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Shiite terrorism led by Iran and Sunni terrorism by Al Qaeda spread in the Middle East to North Africa. The United States was the next target of Al Qaeda. In 1993 there was the first bombing at the World Trade Center Building in New York. It was a prelude of catastrophic September 11 attacks in 2001.

Not only natural barriers like sea but also manmade land borders could not stop religious terrorism. Furthermore, a sense of solidarity spread by the Internet in the modern information society rapidly and widely. The 1990s was an epoch-making era when Islam terrorism began to spread over the world. Religious terrorism had a characteristic to cross the border easily.

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