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A Global Perspective

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Glossary



al-Qaeda: a violent Islamist group established by Osama bin Laden in the late 1980s.

Al Shabab: an Islamist terrorist group originating in Somalia, also suspected of violent attacks in Kenya, which has claimed to be allied with al-Qaeda.

caliphate: an Islamic political and religious state. Historically, an empire from the 7th to the 13th centuries, at times covering southwest Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, and Spain.

Council of Europe: an independent international organization headquartered in Strasbourg with membership from 47 countries in Europe, established to promote democracy and protect human rights and the rule of law in Europe (see: <http://www.coe.int/en/>).

Crusades: a series of expeditionary wars under the banner of Christianity from 1096 to the latter 13th century, undertaken to recapture the Holy Land and other parts of the Middle East from Muslim domination.

disablist: manifesting discrimination, hostility, or prejudice against people with disabilities.

ethnic cleansing: actions to create ethnically or religiously homogeneous territory by terrorizing and forcibly displacing people from particular ethnic or religious communities.

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance: a human rights body of the Council of Europe consisting of independent experts, established to monitor and report on racial, ethnic, and xenophobic intolerance and discrimination (see: http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/ecri/default_en.asp).

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights: a decentralized agency of the European Union established to provide expert advice to EU institutions and Member States concerning fundamental rights, discrimination, and access to justice (see: <http://fra.europa.eu/en>).

European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey: undertaken by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in 2008, the first survey to systematically interview face-to-face minority ethnic and religious groups in all European Union Member States.