

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL THAT TERRIFIES RAY KELLY

Al Muslimaat Academy



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twelfth grade girls certified by New Jersey's Department of Education. It is one of the many locations in Newark spied on by Ray Kelly's spies in 2007.

They considered it a "Madrassah."

They even mapped it out, along with a different school teaching first through fourth graders. I guess in case they needed to find a bunch of Muslim kids quickly.

Today's installment of the AP's CIA-on-the-Hudson series takes us out of the city altogether, to Newark, where the NYPD mapped out the Muslim community without even informing with



According to the report, the operation was carried out in collaboration with the Newark Police Department, which at the time was run by a former high-ranking NYPD official. But Newark's mayor, Cory Booker, said he never authorized the spying and was never told about it.

"Wow," he said as the AP laid out the details of the report. "This raises a number of concerns. It's just very, very sobering."

Booker says he will investigate.

After the AP approached Booker, he said the mayor's office had launched an investigation.

"We're going to get to the bottom of this," he said.

Now, the NYPD might be forgiven for looking for terrorists in Newark. After all, in the summer of 2001, the 9/11 hijackers used Newark as a staging ground to prepare for their attack.

But they didn't, as far as we know, frequent mosques at all. They spent time in cheap motels and cheap restaurants, gyms, and cybercafes. They had the operational security to do most of these things in separate places, heading to

Patterson and Wayne.

They certainly didn't plot out 9/11 in a girls' school.

All of which shows, yet again, how futile this whole program is and was. Futile, that is, if you're actually trying to stop terrorism. It's perfect if you want to cow members of an entire faith by criminalizing their schools, butchers, and places of worship.