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"US Terror Strategy to Eradicate Al-Qaeda in Terms of North Korea: What to Lose or What to Win?

9/11 terror initiated a historical turning point that the U.S. has to concentrate terror strategy not only for U.S. national security but also for global security. Al-Qaeda had motivated global scale of terrorism over the world that the U.S. seriously rethink terror strategy. Despite two terror wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, complete termination of continual terrorism has been postponed for over ten years.

However, leader of Al-Qaeda, Bin Laden's assassination and subsequent assassination of leader group signify the U.S. finally triggers full-scale operation to eradicate terrorism. In the meanwhile, North Korea is going to be another practical case which has been exposed to strong tide with variable terror aspects in the international society. Since Iran, Iraq and North Korea were indicated as axis of evil, their terror activities have become more violent and aggressive.

The purpose of this research is to investigate what is U.S. security dilemma while tracing Al-Qaeda's terror activities and how the U.S. has to build up terror strategy as a benchmark for its successful fulfillment to deal with North Korea's terrorism. In addition, North Korea's terror relevance will be reviewed that it has continually exported WMD as transforming military techniques. North Korea as a terror sponsoring country has become much more dangerous against international security environment that most of terror groups and countries easily access military weapons through North Korea to conduct their terror activities.

Finally, this paper proves that 9/11 terror turns to reinforce U.S. security strategy that the international society confirms U.S. security role as well as its military leadership through terror eradication.



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## **Biography**

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