

List of Abbreviations

ABC weapons	Atomic, Biological and Chemical weapons
ASU	Active Service Unit, smallest quasi-independently operating combat unit of the Provisional Irish Republican Army
Black Ops	Black Operations, i.e. covert military operations
CIA	United States Central Intelligence Agency
CSA	The Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, Paramilitary Survivalist Group active in the United States
FBI	United States Federal Bureau of Investigations
HAMAS	Harakat al-Muqawwanah al-Islamiyya, Sunni Palestinian PVM
KGB	Soviet Committee of State Security (Komitet Gosudarstvennoi Bezopasnosti)
MAK	Maktab al-Khidamat, Mujahedeen Office of Services
MCT	Mass Casualty Terrorism
MOIS/VEVAK	Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security (Vezerat-e Ettela'at va Amniat-e Keshvar), successor to SAVAK
PA	Palestinian Authority, the official governing body of autonomous Palestinian territories in Gaza and the West Bank after 1993
PLO	Palestinian Liberation Organization
PIRA	Provisional Irish Republican Army
PVM	Political Violence Movement

RAF	Rote Armee Fraktion, Red Army Faction
RMA	Revolution in Military Affairs
SAVAK	Iranian Ministry of Security under Shah Pahlavi until 1979
STASI	East German State Security Service (Staats-sicherheitsdienst)
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction