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After communism lost power in 1990, the sectarian confrontation has taken place as a new stream of terrorism. The root of sectarian terrorism of Islam was in the Sunni radical group Al Qaeda. Al-Qaeda was an Islamic fundamentalism (Sarafist) organization launched by Osama Bin Laden who was the son of Saudi Arabian Billionaire Muhammad bin Laden. Islamic fundamentalist fought against Afghanistan Communism regime as radical terrorist.

In 1989 the Soviet Union withdrew from Afghanistan and the local Taliban took the power. Then Osama Bin Laden, a leader of Al-Qaeda, left Afghanistan. The purpose of Osama Bin Laden was to deploy Islamic fundamentalism in Muslim countries. He thought that the liberalism and democracy of Western European countries devastated Islam. He visited Muslim countries in the Middle East and North Africa one after another. He also used the Internet to promote the Islamic fundamentalism (Sarafism). He agitated the masses by returning to the Muhammad's era in the 7th century.

Al-Qaeda was bred in Islamic countries one after another. Anti-government terrorist organizations in various countries self-nominated the name of al-Qaeda. They were "Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)", "Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)", "Al Qaeda in Iraq", "Jemaah Islamiyah" in Indonesia, "Abu Sayyaf Group" in the Philippines, etc. Furthermore, a lone wolf Muslim terrorist declared himself as a member of Al Qaeda in his crime statement. The name of Al Qaeda

became a famous brand of Islamic terrorism. People looked on Osama bin Laden as hero of Muslims.

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