

Mosques and schools in the hands of Islamists



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Two Islamic networks suspected of financing terrorist groups have become the largest owners of buildings housing mosques and Muslim schools in Quebec, discovered our Bureau of Investigation.

Overall, the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) and the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) hold properties sheltering seven places of worship and four private schools in Montreal, Sherbrooke and Trois-Rivières. Both organizations attract the attention of authorities and our Bureau of Investigation found the fundamentalist propaganda in two mosques housed ISNA (see story on page 5).

Primary schools occupying the premises of these organizations received more than \$ 5 million in the Ministry of Education of Quebec grants, academic years 2009-2010 to 2012-2013.

The CMA has gained his last two buildings there only a few months, including its largest in downtown Montreal, paid \$ 4.7 million.

In Quebec, the Association does not own but leases space for its mosque Saint-Roch district.

Impaired friends CMA

According to court documents filed by the RCMP, CMA donated nearly \$ 300,000 to the International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy Canada (IRFAN).

In 2011, Revenue Canada revoked the charitable status of this organization and the Federal stated terrorist organization last year. He accuses the IRFAN for sending \$ 14.6 million to Hamas between 2005 and 2009.

Hamas, another terrorist group based in Ottawa, is the liberation of Palestine from the Israeli occupation and the establishment of an Islamic government.

Despite the ban, the RCMP said they last March saw a IRFAN fundraiser out of CMA offices in Cartierville. He was holding a yellow envelope with unknown content, as revealed by La Presse last December. The CMA claims to the ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood and its founder, the Egyptian Hassan al-Banna.

The manifesto of the imam, written in 1936, would shudder every democrat: he advocates the application of Islamic law (Sharia), censorship of music and literature, an Islamist single party and the prohibition for a bachelor attend a man alone.

No Responses

The messages we left at the registered office of the AMC, in Mississauga, Ontario, went unanswered.

As for ISNA, Revenue Canada withdrew its fundraising work of its subsidiary charitable status in 2013. The tax authorities accused of having sent \$ 280,000 to Jamaat-e-Islami.

The armed wing of the Pakistani organization, Hizbul Mujahideen, is recognized as a terrorist organization by the European Union. It seeks the establishment of an Islamic state in Indian Kashmir.

In addition, FBI documents mention that the American parent ISNA is a creation of the Muslim Brotherhood and helped fund Hamas.

"Not your business! "ISNA said

When asked about this, the secretary general of ISNA, Ali Abdallah Idris, simply replied: "It is not your business!"

As for Lazhar Aissaoui, school principal Dar Al-Iman and treasurer of the AMC in the Register of Quebec companies, he refused to answer our questions (see story on page 4).

According to Revenue Canada, the Association owns properties worth a total of \$ 31 million in the country. Our Bureau of Investigation has retraced to \$ 14.5 million in Quebec. As for ISNA, she says its buildings to a subsidiary, the Canadian Islamic Trust Foundation. This organization has a property asset of \$ 10 million across the country, including \$ 3.3 million in the province.

Muslim Schools and the Mosque of Montreal did not wish to speak. The secretary general of ISNA ensures that the organization has more assets in Quebec, that contradict the official documents.

Among the hundred mosques Quebec, most are owned by local organizations of faithful.

DO NOT CONFUSE

Muslims : Followers of Islam, a religion based on the Qur'an, revealed by Muhammad.

Fundamentalists : Followers of a strict application of Islam in direct reference to the Koran.

Islamists: Followers of radical movements of Islam, making it not only a religion but also a political project, often opposed to parliamentary democracy and equality of women.

Fundamentalists : Believers who, on behalf of uncompromising respect for tradition, refuse any developments.

Jihadists : Islamist fundamentalists who resort to terrorism by claiming the concept of "jihad" or an "effort on the way to God."

Terrorists: Individuals who use violence to create insecurity, blackmail a government or promote hatred against a group of people.

FOR 12 YEARS, A CMA TIMES ACQUISITIONS IN MONTREAL

In 2002 , the Canadian Institute of teaching Arabic Dar Al-Iman bequeath his property in St. Lawrence.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 0

In 2006 , the CMA buys a building of a Christian sect in Cartierville. It installs the Laurentian Community Center and its Quebec offices.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 1 million

In **2008** , the CMA also buys a building in Villeray order to develop the Cultural Centre Abu Bakr Siddique and mosque.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 868,000

2008 : purchase of the old building of the French private school Charles Perreault. The Association carries on itself a Muslim high school in Pierrefonds.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 1.45 million

In 2012 , the Royal Canadian Legion sells the CMA's Great Memorial Hall, erected in memory of Canadian soldiers. The Association to landscape a cultural center and mosque in Verdun.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 950,000

In 2014 , Trading and Investment Dekis gives CMA a neighboring property of its Quebec offices, where Al-Rawdah mosque located in Cartierville.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 0

In 2014 , the Association made its biggest deal for a six-storey building in the city center. It has to develop the Canadian Institute of Islamic civilization, with a library.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 4.7 million

ISNA, OWNER SINCE 1982 THROUGH THE CANADIAN ISLAMIC FOUNDATION TRUST (CITF)

In 1982 , the forerunner of the ISNA, the Muslim Students Association, bought a quadruplex in Trois-Rivières and landscape there a mosque. CITF bought it in 1990 for \$ 1.



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Price originally paid: \$ 31,000

In 2000 , the Islamic Cultural Association Estrie gives the CITF the building housing the mosque in Sherbrooke.



FILE PHOTO

Price paid: \$ 0

In 2006 , the Mosque of Montreal "sells" the CITF, for a symbolic dollar, two schools, place of worship, in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. In principle, the Mosque of Montreal has kept the management, but in 2013 the two

sides signed an agreement to resolve potential conflicts. This contract specifies that in any dispute, an Islamic arbitration shall take place under the laws of Ontario, where you installed the registered office of the CITF.



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Price paid: \$ 1

A WAY TO INFLUENCE THE MUSLIMS



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Wael Saleh: Specialist Muslim Brotherhood

As antennas local Muslim Brotherhood, hold schools and mosques is vital for the Muslim Association of Canada and the Islamic Society of North America, according to an expert on Islamist movements at the University of Montreal.

"One of their main goals is to monopolize the Muslim public space to become the sole spokesman of this religion," said Wael Saleh.

This infiltration in religious communities has everything to worry, he said.

"The Brothers are considered by many scholars as the birthplace of the terrorist religious movements."

"Very dangerous"

The founder of the North African Congress of Quebec also made a warning against nearby organizations Brothers.

"They have a political approach to Islam. I consider it very dangerous," said Lamine Foura, who was alongside Philippe Couillard to combat radicalization in November.

On the basis of the philosophy of the Muslim Brotherhood is the manifesto of their founder, Hassan al-Banna, who advocated the creation of a single party.

The Canadian Muslim Forum, Samah Jebbari defends. "Being Muslim Brother is not against the law. Moreover, the fact that they have their schools, that means they are legit. "

Other Muslim leaders do not hear well. "Historically, I denounced that is radical," said Samira Laouni, who was also with Philippe Couillard in November.

She questioned the financial links between the Muslim Association of Canada, the Islamic Society of North America and terrorist organizations.

"If what you say can be proved, yes, it worries me."