The Scourge of Naruto: AKATSUKI!!!

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the conquest of strength
As the title suggests, Akatsuki is the scourge of the popular anime series Naruto. This is a group of crime and terrorism. Moreover, I just wanted to let you know more about this elusive organization. Consequently, I find this particular venture quite fun. So... Let us begin the dredge through fact and fiction.

First, Akatsuki’s goals. As stated in Wikipedia, Akatsuki was created by Madara Uchiha, founder of the Uchiha clan and co-founder of Konoha, as a smokescreen to cover his continued existence. Their goal is a three-step action plan. One, they take jobs to collect funds. Then, they take jobs at lower prices than regular shinobi villages to bring them to the ground from lack of funds. Finally, as the last remaining powerful organization, they will conquer the weakened villages. They wish to bring about their destruction through the power of the jinchuurikis’ bijuu. Akatsuki currently works in groups of two to capture said jinchuuriki, so as to remove the powerful chakra-enhanced beasts inside of them. With all nine of the bijuu, they can continue to wreak havoc on the world of Naruto. While Madara hints there is a secondary use for them to restore his Sharingan to full power, Pein has other ideas. He wants to use them to create a false sense of peace throughout the nation.

Next is the organization’s current members. According to Leaf Ninja, these include Itachi Uchiha, Kisame Hoshigaki, Pein, Konan, Tobi, and Zetsu. Itachi and Kisame form one of the two-man cells, as do Pein and Konan. Tobi’s former partner, Deidara, however, is deceased. Zetsu, who has an unusual “split personality,” has no need for a partner, and works with himself, quite literally.

Unfortunately, many members now number the fallen. As stated in Naruto Jutsu, Deidara, Sasori, Kakuzu, and Hidan number the “dearly departed.” Sasori was the first to
fall, succumbing to the combined teamwork of Sakura Haruno and Elder Chiyo. He was Deidara’s partner before his untimely death, leaving Deidara to become Tobi’s partner, before making a suicidal last-ditch attempt at killing Sasuke Uchiha, Itachi’s younger sibling. Kakuzu was killed by Kakashi Hatake and Naruto Uzumaki, the main character himself. Hidan, however, was able to kill a jonin by the name of Asuma, before being defeated by Shikamaru Nara, former pupil of now-deceased Asuma.

As a result, just as expected from a typical struggle of good against evil, the antagonists’ attempt at world domination is slowly being foiled by the protagonists of Naruto, which include Naruto himself, a jinchuuriki of the feared Nine-Tailed Fox. Akatsuki started off strong, but never before had they faced this band of good guys. And, as they say, as this story closes, another begins, and so shall life live on. So now the story of Akatsuki and their struggle for power, is drawing to a close. And so shall new stories emerge, with newer good guys and evil-doers. Let us be there to greet them.

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