have indeed encouraged many people to take the path of terrorism.

Tim Krieger and Daniel Meierrieks in "[What Causes Terrorism?](#)" write the same thing. They found that economic conditions could be a factor in causing terror, although they stressed that in many cases it was not a single factor.

In contrast, a study by Claude Berrebi entitled "[Evidence about the Link Between Education, Poverty and Terrorism among Palestinians](#)" (2007) found there was a positive correlation between high education and high standards of living with the level of people's participation in Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and with the possibility of becoming a suicide bomber. Marriage, meanwhile, can significantly reduce people's participation in acts of terror.

Also read: [Trend of Middle-class Jihadists Denies Poverty as the Root of Terror](#)

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Alan Krueger and Jitka Maleckova also confirmed the same thing in their study entitled "[Education, Poverty and Terrorism: Is There a Causal Connection?](#)" (2003). They found that there was little direct connection between the level of poverty and education with the level of participation in terrorism.

Light ☒ **Dark** side, terrorist organizations may prefer educated and committed individuals. In addition, well-educated, middle-class or upper-class people are better suited to carry out acts of

international terrorism than illiterate poor people because terrorists must enter a foreign environment to be able to successfully carry out their actions, "both wrote.

Meanwhile terrorism observer from the Certified Counter Terrorism Practitioner (CCTP) Rakyen Adibrata said, besides economic factors, factors driving people to commit other acts of terror include religious indoctrination, religious sentiment, intolerance, moral degradation, " *inferiority complex* ," to stereotypical play.

Until now there has been no truly effective effort to prevent terrorism, especially eradicating it. With the increasing diversity of motivating factors and the increasingly complex background of the perpetrators, it seems impossible to expect a reduction in terror in the next few years.

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